

Albany Visitors Association *Photo Contest Categories and Dates*

PURPOSE: The purpose of this contest is to collect images suitable for use in marketing programs for Albany, Linn County and the Willamette Valley.

CATEGORIES:

1. **SCENIC:** Picturesque photos of Albany, Linn County, and the Willamette Valley.
2. **LANDMARKS:** Images of covered bridges, historic buildings, etc. in Albany, Linn County, and the Willamette Valley.
3. **EVENTS:** Photos of events such as, Northwest Art & Air Festival, River Rhythms, Farmers Market, Veterans Day Parade, Strawberry Festival, Pioneer Picnic, Linn County Fair, and other events in the Willamette Valley.
4. **LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY:** Photos of activities such as golf, bicycling, farming, etc. in the Willamette Valley
5. **OPEN:** A photo that does not fit into one of the first four categories but was taken within Oregon.
6. **HISTORIC ALBANY DISTRICTS:** A photo depicting one of Albany's four historic districts: ie A Store Front, A streetscape.
7. **CULINARY:** Enticing photos of Albany and the Willamette Valley's local culinary & beverage scene, such as restaurants and wineries/breweries; dishes created by local chefs; produce from local farms; and other food and beverage photographs.
8. **VIDEO:** See attached rules for video entries.
9. **BEST COVER PHOTO-** The winning photo of the "Best Cover Shot" will be placed on the cover of the 2017 Visit Albany Guide, a magazine that is widely distributed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

1. All entries must be submitted to Albany Visitors Association's office at 110 3rd Ave SE in downtown Albany by **5pm Friday February 17, 2017**.
2. Judging of the photos will take place on or about **March 8, 2017**
3. Winners will be announced and awards given at a reception at the Albany Visitors Association on **March 18, 2017**
4. Links to photos will be available for viewing on Flickr through the month of April.

Note: The staff and Board category has been removed, AVA Staff and Board can enter in any of the above categories, however they cannot win monetary awards, only ribbons.