

How to enter:

Adult Participants-

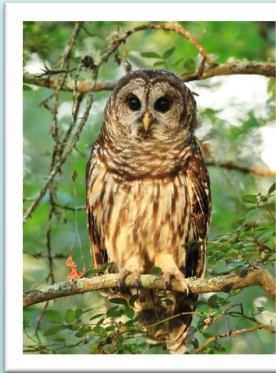
1. Download and complete 'Entry Form' for each photo See: www.friendsofblackbayou.org/photocontest
2. Electronically submit ~5MB jpeg copy of each image using online file submission form See: www.friendsofblackbayou.org/photocontest
3. Mat printed 8.5x11 image to 11x14 4-ply mat board (mats available for purchase at Black Bayou Nature Store) and attach completed 'Entry Form' to back
4. Either Mail images to:
PO Box 9241
Monroe, LA 71211
OR Drop off to Visitor Center
All entries must be received no later than 5pm October 1, 2017

Youth Participants-

1. Electronically submit ~5MB jpeg copy of each image using online file submission form See: www.friendsofblackbayou.org/photocontest
We will handle the rest!



2016 1st Place
Youth Wildlife
Wading Around
Dorion McFadden



2016 1st Place
Amateur Birds:
Evening Light Barred
Owl, Mike Colvin

Complete Contest Rules Found Online:
www.friendsofblackbayou.org/photocontest

Photo must be taken on Black Bayou Lake, D'Arbonne, or Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuges

Categories for Submission:

1. Scenic
2. Wildlife
3. Birds
4. Plants
5. People on Refuge
6. Macro/Micro Photography

Each participant limited to 3 submissions for each category.
(18 total possible submissions per entrant)



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2017

Friends of Black Bayou Annual Photo Contest

Deadline: 5PM, Sunday October 1, 2017

**All Youth, Amateurs and
Professionals are encouraged
to submit!**

New for 2017
Youth category only requires
electronic submission!



2016 Best In Show
Deer on Railway Track
Mohan Krishna

2017 Complete Contest Rules:

We welcome you as a participant in the annual Friends of Black Bayou, Inc. Photo Contest held each October in conjunction with National Wildlife Refuge Week. The photo contest is open to all photographic skill levels., FoBB is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, supporting the protection and enhancement of Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge. This photographic competition is an opportunity to promote and encourage an appreciation of wildlife and the scenic natural settings that abound within the North Louisiana Refuges Complex, consisting of Black Bayou Lake, D'Arbonne, Handy Brake and Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuges.

CONTEST RULES

1. TIME OF CONTEST

- a. SUBMISSION DATE: All entries must be received prior to 5PM, Sunday, October 1, 2017.
- b. JUDGING DATE: To be announced – check online for more information
- c. DISPLAY DATE: Winning entries will be proudly displayed in the Visitor Center and online in commemoration of National Wildlife Refuge Week at Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Monroe, Louisiana.

2. Entrant Categories

- i. Professional - any person who has, at any time, charged for or been paid for his/her photographs
- ii. Amateur - any person who has never charged for or been paid for his/her photographs
- iii. Youth - any person 16 years old or younger

3. CATEGORIES

- a. Color prints and/or black/white prints may be submitted in the following categories: Scenic, Wildlife, Birds, Plants, People on refuges, Macro/Micro (close-up) photography

4. SCOPE OF SUBJECT MATTER

- a. All photographs must be taken within the refuges complex and portray wildlife, scenery and/or circumstances found within the refuges complex within the year prior to the contest deadline.
- b. The refuges complex consists of Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge, D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge, and Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge.
- c. Photographs which have been submitted in earlier Friends of Black Bayou, Inc., Annual Photo Contests are not eligible for re-submission.

5. SUBMISSIONS

- a. ****New for 2017**** Youth submissions only require electronic file submission using the online form and are encouraged, but not required, to submit mounted prints. For those youth digital submissions we will handle the printing for you, but we will not modify your submission in any way! To submit a physical print, see instructions e-f below. Each youth contestant is limited to three submissions per category.

Adult professional and amateur submissions must submit photos using the following criterion:

- b. Each photograph **MUST BE** submitted online via the online file submission form (found at www.friendsofblackbayou.org/photocontest) or it will not be considered for judging. Please limit image file to approximately 5MB in JPEG (*.jpg or *.jpeg) format.
- c. Prints must be mounted on a **plain uncut black 11x14 , 4 ply mat board**. Entries not adhering to this will not be submitted for judging. (For your convenience, mats are available for purchase at cost at the Black Bayou Nature Shop after **August 26, 2017.**)
- d. **Photo size shall be limited to** (11 by 8.5 inches). Each contestant is limited to **three submissions per category**. One printed copy of the Entry Form must accompany each photograph submitted.
- e. Identification: On back of the mat, the photographer's information must be clearly labeled **using a completed 'Entry Form'** (see www.friendsofblackbayou.org for form) Nothing should be written or otherwise placed on the **FRONT** of either mat or photograph as this is a blind judging.
- f. Entries may be **EITHER mailed** [Mark DO NOT BEND!] to Friends of Black Bayou, Inc., Post Office Box 9241, Monroe, Louisiana 71211 to be received no later than Oct. 1, 2017; ***OR*** **hand delivered** to: Friends of Black Bayou, Inc., Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 480 Richland Place, Monroe (inside Visitor Center) no later than 5PM October 1, 2017.
Note: You must NOT mail entries to the 480 Richland Place address--this address is for hand delivering entries only.

6. JUDGING.

Judges will be selected by Friends of Black Bayou, Inc., and will not be eligible to enter the contest they are judging.

- i. Judging criteria will be: Technical excellence (sharpness, lighting, composition, exposure), Print quality, Originality/creativity, Interest

7. WINNING ENTRIES.

- b. Winning entries will be announced October 8, 2017 and displayed at Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge during National Wildlife Refuge Week and may be displayed thereafter in the Visitor Center.

8. USE OF IMAGES

- c. Friends of Black Bayou, Inc., and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall have the non-exclusive right without compensation to display (webpage and other Friends publications) and use any and all submissions for any use with appropriate credit being given to the photographer. By entering the contest, you represent that your photographs are original and of your own creation, the display and use of the material will not violate the rights of any kind of third party, and you have provided all necessary permissions and releases. Prints other than Best Overall Print will be available for the makers to pick up after November 18, 2017. The Best Overall Print will be permanently retained for display at the refuge with appropriate credit being given the photographer.

9. DISCLAIMER.

- d. Friends of Black Bayou, Inc., the refuges comprising the Refuges Complex and the persons involved in this competition shall not be held responsible for loss of or damage to entries, or for injuries while contestants are on the refuges complex.
- e. Contestants are expected and required to abide by refuge rules while on the premises of the refuges complex.
- f. Photographs should only be taken during the official posted hours of the refuge - currently one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

10. Awards:

Ribbons will be presented to the winning entries and those which the judges feel merit special recognition. One entry will be selected as "Best Overall Print" of the entire competition.



2015 Best in Show
Tree Swallow Quintet, Doug Moon