

## 2026 Mighty Mo Photo Show A Juried Photographic Exhibition

August 7th- August 28, 2026

The Mighty Mo Photo Show is an area photographic competition designed to complement Yankton's Annual Riverboat Days celebration and to encourage and recognize the talents of area photographers.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- Open to all photographers of all ages living in South Dakota, Iowa, or Nebraska.
- Entries do NOT have to include the Missouri River in the composition of the photo.
- All photographic media, techniques, and styles accepted.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Subject of photo must reflect the theme: ***The Art of Nature***
- Artists must complete and submit the official entry form (enclosed or found at <https://YanktonAreaArts.org/mighty-mo-photo-exhibit> )
- Artists may enter up to three photographs in the competition.
- All entries must be ready for hanging on a heavy classic hook (wire is best) and must be labeled.
  1. Label must include: Artist's name, Title of work, Sale price (if you piece is not for sale, list value of piece with NFS in parenthesis.
  2. Artists are encouraged to visit G.A.R. Hall to ensure proper hardware for hanging.
  3. Submitted work not ready to hang or unable to be displayed safely may be rejected or 'accepted on condition' of the artist fitting the work with hardware proper for display.
- Accepted works will not be withdrawn from the exhibition before the show ends.
- Exhibiting photographers must attend the Reception on Friday, August 1st from 5:00-6:30pm.
- Any photo not meeting all requirements will be disqualified from the competition.
- No past work submitted to this juried event will be eligible.
- Submitting works to this event gives Yankton Area Arts the right to photograph accepted works for publicity purposes.

### Delivery of Work:

Entries are to be delivered to G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery | 508 Douglas in Yankton, SD. Entries may arrive as early as July 27th and no later than August 3rd at 5:00pm. Entries may be picked up September 3rd. Hours to deliver or pick up photos are Monday - Friday 1-5pm or by appointment.

### Sales:

Sales of work in the exhibit will be encouraged by Yankton Area Arts. Sales are subject to a 30% commission; therefore, prices should be set accordingly.

### Judging and Awards:

- All photos will be subject to an initial jury process based on the submission requirements. Any photo not meeting all the requirements will be disqualified and not displayed in the exhibit.
- Three judges will rate each accepted photograph on Theme, Composition, Lighting, Originality, and Overall Presentation. (A sample score sheet can be found on YAA website.) The photo with the highest score will receive Best of Show and a \$100 cash prize, the photo with the second highest score will receive Honorable Mention and a \$50 cash prize. The People's Choice Award will be awarded to the photo receiving the most in monetary votes at the end of the exhibit. The People's Choice photographer will receive \$25 cash prize + monetary votes accrued for the winning photo.

### Show Timeline:

July 27th-3rd – Entries accepted (M-F)

August 4-6th – Exhibit installed

August 7 – Exhibit Opens

August 4-7<sup>th</sup> Entries judged

August 7<sup>th</sup> – First Friday Reception and Awards

August 28th – Exhibit closes (at 5pm)

September 10th – Deadline for reclaiming entries

September 10<sup>th</sup> - People's Choice winner announced

September 18th – Artists are paid for any sales

For additional information contact Yankton Area Arts at 605.665.9754 or [info@yanktonareaarts.org](mailto:info@yanktonareaarts.org)

## 2026 Mighty Mo Photo Exhibit Entry Form

**Theme: *The Art Of Nature***

Photographer Name	
Address	
City, State Zip	
Phone	
Email Address	
Website (if applicable)	

Entries: (You may enter no more than 3 photos)

<b>Title of Work:</b>	<b>Value:</b>
<b>Explain how the subject of the photo fits the theme <i>The Art of Nature</i></b>	

Office Use Only		
Theme	Hard-ware	Label

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# Mo' Photo Exhibit

# The Art of Nature

Photo # \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Ranking \_\_\_\_\_

## Judge Scoring Sheet

Photo Title:

Photographer how subjects meets the theme. The Art Of Nature

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>THEME</b> Does the subject of the photo fit the theme?	<b>COMPOSITION</b> Is the image balanced? Is there a main center of interest, is it well placed in the frame? Are there distracting elements in the photo that could be eliminated?	<b>LIGHTING</b> Does it show off the subject well? Is the contrast level appropriate? Is there lighting that would work better for the subject?	<b>ORIGINALITY</b> Does the image show an original subject or an original approach to a standard subject?	<b>OVERALL PRESENTATION</b> Does the framing complement the photo? Is material appropriate for the photo (canvas, aluminum, etc.) Are there distracting elements in the photo?
<b>SCORE</b> 1-5(5 is highest rating)					
<b>Notes</b>					