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2017 Photo Contest Rules

1. **Eligibility** – The contest is open to any amateur or professional photographer except employees, Board Directors 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 **August 31, 2017**.
4. **Address & Contact** – Send entries to:
 - Photo Contest
 - Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor
 - P.O. Box 219
 - Waterford, NY 12188

Contact for Questions:

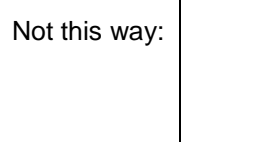
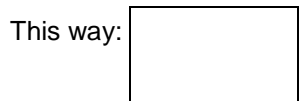
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5. **Entry Forms** – Entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed Entry Form (attached or available at www.eriecanalway.org).
6. **Multiple Entries** – A maximum of three (3) entries per photographer is allowed. All entries must be listed 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...
On the Water	On-water activities and scenes, e.g., boating, paddling, fishing, tugs & barges, historic vessels, on-water events and festivals.
Along the Trail	Cyclists, walkers, strollers, and activities or scenes along the Erie Canalway Trail.
Canal Communities	Historic downtowns, distinctive architecture, farmers markets, events, and scenes taken in canal communities.
Classic Canal	When you see it, you know it—photos that could be taken only here; photos of engineering marvels, canal structures, or other scenes that show the distinctive sense of place of the Erie Canalway.

8. **Enhancing your Images**- While you may crop or perform color correction on your images, the judging team discourages over-amplifying the color. We are looking for images that reflect the scene as it appeared in reality. You may use HDR camera settings, but again, please avoid over enhancing the image.
9. **Format** – **All entries must include prints in color or black and white.** Entries may include digital images on disc in addition to prints. The prints will be used for judging. Photographic submissions that do not follow these requirements may be rejected.

- 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 one compact disc, accompanied by a 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 inch print on photographic paper.** Digital images are needed to obtain the quality we need in the Erie Canalway Calendar and possibly other printed communications. Images must be a minimum resolution of 300 DPI (dots per inch) and no smaller than 3072 x 2304 pixels (or 10.24 x 7.68 inches). Images should be in RGB color format and be submitted as JPG (at high quality) or TIFF files. Do not resample small files to fit requirements, as it will compromise the quality of the image.
- c. Images *must be* in landscape (horizontal) orientation to fit the format of our calendar.



- 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 2017 Photo Contest” should be written directly on the compact disc. The file name of each image on the disc must match its entry number (i.e. “Entry1.jpg” or “Entry2.tif”, etc.). Discs must contain only photographs submitted for the contest.
- 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 20, 2017**.
- 13. **Winning Photos** – The winning photographs with appropriate credit will appear in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor 2018 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 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.