

MOOINOOI SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2016

Proud of your photographic skills? We are calling on all photographic enthusiasts to enter into our first Amateur Sunflower Festival Photographic Competition and stand a chance to win cash prizes to the total value of R6 000.

The winning photos will be displayed at the Mooinooi Sunflower Festival on the 27th of February 2016.

There will be 2 categories for both Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) Cameras and Digital Compact/Smart Mobile Phone Cameras.

CATEGORIES

The categories to enter are:

1. The town Mooinooi: history & industries

Your photo should show your unique interpretation of Mooinooi as town. It should include anything that describes the rich history of the town, or its unique industries like the mining and farming activities.

2. Farming: structures & implements

In this category you should show your unique interpretation of the structures & implements that can be found on any farm. This can include old farm houses & buildings, irrigation equipment like pivots etc., windmills, farm gates, tractors & trailers. Animals or people should not be the main focus of your photo.

Photos taken with Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) cameras and Digital Compact/Smart Mobile Phone cameras will be judged separately.

CASH PRIZES

The total prize money is R6 000 and will be awarded as follows:

DSLR CAMERAS	Cash Prize	DIGITAL COMPACT/SMART PHONES	Cash Prize
1. Mooinooi		1. Mooinooi	
- Winner	R1 000	- Winner	R 600
- 2 nd place	R 600	- 2 nd place	R 250
- 3 rd place	R 400	- 3 rd place	R 150
2. Farming		2. Farming	
- Winner	R1 000	- Winner	R 600
- 2 nd place	R 600	- 2 nd place	R 250
- 3 rd place	R 400	- 3 rd place	R 150
	R4 000		R2 000

JUDGING

A panel of judges from the Rustenburg Photographic Society will be judging the entries.

Should the quantity of entries in a particular category fall below a set amount or acceptable quality, the organizers reserve the right not to award prizes in that category.

Closing date for entry is 14 February 2016. Winners will be announced on the 21st of February 2016.

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RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. Entries must be digital, photographed with a DSLR/ Digital Compact Camera /Smart Mobile Phone.
2. Scans or prints are not permitted. No picture may be entered in more than one category. Series shots are not allowed, please submit one image from any series. You can crop images before submission, but please ensure the image quality is maintained.
3. The photos must be sent in jpeg format, resized to a maximum of 800 pixels on the longest side. The original capture as it was recorded by the camera with no manipulation applied. (eg *.DNG, *.JPG, *.NEF, *.CR2, *.CRW) may be requested if your image reaches the final stages of the competition and if requested must be supplied to us.
4. You must be the sole author and owner of the copyright for all images entered. By entering your images into the competition, you grant the organizers a non-exclusive licence to publish the images for any purpose in connection with the competition including, but not limited to, the following purposes:
 - * judging the competition,
 - * display during the Sunflower Festival,
 - * inclusion within promotion of the competition and exhibition organised by the Sunflower Festival.
5. A picture that has already won a prize in a major competition (one receiving more than 500 images) is not eligible for entry. Please avoid entering images that have been widely published in the past 12 months or entered into other photography competitions.
6. The organizers and the judges have the right to refuse any entries which they deem unfit for display as part of the competition.
7. The faithful representation of what you saw at the time of taking the shot must be maintained. Sandwich shots, HDR, double exposures, photographs which consist in any way of more than one separate image and images that have been digitally manipulated outside of the guidelines below are not eligible.

By entering the competition you declare that the photos are your own work and that you have accepted the rules of the competition.

GUIDELINES

1. Calibration and colour – for the best result please submitted images colour profiled/corrected using a correctly calibrated monitor and utilizing Adobe RGB 98 colour space before submission. Entries will not be dismissed if the colour management is not according to our request. But the judges cannot be held in contempt for not accepting images of poor colour. Allowances will not be made for poorly colour managed/corrected images, in particular please ensure your images are not over saturated and faithfully represent the subject.
2. With the exception of adjustment to Black & White digital adjustments are only acceptable if limited to minor cleaning work, levels, curves, colour, saturation and contrast work. The faithful representation of what you saw at the time of the shot being taken must be maintained.
Compositing and multiple exposures are not allowed. Sharpening and cropping (for instance to make a panorama-like photo) are allowed, but please ensure the image quality is maintained as they will be judged accordingly.
3. Compact System Cameras, mirrorless Interchangeable Lens cameras and Micro Four Thirds system (MFT), will be included in the DSLR competition.
4. Please also remember that photos taken on phones are eligible for the Compact competition.



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HOW TO ENTER

Contestants must email their entry before midnight of 14 February 2016. Only emailed submissions will be accepted. The email address is sunflowerfestphotos@gmail.com. The Subject of the email should read *Photo Competition Surname & Initials*.

Each photo entered should be renamed as follows:

- "C" for camera or "P" for phone,
- Category number "1" for Mooינווי or "2" for Farming,
- Contestant's Surname & initials with a dot in between,
- Entry number for category.

For example if J Botha is entering his 2nd smart mobile phone photo for the Mooינווי category, his photo should be renamed as follows: P_1_BOTHA.J_2.jpg

An entry fee of R5 per photo is payable. Payments should be made to the following bank account:

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ABSA Bank
Savings Account
Account number: 9198960775
Branch code: 632005
Payment reference: Photos_Surname.Initials

Proof of payment should accompany your entries. No photo without a proof of payment will be judged.

Other information required

1. Hardware details (i.e. name of camera) should be mentioned in the mail, and if possible in the EXIF-information of the jpeg.
2. The contestant must specify which categories they are entering. The contestant should also include
 - Your full name
 - Your e-mail address
 - A contact phone number
 - A postal address
 - Information on where and when your entry/entries was/were taken