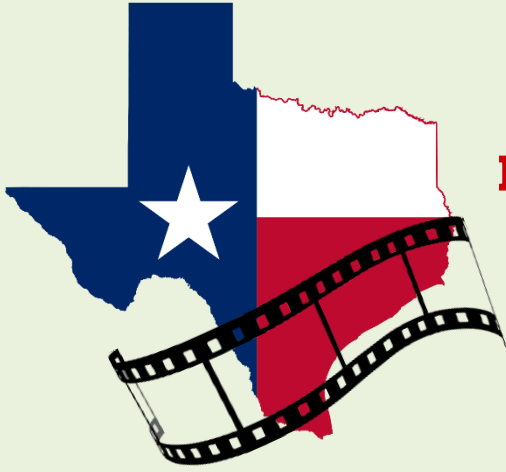


***** NEW SPECIAL CATEGORY for 2026... Please Read *****



NORTH TEXAS FAIR & RODEO AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Fair & Rodeo, August 21ST – 30TH 2026

Entries will be accepted at **Fair Hall** on:

Monday- August 17th, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00p.m.

Tuesday- August 18th, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!

We do not accept mailed-in entries; photographs must be entered in person on the dates listed above.

The purpose of this contest is to promote and encourage AMATEUR photography enthusiasts.

***DIVISIONS:**

Adult: Ages 19 and older

Youth: Children 5-8, Junior 9-13, Senior 14-18

***CATEGORIES**

COLOR PRINTS (ONLY)

- *People,*
- Scenic
- Animals
- General
- Architecture
- Humor
- General Class - **Black & White prints only**

ENTRY FEE: \$3.00 fee per entry **** Cash or Checks only. Please make checks payable to "North Texas Fair & Rodeo".**

Adult Divisions: **No maximum number of entries for each standard category.**

Contestants with five (5) entries will receive a one-day pass for any day of the fair. (Excludes the NTF&R category entries and Special Category entries) Previous year entries will not be accepted and disqualified.

Youth Divisions: **No maximum number of entries per contestant.** Youth Divisions are grouped together by age, not by category. Contestants with five (5) entries will receive a one-day pass for any day of the fair. (Excludes the NTF&R category entries and Special category entries) Previous year entries will not be accepted and disqualified.

SPECIAL CATEGORIES – ALL AGES

Special Category (Different theme every year) – all ages
(Must have a minimum of 20+ entries to receive a Rosette)

NTF&R Category – all ages
(Must have a minimum of 20+ entries to guarantee a pass/t-shirt award.)

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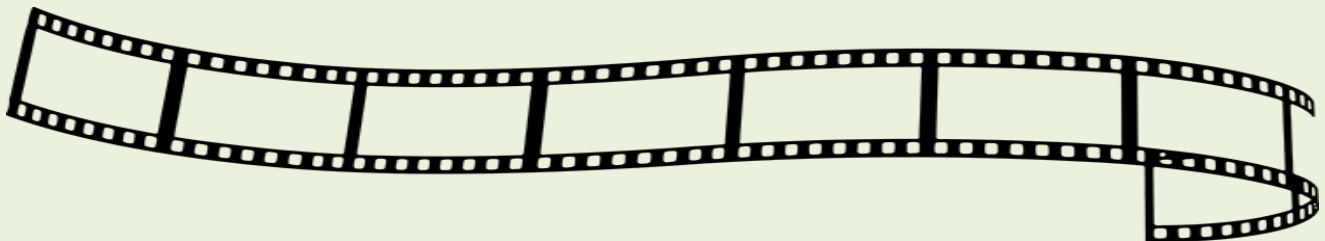
2026 – Vintage Photos – prior to 1940's

***** Photos in this category must have been taken prior to 1940, by you or a family member. The photo must belong to you or a family member and not taken from the internet, book, etc. Minor adjustments (cropping, brightness/contrast) are allowed but the image should remain true to the original photograph. All submissions must be reproductions only. No original prints or negatives will be accepted. By submitting the photo you are confirming we have permission to display this image for public viewing. *****

We will not accept gruesome, vulgar, disrespectful photos of any kind. Any photos that do not follow this guideline can be disqualified and turned away at check-in. We want a positive NTF&R theme. This category is open to all ages and will be judged as one group, regardless of age. The same photo "display rules" will apply to this category. **\$3.00 entry fee, no maximum number of entries.** Rosettes will be awarded for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion (Must have a minimum of 20+ total entries to receive Rosette Awards) **No maximum number of entries.** ****This class is not included in the free (1) day pass for five (5) entries.**

NTF&R CATEGORY:

North Texas Fair & Rodeo. **No maximum number of entries.** It needs to be within the last 3 consecutive years of the NTF&R. This category is open to all ages and will be judged as one group, regardless of age. This class can have either color or black and white photo/prints. **The winner will receive a custom North Texas Fair T-Shirt with a (1) day pass for you to enjoy any day at the **2026 North Texas Fair & Rodeo!** The winner's photo will also be on display in the Fair office for an additional 30 days for everyone to see and will be posted on the NTF&R Facebook page.* Rosettes will be awarded for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion **\$3.00 entry fee, with no maximum number of entries.** (Must have a minimum of 20+ total entries in this category to guarantee a pass/t-shirt award.) ****This class is not included in the free (1) day pass for five (5) entries.**



DISPLAY RULES:

**Photograph entries must be 8x10" ONLY.
No other sizes will be accepted.**

Please use the appropriate size mat frame. **We will no longer accept thick board, foam board or foam core board. The overall thickness may only be the thickness of standard mat frame material and the thickness of the photograph paper together. Photographs must be mounted on the mat frame and mat frame only. (PLEASE do not use poster board or construction paper to mount your photographs).** There should be no designs or cutouts to your mat board frame except for the cut-out where the picture is to be displayed. No OVAL cutouts to display your **8x10** photograph. The entire entry including photograph/and display board should be NO larger than **11x14"**. ***Please see attached sheet of what is acceptable.

NO FRAMES, NO GLASS! Do not title your pictures, and/or write anything on the front of the board or picture.

REQUIRED: Exhibitors must print your name, address, and phone number on the back of your entries. The NTFR committee will assign an Entry number for it at the time of check-in.

Digital Photos will be accepted if they follow the same guidelines listed above and may not include special effects or special enhancements. This will include altered or manipulated photos in a photographic, digital or manual process. If rules are not followed, you **WILL** be disqualified. We will only accept "true" black and white photographs (not sepia, antique, altered color tones, etc.) We will not accept any photo that has been developed on metallic paper. *****(this rule does not apply to the 2026 special category)**

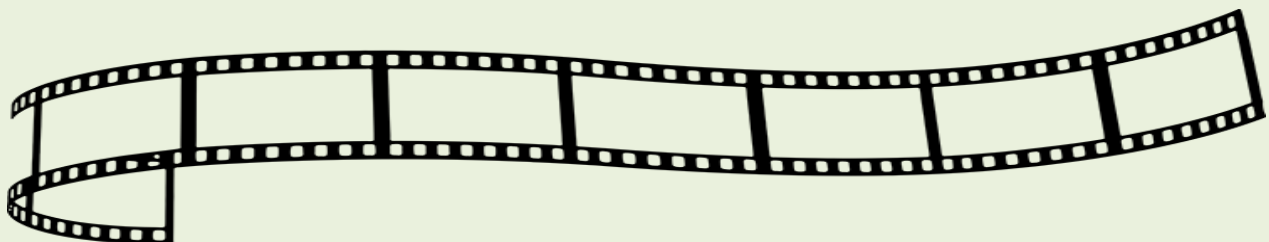
*****Please do not remove your photo entry during the fair. We would like to have these on display for the entire event.**

JUDGING:

Entries will be judged on an individual basis by a panel of judges according to criteria that have been predetermined by the committee. Judging will be on Wednesday evening. (No public viewing) The results will be available by the following Friday, the First official full opening day of the fair.

AWARDS:

Ribbons will be awarded on merit for each photograph that is entered. Qualified entries will be awarded 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbons. Rosettes will be awarded in each Division, for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. Special Categories will have their own Awards as stated in their description and will also be awarded a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:

"*People's Choice*" Award will also be decided by Thursday, August 20th. A plaque will be awarded for the photo entry, which has accumulated the most votes during the fair by all fair attendees. The People's Choice winner photograph will also be displayed separately for the remainder of the fair for all patrons to view in Fair Hall. Please visit the Photography Exhibit at Fair Hall and cast your votes. There will be a display table with a voting box in Fair Hall.

The North Texas State Fair & Rodeo is a family event and all photographs that are entered must be presented in "*good taste*" and are subject to be *disqualified* by the photography committee if they do not follow these rules. If they are disqualified, they will **not** be displayed during the fair. The purpose of this contest is to promote and encourage AMATEUR photography enthusiasts.

Entries must be picked up between 5:30 pm and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 31st. All photo entries that are left after this time will be discarded and will not be mailed back to the contestant. We will not mail back ribbons, rosettes or photo entries. **NTF&R WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR DAMAGED PHOTOS. NO EARLY PICKUP, MONDAY ONLY!!!!!!**

**For More Information,
940-387-2632 or 940-390-1741**

DEFINITIONS

AMATEUR: A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession. Amateur photographers take photographs for pleasure and to record an event, emotion, place or person.

PROFESSIONAL: Professional photographer uses photography to earn money.

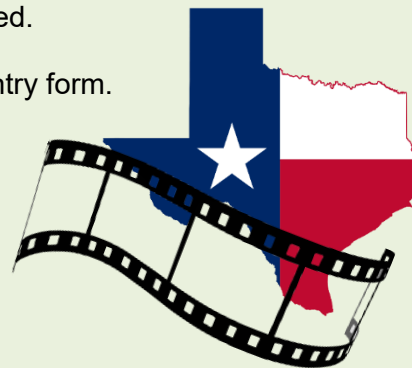
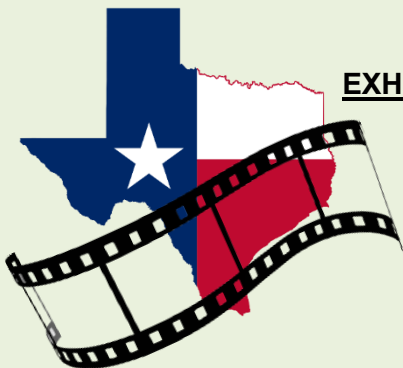
DIVISION: Categories set up by ages, (i.e., Adults, Youth)

CLASS: A group of like exhibits that are judged together, a sub-category of a department, same as a lot.

ENTRY NUMBER: The number assigned to each exhibitor's entry. This will be able to identify the photo without the exhibitor's name being displayed during judging. This promotes fair judging.

ENTRY: An eligible exhibit that is entered and judged.

EXHIBITOR: The owner of the exhibit as shown on the entry form.





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