

“Focus on Calvert”

The Calvert County Department of Economic Development is sponsoring a *Focus on Calvert* photo contest. This contest is designed for photography enthusiasts and non-professionals. No special equipment (such as mats or filters) is needed.

We all know that Calvert County is a beautiful place to live, work and play – so grab a camera and send us your best shots. Photographs will be judged on how well they capture the essence and unique qualities of Calvert County. Examples include:

- A photo taken of a special event or activity that is unique to Calvert County. Examples include the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival, Solomons Christmas Walk, Artsfest and the Calvert County Jousting Tournament.
- A photo taken of a bayscape, waterway or water activities. Examples include a marina, fishing trip or sunrise on the Chesapeake Bay.
- A photo taken of a commonly recognizable landmark, historic structure or scene. Examples include a tobacco barn, lighthouse, County park or historic church.

Contest Rules:

1. Quality of submitted photos are important; be sure your images are clear. Digital photos should be at least 8x10, 300 dpi and submitted in TIF or JPEG format.
2. All entries must be of images taken in Calvert County. Photos taken outside the County will not be considered.
3. All entries must be postmarked by midnight, April 30, 2009, and must be accompanied by a signed entry form and a signed model release form, if applicable.
4. Submitted photos should be no smaller than 5x7 or larger than 11x14 and they should not be framed or mounted.
5. Photos must be taken by the person submitting. If that person is under the age of 18, the entry forms must be completed and signed by the parent or legal guardian.
6. Limit 5 entries per person.
7. Photos may not be e-mailed but must be submitted in hard copy or on CD. To assist the judges, photos submitted by CD should also include a print-out of the actual photograph.
8. Each photo must be accompanied by a completed entry form (a model release form should also be attached, if appropriate).
9. A signed model release form must accompany any photo that portrays an easily recognizable person. The release will state that the photographer has permission to use the individual's image in the contest, and that the sponsors have permission to reprint and publish the photo in various media. If the subject is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign the model release form.
10. Entries will be evaluated for tourism appeal, content, visual impact and photographic skill. Photos will be judged by a panel of professionals and the decision of the judges will be final.
11. Photos considered by the judges to be lewd or unsuitable will be rejected.
12. All entries become the property of the Calvert County Department of Economic Development. Receipt of photos will not be acknowledged and photos will not be returned. Note that photos may be used in various ways without attribution or compensation.
13. Employees of the Calvert County Department of Economic Development and their immediate families are not eligible to win prizes.

Send entries to:

Calvert County Department of Economic Development
Courthouse, 175 Main Street
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

For more information:

410/535-4583
800/331-9771
info@ecalvert.com

Prizes will be awarded to an overall Grand Prize winner and to a first-place winner and two runners-up. Winning photographs will be exhibited at a special reception in Summer 2009, featured on the Department of Economic Development Web site and may be included in a calendar to be produced in late 2009. To be eligible for inclusion in the calendar, photographs must be at least 8x10 in size and submitted in a digital format of at least 300 dpi.

Entry Form: *(Please print or type. Each photo submitted must have a completed, signed entry form attached to the back)*

Name of Photographer: _____
Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Brief Description of photo identifying location/subject: _____

I understand that this photo becomes the property of the sponsors of the "Focus on Calvert" photography contest, that it will not be returned and that it may be published or reprinted in various media or used in Calvert County promotional materials without further compensation or notification to me.

Signature of Photographer: _____ Date: _____

If photographer is under age 18, this form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Model Release

I hereby give the Calvert County Department of Economic Development the absolute right and permission to publish, copyright and use pictures of me in which I may be included in whole or in part, composite or retouched in character or form.

If the person photographed is under 18, I certify that I am his or her parent or legal guardian and I give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on his or her behalf.

Name of Model/Guardian: _____
Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Signature of Model/Guardian: _____ Date: _____