

An Invitation To Participate in the Village of Elsau Museum 2016 Photography Exhibit

Photographers, amateur and professional, are invited to make submissions to the exhibit and participate in the purchase prize portion of the exhibit. As in previous years, the photographs will be for sale and the photographers will retain all proceeds. There are three changes for this exhibit from previous exhibits. First, our new judge is Erica Popp, professional artist and adjunct professor of photography at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. Additional information Ms. Popp is listed below. Second, we have reduced the minimum size of photographs to 8 X 8. Third, the purchase prizes have been increased to \$200.

Purpose, Rules and Photographer Recognition

The Village of Elsau Museum announces the 2016 Annual Photography Exhibit to be held Saturday, April 2, to Sunday, August 7, 2016. The exhibit's theme is "Right Sized Elsau" and will be held in the Museum building, known as the Village Hall, at 26 LaSalle Street, Elsau, Illinois. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, April 2, during which the winners are announced.

The purpose of the exhibit is to celebrate and foster an appreciation of the beauty and unique qualities of Elsau and the immediate area in every season. In order to encourage an appreciation of the beauty of the entire area, both within and in the immediate area of the corporate limits of the Village, two first-place purchase prizes will be offered based on location. The exhibit's judge is Erica Popp, a working photographer/artist and adjunct professor St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.

The Village of Elsau will contribute the purchase prize for the photograph in the valley area and Greatriverroad.com will donate the second purchase prize for a photograph in the surrounding area. Additionally, Green Tree Inn will donate a one night stay for two to the winner of the Village of Elsau Valley purchase prize winner.

The purchase prizes include a purchase of the matted print for \$200 and permission to use the photograph in publicity for the 2016 and 2017 exhibits as well as printed material generated as a result of the current or next year's exhibit.

Also, there may be certificates to recognize additional works. Those receiving certificates will receive a discount from Burton Art Services for one framed image.

All submitted photographs must be taken in the Elsau area. The geographic area includes the following locations: the Elsau valley, on the bluffs on either side of Elsau, in Chautauqua, on the Principia College campus including the Eliestoun estate property, or other familiar locations close to these geographic areas. The Principia College property is private property. Permission from The Principia is required to take photographs on the campus. Photographers who receive such permission are requested to show professional courtesy in following the rules provided to them by The Principia. Unlimited, extended and unsupervised access is not generally provided. Chautauqua is also private property and permission is required to enter the property.

Works submitted for the purchase prize will be judged on the following criteria:

- ❖ expression of the theme, "Right Sized Elsau,"
- ❖ quality of the photographic composition, and
- ❖ quality of the reproduction.

All photographs submitted (silver gelatin, color, digitally or photographically produced) must be:

- ❖ at least, 8 X 8 print size;
- ❖ matted with a white mat; and
- ❖ protected (mat not to exceed 16 X 20), if without a frame.

Each photographer may submit up to three matted prints for the Exhibit. Photographs may also be submitted for the exhibition only, not participating in the purchase prize activity. Please include the words, "Exhibition only" with the photograph label. Photographs must still meet the criteria for being judged to be included in the exhibit and are included in the count of number of submissions.

Photographers are encouraged to consider submitting small size prints with small frames. Smaller images are more likely to be purchased.

It is highly recommended, but not required, that the matted print be framed. The Museum will not be responsible for damage to photographs without a frame and plexi glazing. All framed photographs must have a wire firmly attached to the back for hanging. Matted prints often are attached with a double sided tape to the exhibit wall or tacked at the corners of the mat or the covering of the mat.

Financial Sponsors of this Exhibit

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Donors to the previous Museum Book and Bake Sales

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*Submissions must be received
in person or by mail or other delivery service by*

Monday, March 21, 2016

Opening Reception

Saturday, April 2, 2016

From 1 to 4 pm

26 LaSalle

Elsau, Illinois

Pick Up After the Exhibit

Photographs must be picked up by September 30, 2016, or they will become property of the Village of Elsau

Contact Information

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Re: 2016 Exhibit

Personal Delivery of Photographs:

Museum open hours are Saturday and Sunday
March 19 and 20, 2016, 1 to 4 pm
or by appointment, made by emailing us at
historicelsah@gmail or calling 618 374 1565

The Theme for 2017

has also been decided. It is
“A Village for All Seasons”

Information about this year’s judge

Erica Popp is an artist and educator living and working in St. Louis, Missouri. She earned her M.A. in Photography from Fontbonne University and is currently working on an M.F.A. at Fontbonne. She teaches Photography at St. Louis Community College and works as an exhibiting artist and independent curator. Popp recently exhibited in a two-person show at Reese Gallery in St. Louis and served as the assistant curator for a multi-disciplinary exhibition at the Sheen Center in New York City. Popp works with many area art organizations and with the Yeyo Arts Collective in particular, which is an organization pursuing the mission of creative empowerment of women and families.