

Guidelines 2025 Elsah Museum Photography Exhibit and Competition

**Submission Deadline
01- 11, 2025**

**Call for Entries
Historic Elsay Foundation
PO Box 117, 26 LaSalle
Elsah, IL 62028**

ELIGIBILITY

The Elsay Photography Exhibit and Competition is open to all photographers, all ages.

TWO THEMES !!

Choose either or both!

1. An Elsay Still Life: This is definitely an opportunity to arrange and create your own sense of what an Elsay still life might be. Do not interpret this as necessarily an interior shot, though it certainly could be.

2. The Majesty of Trees: We love our trees and find their presence both inspiring and nurturing. They add grace to our homes and create a beautiful village in which to life! We know you'll find a way to capture their magnificence!

TIMELINE

- Entries submitted/postmarked by 01.11.25
- Selected artists notified by 02.01.25- A list of the photographers selected for the exhibit will be posted on the HEF, on Escape to Elsay websites, and also notified by e-mail.
- Shipped art due to Elsay by 03.01.25
- Hand Delivered accepted 03.01 and 03.02.25, 2-4pm, at Village Museum, 26 LaSalle, Elsay
- Opening Reception & Awards 04.05.25 3-4pm, Village Museum, 26 LaSalle, Elsay, IL 62028
- Exhibit closes 07.06.25, 4pm
- Photos picked up on 07.06.25, 1-4pm (Museum open on Saturdays and Sundays 1-4 pm only)

DIGITAL SUBMISSIONS

For the jurying process, we accept high-quality, digital images of photography (no film).

All works must be original and completed within the last two years. Works previously **exhibited** in the Elsay Photo Exhibit are not eligible. Upon being accepted, all photographs must be shipped and framed, ready to hang with a wire. Framed works cannot exceed 16" x 20". Minimum print size is 8x10. For questions regarding submissions, call or email, Danne Rhaesa, Exhibit Coordinator, 618.946.7532, (leave message), danne.rhaesa@yahoo.com

SHIPPING

Accepted work may be mailed, shipped to HEF, PO Box 117, Elsay, IL 62028, or hand-delivered to the Elsay Village Museum, 26 LaSalle, Elsay, IL 62028, at the photographer's expense. Mailed works be postmarked by 03.01.25, with return postage. Hand-delivered works must arrive either Saturday or Sunday, 03.01 or 03.02.25, 1-4pm. Works must be in well packed, reusable cartons, or crates. All **must** have wires for wall hanging. Plexy can be used, NO GLASS!

HOW TO ENTER

NEW! : Entry form and digital submissions preferred via on line form at <https://historicehsah.org/photocomp/> You can fill out your entry form, easily upload your photos, and pay your entry fee all online at [Historicehsah.org](https://historicehsah.org)

Entry form must be complete, indicating the photographer's name, contact info (including email), the title of the work, description, year made, dimensions framed, and insurance value.

Each image file must be identified with the entrant's last name and entry number (1,2, or 3). Three digital images per \$15 entry fee; no limit.

Digital images must be submitted in JPEG or TIFF format, and must be a minimum of 300DPI, 4x6 inches and a max file size of 7MB.

Electronic Submissions may be either hand delivered or mailed with digital images on a non-returnable flash drive. Include entry form and a non-refundable \$15 personal or cashier's check payable to Historic Elsay Foundation (note: Photo Exh), postmarked no later than Jan 11, 2025 to:

**Elsah Photography Exhibit
Historic Elsay Foundation | PO BOX 117
Elsah, Illinois 62028**

LIABILITY

Appropriate care will be taken in the handling of photos and museum staff will secure the safety of the work. HEF is responsible for works of art only while they are on the property of the museum. Works in transit are the responsibility of the entrant and they are advised to purchase insurance.

HEF reserves the right to photograph works in the exhibit for publicity, educational and archival purposes. HEF does not discriminate with regard to race, gender, age, national origin, disability, religion, or veteran status.

Juror: Carmen Troesser

Troesser is an editor and lifestyle photographer-
<https://www.carmentroesser.com>

In 2022 she was the Winner of the Julia Margaret Cameron Award; in 2021, the Julia Margaret Cameron Award Honorable Mention; in 2019, she was a FoodPhoto Festival Juror; also, a Great Plains Journalism Award Winner; In 2017, a FoodPhoto Festival Exhibitor and Overall Winner, and also was awarded Communication Arts Award of Excellence.

Troesser travels for photo assignments from her Chicago home base.

AWARDS:

**Best of Show \$500;
First, Second, and Third Place
\$300, \$200, \$100; and a \$50
Creative Youth Award is
provided (age 8-18)!**

**All awardees and Honorable Mentions
receive \$25 Elsay Gift Certificates**

The exhibition reception and presentation of awards will be held in the Elsay Village Museum, 04.05.25, 3-4pm. All participants, their families and friends are invited. In the event the circumstance require an adjustment to these plans, we will post an update EscapetoElsah.com and on HistoricElsah.org, as well as reach out to the exhibiting artists with updated information by email.

Submit Images and Entry Form online, in person, or by mail, with non-refundable \$15 entry fee for each 3, online or postmarked by Jan 11, 2025.