

Rules at a Glance: 17th Annual Claude Moore Park Photography Expo

September 20,2025: Natural Places and Old Spaces

Sponsored by the Friends of Claude Moore Park

Categories for Adult Juried Competition:

- 1- **Roots & Buds*** – Native plant life in wild settings; NO cultivated plants are accepted
- 2- **Wild Creatures*** – Wild animals on land or in the water; NO domesticated animals or farm animals
- 3- **Winged Wonders*** – Creatures that fly including birds, bats, etc.
- 4- **A Bug's Life*** – Insects and bugs, butterflies, etc.
- 5- **Natural Landscapes*** – Scenic views of natural spaces; NO manicured or man-made habitats (lawns or backyards)
- 6- **History and Heritage** – Capture worldwide history and culture, including buildings, statues, monuments, farms, homes, autos, trains, etc. May include domesticated working animals, people and farm life (animals, barns, etc.).

Location of Where Photos Can Be Taken:

There are no restrictions as to where the photographs are taken. The *Paul Glascock Memorial People's Choice Award* category must be taken in a park located in **Loudoun County**.

Photographers' Tea: All entrants and their guests are cordially invited to the Photographers' Tea, hosted by the FCMF in the historic Lanesville Ordinary on Friday, September 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM. All awards (except the *Paul Glascock Memorial People's Choice Award*) will be announced during the Opening Tea at 7:30pm.

Standards (see Rules for more detail):

Quality: Please submit only your superior work, printed with extreme care, and matted according to the Expo rules.

Matting: All entries must be matted, no frames, no floating mats (extra white or paper visible around photo). See matting rules for dimensions and other details. No titles, signatures or watermarks may be visible.

*** Hand of Man:** "Hand of Man" is a photographic term used to describe human elements. This is anything man made or used to contain nature. Feeding dishes, cages, fences, wires, docks, boats, buildings, human hands themselves (when holding birds, etc.). For the five nature categories, "Hand of Man" is allowed if it is a minor and unobtrusive element. "Hand of Man" **is allowed** within the *History & Heritage* and *Farm Life* categories.

Entry: Entries are due no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, September 12,2025. An entry fee of \$10.00 per photograph for adult entrants, and \$5.00 per photograph for youth.

Digital Version of Images: Submit a digital version of your entries along with your prints, either as email attachments sent to claudemoore@loudoun.gov or upload at friendsofclaudemoorepark.org/expo-upload-files/ no later than September 12, 2025. This is a mandatory step in submitting your images.

Pick Up: All entries will be available for pick up at the Claude Moore Park Visitor Center on or after Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

Please bring or mail your photographs to:

Claude Moore Park Visitor Center
21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling, Virginia 20164

Entry: To enter into the photography expo, please complete the Online Application at <https://friendsofclaudemoorepark.org/photo-expo/>. Entry forms and payments can be online, by mail, or delivered.

Contact the Expo Coordinator, Lori Detwiler via Email at: Lori.Detwiler@gmail.com or by phone: 727-418-6930