

Loxahatchee River Wild & Scenic Photography Competition – Jupiter 2010 Calling All Shutterbugs!

All professional and amateur photographers are invited to “show us the Loxahatchee River” in a photography contest celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Loxahatchee River's national Wild & Scenic designation. We are looking for personal interpretations of the Loxahatchee River. Winning participants will receive prizes from local sponsors and their images will be placed in a traveling exhibit, and be a part of a 2011 calendar. Deadline for submission is April 1, 2010.

LOXAHATCHEE RIVER PHOTO CATEGORIES

- Flora (Plants & Trees)
- Fauna (Fish, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, invertebrates, etc.)
- Riverscapes and Still Life
- Human Dimensions (People and Wildlife, Education and Outreach, Urban Interface Challenges)
- Creative and Clever (Humorous or Composite/Artistically-altered Images*)

JUDGING

Professional photographers will evaluate entries based on image impact and content (message and feelings conveyed), clarity, color, contrast, composition, lighting, and photographic standards. The judging session will be held Friday, April 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Anyone that would like to watch the judging process and hear the professional critiques of the photos is welcome to attend. Judges will award prizes by category, plus Best of Show, and each category will have an certificate for Peoples' Choice. Judges will present awards and provide critiques of winning photos that evening.

CONTEST RULES

1. Deadline for submission is 4:00 p.m., April 1, 2010.
2. Entry fee is \$5.00 (\$3.00 for students with a valid ID) per photo. A maximum of two prints *per category* may be entered (10 entries maximum). Cash, checks (made out to Friends of the Loxahatchee River), Visa, Mastercard, and Debit Cards will be accepted.
3. Entrant must have taken the photo(s) and have all rights to its/their distribution and use.
4. Images must be color prints, 8” x 10” in size, captured with a digital or film camera.
5. Entrants ***MUST*** submit an electronic version (jpeg format, min. 300 dpi), along with the print to facilitate possible future publication of winning photos. Please present electronic version on a CD.
6. Entries should be mounted on a white 11"x14" mat board, no exceptions. Un-mounted entries will not be accepted. Framed prints will not be accepted.
7. No text may appear on the photo.
8. Photographers must complete an entry form and affix the label provided to the back of the mounted photo. Completed labels must be affixed to the BACK, BOTTOM, RIGHT corner of the mounting, otherwise the entry will not be accepted. Entry forms may be downloaded at www.loxahatcheeriver.org/river25.
9. Images that have been enhanced by removing scratches or dust, or by making slight alterations that have traditionally been made by filters or in the printing process may be entered in any category.
10. *Images that have been extensively altered by double exposure; assembly from two or more images; removal of obstructions or other significant parts; addition, subtraction, or duplication of elements within the image; or other alterations must be entered in the CREATIVE AND CLEVER category only.
11. Images of captive/captured animals or propagated plants may be entered in any category, but the entry form and label must clearly indicate the subject matter as such. (This must be denoted in the notes section of the entry form and label)
12. By submitting your photo(s), you agree to allow The Loxahatchee River District and The River Center to publish the image(s) in the future in any medium. A photo credit will run with the photo.
13. Employees, Consultants, and Board Members of the Loxahatchee River District or the River Center and their immediate families are not allowed to participate in the photo contest.
14. Winning entries will be announced at the Photo Contest Awards & Critique on Friday, April 9, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m.
15. Winning entries will be displayed at various places throughout Florida and on the web.
16. **All prizes must be claimed by Friday, April 16, 2010, unless previous arrangements have been made.**
17. **The decision of the judges is final and the judges reserve the right to move photo entries to other categories as they see fit.**
18. **The rules must be followed exactly as defined, otherwise the entry (entries) will be disqualified.**

Still have unanswered questions about this contest? Questions may be addressed to Kristen Ruest at kristen@loxahatcheeriver.org or 561-743-7123. Entries must be **RECEIVED no later than April 1, 2010** at the following address: River Center, Attn: Kristen Ruest, 805 North U.S. Highway One, Jupiter FL 33477.