

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

- Wildlife—Vertebrates
- Wildlife—Invertebrates
- Wild Plants & Fungi
- Landscapes
- Seasons
- UMU Campus & Nature Center
- Black & White
- Youth (12ys & under)
- 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

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Alliance, OH 44601

Physical Address

16146 Daniel St. NE
Minerva, OH 44657

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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).



24TH 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.

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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.



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
- Seasons (photos that clearly emphasize a specific season, not just a landscape)

*In the above categories, humans or human activity should not be the focus of the photo.

- 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.)