



**The Stratford Community Fund**

Announces the

## **8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**



Submit your photos illustrating this year's theme:

**Stratford's 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

### **CONTEST RULES:**

1. The contest is open to all amateur photographers. There are no age limits (minors must include parental permission with entry form.) Contestants must be amateur photographers and cannot have been paid on a regular basis for their photographs.
2. A \$3.75 fee must accompany each photograph submitted, up to three entries per photographer, \$10 fee for three entries. **The fee is waived for those in the youth and teen divisions for one entry. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> entries from youth and teens require a \$3.75 fee for each photo.**
3. Photographs of 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary events must be taken within the Town of Stratford, CT. A list of events can be viewed at [www.townofstratford.com](http://www.townofstratford.com). Any easily identifiable people appearing in a photograph must be identified by name and address, and the contestant must submit their written permission to use their images. Please use the attached release form. Photographers do not have to live in Stratford. Highlight our celebration of our history through photos of people, places, or things that "tell a story and evoke emotion".
4. Entries may be in color or black and white, and should measure no larger than 16 x 20 inches and no smaller than 8 x 10 inches. In addition, each photograph should be matted, but not framed. Photographers must include their name, address and phone number,

location of scene photographed and title of image, if any, on the back side of the mat. The slide, negative, or digital image file must be available, should any question arise regarding ownership for each entry. For judging impartiality, do not sign or mark the front of the photograph or mat.

5. No watermarks, signatures, copyright notices, borders, or frames may be added to the images. Artistic effect filters are permitted, as are adding, deleting or replacing elements in an image. Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary and resized. One-step enhancement (such as "AutoFix", "QuickFix", "Auto Levels", etc.) is allowed as is red-eye removal, spot editing, and the use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, de-speckle, or remove noise. Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance, and tint are also allowed.

6. A panel of professional photographers (excluding representatives from SCF) will judge the contest. Any entry deemed by the judges not in compliance with these rules will be excluded from consideration.

7. First, Second and Third place prizes will be awarded for the "Youth (up to age 12)," "Teen (13 to 17)," and "Adult (18 & older) divisions.

8. Submissions will NOT be returned. Copyright remains with the individual photographer. The Stratford Community Fund, however, reserves the right to use any/all photographs for display, promotional, or fundraising purposes on its own behalf or that of the Town of Stratford.

9. All entry forms must be completed in full.

10. All submissions should be presented in person to: **Colonial Square Art Shop, (located behind the theatre in Stratford Center), 2420 Main Street** during business hours, by 3:00 pm on December 31, 2014.

11. Winners will be notified when judging is completed. A reception will be held on a date to be determined to display all photos and to recognize the winning entries.

### **The Stratford Community Fund**

A non-profit, charitable organization, the Stratford Community Fund is celebrating twenty-four years of serving the Town of Stratford. Its mission is to promote the happiness, well-being, quality of life, and general welfare of the community. The Fund gladly accepts contributions to be used in furtherance of this mission. All Board members are volunteers.

### **Special Thanks to Our Partners and Sponsors**

The Stratford Community Fund wishes to thank The Milford Bank of Stratford Center and the Colonial Square Art Shop, for their generous support.

### **Questions?**

Please direct all questions to [StratfordCommunityFund@gmail.com](mailto:StratfordCommunityFund@gmail.com).



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Amateur Photography Contest

### Entry Form

First, Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year of birth\* \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) (if minor)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Description and location of Photo Entry #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Description and location of Photo Entry #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Description and location of Photo Entry #3: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am an amateur photographer and I took each submitted photo. I understand that photos I submit for this contest will NOT be returned. I give and grant, in perpetuity, to the Stratford Community Fund, Inc. and its respective licensees and successors, and assigns (herein collectively called the "licensed parties"), the right to use, publish, and display the photo. I agree that no advertisement or other material need be submitted to me for any further approval and the licensed parties shall be without liability to me for any distortion or illusionary effect resulting from the publication of the photo. Nothing herein will constitute any obligation on the licensed parties to make any use of any of the rights set forth herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I am attaching an entry fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_. (Make checks payable to Stratford Community Fund)  
Submissions should be delivered to: **Colonial Square Art Shop, (located behind the theatre in Stratford Center), 2420 Main Street. Submissions due by December 31, 2014.**

#### **Consent (if applicable)**

Consent of a parent or legal guardian is required for minors. If the photographer is under the age of 18, please complete the following statement:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby consent for my child, \_\_\_\_\_  
to enter the 8<sup>th</sup> annual SCF Amateur Photography Contest.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Amateur Photography Contest

### Photo Release Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby give  
(name of subject, in the photograph)  
\_\_\_\_\_, his/her assigns, licensees,  
(name of photographer)

and legal representatives the irrevocable right to use my name (or any fictional name), picture, portrait, or photograph in all forms and media and in all manners, including composite or distorted representations, for advertising, trade, and any other lawful purposes, and I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, that may be created in connection therewith. I am of full age.\* I have read this release and am fully familiar with its contents.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Consent (if applicable)

I am the parent or guardian of the subject minor: \_\_\_\_\_, and have  
(Print Minor Subject's Full Name)

the legal authority to execute the above release. I approve the foregoing and waive any rights in the premises.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_