



2026 COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Let these categories show your creativity. Beginners, Amateurs and Professionals are all welcome.

Animals/Wildlife: Entries may include any domesticated or wild animal; including insects. Show animals in their natural habitats.

Flowers: Interesting, appealing, unique and beautiful images. These images may be shot in a studio, outdoors, in the wild or from an arrangement on your kitchen table.

Black & White: Entire image must be in black and white context and follow other show rules.

Wood: *NEW!* Strong and durable, wood is a cultural icon used to construct homes, furniture, and tools. It is also a vital part of our natural world representing life, growth, and earth. Pictures should tell a story of historical meaning, show rustic charm or craftsmanship, or lastly embody the tree and where it is rooted.

Groups of 5: *NEW!* Entries will incorporate the number five, showing groups of five items in each picture. Pictures may also represent the five elements: earth, water, fire, air, and spirit.

Under 12: *NEW!* This category is specifically for photographers under 12 years of age. From their perspective, they may photograph any subject staying within the standard rules. No photographs of people or railroad tracks can be taken. Parental permission required.

Cell phone: *NEW!* Photographs taken on a cellular device. This category is extremely broad but must follow general display guidelines. Use of AI and filters will not be permitted.

USA250: *NEW!* In celebration of the United States 250th birthday, we are looking for patriotic photos, showing pride in the red, white, and blue. Let this monumental occasion highlight the dedication of our country's founders and pay tribute to the armed forces that have protected this land.



TIMELINE

Friday, September 18, 2026

Registration and digital photos are due to Journey Bank for review. Images should be emailed to photos@journeybank.com

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Framed prints entered for competition are due at First Presbyterian Church, 320 Market St., Berwick, between **11:30 AM and 1:00 PM.**

Judging will occur between **1:00 PM and 3:00 PM**, *photographers may not be present.*

The photographers and public are invited to attend the exhibition from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Winners will be announced promptly at **5:00 PM.**

Every person attending the event will be given a ballot for the People's Choice Award.

AWARDS

The following awards will be presented:

Best in Show: \$125.

First Place in each category: \$100.

Second Place in each category: \$50.

Third Place in each category: \$25.

Honorable Mention: Ribbon Only

People's Choice: Ribbon Only

2026 Photography Competition presented by Journey Bank

Show date: Sunday, October 4, 2026. The competition is open to all photographers that reside within a 50-mile radius of any Journey Bank office. Students enrolled at local universities are also eligible.

Registration and digital images are due by Friday, September 18, 2026. There is no cost to enter the competition, see additional rules below. Please complete the registration form at www.journeybank.com or drop your registration off at a Journey Bank location. You will be asked to upload your photographs, or you may email them to photos@journeybank.com

A framed entry must be dropped off at First Presbyterian Church, 320 Market St., Berwick, between the hours of 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 4, 2026. Entries not presented by the deadline will not be judged, and result in forfeiture of the competition. Entries will not be removed prior to the end of the show.

RULES

All photographs require framing with screw eyes and wire for hanging, no saw tooth. Prints should be a minimum of 8x10 inches, not to exceed 11x14 inches. Frame size should be 8x10 inches, not to exceed 16 x 20 inches. Photographs may be matted or un-matted. Entries may be disqualified if they do not meet sizing requirements, frames reveal loose structural integrity or are not appropriately fitted with screw eyes and wires for hanging.

Images of people or railroad tracks will not be accepted.

No tasteless photographs. All images will be vetted prior to the show date.

Photographer's names may not be displayed.

Photographers may enter a maximum of three (3) photographs per category.

No more than 15 images per photographer can be entered in the show.

Judging will occur between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Photographers may not be present.

Photographs must be the original work of the photographer and be taken within the last 3 years.

Use of AI (Artificial Intelligence), cell phone filters, or editing software may cause disqualification.

Participants under the age of 18 must also have a parent or guardian sign the registration form.

Employees of Journey Bank and any family members living in their household are not eligible.

Journey Bank is not responsible for damage, theft, or loss of work. The bank will maintain an exclusive perpetual license to reproduce images for marketing the competition in published materials and on social media platforms or for use in the annual Journey Bank calendar.

Photographs may be removed after the awards are presented at 5:00 PM. Any photograph that remains, will be relocated to Journey Bank Market St., Berwick, and other arrangements will be made with the photographer to pick up.

Your signature on the registration form denotes your acceptance of these rules and verifies these entries as your original work. Please keep a copy for your reference.



Registration form for Journey Bank Photography Competition October 4, 2026

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 E-Mail: _____

A digital copy of all images listed below must be submitted to photos@journeybank.com with your registration.

Entry #	Title of Entry	Category: Animal, Flower, Black & White, Wood, Group of 5, Under 12 years, Cell Phone and USA250 (<i>3 images per category permitted, maximum 15 photos per photographer.</i>)
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Journey Bank and its agents will exercise care in the handling of all entries but accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.

Your signature acknowledges: I have read and understand all the rules of this competition.
 (Participants under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign this document.)

Name: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registration forms will be accepted online or at any Journey Bank location. Registration forms must be received by September 18, 2026.