



National Historic Preservation Act 50th Anniversary Photo Contest

ELIGIBILITY

The National Historic Preservation Act 50th Anniversary photography contest is open to all Wisconsin residents. Employees of the Wisconsin Historical Society are not eligible to participate. There is no age limit; however submissions by minors under the age of 18 require written permission from a parent or guardian when they submit the photo. The contest is open to amateur and professional photographers.

SPONSOR

The photo contest is sponsored and organized by Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

ENTRY PERIOD

Entries are welcome from February 29, 2016 until October 7, 2016. Entries submitted after the deadline will not be eligible.

WHAT TO ENTER

Wisconsin is filled with thousands of historic places from prehistoric archaeological sites to 20th century architectural wonders. The historic places we preserve provide a valuable connection to our state's rich past. What historic place is important to you? What role do historic places serve in your community and in our state? Your photo should capture and represent the importance and value of historic places in Wisconsin.

- The photo should feature a historic place in Wisconsin that is at least 50 years old. This can include archaeological sites, historic buildings, historic landscapes, and historic structures. Most historic places are private property. Please respect the privacy and legal rights of property owners when photographing any property.
- All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been excessively digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified. Entries must be saved in .jpeg format and should be sized to be between 2000 and 6000 pixels in the longest dimension. Please limit your images to a maximum file size of 5,000KB (5MB).
- Photographs must have been taken within five (5) years before the date of entry. Entries may originate in any format — including, but not limited to digital files, digital prints, color prints, or black and white prints, as long as they are submitted electronically in a .jpeg format.
- If you choose to include people in your photograph, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from the individuals depicted, and must be able to provide copies of those releases to the Wisconsin Historical Society upon request.

Please do not enter the following:

- Photos taken outside Wisconsin
- Photos not consistent with the theme of celebrating Wisconsin historic places
- Photos that violate private property owner rights
- Photos taken by others or that violate / infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright
- Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content
- Photos that are inconsistent with the values of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

HOW TO ENTER

All entries must be made via the website entry form available at wisconsinhistory.org.

Eligible entries must contain:

1. Completed entry form
2. Digital photograph that meets the above guidelines
3. A short statement describing why this historic place is important to you (1 paragraph, no more than 100 words).

You may enter as many photographs as you want, but you must complete an entry form for each photograph.

JUDGING AND PRIZES

All entries will be reviewed anonymously by a panel of staff of the State Historic Preservation Office and Wisconsin Historical Society. Criteria for judging will be consistency with the historic theme, originality, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit.

50 Finalists

Top 50 entries will be selected by the panel. The top 50 photos will be displayed in a slideshow on the Wisconsin Historical Society's website and at the Society's annual Local History and Historic Preservation Conference.

Top Five Adult Entries

The top five adult entries will be selected by the panel. Winners will be announced in October. Top five entries win:

- Wisconsin Historical Society membership
- Wisconsin Historical Society Press book
- Archival print from the Wisconsin Historical Society Archives

Top Ten Student Entries

The top ten student entries (ages 18 and under) will be selected by the panel. Winners will be announced in October.

The top ten student entries win:

- Wisconsin Historical Society Student membership
- Four guest passes to a Wisconsin Historical Society Historic Site
- Wisconsin Historical Society Press book

The Wisconsin Historical Society reserves the right to substitute prizes at an equal or greater value.

HOW YOUR PHOTOS WILL BE DISPLAYED

Not Selected:

Photos that are not selected for the top 50 may still be displayed on the Wisconsin Historical Society's website.

Up to 50 Finalists:

The top 50 photos will be displayed in a contest slideshow on the Wisconsin Historical Society's website and at the Society's annual Local History and Historic Preservation Conference.

YOUR RIGHTS

You will retain all rights to any photograph you submit -- including ownership if applicable. If you submit a photograph to enter the Photo Contest, you grant the Wisconsin Historical Society a royalty-free, nonexclusive right to:

- Display the photograph on the Wisconsin Historical Society's website.
- Develop marketing materials using the photograph or likeness for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

RELEASE AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

By entering, you agree to release and hold harmless the Wisconsin Historical Society, affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the Photo Contest or receipt or use of any prize, including, but not limited to: (a) unauthorized human intervention in the Photo Contest; (b) technical errors; (c) printing errors; (d) late or undelivered mail; (e) errors in the administration of the Photo Contest; or (f) injury or damage to persons or property.

QUESTIONS

Questions and inquiries about the contest, entries, and rules can be emailed to amy.wyatt@wisconsinhistory.org