

Newark Arts Alliance Plein Air Photo Challenge

Image Capturing: September 1-12, 2025

Submission Deadline: 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 12, 2025

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Selected Image Photographers will be notified by Sunday, September 21, 2025.

Framed print drop off Friday October 17th, noon to 7:30 pm and Saturday October 18th, noon to 4pm.

Photo Challenge Show opens to the public Tuesday, October 21st.

Ribbon Award Reception Friday, November 14th, 6-8 p.m.

Print pickup Friday, November 21st, noon to 7:30 p.m.

Photo Challenge Rules

- All submitted images must be captured between September 1st and 12th, 2025.
- Images must be taken outdoors using natural, ambient light.
- Images must be taken in Newark, Delaware (including all USPS Newark, DE zip codes)
- Images are accepted in two categories: Monochrome and Color
- Participants may submit up to two images per category (up to 4 total).
- Participants will be separated by age into two groups: under 18 and 18+.
- Submitted images should be .jpg or .png digital files with a maximum dimension of 1080 pixels per side.
- Images scoring in the top 25-30% (based on the number of submissions) will be invited to submit prints for the Photo Challenge Exhibition. Details about the submitted prints will be included in the invitations.
- All submitted images meeting the competition requirements will be included in a digital photo show in the gallery during the exhibition.
- Ballots will be collected and tallied from the show opening through 4pm Friday, November 14th. Blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded to the images with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd highest number of votes in each group's categories (4 sets of ribbons: 18+ Monochrome, 18+ Color, Under 18 monochrome, Under 18 color). In addition, the image with the highest total number of votes will be named "Best in Show". In the event of a tie, the image with the higher jury score will be selected as the winner.

An image is considered to be Monochrome only if it gives the impression of having no color (i.e. contains only shades of gray which can include pure black and pure white) OR it gives the impression of being a grayscale image that has been toned in one color across the entire image. (For example by Sepia, red, gold, etc.). Color images may be full color, a single "pop" color against an otherwise monochrome background, or partially desaturated tones, provided the impression is of having two or more colors or tones. Photographers are requested to use discretion and propriety when submitting images.