

**Calling all Island shutterbugs:** Observer announces annual photography contest.

Washington Island and its surrounding islands are renowned for their beautiful landscapes, abundant wildlife, and, of course, the extraordinary people and events that make them special. The Observer wants to recognize photographers and their photographs that capture the unique spirit of the islands with its annual photography contest.

The contest will be judged by professional photographers, and awards will be given in three categories: landscape, wildlife, and people.

All entrants must be subscribers to the Observer.

The photographs must have been taken on Washington, Plum, Detroit or Rock Island or on Lake Michigan near these islands between August 1, 2021, and August 1, 2022.

All entries must be received by midnight August 1.

You may enter up to three photographs in each category.

Judges will provide awards as follows:

Landscape: \$50 first prize; \$25 second prize. Honorable mentions may be added at the discretion of the judges.

Wildlife: \$50 first prize; \$25 second prize. Honorable mentions may be added at the discretion of the judges.

People: \$50 first prize; \$25 second prize. Honorable mentions may be added at the discretion of the judges.

There is no entry fee.

Each photograph must be high resolution and must be emailed separately as an attachment with PHOTO ENTRY marked in the Subject line.

The following information should be included in each email: Name of photographer, address, phone number, email, category of entry, a sentence about the photograph.

Email each photograph to: [culture@washingttonislandobserver.com](mailto:culture@washingttonislandobserver.com).

Copyright ownership of the images remains with the photographer, but by entering the contest, photographers agree to allow the Observer use of the photos in print and social media, with credit given to the photographer.

Winning photographs will be published in the Labor Day edition of the Observer. All entered photographs become property of the Observer and may be used in the print or online editions of the newspaper with the photographer credited. If you are not currently an Observer subscriber, you may order a subscription by filling out the order form on the back of the newspaper and mailing it in with payment by August 1.

If you have questions, email [culture@washingttonislandobserver.com](mailto:culture@washingttonislandobserver.com)