



Southport Ibis Festival 2010 Photography Competition Rules

The Southport Ibis Festival is pleased to announce a photography competition to select outstanding photographs in 2 categories: (1) local shorebirds, wading birds and water birds and (2) sustainable uses of the Cape Fear Estuary waterfront with an emphasis on our traditional heritage and on those sustainable uses that can be carried into the future. First prize winners in each category will receive \$100 gift certificates to Southeastern Camera Co in Wilmington and their photographs will be matted and framed. Second place winners will receive their photographs matted and framed. Winning photographs will be displayed during Ibis Fest.

Photos selected will be used on the festival's website and in festival publications.

The contest is open to all amateur and professional photographers who are residents of North and South Carolina. At least one "youth division" photograph from each category will be selected from a photographer whose age is under eighteen (18) at the start of the competition.

All photographs submitted must have been taken in North Carolina no earlier than January 1, 2008.

Photographs of birds in captivity, such as in a zoo, nature center, or rehabilitation facility, are not allowed.

Manipulation of images should be limited to conventional darkroom techniques and basic sharpening and cropping. Images should contain only the subject matter originally seen through the viewfinder. Images containing any manipulated or added content should not be entered and will not be considered. The only exceptions are multiple exposures, montages and panoramas.

An entrant must hold all rights to their photos submitted. Photos previously published or pending publication or that violate or infringe upon another person's copyright, are not eligible.

To enter please submit small versions of your photos via e-mail to John Ennis at johnxennis@bellsouth.net. Only JPG files smaller than 800KB will be accepted. A maximum of three (3) photos per entrant will be accepted.

Please include your telephone number and the location and date your photo was taken in your submission e-mail plus any other information about the photo that may assist in developing captions. Please give your date of birth if you are entering the youth division.

The competition begins at 8 a.m. on February 1, 2010 and all entries must be received by midnight April 1, 2010. Entrants will receive a return e-mail acknowledging receipt of photos.

Entrants whose photos are selected will be required to sign a release granting permission to the Southport Ibis Festival to use donated photographs in publications and in marketing and publicity for the festival. Examples of these uses include printing in the festival brochure, content on the festival's website, photography displays, media releases, and advertising.

Once selected, a photo must be resubmitted on a CD as a high resolution TIF or JPG image, ideally printable as an 8X10 picture at 300 DPI.

Photographers whose images are selected for first prizes will receive a \$ 100 gift certificate to Southeastern Camera Co. The festival committee will determine entry eligibility and select the winners. Therefore, committee members are not eligible to participate.

Please send questions by email to John Ennis at johnxennis@bellsouth.net.