

# Guidelines 2025 Elsah Museum Photography Exhibit and Competition

**\$1,250 in AWARDS**  
**Submission Deadline 01- 11, 2025**

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

## ELIGIBILITY

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

## TWO THEMES !!

Choose either or both!

**1. An Elsah Still Life:** This is definitely an opportunity to arrange and create your own sense of what an Elsah 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 Elsah websites, and also notified by e-mail.
- Shipped art due to Elsah by 03.01.25
- Hand Delivered accepted 03.01 and 03.02.25, 2-4pm, at Village Museum, 26 LaSalle, Elsah
- Opening Reception & Awards 04.05.25 3-4pm, Village Museum, 26 LaSalle, Elsah, 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)

## 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 Elsah 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](mailto:danne.rhaesa@yahoo.com)

## SHIPPING

Accepted work may be mailed, shipped to HEF, PO Box 117, Elsah, IL 62028, or hand-delivered to the Elsah Village Museum, 26 LaSalle, St, Elsah, 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://historicelsah.org/photocomp/> You can fill out your entry form, easily upload you photos, and pay your entry fee all online at [Historicelsah.org!](https://historicelsah.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 Elsah Foundation (note: Photo Exh), postmarked no later than Jan 11, 2025 to:

**Elsah Photography Exhibit**  
**Historic Elsah 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 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>

**\$1,250 in AWARDS**  
**Best of Show \$400 Plus a**  
**night's stay at Green Tree Inn**  
**First, Second, and Third Place**  
**\$300, \$200, \$100; & \$50 for a**  
**Creative Youth Award!**

The exhibition reception and presentation of awards will be held in the Elsah 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 on [EscapetoElsah.com](https://EscapetoElsah.com) and on [HistoricElsah.org](https://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 3, online**  
**or postmarked by Jan 11, 2025.**