



Views from the Valley

LHVA Photo Contest 2009-2010

Rules & Regulations

Give us your best shot! The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA) is sponsoring a photo contest and we need your help to tell the story of the Lackawanna Valley! Photos must reflect one of the three themes of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley: Land, People, or Industry. All entries may be used for promotion and marketing purposes. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit.

Who May Enter

- 1. Eligibility:** The contest is open to amateur and professional photographers. Staff and board members of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA) and members of their immediate families are **not eligible**. Employees and volunteers at LHVA partner sites and attractions **are eligible** to submit entries. Individuals need not reside within the Heritage Area.
- 2. Locale:** All photos must be taken within the Lackawanna Heritage Valley National Heritage Area. This includes all of Lackawanna County and designated townships in Wayne, Susquehanna, and Luzerne Counties, including Sterling, Caanan, Clinton, and Preston Townships (Wayne County); Clifford, Herrick, and Ararat Townships (Susquehanna County); and Duryea, Avoca, Hughestown, Dupont, and Pittston Townships (Luzerne County). Please see the attached map of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley for designated townships.
- 3. Deadline:** All entries must be received no later than **June 1, 2010**.
All photographs must have been captured between October 1, 2009, and May 31, 2010, and postmarked to LHVA by June 1, 2010.

What to Enter

- 1. Categories:** LHVA preserves and promotes the natural, cultural, and historic resources in the Lackawanna Valley. Photographs should depict the Land, People, or Industry.

Entrants must choose to enter their photos in one of the three categories listed below.

Contest Category	What to Photograph...
Land	Show us what you like to see in the Heritage Valley - Lackawanna River Heritage Trail (LRHT) and other trails, parks, green spaces, farmland, rivers, lakes, streams, and other natural resources.
People	Show us what people do in the Heritage Valley - fairs, festivals, parades, arts, recreation, people at work or play.
Industry	Help us tell the story of the Heritage Valley - artifacts and industrial landscapes from the past and present.

For entries that may fit multiple categories (i.e children on the trail or someone waving out the window of a train), photographers must assign the picture to one category. The decision of the photographer is final and photographs will not be re-categorized by the judges.

2. Divisions: All submissions to the contest will be judged in the following two divisions:

Division	Description
Professional	Full or part-time professional photographers who receive all or a major part of their income from photography.
Amateur	Beginning or amateur photographers at least 18 years of age, and experienced photographers who do not receive a major part of their income from photography.

Photographers must register their photo in either the Professional or Amateur division on the entry form.

2. Multiple Entries: A maximum of three (3) entries per category per photographer is allowed (nine [9] photos total). A category must be selected for each photo.

3. Adjustments and Rights: Minor adjustments, including spotting, dodging and burning, contrast and slight color adjustment, or the digital equivalents, are acceptable. Do not submit photo composites (a combination of two or more photos, not of the same scene). No borders, frames, watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images. If judges believe that a photograph has been significantly altered, they reserve the right to disqualify it.

An entrant must hold the right to a photograph. For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must provide a model release for the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian. Model release forms are available at www.LHVA.org.

NOTE: By entering the contest, the entrant grants LHVA the right to publish and/or use submitted photographs in print or electronic format for marketing, communications, advertising, and other promotional purposes, for exhibition, and for commercial products. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit. Entrant grants to LHVA a non-exclusive, irrevocable license to his or her copyright rights in the photograph submitted as part of this contest to use, reproduce, copy, publish and display in accordance with the contest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this license does not convey ownership of copyright in the pictures to LHVA. All entrants shall retain ownership of copyright and may use any submitted photograph for any other lawful purpose.

How to Enter and Submit Photographs

1. Entry Forms: Each submitted photograph must be accompanied by a completed and signed Entry Form. The form is available at www.LHVA.org. Individuals must include a \$10 entry fee with their submission(s) to the contest. Checks should be made payable to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority.

2. Image Requirements: Photographs must be submitted **both digitally and printed** on 5"x7" glossy photographic paper.

a. Digital Images

- Submit digital images on a compact disc. All digital images can be submitted on one (1) CD.
- The digital image size must be set at a height/width of 1440x1152 pixels (8"x10"), 300 dpi.
- Photographs must be in a high-resolution .jpeg or .TIFF format.
- Do not resample small files to fit the requirements.
- High-resolution scans of non-digital photographs are acceptable.

b. Printed Images

- Attach a completed entry form to the back of each photo. Do not write on the photo itself.
- Print size must be 5"x7". Photos must be printed on glossy paper.
- Do not send matted, mounted, or framed prints.
- Negatives will not be accepted.

3. Judging: Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley in one of the contest categories. A panel composed of professional photographers and artists will judge the entries. All contest decisions are final.

4. Prizes: Prize packages are to be announced. There will be ten (10) prizes for each division:

- Grand Prize (Best of Show)
- First Prize (each category)
- Second Prize (each category)
- Third Prize (each category)

Honorable mentions will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

Winning photographs will be displayed in a public exhibition during a First Friday Art Walk in Scranton.

5. Other: Photographs will not be returned. Do not send your only copy of a photograph. The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority is not responsible for any material lost, damaged, or misdirected in the mail.

Address and Contact

Send all entries to:

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