



2009 PHOTO CONTEST RULES

1. **Eligibility** – The contest is open to any amateur or professional photographer except employees or Commissioners of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and members of their immediate families.
2. **Locale** – All photographs must be taken within the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor which includes the Erie, Oswego, Cayuga/Seneca, Champlain Canals and surrounding communities. A map of the heritage corridor and a list of corridor communities can be found at www.eriecanalway.org.
3. **Deadline** – All entries must be postmarked no later than **September 10, 2009**.
4. **Address & Contact** – Send entries to:
Photo Contest
Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor
P.O. Box 219
Waterford, NY 12188

Contact Rosemary Button, Project Coordinator at (518) 237-7000 ext. 207 or via e-mail, Rosemary_Button@partner.nps.gov, if you have any questions.

5. **Entry Forms** – Entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed Entry Form (attached or available at www.eriecanalway.org).
6. **Multiple Entries** – A maximum of five (5) entries per photographer is allowed. All entries must be listed on a single Entry Form.
7. **Categories** – Entrants must place their photos in one of the four categories listed below. The judges reserve the right to recategorize any entry.

CATEGORY	WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH...
Bridges, Buildings & Locks	Distinctive architecture, engineering marvels, canal structures, historic downtowns
For the Fun of It	Cycling, rollerblading, walking, fishing, picnicking, festivals, concerts
On the Water	Paddling, sailing, dredging, motoring, tugs & barges
Nature of the Canal	Landscapes, waterscapes, wildlife, plants, the beauty of the seasons

8. **Format** – Entries may be either prints, digital images or slide/transparencies in color or in black and white.
 - a. **Print Entries:** Prints must be 4 x 6 inches or 5 x 7 inches on photographic paper. Do not send matted, mounted or framed prints. Do not send negatives.
 - b. **Digital Entries:** **Submit digital images on compact disk, accompanied by a 5 x 7 inch print on photographic paper.** Multiple images must be submitted on a single disk. Images must be a

minimum resolution of 300 DPI (dots per inch) and no smaller than 1440 x 1152 pixels. Images should be in RGB color range and be submitted in JPG (at high quality) or TIFF format. Do not resample small files to fit requirements. Digital images can have minimal manipulation such as cropping and exposure adjustments, but no cutting and pasting or other advanced techniques that create end products that do not reflect the scene as it appeared in reality.

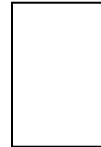
- c. Slide/Transparency Entries: Slides and transparencies up to 5 x 4 inches will be accepted.

9. Images must be in landscape (horizontal) orientation.

This way:



Not this way:



10. **Entry Identification** – Each photograph must be adequately identified.

- a. Print Entries: The photographer's name and photograph title must be printed on a sticky note attached to the back of each print. **Do not write directly on the print (front or back).**
- b. Digital Entries: The photographer's name and "Erie Canalway 2009 Photo Contest" should be written directly on the compact disk. The file name of each image on the disk must match its entry number (i.e. "Entry1.jpg" or "Entry2.tif", etc.). Disks must contain only photographs submitted for the contest.
- c. Slide/Transparency Entries: The photographer's name and photograph title must be printed on each slide mount.

11. **Model Release** – Photos containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a model release form (attached or available at www.eriecanalway.org) signed by the subject or a parent or legal guardian, if subject is under 18 years of age.

12. **Judging** – Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of the canalway in one of the contest categories. An Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor panel will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final. First, second, and third place winners will be selected in each of the four categories identified above. Honorable mentions will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Winners will be announced no later than **October 6, 2009**.

13. **Winning Photos** – The winning photographs with appropriate credit will appear in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor 2010 Calendar and on the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor website. Winners will also receive a copy of the calendar and other prizes to be determined.

14. **Photographer's Rights** – Each photographer will retain all rights to any photograph submitted – including ownership if applicable – other than those rights licensed in the next sentence. By entering the contest, each photographer hereby grants to the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (i) a nonexclusive, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute, publicly display and publicly perform the photographs submitted to the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, and (ii) the right to use the photographer's name, city and state of residence in promotions and other publications.

15. **Other** – Photographs, regardless of medium, will not be returned. Do not send your only copy of a photograph. The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor is not responsible for any material lost, damaged, or misdirected in the mail.