



DOVER IS ART, a photography contest

Presentation

The **Dover is Art** initiative is a cultural proposal that tries to integrate the diversity of our community and connect the different voices and experiences that concur in the construction of our town, our city, our identity. This proposal is presented as commemorative event for the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of Dover, but at the same time as a transformational juncture of the human environment that interferes in the constant evolution of our society.

DOVER IS ART proposes, from the base of its intention, to be a permanent replica of the different changes, not only cultural, but also political and economic, that modify the day-to-day life of our environment. The interest of this initiative is to generate spaces for expression that strengthen and enable permanent adaptability to human conversation that this city presents regardless of creed, gender, skin color, nationality, social condition or immigration status.

DOVER IS ART is a welcome door and an opportunity for change that brings with it several events, among which the following stand out:

- A photography contest.
- ART to the Park, a sculptural proposal.
- Dover Talks, tales and stories of a traveling town.
- Theater to the Park.

A **Photography contest** is the first event under the DOVER IS ART umbrella that aims to listen the voices that want to express their experiences. Not very often does the opportunity present itself to celebrate three centuries of existence and two years of a pandemic. Therefore, this contest seeks to collect those images and stories that have affected the lives of our residents and our community.

Competition rules

1. Participants

All photographers, amateurs and professionals, who wish to participate, can participate.

Each participant can submit a photo to the contest, totally free. Additional photos will have a value of \$ 5.00. All participants will be able to compete in all categories and up to five photos per category.

The photographs that compete must be accompanied by a letter that describes or expresses the meaning of the photograph. Likewise, each photograph must present a geographical description, the date the image was captured, and its name.

2. Categories

A. Landscape: Images must contain landscapes, whether urban or rural, of Dover, where it clearly reflects what Dover is and what it represents.

B. Ecology: the images must show the plant and animal wealth of the area or the interaction between the community and its natural and ecological environment.

Symbiotic enhancement between man, animals, pets, nature and city.

C. Sport - Images showing sporting or recreational activities in different areas of Dover or connected to Dover.

D. Free photo: this category enables a creative composition of color and texture that pleases the artist, but ultimately identifies Dover, its essence, its culture, its reality.

3. Conditions of the Participating Works

Photographs must be submitted in digital JPEG or JPG format with Adobe RGB color profile and 300 dpi and in printed form. Regardless of the digital size of the photograph, it must be printed on paper, mounted on a pass-partout of 20x16 inches, with a minimum thickness of 1.5 mm (0.06 inches) and a maximum of 2 mm (0.1 inches) regardless of position, vertical or horizontal.

The texts must be presented in PDF format and printed. Black ink, Arial font, size 14, with 1.5 spacing between lines. 1-inch margins on each side.

4. Delivery of works

The works must be delivered on CD / DVD, USB sticks, Compact-Flash cards or hard disk.

Each work must have the record with the name of the author, date, valid email address, telephone number. The writings accompanying each photograph must be submitted in the original language of the artist and in English. In case you need assistance with the translation, it is recommended that the artist supervise the process so that the content is not lost.

Registration opens on November 1, 2021 (1/11/21) and closes on January 31, 2022 (1/31/2022).

All deliveries must be made in person or by mail

Department of Recreation, Arts and Cultural Affairs,

37 N SUSSEX, DOVER NJ 07801.

Photographs and writings must be original and made by the artist who submits them to the competition. Town of Dover and/or Department of Recreation, Arts and Cultural

Affairs are not responsible nor intermediaries for copyright disputes. Works that present authorship disputes will be extracted from the contest.

4. Jury

This will be designated by the Dover Department of Recreation, Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The works will be evaluated individually and anonymously and in the order in which they are presented.

5. Results

The results of the contest will be announced on March 1, 2022 (1/3/2022). The winners in each category will be displayed at different locations in Dover. There will be a special award for the best photography. All participants will receive honorable mentions, however in each category, the first three places will receive a plaque. All photographs will become part of the Dover Historical Archive and those that best represent the identity of the city will be selected to form part of the Dover Historical Museum.

6. Other considerations

The photographs not selected will be returned as of April 1, 2022. The photographs submitted and in competition will be available to DRACA for promotional purposes, always presenting the author's credits.

All artist's data will be protected and will not be shared with third parties. Artists who decide to withdraw their works from the DRACA databases may do so by written request.

The photographs will be available to DRACA for a period of one year. At the end of this period, all materials will be returned to their owners.

If appropriate funding is found, DRACA will publish a commemorative publication of this first edition of A Photography Contest, and Dover's 300th anniversary. The editions will be physical and digital, possibly an audiobook.

The photographs selected to be part of this commemorative edition must be presented in high definition format, but this will be announced once the moment arrives.