

# Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center

## Photography Contest

### Entry Form

One entry form per photo entered. This form may be duplicated. Attach entry form to the back, upper left corner of the photograph. Submission deadline is Feb. 16th.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number\_\_\_\_\_

Location photo was taken\_\_\_\_\_

Photo title (optional)\_\_\_\_\_

### Category

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife—Vertebrates   | <input type="checkbox"/> UMU Campus & Nature Center                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife—Invertebrates |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wild Plants & Fungi    | <input type="checkbox"/> Black & White                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscapes             | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12ys & under)                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasons                | <input type="checkbox"/> Open (must have another photo entry to participate) |

By signing this form, I certify that I am an amateur photographer and that the photography entries submitted by me comply with all the rules of the contest. I have read the contest rules and agree to all stated conditions.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

## The John T. Huston— Dr. John D. Brumbaugh Nature Center

The Nature Center trails are open from dawn to dusk daily.



Visitors Center and Bird Observatory Hours:

#### November–March

Tuesday—Friday, 9am—4pm

Sunday, 1pm—5pm

Monday and Saturday, Closed

#### April—October

Tuesday—Friday, 9am—4pm

Saturday and Sunday, 1pm—5pm

Monday, Closed

#### **Mailing Address**

Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center  
1972 Clark Ave.  
Alliance, OH 44601

#### **Physical Address**

16146 Daniel St. NE  
Minerva, OH 44657

**Phone:** (330) 823-7487

**Web:** [www.mountunion.edu/nature-center](http://www.mountunion.edu/nature-center)

**Email:** [naturecenter@mountunion.edu](mailto:naturecenter@mountunion.edu)

The Nature Center is located six miles south of the University of Mount Union campus on State Route 183 (Union Ave.).

Entrance and parking for the Nature Center are on Daniel St. (turn east onto Daniel St. from State Route 183).



## 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AND EXHIBIT

Show Opening and Artist's Reception  
Sunday, February 22, 2026  
1pm—5pm

*Photo Submission Deadline:  
Monday, February 16, 2026 at Noon*

The John T. Huston—Dr. John D. Brumbaugh Nature Center Nature Photography Contest is open to amateur photographers only. An amateur is one who takes photos for pleasure rather than a source of income.

The contest is free to enter. All nature photos must be from eastern Ohio (east of Interstate 71 and Ohio Route 23). All entries meeting submission guidelines will be on display at the Nature Center through March 15.

## Rules and Regulations

- All photographs must be size 8x10 and matted or securely attached to mount board. Maximum exterior dimensions of mat or mount board is 11x14. No glass or frames. All photographs must be on photographic quality paper.
- Photographs must not have any writing or markings on the front of the entry.
- All photographs must have the entry form attached to the back, upper left corner.
- There is a limit of five entries per photographer and three entries per category except the Open category (one per photographer). Photographers must have at least one other entry to participate in the Open category. Same rules apply to youth participants.
- All entries must be received at the Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center by Noon on Monday, February 16.
- Extreme care will be taken in handling photos, but the Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center cannot assume liability for loss or damages.
- All entries may be picked up at the Nature Center **on/after Tuesday, March 16.**
- The panel of judges will consist of professional photographers and naturalists. Their decisions are final.
- Any questions regarding the contest should be directed to Adam Zorn at (330)823-7487.

## The John T. Huston—Dr. John D. Brumbaugh Nature Center

### Photo Contest and Exhibit

The contest is free to enter and open to amateur photographers. All nature photos must be from eastern Ohio (east of Interstate 71 and Ohio Route 23). All photos must be the original work of the amateur photographer. Negatives or digital files may be requested for verification purposes. Ribbons will be given in each category. Judges will designate one “Best in Show” photograph. “People’s Choice” (one for each category) awards will be based on ballots cast by Nature Center visitors February 22-March 8. People’s Choice winners will be announced by March 10.

An open house/artist’s reception will take place from 1pm—5pm on Sunday, February 22, 2026. The general public, photographers, friends and families are all invited to attend. Photographs will be formally judged and ribbons will be awarded prior to this event. The open house is free.



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### Category descriptions:

- Wildlife-Vertebrates (no pets, farm animals, or captive/non-releasable wildlife)
  - Wildlife-Invertebrates (no captive/non-releasable wildlife)
  - Wild Plants & Fungi (native/naturalized specimens)
  - Landscapes
- \*In the above categories, humans or human activity should not be the focus of the photo.
- Seasons (photos that clearly emphasize a specific season, not just a landscape)

- UMU Campus and Nature Center (photos of or obviously taken on the campus of the University of Mount Union and Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center)
- Black & White (may encompass any of the above categories)
- Youth (nature photos taken by children 12 yrs old and younger)
- Open (one nature photo with no geographic restrictions—photographer must have at least 1 entry in another category to participate.)