

2023 North Berrien Photography Contest

Digital Entries Only

OFFICIAL RULES

WHAT PHOTO TO ENTER:

The North Berrien Historical Museum (NBHM) seeks image entries for the 2023 Photography Contest that capture the unique character and culture of northern Berrien County, Michigan. This can include, but is not limited to, architecture, landscapes, nature, public buildings and events, historic locations, etc. For the purposes of this Contest, “North Berrien” is defined as the cities of Coloma and Watervliet plus the townships of Hagar, Bainbridge, Coloma, and Watervliet including all bodies of water. Photographs must be taken after August 2022.

WHO CAN ENTER:

The Contest is open to full-time or part-time residents of Michigan.

HOW TO ENTER:

(NEW) - **Only digital JPEG** will be accepted. Prints are not permitted to enter the 2023 Contest.

- Complete and email the Official Entry Form with all required information to **Info@northberrienhistory.org**.
- For each photo entry (up to 3 entries per contestant), email: Info@northberrienhistory.org using **one email per photo entry**.
- In the body of each email, include a **short description** of the attached image file.
- Image should be sized to an **8”x10”** format, portrait or landscape
- Image file size should not be greater than **10mb**.
- North Berrien Photography Contest may disqualify any entry that does not meet specified requirements.

DEADLINE:

Friday, August 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

JUDGING AND AWARDS:

Judges’ Choice

Submitted eligible photographs will be judged by the Twin City Camera Club (TCCC). All decisions by the judges will be final and binding.

People’s Choice

NBHM will post all eligible entries from each contestant to the Museum’s Facebook page on *Tuesday, August 29 at 1:00 p.m.* Facebook users will be able to cast their vote by clicking the “Like” button on their favorite photos. “Likes” will be counted on *Tuesday, September 5 at 1:00 p.m. and announced at 4:00 p.m.* In the event that the winner of the *Judges’ Choice* also wins *People’s Choice*, the honorable mention for *People’s Choice* shall be deemed the winner.

Awards

The winning photographers of *Judges’ & People’s Choice* will be offered an exhibition of their work at the Museum from *July–August 2024*. The winners will also be awarded a local gift package courtesy of the Coloma-Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce and \$25 VISA Gift Card courtesy of the Twin City Camera Club. Both Winners and Honorable Mentions will receive an honorary one-year membership to the North Berrien Historical Society and will be announced in local newspapers and on the Museum’s Facebook page. All entries will be added to the digital collection of the North Berrien Historical Museum.



2023 North Berrien Photography Contest OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



The North Berrien Photography Contest invites submissions of original photographs that capture the distinctive character of our area for future generations. All photo contest entries will be added to the digital collection at the North Berrien Historical Museum.

*Co-sponsored by the North Berrien Historical Society,
the Coloma-Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Twin City Camera Club.*

GUIDELINES:

- Photos must be captured **in northern Berrien County**—this includes Coloma and Watervliet cities and the townships of Hagar, Bainbridge, Coloma and Watervliet—and must be **taken after August 2022**. Photo submissions that do not meet this requirement will not be eligible. Please see attached Official Rules for full details.

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

Photographer's Name: _____

Address: _____

City / ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Title of Photograph(s) Submitted: (One photographer may enter up to three images. Please submit each image in a separate email.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Photograph Description: On an attached page, briefly explain the importance of your photograph(s). Why did you choose to submit this photograph? Why is it valuable in portraying the distinctive character of northern Berrien County? Include the location, time of day, and the type of camera used.

By signing below, I (or parent/guardian if under 18) agree to the terms and conditions described in the Official Rules.

Photographer's Signature

Parent/Guardian if under 18

HOW TO ENTER:

- Submit this completed Entry Form, required Photograph Description, and your photo entry according to the following instructions. All entries are subject to North Berrien Photography Contest Official Rules.
- Photo entries must be submitted as a **digital JPEG file only** and sized no larger than **10mb (horizontal or vertical)** to be eligible.
- The deadline is **Friday, August 25, 2023** to email submissions to **Info@northberrienhistory.org**.
- Winners of both *Judge's Choice* and *People's Choice* will be announced on the Museum's Facebook page and by phone on **Tuesday, September 5**.



For more information
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Coloma, MI 49038
info@northberrienhistory.org

YOUR RIGHTS:

Your photo submissions help support the mission of the North Berrien Historical Society. Thank you for helping preserve our local history and culture through your photography. You will retain all rights and ownership to any photograph you submit. By submitting the photo(s), you grant the North Berrien Historical Society a nonexclusive right in perpetuity, as it relates to history preservation and education efforts, to:

- Feature your image(s) on the North Berrien Historical Society website and in the Society's publications or presentations, such as newsletters, brochures, fundraising appeals, public service announcements, grant proposals, reports, awards, thank-you cards, displays, mailings, and invitations.
- Add the image(s) to the collection of the North Berrien Historical Museum in digitized format so that your photos can be used to support our mission and be properly credited.
- Use the image(s) and your name in connection with the North Berrien Photography Contest.
- Use the image(s) and your name in publications by the Coloma-Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce.

As a condition of this permission, the North Berrien Historical Society and the Coloma-Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce shall credit all images with the photographer's full name.

LEGAL CONDITIONS:

By entering this Contest, you agree to these entry rules and the following legal conditions: participants warrant that his or her entry materials are original, do not infringe on any third party's rights, and that participants have obtained any necessary permissions from any third party if a third party's likeness or property appears in the photograph. The North Berrien Historical Society reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it finds in its sole discretion that any of the foregoing warranties are not true. Decisions of the North Berrien Historical Society shall be final and binding. By entering, participants release and hold harmless the North Berrien Historical Society, its affiliated parties, staff, and members from any and all liability for any of the following: injuries, loss, claim, action, demand, or damage of any kind arising from or related to the Photography Contest, any prize won, any use of entry materials by the North Berrien Historical Society, the warranties made by participants, any misuse or malfunction of any prize awarded, participation in any Photo Contest-related activity, or participation in the Photo Contest. The Contest is governed by the laws of the United States and is subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Failure of any entrant to comply with any Official Rules may result in disqualification. If, for any reason, the Photo Contest is not capable of completion as planned, the North Berrien Historical Society reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Photo Contest. The North Berrien Historical Society is not responsible for lost, damaged, late, or misdirected photographs.



HOW TO CONTACT US:

For questions and inquiries regarding the North Berrien Photo Contest and Official Rules, contact the North Berrien Historical Society at info@northberrienhistory.org or (269) 468-3330.

