

# 2024 Elsie Museum Photography Exhibit and Competition Guidelines

**\$1,050 in AWARDS  
Submission Deadline Jan 6, 2024**

**Call for Entries  
Historic Elsie Foundation  
PO Box 117, 26 LaSalle Street  
Elsie, IL 62028**

## ELIGIBILITY

The Elsie Photography Exhibit and Competition is open to all photographers

## TWO THEMES!!

Choose either or both of them!

**1. Native Species:** Designed to honor our village's ongoing efforts to re-establish native species all along the wetlands and creek ways in Elsie; this effort has spread even into yards and public spaces and has several stellar periods of bloom! We're stabilizing our creek banks, improving habitat, cleaning our creek, and beautifying our Village!

### **2. Historical Abstraction:**

Designed to encourage the use of our historical surrounds to find and create breathtaking, uncommon compositions of the historical built environment. Close-up details, unusual lighting, shadows and out-of-the-way views are the ticket!

## TIMELINE

- Entries submitted/postmarked by 01.06.24
- Selected artist notified by 02.03.24 A list of the photographers selected for the exhibit will be posted on the HEF and Escape to Elsie websites, and also notified by e-mail 02.03.24
- Shipped art due to Elsie by 03.01.24
- Hand Delivered accepted 03.02 and 03.03.24, 2-4pm, at Village Museum, 26 LaSalle, Elsie
- Opening Reception & Awards 04.06.24 3-4pm, Village Museum, 26 LaSalle, Elsie, IL 62028
- Exhibit closes 06.23.24, 4pm
- Photos picked up between 06.23.24 4pm and 06.30.24, 1-4pm (Museum open on Saturdays and Sundays 1-4 pm only)

## SUBMISSIONS

For the jury 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 Elsie 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". For questions regarding submissions, call or email, Danne Rhaesa, Exhibit Coordinator, 618.946.7532, (leave message), [danne.rhaesa@yahoo.com](mailto:danne.rhaesa@yahoo.com)

## SHIPPING

Accepted work may be mailed, shipped to HEF, PO Box 117, Elsie, IL 62028, or hand-delivered to the Elsie Village Museum, 26 LaSalle, St, Elsie, IL 62028, at the photographer's expense. Mailed works must arrive by 03.01.24, with return postage. Hand-delivered works must arrive on either Saturday or Sunday, 03.02 or 03.03.24, 1-4pm. Works must be in well packed, reusable cartons, or crates. All must have wires for wall hanging. Plexy must be used, No Glass!

## HOW TO ENTER

**NEW!** : Entry form and digital submissions preferred via on line form at <https://historicselsah.org/photocomp/> You can fill out your entry form, easily upload your photos, and pay your entry fee all online this year!

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; one entry fee per photographer.

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.

Submissions hand delivered or mailed with images (on a non-returnable flash drive) are also accepted. Include entry form and a non-refundable \$15 personal or cashier's check payable to Historic Elsie Foundation (Photo Exh), postmarked no later than Jan 06, 2024 to:

**Elsie Photography Exhibit  
Historic Elsie Foundation | PO BOX 117  
Elsie, 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 based in the Midwest. 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.

She has a Bachelor's Degree in painting and graduated with a Master's Degree in photojournalism from the University of Missouri in 1993. Troesser travels for assignments from her Chicago home base.

<https://www.carmentroesser.com>

**\$1,050 in AWARDS  
Best of Show \$500 Plus a one  
night stay at Green Tree Inn  
First, Second, and Third Place  
\$250, \$100, \$50.**

The exhibition reception and presentation of awards will be held in the Elsie Village Museum, 04.06.24, 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 on [EscapetoElsie.com](http://EscapetoElsie.com) and on [HistoricElsie.org](http://HistoricElsie.org), as well as reach out to the exhibiting artists with updated information by email.

**Submit your Images and Entry Form  
online, in person, or by mail, with  
non-refundable \$15 entry fee, online  
or postmarked by Jan 06, 2024.**