

## Deadline Nears for *ZOOM IN on Newport News Photo Contest*

*~ Entries will be accepted through Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017 ~*

**Newport News, VA, Oct. 11, 2017** – There’s still time to enter the 2017 “*ZOOM IN on Newport News*” photo contest, sponsored by the Newport News Tourism Development Office. Now in its ninth year, this annual contest is open to both professional and amateur photographers. Photos, accepted through Oct. 31, should exemplify this year’s theme, “*Reasons to Love Newport News: #LoveNN*”. Photographs with people are encouraged - we want to see you and your family and friends enjoying our city!

Participants may submit up to five photographs, digital or film, in either the professional or the non-professional category. A \$500 cash grand prize will be awarded to the winning entry in both categories. There will also be two honorable mention prizes consisting of VIP Passports to Newport News attractions for four people, valued at \$294. A panel of judges will choose the winners.

Last year, Brett England of Chesapeake won the Grand Prize in the professional category for his entry, “*Pumpkin Placement*” taken at the Fall Festival of Folklife in Newport News Park. Honorable Mention was won by Sarah Clark of Yorktown for her submission, “*Butterfly in my Garden*,” taken at Riverview Farm Park. Katelyn Simms of Gloucester won the Grand Prize in the non-professional category for her entry, “*Heritage*,” also taken at the Fall Festival of Folklife in Newport News Park. Honorable Mention was awarded to Sandra Deans of Hampton for her entry, “*Peaceful Waters*,” taken at Hilton Pier.

Click [here](#) for full contest details – including complete rules, entry form, online image submission requirements, and suggestions to help you get started. Now that we live in the era of the smart phone, it’s easier than ever to take pictures and submit them for judging! Winning and submitted photos may be featured in upcoming Newport News Tourism publications and on the city’s tourism website.

Printed entry forms and contest rules are also available at the Newport News Visitor Center, 13560 Jefferson Ave., at the entrance to Newport News Park (Phone: 757-886-7777 or toll-free: 888-493-7386).

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