



South Windsor Human Relations Commission

Photo Contest & Exhibition

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*** Resilience and Hope Rising in South Windsor ***

"Normal" in life changed dramatically for so many people. COVID-19 Pandemic posed extreme uncertainty for many. Despite adversities and setbacks, we witnessed courage, compassion, grace, and resilience. We are seeing pain and grief transcending into hope and healing. In an attempt to exhibit the spirit of humanity at its best, once again the **South Windsor Human Relations Commission** is delighted to bring back the Photo Contest & Exhibition. We are calling photographers of all ages to enter a community photo competition. Exhibition of all entries will be held at the South Windsor Public Library.

Awards

- 1st place - \$100 gift certificate
- 2nd Place - \$75 gift certificate
- 3rd Place - \$50 gift certificate
- Nine Honorable Mention - \$25 gift certificate
- Mayor's Purchase Prize – Mayor Liz Pendleton will select one photograph for display in the Mayor's office.
- HRC's Purchase Prize – Ritu Goel, HRC Chair will also select one photograph for display in Town Hall.

Theme: "Resilience and Hope Rising in South Windsor"

This year's photography challenge will allow you to show your creativity and convey your message in varied ways. It might be as simple as sharing how you managed to find joy during challenging times! You may capture the spirit of humanity showing ordinary people doing extraordinary things! You may click the photos showing solidarity in our community during pandemic! You may take snapshots of optimism and hope that inspired you in the midst of COVID chaos. We look forward to seeing your photograph entries to display Resilience and Hope Rising in South Windsor!

General Rules

The competition is open to amateur and professional photographers who are current town residents or who work in South Windsor. All photos must be taken in South Windsor and must be appropriate for posting on a public government website. The photos may have been taken at any time, not just during the contest period.

Photographs may be submitted in black and white or in color. All photographs must be the photographer's original work. A digital copy of each submission must be made, available for exhibition on South Windsor websites.

Juried Show

A group of experienced judges will review photographs. Selection of photos will be based on the following criteria: handling of subject, technical proficiency, creativity, visual narrative and artistic expression. All decisions of the judges are final.

Dates & Deadlines

Entries may be submitted beginning immediately. **Submission deadline is Friday, June 24, 2022.** Winners will be announced in July. An awards reception will be held in August 2022 in the Friends Room at the South Windsor Public Library. The Human Relations Commission reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s).

How to Enter

Complete the entry and release forms. Contest information and forms are available online at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/human-relations-commission> and in hard copy at the Town Library. A separate entry form is required for each submission. Submit print(s) along with your completed entry/release form(s) to the Town Library (Att.: M. Etter) anytime during the eligibility period. Make sure you have fulfilled **all** of the submission requirements prior to submission.

Submission Requirements

Failure to adhere to submission requirements will result in disqualification

- Photos submitted must be taken by residents of South Windsor or individuals who work in South Windsor
- Photos must be available both as prints and as digital entities
- Photo size must be 8" x 10"
- Photos must be printed on photographic paper and matted in **white**. Do not frame entries
- Photographer's name/title of photo must be printed on a 1.5" x 2.5" typed tag accompanying each photograph
- Submissions are limited to four per photographer
- Each submission must be accompanied by an entry & release form
- Submission grants the Human Relations Commission and the Town of South Windsor the right to exhibit photographs
- Deliver matted prints to the Town Library (Att: Mary Etter)
- Email digital files containing submission images to metter@librayconnection.info

Special Note

Photos that include identifiable people require signed photo releases from each person pictured (or guardians of minors). You are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from the individual(s) depicted and must be able to provide copies of those releases to the Town on request

Photographer's Rights

- Photographers retain copyrights
- Credits will be provided with any photos used on South Windsor websites
- All photographers agree to grant the Town of South Windsor a royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to use their photos on the Town of South Windsor's or other internet sites, including social media.

Exhibition

Winners will be notified by email. All entries will be exhibited, at the South Windsor Public Library during August 2022. An opening ceremony and **awards celebration will be held in August 2022 (Date and Time TBD).**

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