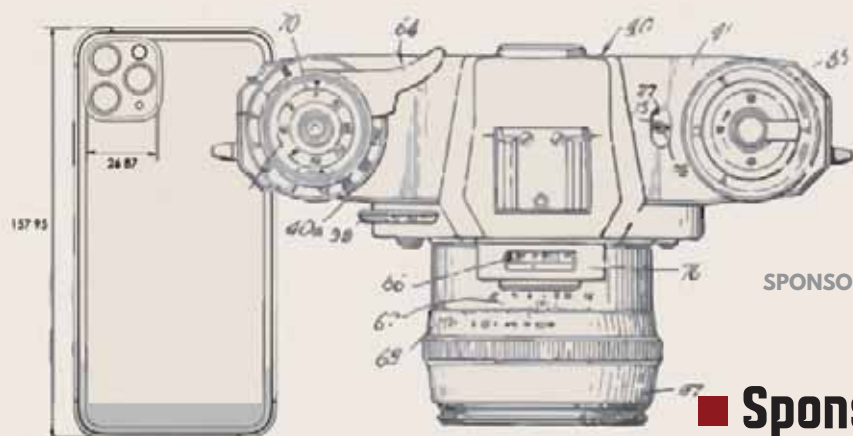


# THE VIEWFINDER

## SAAC Photography Competition

# CALL FOR ENTRY

Cash Prizes • **DEADLINE JANUARY 27** • Exhibit February 2 - March 1, 2026  
**AWARDS RECEPTION** • Thursday, February 12, 2026 • **5:30-7:00PM**



**\$1250 in PRIZE MONEY**

■ **Best in Show: \$500**



■ **1st: \$250**

■ **2nd: \$150**

■ **3rd: \$100**

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■ **Sponsor's Purchase Award: \$250**

**Best Union County "America 250" Photo**

Celebrate America's upcoming 250th anniversary by capturing a photo that portrays the American spirit through your lens. Submit an image from across Union County that reflects patriotism, American flags, or meaningful symbols of our nation, from home-town traditions to powerful moments of community pride.

**ENTER** up to **TWO FRAMED PHOTOGRAPHS** created with any type of camera, printed on any media. Basic corrective editing is allowed, but no graphic manipulations. Entries can not have previously shown in The ViewFinder.

**DELIVER** entries to the South Arkansas Arts Center by Tuesday, January 27.

**FEE** to enter is \$10 for each piece. SAAC members get one free entry.



**JUDGE • PHILIP GOULD**

Nationally Recognized Documentary and Architectural Photographer of Lafayette, Louisiana

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# THE VIEWFINDER 2026 COMPETITION PROSPECTUS

## CALENDAR

Entry DEADLINE ..... January 27  
Show Opening ..... February 2  
Artist Reception ..... February 12  
5:30-7:00pm Artist Reception  
6:00pm Awards Presentation  
Last Day of Exhibit ..... March 1  
PICK-UP Art Work ..... March 2-3

**JUDGE:** Philip Gould, a nationally recognized documentary and architectural photographer from Lafayette, Louisiana

**ENTRY/FEE:** Limit 2 pieces per person with an entry fee of \$10 each. SAAC members can enter one photograph for free.

**AWARDS:** Cash prizes will be awarded to the Best of Show (\$500), First Place (\$250), Second Place (\$150), and Third Place (\$100)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Photographs can be take with any type of camera and printed on any medium. Basic corrective editing in the dark room or digitally on the computer is allowed but no graphic manipulations. Photographs must have not previously shown in past ViewFinder Competitions. Each piece must be ready for display in the gallery with a sufficient hanging method. The judge and show chairperson have final authority to define what constitutes an acceptable entry.

**DELIVERY DEADLINE & PICK-UP DATES:** Works must be delivered to SAAC by January 27 and picked up on March 2-3. Artists are responsible for the delivery and pickup of all works. Shipped pieces must include a return shipping instructions when received. Work not picked up after 30 days will become the property of SAAC.

**EXHIBITION:** All works will be on exhibit in SAAC's Galleries February 2 - March 1, 2026. An Artist Reception will be held February 12, 5:30-7:00pm with an awards presentation at 6:00pm. All work must remain for the duration of the exhibit.

**SALES:** Sales are encouraged. A 35% commission will be charged on all sales resulting from the exhibition. Works NOT FOR SALE must be marked NFS.

**WAIVER:** Any work submitted may be reproduced for promotional purposes by the South Arkansas Arts Center, El Dorado Insider, or The Diamond Agency. All prize winners will need to provide the original photo or digital file so a high resolution, print-ready file can be made for sponsor's use. The receipt of an entry in the competition will constitute agreement by the artist with all conditions set forth in the prospectus.

**SPONSOR'S PURCHASE AWARD \$250 for Best Union County Photo:** Photos taken in Union County are also eligible for the "America 250" Sponsor's Purchase Award. If your entry is selected by the sponsors as the best Union County photo submitted to the competition, you will receive an additional \$250 cash prize separate from the judge's awards. Your entry will become part of The Diamond Agency's artwork collection, and the image will be featured in an upcoming edition of the "El Dorado Insider" publication.



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Camera/  
Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Price: ☐ Eligible for Best Union County Photo  
Sponsor's Purchase Award Prize

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## THE VIEWFINDER 2026 ENTRY FORM

I hereby certify that the entry described here is my original unaltered photography. I have read and fully understand the rules of the competition and agree to allow the artwork to be reproduced for promotional purposes.

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*Artist's Signature*