



IMAGES OF MY HOMETOWN

Photo Contest Fundraiser Event

Contest Theme

The theme of this contest is **IMAGES OF MY HOMETOWN**. Our museum is looking for new content for postcards and calendars to sell in our gift shop. When making your photographs, think about those images that best represent Corinth and Alcorn County in your heart and mind. What sort of images do you think would show visitors a true glimpse of life here in our corner of Mississippi?

CATEGORIES OF ENTRY:

1. Action/Sports
2. Macro (close-ups of flowers, insects, architectural features, etc.)
3. Animals (may be pets, wildlife, or farm animals)
4. People of the Community (capture authentic moments of locals going about their daily lives – serving up burgers, kids playing, hometown heroes – just remember to get permission from any human subjects!)
5. Still Life (landscapes, sunsets, buildings, etc.)
6. Corinth History

Submission: Entries will be accepted August 1 through September 15, 2026. Deadline for submission is 3:00 p.m. on September 15. Photos may be submitted in person at the museum, or mailed to –

Crossroads Museum/221 N Fillmore Street/ Corinth, MS 38834

Eligibility: The contest is open to amateurs only. Professional photographers (defined as those who earn 50% or more of their income from photography) are ineligible. Photos that have been previously published or have won in other photo contests are ineligible.

This contest is open to the following age groups:

- Jr. Engineer – ages 8 through 16
- Engineer – ages 17 and up

Guidelines: Photos must be submitted unframed and unmatted as an 8x10 print. A completed entry form is required per each entry. Photos must have name, address, phone number, title of the photo and category of entry

on the back. Entry in the contest grants the Crossroads Museum the right to publish the winning photos as postcards and/or calendar art. The submitted photos will be displayed in page protectors, as works of art, in the museum until the contest is over.

Entry Fees: \$10 per entry for the first 3 entries; then \$5 per entry thereafter. Cash, checks, or credit cards are accepted. Checks should be made payable to the Crossroads Museum. This is a museum fundraiser.

Exhibit & Reception: Photos will be on display inside the museum from September 22 – November 13, 2026. During this time period, visitors to the museum will be able to donate money to their favorite photos for a “People’s Choice Award.” All winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the open house and reception to be held on **Sunday, September 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the museum.**

Cash & Prizes:

- Best of Show (overall winner) will receive \$200 cash prize, a one-year family membership to the Crossroads Museum, and a professionally framed copy of his/her winning photo.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded in each category as follows:
 - Adults – 1st = \$100 + Museum Membership; 2nd - \$75+ Museum Membership; 3rd - \$50 + Museum Membership
 - Youth – 1st = \$60 + tee shirt; 2nd = \$45 + tee shirt; 3rd = \$25 + tee shirt
- People’s Choice Award will consist of items yet to be determined but may be a combination of merchandise, gift cards, and/or cash equivalent to 10% of the amount received in voter donations.
- **Awarded Areas:** All photos will be judged by use of lighting, clarity, composition, expressions, creativity, exposure, color, and how well the subject matter represents the contest theme. Judges assign winners according to areas of strength. A photo may be moved to a different category as deemed by museum director and judging panel.

CONTEST QUESTIONS:

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This entry form must be cut and included with each photo submission.

Name: _____ **No. of entries:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

Zip: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____