

2016-2017 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST RULES

“WALKER 24/7”

(A TIME IN THE LIFE OF WALKER COUNTY)

Sponsored by

Walker Area Community Foundation

The Walker Area Community Foundation (WACF) is pleased to announce the fifth annual Photography Contest and History Project, **WALKER 24/7** (*A Time in the Life of Walker County*). The project for amateur photographers will depict all aspects of life in Walker County during a designated time in December and for twenty four (24) hours each day. The contest will begin on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 12:00 a.m. midnight and end on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 12:00 a.m. midnight (CDST).

Purpose:

The objective of this Contest is to recognize **amateur** photographers and historically document and depict all aspects of life in our county featuring people and their life during the **day and night** for one time period. including, but not limited to the following subjects:

NOTE:

- While nature scenes including sunsets, trees, flowers, waterfalls and animals (without people featured in them) are not excluded, this is not the subject matter we are looking for in this contest.
- The committee prefers photographs featuring people.

Contest Rules

By submitting an entry, each contestant agrees to the rules of this contest. All decisions of the WACF Contest Committee are final and the Committee reserves the right to modify or change any of the contest rules and or qualifications at any time if such changes are deemed in the best interest of the overall historical purposes of the project.

Who may enter:

Any **amateur** photographer who is a resident of Walker County may enter, except for individuals employed by WACF, but their immediate families (children, siblings and spouses) and others living in their households are eligible. The WACF Contest Committee will determine winners' eligibility. Those designated as staff photographers will be ineligible as contestants.¹

NOTE: *People who earn income through photography as part of their work or profession are not eligible.*

Previous Grand Prize Winner: A previous grand prize winner may enter the contest but will not be eligible to win the grand prize two (2) years consecutively. He/she will be eligible to win a category prize.

The contest will be divided into six categories of contestants as follows:

1. Adults: 18-40 years of age (18 and not a high school student)
2. Adults: 41 years of age or older
3. Students: Ninth Grade through Twelfth Grade
4. Students: Sixth Grade through Eighth Grade
5. Students: Kindergarten through Fifth Grade
6. Cell Phone/iPad Photographs: All Ages

¹ For the sake of a complete historical record, a group of advanced photographers referred to as **staff photographers** will be taking images during the contest period to supplement contest entries for use in the project. **Staff photographers** are defined as people who earn income through photography as a part of their work or profession and are not eligible.

What to enter:

Photographs must have been shot during the designated time period and shot in Walker County (example: a photo made in Montgomery is not allowed).

Cropped photos are not eligible. We do not accept digitally or otherwise enhanced or altered photos. Minor adjustments, including spotting, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast and slight color adjustment or the digital equivalents are acceptable. If our judges determine that a photographer has significantly altered his or her photograph, we reserve the right to disqualify that photograph.

Photographs that have won any other contests or have been published in magazines and newspapers or social media are not eligible.

Photographs that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright, are not eligible.

Photographs of children as part of photo journalism do not require a parent's permission to use the photograph.

How to enter and deadline:

The contest submission form, all photograph detail forms, photographs, and the CD/DVD may be delivered to the Walker Area Community Foundation office at 611 Eighth Avenue, Jasper, AL 35501 no later than 4:00 p.m. CDST on Friday, January 27, 2017 or they may be submitted through the U.S. mail at P.O. Box 171, Jasper, AL 35502 but postmarked no later than Friday, January 27, 2017.

Each contestant may **submit no more than a total of TEN (10) photographs**. A **photograph detail form must accompany each entry** including a brief description of the subject matter, and location as set forth on the required submission form.

Submission forms are available at the WACF Office or online at their website www.wacf.org

Submissions and format:

Requirements for submission (Contest is open to only amateur photographers)

1. Complete an **official contest submission form**. Each submission (photograph) must be accompanied by an **official photograph detail form** with all of the required information.
2. Make a printed copy of each photograph. Each photograph submitted can be no smaller than 4 x 6 inches and no larger than 5 x 7 inches in size for identification purposes.
3. Make one (1) CD/DVD of the photograph(s) submitted. Each submission (photograph[s]) must be in a digital format and must be on a quality CD/DVD. It is recommended that all entries (up to ten) be combined and placed on one (1) CD/DVD.
4. Write the Contestant's name and telephone number legibly on the CD/DVD with a permanent marker.

Format

1. The submissions (photographs) do not have to be taken with a digital camera and **scans** of such negatives, transparencies or photographic prints are acceptable.
2. Scanning and CD/DVD scanning and copying services to convert negatives, transparencies or photographic prints to digital files are available from
 - a. Walmart and other photo retailers in the area.
3. All such digital files can be no larger than 20 megabytes and no smaller than 5 megabytes, except cell phone entries (See number 5 below).
4. All files must be in JPEG or .jpg format.
5. Submissions (photographs) submitted from cell phones must have a file size of 500K or more and must also be in the JPEG or .jpg format.
6. Photographs may be color or black & white.

Subject Matter:

The purpose of this contest is to depict people, places and events in Walker County in a historical context from all walks of life during the designated time from Friday, December 16, 2016 at 12:00 a.m. midnight and end on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 12:00 a.m. midnight (CDST) and to create a permanent historical record of this time period.

By entering the contest, the contestants grant the WACF a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any educational, promotional, publicity, exhibition, archival, scholarly and all other standard WACF purposes including books or audio visual presentations. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. The WACF will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

By entering this Contest, the contestant further agrees to convey all right title and interest to any submission (photograph) submitted to the WACF for any and all purposes they may choose as set forth in the preceding paragraph.

Judging:

Judging will be conducted by the WACF Contest committee. Decisions of the judges will be final. A grand prize winner will be selected from all finalists from all categories. Winners and runner-ups will be selected from each category. Honorable mention winners will be selected from all categories.

The judging criteria will be based on subject matter that best conveys the theme of this project taking into account historical significance, originality and technical proficiency.

Prizes:

Grand Prize Winner (Chosen from all categories): \$500.00

Each Category Winner (Chosen from each category)

1 st Place:	\$100.00
2 nd Place:	\$75.00
3 rd Place:	\$50.00

Six Honorable Mention Winners (Six total winners chosen from all categories): \$25.00

Certificate of Recognition: Each winner will receive a Certificate of Recognition

Winners:

Winners will be announced on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 12:00noon at the WACF website www.wacf.org.

Winning photographs, other selected entries and staff photographs will be shown in an exhibit at the Bankhead House and Heritage Center from October 17 through December 29, 2017.

Prizes will be awarded during the Opening Reception on Tuesday, October 17 at 5:00pm until 7:00pm.

It is also possible these photographs will made into a book, used on the Foundation's website and or presented in audio visual presentations in conjunction with this project.

Other:

Please do not contact us about the status of entries.

Questions about Walker 24/7: Call the WACF 205-302-0001 or go to www.wacf.org