

Albany Visitors Association Photo Contest Information
Categories and Dates

PURPOSE: The purpose of this contest is to find images suitable for use in the coming year's marketing programs for Albany and Linn County.

CATEGORIES:

1. **SCENIC:** Picturesque photos of Albany and Linn County.
2. **LANDMARKS:** Images of covered bridges, historic buildings, etc.
3. **EVENTS:** Photos of events such as, Northwest Art & Air Festival, River Rhythms, Farmers Market, Veterans Day Parade, Strawberry Festival, Stand By Me Festival, Linn County Fair, and other events.
4. **LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY:** Photos of activities such as golf, bicycling, farming, etc.
5. **OPEN:** A photo that does not fit into one of the first 4 categories but was taken within Oregon.
6. **Digitally Manipulated:** Photos of subjects that fit in the above five categories but have been digitally altered in an artistic manner.
7. **Staff and Board:** All photos taken by Staff and Board - No Staff or Board photos will be considered in the above categories. The Staff and Board category will be eligible for ribbon awards only, no trophies, cash, or prizes will be awarded in this category. If a photo from this category is chosen for "People's Choice" a ribbon will be awarded. However, the prize and recognition will go to a contestant outside of AVA in one of the other categories. Staff and Board Category photos may be considered for promotional purposes. Staff and Board photo entries must fit into the above categories to be displayed in the contest. Contestants in this category must adhere to all contest rules.
8. **Video:** See attached rules for video entries.

IMPORTANT DATES:

1. All entries must be submitted to Albany Visitors Association's office at 250 Broadalbin St, Suite 110 in downtown Albany, Two Rivers Market, by **5:00 pm, Friday, February 24, 2012.**
2. Judging of the photos will take place on or about March 7, 2012.
3. Winners will be announced and awards given at a reception at the Albany Visitors Association on March 15th from 4:30-5:30pm.
4. Photos will be displayed, at the discretion of contest organizers, in Two Rivers Market through the month of March.
5. Photos can be picked up from the Albany Visitors Association office starting on April 10, 2012.