

# The Amazing Pumpkin Carve Photography Show Guidelines

***Application Deadline: Wednesday, Sept 27, 2017***

The Hopewell Valley Arts Council is thrilled to hold its first photography show and sale at this year's *Amazing Pumpkin Carve* at Woolsey Park in Titusville, NJ. The Photography Show will be professionally judged and be displayed to the public from Friday, Oct 13 through Sunday, Oct 15, 2017.

The show's theme is celebrating fall in all of its beauty, bounty and mystery. Photographs may be submitted in the following classes:

- Class 1. Autumn Palette - Fall colors in the Garden State
- Class 2. Fall Harvest
- Class 3. Oh What a Fright! - Chilling Visions

## **Eligibility**

- The show is open to amateur and professional photographers in the greater Hopewell Valley area in the following age groups:
  - Youth – Age 12 and Under
  - Teen – Age 13-18
  - Adults – over 18 years

## **Show Guidelines**

- Due to limited space, Exhibitors may submit only two photographs (one entry per Class). Please check the box on the *Photography Show Application Form* indicating if you would like to submit more than two photographs. HV Arts Council will contact you by Friday, Sept 30 if there is display space to accept additional photos.

- The overall framed perimeter dimension (the sum of the four sides) may not exceed 80" or be smaller than 24".
- Traditional frames, Swiss clips and flush canvas prints are acceptable. Regardless of the method of mounting or framing, ALL entries must be ready to hang with secure wiring on the back.
- All entries must include a completed *Entry Label* securely attached on the back of each framed photograph. The top of the photo should be indicated if it is not evident by the image.
- The photographs must be the work of the Exhibitor, except for matting, mounting and commercial printing. Any manipulation, either at the time of exposure, in the darkroom, or by computer, or in the printing process is allowed but *must be the work of the exhibitor*. This includes cropping of the image, enhancement for color or clarity, removal of part of the image, combining images or distorting the original subject.
- Exhibitors must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer, landowner, or other persons. Photographs involving willful harassment of wildlife, destruction of habitat or property are unacceptable. Failure to comply with show guidelines will lead to disqualification.
- The audience for this show will be broad-based and of all ages. Photos that are religious, political, or sexual in nature will not be accepted for this show. Corporate logos or advertisement are not permitted. Photographs that do not confirm to these guidelines will not be displayed.
- The Hopewell Valley Arts Council is solely responsible for determining eligibility and reserves the right to further sub-divide the classes to facilitate judging.
- Every attempt will be made to keep the photos from harm. All entries will be displayed in a covered tent area and stored indoors on Friday and Saturday night to prevent exposure to inclement weather and moisture. In the event of light rain during the event, protective plastic

sheeting will be used to cover the photos. If heavy rain is anticipated, the photographs will be removed and stored indoors until the weather clears.

## **Judging**

Entries will be judged through a blind judging process by a professional photographer. Entries will be judged on technical quality, composition, originality, use of theme and artistic merit. Award ribbons will be displayed with the winning photographs.

## **Sale of Photography**

- Exhibitors may choose to offer their show photographs for sale. Exhibitors will receive 100% of the sale proceeds. If you are interested in selling your photographs, please check the appropriate box on the *Photography Show Application Form* and include the price.
- Over the course of the event, HV Arts Council representatives will collect contact information from interested buyers to share with you at the end of the Event. Contacting buyers and collecting payment are the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor. Photographs may not be removed from the show prior to 5:00pm on Sunday, Oct 15.

## **Application Process & Entry Fees**

- All exhibitors must pre-register online using the *Photography Show Application Form* no later than Wednesday, Sept 27, 2017. If you do not have access to a computer, please call Kyle Wille, Artist Outreach & Program Coordinator for assistance at 609-281-5887.
- There is a \$15.00 non-refundable entry fee for this Show.

- Payments can be made online via PayPal or credit card when you complete the online application or with a check payable to: “HV Arts Council” and mailed to P.O. Box 145, Hopewell NJ 08525. Checks must be postmarked by Sept 25, 2017.

### **Photo Drop-Off**

- All photographs must be hand-delivered, wrapped separately in secure padded wrapping, and delivered to the Hopewell Valley Arts Council’s administrative offices in the Hopewell Valley YMCA during the following drop-off times:

Monday, Oct 2	9:00am – 2:00pm
Monday, Oct 2	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday, Oct 3	9:00am – 2:00pm

The Hopewell Valley YMCA is located at:

62 South Main Street,  
Pennington, NJ 08534.

### **Photo Pick-Up**

- Exhibitors, or their designee, are responsible for picking up their entries on Sunday, Oct 15 between 5:00pm and 6:00pm at the photography display tent located at:

Woolsey Park  
221 Washington Crossing- Pennington Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560  
(Next to the Hopewell Township Public Works Building)

*Thank you for your interest in the Show!  
We look forward to showcasing your best shots to help  
foster a deeper appreciation of the natural world in autumn,  
as seen through the art of photography.*