

The Historical Society of Frederick County Presents

THE 2012 BYERLY-ROTHWELL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Byerly-Rothwell Photography Contest encourages individuals of all ages to discover the history of Frederick County through photography. The annual contest is open to individuals of all ages, amateurs and professionals, who reside or attend school in Frederick County. It is named for the Byerly-Rothwell family in honor and memory of Jacob Byerly, Frederick County's earliest professional photographer. The contest is supported through the generosity of the Rothwell Family Foundation.

JACOB BYERLY & THE BYLERY PHOTOGRAPHIC LEGACY

Just three years after the advent of photography, Jacob Byerly opened his photographic studio in Frederick. Three generations of the Byerly family operated the studio in Frederick from 1842 to 1915. In 1868, Jacob Byerly sold the business to his son, John Davis Byerly, who carried on until 1899 when he passed it on to his own son, Charles Byerly. The Byerlys specialized in portraiture but also took numerous photographs of buildings, places, and events in Frederick and the surrounding county. Many of the best early images of Frederick and Frederick County can be attributed to these three men.



Jacob Byerly self-portrait

THEME

Contest entries should depict some aspect of Frederick County, Maryland history or heritage. Subjects include, but are not limited to, historic structures, historical objects, places of historical significance, important events, notable individuals, and traditional activities.

CONTEST RULES

- Contest participants must reside or attend school in Frederick County, Maryland.
- Contest entries must have been created within one year of the contest deadline.
- Entries may be color or monochrome.
- Digital manipulation/enhancement of photographic images is permitted **only to the extent possible using traditional photographic and development techniques.**
- Entries must be printed on photographic quality paper (matte or gloss) no smaller than 4" x 6" and no larger than 8" x 11".
- Entries may be mounted on foam core, cardboard, or similarly appropriate material, provided backing protrudes no more than one inch beyond the photograph's edge. Mounting is NOT required and will not effect judging. Entries may not be framed.
- Entries must include entrant's name, address, and contact telephone number and/or email address printed legibly on the reverse. No labels or text should appear on the front of the entry.

- Contest participants are limited to no more than three entries per annual contest.
- All entries must be accompanied by an entry form. A form should be completed for each entry.
- Entries must be received by the contest deadline in order to be considered for judging. Late entries and those missing required information will not be considered for prizes.
- **Disposition/Use of Entries:** Winning entries will not be returned. All winning entries become the possession of the Historical Society of Frederick County and will be added to its permanent archival collection. Non-winning contest entries will remain in the possession of the Historical Society through the awards program. Entries may be picked up after the program or at the Museum of Frederick County History during regular museum. Entries not claimed within 30 days will be discarded. The Historical Society reserves the right to use any entry for publicity purposes.

CONTEST BRACKETS

- Student, Primary—*under age 12*
- Student, Secondary—*ages 13-18*
- Adult, Amateur—*adults over age 18 who do not/have never earned a livelihood through photography*
- Adult, Professional—*adults over age 18 who are/have ever earned a livelihood through photography*

IMPORTANT DATES

- Contest entries must be received by **June 30 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Museum of Frederick County, 24 E. Church St., Frederick. (The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.) Entries may be delivered in person or by mail. Entries are not accepted digitally.
- Winners will be notified by July 16.
- Awards will be presented at a program TBD.

JUDGING

A panel of judges selected by the Historical Society based upon recognized expertise or knowledge in the areas of photography, history, and/or art, and members of the Byerly/Rothwell family will score entries individually then confer to select winners. Judges' selections will be final. Judges will use the following criteria: use of historical theme; composition; focus; exposure; lighting; and creativity.



Charles Byerly, c.1895.



Byerly photograph of the 1868 Frederick flood aftermath.

AWARDS

Category Prizes (awarded each of four categories):
 First Prize—\$150 • Second Prize—\$75 • Third Prize—\$50
 Best in Show (awarded to overall top entry)—\$250

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