

Washington County Photo Contest 2024

Hosted by Visit Brenham

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- Washington County Photo Contest (“Photo Contest”) is open to the public. All photos submitted must have been taken in Washington County. Washington County is defined as the communities of Brenham, Burton, Chappell Hill, Washington and Independence.
- Photos may be submitted online through October 21, 2024.
- Finalists chosen by Visit Brenham will be displayed at the Brenham and Washington County Visitor Center and the Barnhill Center as part of an exhibit during the Smithsonian Exhibition, December 7-January 19.
- In person voting on selected photos will be open December 3 – December 14, located in the Brenham and Washington County Visitors Center.
- Winners will be announced December 21 by social media and contacted via email.
- A limit of 5 (five) photos per person per category may be submitted in the contest.
- Photo files must include the photo title and category in the filename.
- **Categories:** Entries will be accepted in four categories:
 - **Agriculture:** Landscapes, plants, animals and natural features.
 - **History:** Landmarks, historic sites and architecture.
 - **Community:** Locales, peoples, activities, or events.
 - **Artistic Images:** Visuals that use photography as a creative and imaginative platform to express an idea or concept. These images can be manipulated in any method, either through photo editing software or other techniques. Artistic images must fit into one of the three categories above (agriculture, history or community.)
- A description of the picture and an explanation of why it fits into its category are required upon submission. Please include any personal anecdotes or stories related to the picture.

Please **do not** include the following:

- Photos that violate another person’s rights, including but not limited to copyright.
- Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content.
- Photos taken outside of Washington County.
- Photos taken outside of Entry Period.
- Images that violate any local, state or national law or regulation.
- Images that involve putting any individual or animal in danger.

Prizes:

4 (four) winners will be selected by contest organizers at Visit Brenham Texas, with one winner per category (Agriculture, History, Community, and Artistic Images). Each winner will receive a \$150 cash prize.

1 (one) overall winner will be chosen by popular vote at the Brenham and Washington County Visitor Center and social media. The winner will receive a \$250 cash prize.

Only 1 (one) prize awarded per photo entry.

- Agriculture Prize: \$150
- History Prize: \$150
- Community Prize: \$150
- Artistic Image Prize: \$150
- Overall Prize: \$250

Photo Contest Rules:

- All photos must be taken within Washington County, Texas.
- Photos must not include significant digital enhancements. Only minor editing of photos is acceptable. No combined images such as collages. Photos must not contain the photographer's watermark.
- Photos must be taken by the entrant and be the property of the entrant.
- Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright, are not eligible.
- Photos that are obscene, defamatory, sexually explicit or inappropriate will be disqualified at Visit Brenham Texas. No reason or statement is required for disapproved submissions.
- Any person who appears in a photograph has given permission to have their photo taken and entered in the contest. If a winning photo contains the image of a person, the photographer will be asked to submit consent from the individual in the photo.
- Photos must be submitted with an online entry form at <https://link.visitbrenhamtexas.com/photo-contest> and photos uploaded to <https://link.visitbrenhamtexas.com/photo-upload> (you will get this link again after submitting your entry).
- All photos must be submitted as high-resolution JPEG files.
- Photographer retains the copyrights to his/her submitted images, but grants Visit Brenham Texas prior permission, and right to publicly display, reproduce, store, copy, publish, post, and be used in any current or future media or advertising without compensation or approval.
- Submissions will not be accepted once the deadline lapses.
- The prize must be collected by the winner by January 31, 2025, and is nontransferable.
- Photos must be taken in accordance with federal, state and local laws.
- Participation in this contest is deemed as acceptance of these Official Contest Rules.