Cary Diwali 2014 – PHOTO CONTEST

Chitramala: Visual Vignettes of India

Get your cameras and capture your visual vignette with a backdrop of India. We are looking for photos of hope, service and celebration of all things beautiful. Join us in creating this colorful canvas of India.

There are three contest categories:

1. Seva: Selfless Service (activities)
2. Asha: Faces of Hope (people)
3. Srishti: Life is Beautiful (nature)

Photography Contest Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I enter the photo contest?
   Please follow the registration and upload instructions on the main page. The entry period begins May 3, 2014 and ends September 14, 2014. You must read the rules, terms and legal conditions before submitting any photos.

2. Why won't my photo upload?
   Make sure your photograph meets the following requirements:
   • JPG or JPEG file format
   • At least 1,600 pixels wide (for landscape) or 1,600 pixels tall (for portrait)
   • Total file size must be 20 megabytes (MB) or less with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.

3. What is the entry fee?
   There is no entry fee.

4. How do I know that you've received my entry?
   You will receive a confirmation email.

5. I didn't receive my confirmation email. Why not?
   Some ISPs (Internet service providers) have filters that block or filter emails sent from unknown addresses. If you have a "junk mail" box, check to see if that's where the email landed. If you use software to monitor your email, make sure your settings aren't blocking your emails.

6. How many photos may I submit?
   You may submit at the most four photographs that are relevant to the theme/category of the contest.

7. I can't remember which photographs I've entered. Can you tell me which of my photos you've received?
The confirmation email you receive, when you submit your photographs, will contain the date of submission along with the number of entries you have submitted along with the captions.

8. Can I change my submissions?
The confirmation email you receive, when you submit your photographs, will contain a link to modify/edit your submission. You can make changes up to the deadline (September 14, 2014).

9. How will my photograph be judged?
Images will be judged on its alignment with the theme/category, originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. The judging panel shall determine winner eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion. All decisions made by the judges are final.

10. When will the winners be announced?
Winners will be chosen on or around October 15, 2014, and will be notified by email.

11. What are the prizes?
The first and second place winners in each category will receive gift cards. There are no prizes for the Viewers’ Choice winner or the honorable mentions.

12. I’d like to enter a photo that has previously been published. Is that allowed?
Yes, you may enter a photo that has previously been published (except in any earlier HumSub photo contest).

13. I’d like to enter a photo that has previously won a contest. Is that allowed?
Yes (except in any earlier HumSub photo contest).

14. How old can my entry be?
The photograph could have been taken any time, as long as it meets other eligibility criteria.

15. Will my photography be seen online?
Selected entries and the entrants' names may be published on the Hum Sub website at the discretion of Hum Sub.

16. Will I be notified if my photo is chosen for the online galleries?
You will be notified by email only if you are a first-place winner.

17. Do photos have to be taken with a digital camera?
Submitted photos do NOT have to be digital photos from a digital camera. Any digital scan will do, as long as the end result is a JPG or JPEG file of the required resolution and size. You may submit scans of negatives, transparencies, or photographs taken with film cameras.

18. Is image manipulation allowed in the photo contest?
Minor burning, dodging, and color correction are acceptable. High dynamic range images (HDR) and stitched panoramas are NOT acceptable. We trust our users to keep it real and submit unaltered files. We cannot research every photo entry. However, if a photo is chosen as a winner, it will be scrutinized for possible alterations.

19. What should I include in the description of my photograph?
Captions are a good way to engage others in your photography. So take the time to write about the place, time, setting, and situation.

20. Are captions fact-checked for accuracy?
We trust our users to give accurate caption information, so we do not research or fact-check their captions. However, if a photo is chosen for publication in the magazine, it will be fact-checked.

21. **When I submit a photo to the photo contest, what rights does the Hum Sub have to my submission?**
   Hum Sub will have the nonexclusive, perpetual right to use your image in connection with the contest and promotion of the contest, in any media now or hereafter known, including, but not limited to display at a potential exhibition of winners; publication of a book featuring select entries in the contest; publication online, highlighting entries or winners of the contest. Please read through the official photo contest rules for further information on the rights you grant when submitting a photograph to the Hum Sub Photography Contest.

22. **Are release forms required when submitting a photograph to the photo contest?**
   Yes. By submitting a photograph to the Hum Sub Photo Contest you warrant that you are the owner of the image, that you alone own the copyright, and that you have obtained any necessary third-party releases.

23. **The photograph I'd like to submit was taken while I was on vacation. There's no way for me to get a signed release form. Can I still enter this photograph in the contest?**
   If your photograph is chosen as a winner of the contest, you may be required to submit a release.

24. **What is a personal release form?**
   If any person in your photograph is recognizable, you may be asked to provide Hum Sub with a personal release form signed by that person or those persons. Images of unrecognizable people do not need personal releases. A personal release form is a binding contract between the photographer and the subject(s) of the photograph. By signing the release, the subject of the photograph forgoes the right to sue for specific types of claims.

25. **Do photos of children require personal release forms?**
   Yes, if the children are recognizable (see answer above).

26. **Still have a question?**
   Email our team at exhibition@humsub.net.