

DEPARTMENT 35- PHOTOGRAPHY
NEW LOCATION
FLORAL HALL

PRE-ENTRY REGISTRATION: Deadline is July 22, 2026

ENTRY DAY: Saturday, July 25, 2026

11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

BRING ENTRIES TO FLORAL HALL

Entries open to any Resident of Minnesota.

Limit of one (1) entry per lot.

RELEASE DATE: Sunday, Aug 2, 2026 4:00 –6:00 pm

**ENTRIES ARE TO BE MADE ON-LINE. GO TO
OUR WEBSITE, www.olmstedcountyfair.com FOR
INSTRUCTIONS**

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. **There is a limit of one (1) entry per lot.**
2. **Entries will NOT be accepted after 7:00 pm on July 25, 2026**
3. All photographs must contain the entrant's name, address, phone number, title and class/lot on the back **lower right corner**
4. Photographs plus mount size must not exceed 11"x14" or be smaller than 8"x10". The actual photograph should not be smaller than 5"x7".
5. **All photographs must be on a suitable backing (foamboard, poster board, tag board, matt) A clear plastic hanger tab must be mounted in the center of the photo mount, preferably the type with 1 hole. The only exception to this rule will be a Landscape picture that are at least 14" on their long side. NO framed pieces will be accepted. Do not use string as a hanger, or spray adhesive to attach the hanger.** These usually do not stay together and could result in your photo being damaged. If it falls apart, it will **not** be judged. The superintendent reserves the right to remove entries that fall apart during the fair.
6. Photographs may not be over two years old.
7. Entries must clearly fit in each lot. The judges reserve the right to reclassify photographs into appropriate lots.
8. Computer images must be the sole work of the exhibitor and may not contain copyrighted materials other than that of the exhibitor. A brief description of how the image was produced should be included on the back of the photograph.
9. **Photographs not meeting rule requirements will not be judged or displayed**
10. Judges reserve the right to award prizes as quantity and quality of photographs dictate. Judges' decisions are final.
11. Photographs will be released and can be picked up at the display area after 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm on the final day of the fair, Sunday, August 2nd
12. The Olmsted County Agricultural Association is not responsible for the lost or damaged entries
13. Subject matter must be appropriate to all audiences

**Entries are judged on Presentation, Creativity, Composition,
Lighting and Focus.**

Class 109 – Child Photography

10 Years Old or Under as of July 19, 2026

Lot No.

- 1 *Black and White Print - People*
- 2 *Black and White – Any Subject, Except People*
- 3 *Color – People*
- 4 *Color - Any Subject, Except People*

Class 110- Youth Photography

11 to 18 Years Old as of July 19, 2026

See Lot No. Below

Class 111 – Amateur Photography

19 Years Old and Older

*HAS NOT earn any money through selling or taking
photographs*

See Lot No. Below

Class 112 – Senior – 65 and older

See Lot no. Below

Class 113- Professional Photography

*Exhibitor HAS earned money from taking or selling
photographs*

See Lot no. Below

Lot No. - For Class 110, 111, 112 & 113

- 1 *Black and White Print - People*
- 2 *Black and White – Any Subject, Except People*
- 3 *Color – People – candid or multiple persons in photo*
- 4 *Color – Portrait*
- 5 *Color - Flowers*
- 6 *Color – Animals – includes pets and wildlife*
- 7 *Color – Birds*
- 8 *Color – Insects and other small organisms*
- 9 *Color – Scenic – Landscape*
- 10 *Color – Scenic – Waterscape*
- 11 *Color – Architecture*
- 12 *Color - Food*
- 13 *Color – Still Life*
- 14 *Color- Macro*
- 15 *Color- Computer Manipulated*
- 16 *Color – Holidays*
- 17 *Open – Does not fit into any other lot.*

Premiums:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

