

# Y's Men Photography EXPO 26 — SUBMISSION RULES

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## Y's Men Photography Club • 23rd Annual Photographic Exhibition

Co-sponsored with the Westport Center for Senior Activities • 21 Imperial Avenue, Westport, CT

On display November 12, 2026 through October 2027

### WHO MAY ENTER

Open to Y's Men members, their significant partners, and Westport Center for Senior Activities members. No entry fee. Entries must be original photographs not previously displayed at a Y's Men Exhibition. Professional photographer entries will be featured and judged; a professional is someone who actively solicits or promotes photographs for sale on an ongoing basis.

### ENTRIES & IMAGE RULES

- Maximum 3 black-and-white or color prints per entrant; any date, film or digital format, taken with a camera.
- Minor conventional or AI edits are allowed (e.g., cropping, saturation, contrast, exposure, denoising, healing, sharpening).
- AI-generated images, text-prompt images, or major AI changes/additions to the subject, sky or background are prohibited.
- Every element must be the creator's own work. Original, unedited, full-resolution files must be submitted for verification.
- The Club may change classifications or add/drop categories based on entries or rejected prints.

### PRESENTATION

- Mount or print each image on a 16" × 20" white mat board, without backing.
- White space opening/border must be at least 1" on all four sides. Any print size is acceptable if mounted/printed on the 16" × 20" board and meets the 1" minimum border.
- Mat thickness: maximum 7 mm (1/4"). Portrait or landscape orientation is acceptable.
- 11" × 14" opening mats are available from the Camera Club for \$5 each.

### IDENTIFICATION

On the back, at the top center, clearly label/print: name, phone number, picture title, year 2026, and category. Mark display orientation with an arrow. Title maximum: 30 letters/spaces. This information must be on the print because mats and prints may become separated.

### SUBMISSION

Submit mounted photographs with completed entry form at the Photography Club table at Y's Men meetings or the Senior Center front desk, October 19–November 5, 2026. **No entries accepted after November 5.**

At submission, email the original, unedited, full-resolution JPG image files to William Weiss at [williamweiss21@gmail.com](mailto:williamweiss21@gmail.com). File names must be: Last name, expo26, sequence number (example: Weiss expo26 001.jpg). Physical prints are judged; JPGs may be used at the awards ceremony.

### CATEGORIES

- Landscape — Natural open spaces: farmland, yards, parks, forests, mountains, etc.
- Waterscape — Water is the predominant subject.
- Architectural — Any human-made structure.
- Portrait — Humans are the exclusive subjects.
- Nature — Dynamic natural world: waves, sunsets, waterfalls, clouds, sky, storms, wildfires, etc.
- Critter — Animals are the main subject.
- General — Subjects not fitting another category, including sports, cycling, boating, flying, dancing, horseback riding, etc.
- Highly Manipulated — Photographic composite art rather than an exact depiction of reality.

### AI & AUTHENTICITY

Entries must be original content, not AI-generated or taken/scrubbed from the internet. AI may not add objects, people, or other elements not captured by the creator. **Original full-resolution JPG files are required before acceptance.**

### JUDGING & AWARDS

**Judging: November 9, 2026**, by three experienced photographers. Criteria: composition, technique, originality, impact, human interest, and fitness to category. Best in Show, Best in Category, and Second in Category receive certificates.

### OPENING RECEPTION

**Friday, November 13, 2026 • 1:30–2:30 PM •** Y's Men Photography Club and the Center welcome the general public, Senior Center members, Y's Men, and guests.

### IMPORTANT

The Y's Men Photography Club and Westport Center for Senior Activities are not responsible for loss or damage to submitted prints. The Club and/or Center may accept or reject entries at their sole judgment. **By entering, you grant organizers permission to use your images for promotions or publications.**

# EXPO 26 ENTRY FORM

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PRINT AND SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR DELIVERED PRINTS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY 001: CATEGORY \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY 002: CATEGORY \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY 003: CATEGORY \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Title maximum: 30 spaces.

If you should be a First or Second Place winner, initial here if you wish your mounted photo to be auctioned at the Westport Center for Senior Activities' Holiday Craft & Gift Sale in December 2027. Proceeds go to Friends of the WCSA, a nonprofit 501(c)(3).

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_