

Dan Kistler, Leaf Bundle, Best of Show, 2025

New 2026 Elsah Museum's Photo Competition and Exhibit!

The New Themes and Dates 2026 are announced!

"It's the Little Things" - This could be any subject matter. Found details, natural or manmade will work. Very open subject matter, but tends towards an up-close view.

Portraits - People, Pets or Porches! - We love our Neighbors, their pets and their porches of hospitality. Find our characters, both furry and two legged. Also, remember that porches can also be a portrait, of the nostalgic life we lead in Elsah. Our porches enable us to enjoy the summer and help us create a beautiful place to live! Please see the website for a downloadable PDF of a Model Release form. This is for people who are recognizable in your photos.

Jan. 03, 2026, Saturday - Deadline for submissions & entry fees

Feb. 07, 2026, Saturday - Photographers notified by email

Mar. 07, 2026, Saturday - Postmarked - Shipped to: HEF PO Box 117, Elsah, 62028

Mar. 07, 2026, Saturday - Hand Delivered to Elsah Museum 1-3pm

Apr. 11, 2026, Saturday, 3-4pm - Opening Reception - Museum, 26 Lasalle, Elsah

June 28, 2026, Sunday - Photo Exhibit Closes - (Museum open 1-4pm for pick-up)

Changes to 2026 Photo Competition... Besides the new themes, we are continuing the ability for a photographer to submit as many images as they like So, \$15 covers three images and you may add to that number by submitting an additional \$15 for another three, or more. The Creative Youth Award, for those 12-18 years of age, will continue. Look for submission guidelines in mid July, on Escape to Elsah's or Historic Elsah's websites.