



**February 21 through March 2, 2025
2025 FUR RENDEZVOUS
JURIED AMATEUR
PHOTO CONTEST RULES**

PHOTO SELECTION

All entries **MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN ALASKA AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024.**

Entries from previous Fur Rondy Photo Contests are **NOT** eligible.

PHOTO EXHIBITION

Judges will select the winning and display photos by Sunday, February 16, 2025 to be exhibited in the Midtown Mall during Fur Rendezvous starting Friday, February 21. Due to the high volume of quality entries and limited display space, a maximum of 250 photos will be on display. The display will be up through Sunday, March 2, 2025.

PHOTO PREPARATION

Please follow the rules as outlined below:

- Photos must be suitable for viewing by general audiences (G Rated).
- Entries are limited to **5 color** prints and **5 black & white** prints (max. 10 entries per person).
- Photo size must be **80 square inches or larger** (ex. 8"x10", 5"x16", etc.) with no colored border (white left on the edges of the photo paper is acceptable but does not count towards size requirement).

- Each photo must be mounted on a **16"x20" WHITE FOAM CORE BOARD** for display. This rule makes the overall contest display uniform. No framed, matted or glass covered photos will be accepted. Metal prints are okay, but do not attach any mounting or frame hardware (this makes them too heavy to hang).

We highly recommend that all photos be shrink-wrapped or in a clear sleeve for their protection. A package with foam core mounting & shrink wrapping/sleeves is available at Blaines Art Supply.

- Attach a **VISIBLE, COMPLETED** entry form to the back of **each** foam core board. Photocopies of entry form are acceptable. **ALL FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND SIGNED.**

- Place an arrow pointed upward on the back of the foam core board to identify the direction for hanging the photo.

- **NO names, titles, or any identifying marks on the front of the mount.**

DO NOT WATERMARK PHOTOS!

PHOTO ENTRIES NOT FOLLOWING THE ABOVE GUIDELINES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!

Photographers are encouraged to obtain consent if their photographs depict individuals, especially if the photograph depicts something of a private nature or something unique to the person (notoriety, costume, etc.) that contributes significantly to the overall photograph. If you have written consent, please attach it to your entry.

PHOTO SUBMISSION

- Entries will be accepted starting Friday, January 17, 2025 through Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5pm. Drop off entries at Blaines Art Supply, 1025 Photo Ave. (Between Spenard Rd. & Arctic Blvd., off Benson Blvd.) 907-561-5344.

• **Entry Fee: \$12 per photo entry or \$9.50 when paid by credit card online at www.MidtownMall.com**

Entry fee or receipt for online payment **MUST** accompany each entry.

If paying with a check or money order, make it payable to: **Mall Merchants Association**. A single check or credit card payment may be made to cover multiple entries.

NO CASH ACCEPTED

- Entries will not be accepted after 5:00 PM on Monday, February 3, 2025.

Entries not adhering to the rules in **ALL** aspects will not be judged for awards. Entry fees will **NOT** be returned for disqualified photos.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Best of Show plaques, as well as place ribbons, gift cards and other prizes!

PHOTO PICKUP

STARTING Monday, March 10 through Sunday, March 30, 2025 at Blaines Art Supply. Unless prior arrangements are made, photos not claimed by March 30 will be discarded.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PHOTOS

No persons affiliated with the Midtown Mall or this photo contest will be held responsible for lost or damaged photographs. Due to the necessary hanging techniques (Velcro is attached to the backs of the boards), some damage may occur to the backs of the foam core boards.

DEFINITION OF AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER

For contest purposes, an amateur photographer is a person who earns less than 5% of his/her annual income as a photographer. In the case of a dispute, the final decision rests with the judges and Mall Management. **ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION** of photographs will not be permitted.

**Contact Amber Musso
at Amber@MidtownMall.com
with questions**

Awards will be given to the best Black & White and Color photos in the following nine categories. We will also award Overall Best of Show and Junior Best of Show winners for both Black & White and Color photos, if there are enough qualified entries.

PLEASE SELECT THE MOST APPROPRIATE PHOTO CATEGORY (Judges may move your photo if they feel a different category is more appropriate than the one you select)

Animals – Pets and captive animals

Creative – A classification of **photographic manipulation** done **AFTER** the photo is taken - such as solarization, abstract printing techniques, multiple exposures, etc. **Not based on photographic composition.**

Flowers – Photos in which flowers are the main focus. Does not include mushrooms or leaves. Those should go in the Unclassified category

Fur Rondy – Shots capturing the spirit and fun of the Fur Rendezvous Winter Carnival

People – Formal and informal studies of people

Scenic – Including seascapes, landscapes, cityscapes, auroras, etc. (in which the scenery is the **main focus** of the photograph)

Sports – Action shots of your favorite indoor/outdoor sports

Wildlife – Any wild animal in the State of Alaska. **Not taken in captivity.** Captive animals should go in the Animals category.

Unclassified - Other than the above categories

2025 Fur Rendezvous Juried Amateur Photo Contest Entry Form

DEADLINE: Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5PM
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Location where photo was taken:

_____ **Check if eligible for Junior Awards**
(18th Birthday is not before Feb. 3, 2025)

_____ My photo was taken in Alaska after January 1, 2024. **(This must be true for photo to qualify for contest. IF NOT CHECKED, PHOTO WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.)**

Title (optional): _____

If selected for exhibition, I give my permission to display the winning photos during the Fur Rendezvous Juried Amateur Photo Contest. Copies of winning photographs may be used for promoting future contests. The Mall may display a copy of my photo as part of a Fur Rendezvous Amateur Photo Contest display after this year's Fur Rondy event. I understand this is an amateur photography contest and submit that I earn less than 5 percent of my annual income as a photographer. I understand that photographs may be eliminated or withheld from display at the discretion of the judges or Mall management. I absolve the Midtown Mall, and all other sponsors of the event, of any possible damage to or loss of my entry.

Signature of entrant **Date**
Or parent signature if under 18

Completed form must be securely attached to back of **EACH PHOTO ENTRY** (photocopies accepted).

ENTRY FEE:

\$9.50 online at MidtownMall.com
\$12.00 with drop-off

You may pay when you drop off your entry at **Blaines Art Supply**. They will accept money orders and personal checks only. The entry fee is \$12 per photo. Please make checks payable to:
Mall Merchants Association

Please check applicable:

Black & White _____ **Color** _____
(Mixed or sepia will be judged under the Color Category)

Check one:

Animals _____

Creative _____

Flowers _____

Fur Rondy _____

People _____

Scenic _____

Sports _____

Wildlife _____

Unclassified _____

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