



2024 Photo Contest Categories

1. **Best Portrait of a Man**
2. **Best Portrait of a Woman**
3. **Best Portrait of a Baby** – age up to 3 years old
4. **Best Portrait of a Boy** – age 3-12
5. **Best Portrait of a Girl** – age 3-12
6. **Best Portrait of Children**
7. **Best Portrait of Two Persons**
8. **Best Group Portrait** – 4 to 9 people
9. **Best Group Portrait** – 10 or more people
10. **Best Victorian Themed Portrait** – 2 or more people
11. **Best Western Themed Portrait** – 2 or more people
12. **Best Civil War Themed Portrait** – 2 or more people
13. **Best '20s Era Portrait** – 2 or more people)
14. **Best Wedding Portrait** – an Old-Time photo of 2 or more people
15. **Best Pirate Themed Portrait**
16. **Best Steam Punk Themed Portrait** – Steam Punk is a sub-genre of science fiction that typically features steam- powered machinery, especially in a setting inspired by industrialized Western civilization during the 19th century. Therefore, steam punk workers are often set in an alternate history of the 19th century's British Victorian era or American "Wild West", in a post-apocalyptic future during which steam power has regained mainstream use, or in a fantasy world that similarly employs steam power. Steam Punk is not allowed in categories 10 – 15 and 17 - 18.
17. **Best Portrait of Any Other Era** (Examples include Native American, Pilgrims, Renaissance, Canadian Mounties, Old Time Baseball, WWII, and 1950s. The category may not include: Victorian, Western, Civil War, '20s, Pirate or Steam Punk.)
18. **Best Boudoir Portrait** – one woman
19. **Best Portrait of a Senior Citizen** – one or more people, all must be 60 years or older
20. **Most Humorous Portrait**
21. **Most Creative Portrait—Not Digitally Enhanced** – photo should show creative posing, set-up, lighting and/or special photographic effects without the use of Adobe Photoshop® or other digital enhancement.
22. **Most Creative Portrait—Digitally Enhanced** – any and all digital enhancements welcome! Chromakey portraits, creative use of color enhancement, digital or Adobe Photoshop® effects.
23. **Best Matched Use of a Portrait and Poster Mat** – must be a separate card stock poster mat and not digitally enhanced. Supply separate poster mat of your choice with portrait. This category and categories 24, 25 and 27 are the only categories that allow wording on the (separate) mat. Size of mat up to 11 1/2 x17".
24. **Digital Poster** – may include digitally created posters, movie posters or an enhanced studio portrait with a digital border. The digital border may include wording as long as it does not include studio names or locations. Movie Posters are allowed in this category but cannot be entered in Category 30. Entire entry to be printed on same sheet of paper, no paper mat allowed in this category. This category and categories 23, 25 and 27 are the only categories that allow wording on the mat. No larger in size than 12.15 x 18.
25. **Best Amusement/Entertainment Portrait** – novelty, fun or entertaining photos sold to the public. Examples include magazine pictures, seasonal holiday photos, events, front gate photos, organized sports, school portraits, weddings, etc. No Old Time Portraits allowed. Supply mats up to 11x14 of your choice. This category and categories 23, 24 and 27 are the only categories that allow wording on the mat.
26. **Best Portrait of a Pet(s) or a Pet(s) with Its Owner(s)** – Pets may appear in all categories along with their humans, this is the only category where they may appear without humans.
27. **Best Holiday Greeting Card** – this category may include a production greeting card with your portrait in it, or it may be completely custom and of your own creation. Envelopes are not required. There is no limitation on what type of portrait goes in the greeting card as long as it does not violate any other rules. This category and categories 23, 24 and 25 are the only categories that allow wording on the mat, though no mat is required.
28. **Best Self Portrait** – photo of a studio employee/manager/owner using your own pose, lighting, and props.
29. **Best Portrait of Your Staff** – all subjects within portrait must be studio staff and include the owner or senior management. Individual staff members may appear in multiple staff photos.
30. **Best "Movie Themed" Portrait** – novelty, fun or entertaining photos with a movie theme...examples include recreating a movie scene (such as an old woman on a bike with a dog in handle bar basket; a man talking to his volleyball on a deserted island; or a woman in the palm of an large Ape), a movie star look-a-like, a spoof on a movie, or line from a movie. Use your imagination! **8 x 10 with a mat** (no wording on the mat). Subjects may include staff. Movie posters are limited to the Digital Poster category only and are not allowed in the movie theme category. Follow all other rules specified for the contest.

