

City of Regina Photography Contest

This contest is open to amateur and professional photographers. Participants must self declare as an entrant in one of the following two categories:

- a) Beginner
- b) Advance

No entry fee or purchase is required.

A winner for each of the two categories will be selected for The Grand Prize, free classes at the Neil Balkwill Civic Arts Centre – valued at \$300. Four Award of Merit winners in each category will also receive a prize.

Submission of Entries:

Entries must be in digital (.jpg or .tiff only) format. Photo's must be received by midnight on January 24, 2012 and can be submitted over Facebook or emailed to the following email address: balkwillcentre@Regina.ca.

The following information MUST be submitted with your photo:

- a) Photographer's Name
- b) Photographer's Address
- c) Details of where the photograph was taken
- d) Two sentence explanation of reason for selecting this location
- e) Selected Category for entry and camera details
 - a. Beginner: make and model of camera used to take photo
 - b. Advanced: make, model, aperture setting, shutter setting used to take photo

If you choose to submit a photo through Facebook, a "Thank you" message will appear which will indicate that we have successfully received your submission. If you choose to submit a photo by email, an email confirmation indicating that your entry was received will be sent within 48 hours. By agreeing to digitally submit your photographs, you are acknowledging that you have read, understand and abide by all contest rules and regulations.

A maximum of two photos per individual will be accepted. Any photographs submitted must be taken within the City of Regina. There are no timeframe restrictions; however, photos should be current.

In-camera manipulation and minor cropping is acceptable. The following images are prohibited and will not be accepted:

- Photographs that are electronically manipulated
- Retouched images
- Photographs taken with Smartphone, iPhone, or BlackBerry

Eligibility:

Contest is restricted to citizens of Regina, and surrounding area. City of Regina employees are not eligible to participate.

Contest Dates:

January 3, 2012	Photo submission begins
January 24, 2012	Last day to submit photographs Entries must be received no later than midnight
January 31, 2012	Selection of top five photographs in each category Voting on Facebook begins
February 14, 2012	Voting ends 9:30am Announcement of grand prize winners

Judging:

Photographs will be juried by a panel of judges. The top five photographs in each category will be selected based on technical skill and photo merit (composition, clarity, creativity, and visual impact) and the ability of the images to capture the Regina location portrayed. Photos should create and evoke interest in discovery in and around Regina.

The top five images from each category will then be uploaded to the City of Regina Facebook page, which will allow City of Regina Facebook followers to vote for the best photo. Voting will end at 9:30am, on Tuesday, February 14, 2012.

Rights:

You hereby grant the City of Regina a world-wide, royalty-free, perpetual, non-exclusive, transferable right and license to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, and distribute any and all photographs submitted by you to the City of Regina or by e-mail to the City of Regina on any platform, medium or technology ("Submissions"). By entering this contest you agree to allow the City to post your submission on the City of Regina's Facebook page. You recognize that because this is a public page that your submission will be accessible to the public, could be copied and used by anyone in the public and that your submission will be subject to Facebook data use and Privacy Policies. The City of Regina reserves the right to showcase all winning and award of merit photography indefinitely on the contest Facebook page website and contest promotional material. You agree that you have all required licenses, rights, consents and permissions to use and to grant the City of Regina the right to use any Submissions and that such Submissions do not infringe the intellectual property, privacy or other rights of any third parties and you grant the City of Regina a right to provide access to the Submissions. All Submissions may be displayed or removed by the City of Regina without notice. The City of Regina does not guarantee the confidentiality of any Submissions, whether published by the City of Regina or not.

Photo releases:

All entrants must be able to supply a signed release for any identifiable person or persons in the photograph or their guardians, if requested. Failure to provide model release if requested, will result in disqualification of the entry. This form will be available on Regina.ca.

Prizes:

The grand prize winners of the free classes at the Neil Balkwill Civic Arts Centre (valued at \$300) must use this credit in the 2012 year. Prizes will also be awarded to the runners up. Prizes are not transferable

and must be accepted as awarded with no substitutions, whether in cash or otherwise, except at the sponsor's sole discretion. The sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize of equivalent or greater value if a prize cannot be awarded as described for any reason.

Announcement of top 5 photographs in each category:

The selection of the photographs will be posted on the City of Regina Facebook page on or before January 31, 2012. The names of the top 10 photographers, along with their winning photography, will be published on the City of Regina's Facebook page. Once the photos have been posted, Facebook users have until 9:30am on February 14, 2012 to vote on which photo they like best. The winner will be announced shortly after the voting deadline. The top ten final photographs selected may also be featured in future leisure guides, and may be featured in other media or public events.

Prize Release:

By entering this contest, participants consent to the use of their names, images, likenesses and photographs of themselves, without compensation, in any publicity carried out in any media by or on behalf of the sponsors. Unless prohibited by law, within 14 days of receipt thereof, the winners may be required to sign and return the photography contest sponsor's declaration and release form confirming compliance with contest rules and acceptance of prizes, as offered, and acknowledging the non-responsibility of the sponsors, its agents, and the prize suppliers in respect to injuries, accidents and misfortune relating to the contest or the awarding of the prize or the sponsor's use of the photography. A list of winners will be available on the City of Regina's Facebook Page, Regina.ca or upon request by emailing balkwillcentre@Regina.ca for this information.

Sponsors:

This contest is sponsored by the City of Regina.

Contest sponsors are not responsible for any injury, loss or damage of any kind arising out of a participant's participation in this contest or the acceptance, possession or use of the prize package or the use by sponsors of the photography submitted for this contest.

Entry in the contest is subject to all federal, provincial, and municipal laws and regulations. The decisions of the contest organizers are final and binding in all matters related to this contest.

For further information: Please contact balkwillcentre@Regina.ca, call 777-7803 or visit the City of Regina Facebook page.