

6th Annual Naturescapes Photography Contest and Exhibition

Rules and Conditions

1. Entries must be taken within parks and public and private natural areas in San Marcos and Hays County.
 2. Photographs must have been taken within the past 2 years and must not have been accepted for a previous Naturescapes exhibition.
 3. Entries will be judged on creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and unique character of our natural areas. Entries that fail to comply with the rules or are unsuitable for family viewing will be disqualified.
 4. The juror will select the photographs to be displayed in the exhibition without knowing the identity of the photographers. At his discretion, a \$200 prize will be awarded for Best in Show, \$150 for the best San Marcos area photo, and up to four \$100 Awards for the next most outstanding photographs. Awards of Merit will be presented for additional images deserving recognition.
 5. Winners and photographers whose entries are selected for the exhibition are allowed to sell their photographs.
 6. Images may be submitted only by the photographer who created them. While the photographer retains the copyright for his or her images, the San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance, the City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department, and the San Marcos Area Arts Council reserve the right to unlimited use of the photos for the organizations' websites, displays, brochures, news releases, and other print and electronic media.
 7. The competition is open to resident and visiting photographers, amateur or professional. The contest juror is ineligible to enter photographs.
 8. To help defray contest expenses, a \$10.00 contest entry fee is required for the first four photographs from each photographer. Up to 4 additional photographs may be entered for an additional \$5.00, up to a maximum of 8 entries for \$15.00.
- preferred since all prints must be scanned to create digital images for judging purposes.
 - **Prints** may be any convenient size but must be unmounted and labeled on the back with the entry number, the title of the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Do not submit mounted, matted, or framed prints at this time.
 - **Digital images** must be 72 ppi, high quality jpeg, 800 pixels on the longest dimension. Files should be named with **last name, underscore, first name, underscore, entry number** (e.g., jones_john_1.jpeg) and submitted online or on a single CD labeled with the photographer's name.
 - Make sure that the entry numbers correspond with the entry numbers on the entry form. Entries that are not properly numbered or labeled will not be judged.
 - If your work is chosen for exhibition, you will be notified the week of July 26, 2010.
 - The prints and CDs submitted for judging will be returned after judging only if you include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your entry. Otherwise they may be picked up from San Marcos Parks and Recreation the week of August 2, 2010.
 - We strongly encourage participants to offer their prints for sale; additional prints are easy to obtain from your original negative, slide or digital file.

If Your Work Is Selected for Exhibition

- #### To Enter
- You may submit a maximum of 8 photographs.
 - Entries must be submitted online at hcphotoclub.org/naturescapes or received by the San Marcos Parks and Recreation Dept, 401 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666 **no later than 5:00 pm Monday, July 12, 2010**. Entries will be accepted starting **April 1, 2010**.
 - One completed entry form and a check or money order or online payment of the appropriate entry fee payable to SMGA must accompany each photographer's image(s). If you are mailing or hand-delivering your submission, use the entry form attached.
 - Images submitted for judging may be prints or digital images submitted on a CD or online. Digital images are
- You must provide us with high-resolution files of digital images following the instructions in your acceptance notification.
 - Framed exhibition quality prints of your accepted work must be received at City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department, 401 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666 no later than **5:00 pm, Friday, September 3, 2010**.
 - Your prints should be matted and framed, ready to hang, and labeled on the back with your name and the title of the image. We recommend at least a 2-inch mat border and a simple frame.
 - The frame must be at least 8"x10" and no more than 30" in any dimension.
 - To help defray exhibition costs, photographers pay a 30% sales commission for prints sold during the exhibition.
 - Prints may be picked up at the San Marcos Activity Center on Saturday, November 6, 2010. If you prefer to have your entry mailed or shipped to you, please provide a prepaid, pre-addressed shipping case. Warning: any work without a prepaid, pre-addressed shipping case that is not picked up on time will be sold, with the proceeds going to benefit the San Marcos Area Arts Council.

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Entry Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (day): _____ Telephone (evening): _____

Email: _____

Entry Fee (check one): \$10 for up to 4 entries or \$15 for up to 8 entries

(Please be sure to include check or money order payable to SMGA.)

Entries: _____

Please include all requested information and check the appropriate format box for each entry. If you want to sell the framed exhibition print, indicate the framed price. If you want to sell an unframed print, indicate an unframed price. You may indicate both prices.

1. Title: _____ Location: _____

Format: Print Digital

Price (if for sale) Framed: \$ _____ Unframed: \$ _____

2. Title: _____ Location: _____

Format: Print Digital

Price (if for sale) Framed: \$ _____ Unframed: \$ _____

3. Title: _____ Location: _____

Format: Print Digital

Price (if for sale) Framed: \$ _____ Unframed: \$ _____

4. Title: _____ Location: _____

Format: Print Digital

Price (if for sale) Framed: \$ _____ Unframed: \$ _____

5. Title: _____ Location: _____

Format: Print Digital

Price (if for sale) Framed: \$ _____ Unframed: \$ _____

6. Title: _____ Location: _____

Format: Print Digital

Price (if for sale) Framed: \$ _____ Unframed: \$ _____

7. Title: _____ Location: _____

Format: Print Digital

Price (if for sale) Framed: \$ _____ Unframed: \$ _____

8. Title: _____ Location: _____

Format: Print Digital

Price (if for sale) Framed: \$ _____ Unframed: \$ _____