

The 2012 PHSNE Award Competition

The Photographic Historical Society of New England (PHSNE) in an effort to share New England's rich photographic history with visual art students has implemented a yearly competition. The winning student of this competition will receive a \$1,000 cash grant.

The competition is open to full or part-time New England high school, art school, technical school, college, and university students who are exploring the visual media in any of the following categories. It is not open to professional photographers or professionals in the visual arts who may be taking courses.

- 1) Modifying a currently out-of-production still or movie camera of any size or type that is more than 50 years old (pre-1960), or a Polaroid camera to produce images using currently available materials in either film or digital formats.
- 2) Creating new images by modifying traditional photographic images and transforming these images using photochemical processes, graphic arts, digital technology, or multimedia techniques.
- 3) Creating a photo essay relating to New England consisting of at least **8** original images using analog film: black & white, color negative, or transparency. The subject to be determined by the contestant.
- 4) Writing an article of at least 1,000 words about photographic images, processes, history, or the analysis of a photographer's body of work. The topic must relate to some aspect of New England photography and should be based on primary source material. For a good description of "primary source material" see: <http://www.library.illinois.edu/village/primarysource/mod1/pg1.htm>

Declaration of Your Intent to Compete and Preliminary Submission

Your application for the PHSNE Award Competition must be submitted in writing to the Award Committee for approval. Mail a brief one-page description of your project and a brief summary of your photographic background, along with a copy of your current school ID and a completed 2012 Award Rules Agreement form (see below) to: PHSNE Award Committee, Photographic Historical Society of New England, P.O. Box 650189, West Newton, MA 02465-0189. These materials must be postmarked by February 1, 2012. Candidates will be notified whether their proposals have been accepted by March 15, 2012.

Completed Entries

Completed entries, along with a descriptive essay (see Award Rules) must be mailed to the above address, postmarked no later than September 30, 2012. Mailed images, including mats and mount boards should not exceed 11x14 inches. Candidates with images exceeding 11 x 14 inches or with projects that cannot be easily mailed to a Post Office Box will be responsible for the delivery and pick-up of their submissions. In order to make the appropriate arrangements contact the Award Committee at the above address no later than August 1, 2012.

The 2012 PHSNE Award Rules

This contest is open to students who, at the time of submission, are enrolled in an accredited high school, technical school, college, or university in one of the six New England States: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont. It is not open to professional photographers or professionals in the visual arts who may be taking courses.

If the entry is the modification of a camera, images created using an alternative or historic photographic process, or a multimedia process, then the techniques used shall be documented in sufficient detail that a person having ordinary skill in the art can replicate the results.

If the entry is a photo essay using analog film: black & white, color negative, or transparency, the original photographic film-based materials used to create the images must be included with your entry.

If the entry is a written essay, the topic must relate to some aspect of New England photography and should be based on primary source material. For a good description of “primary source material” see: <http://www.library.illinois.edu/village/primarysource/mod1/pg1.htm>

1. There will be one grant of \$1,000.
2. Each entrant whose application was accepted for competition and was received for judging will also receive a one-year student membership in the Photographic Historical Society of New England (PHSNE).
3. All completed entries must be sent to: PHSNE Award Committee, Photographic Historical Society of New England, PO Box 650189, West Newton, MA 02465.
4. All completed entries must be postmarked by September 30, 2012
5. A panel of at least three judges will select the winning entry.
6. The decision of the judges will be final.
7. The 2012 PHSNE Award winner will be announced no later than November 30, 2012.
8. Entrants grant to PHSNE, and its non-profit successors, a non-exclusive, worldwide publication right for PHSNE to publish the work in PHSNE publications, Web sites, or other media when used to further PHSNE’s non-profit purposes. Otherwise, the entrants retain all copyright to submitted materials.
9. The winner may be asked to present his or her project to the photographic historical community at one of the PHSNE 2012-2013 monthly meetings or Photographica Shows.
10. The winner will agree to all the 2012 PHSNE Award Rules or their entry will be disqualified.
11. All non-winning entries will be destroyed unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is included when the entry is submitted, or a written request is made at that time to arrange for the pick-up of the materials.
12. PHSNE is not responsible for any lost or damaged materials or projects.
13. Where this award is not legal, it is considered null and void.
14. The Photographic Historical Society of New England reserves the right not to grant the PHSNE Award in any given year if in the sole opinion of the judges the quality of the submissions does not warrant an award.

The 2012 PHSNE Award Rules Agreement

I have read, understood, and agree to the 2012 PHSNE Award Rules and submit my entry application for consideration.

Entrant's Name (Printed): _____

Entrant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

If entrant is a minor, entrant's parent or guardian must sign below

Parent's or Guardian's Name (Printed) _____

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____

Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone or Cell Phone Number: _____

Title of Entry: _____

School where enrolled: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Please mail your project description and a brief summary of your photographic background, along with a signed copy of the above form and a photocopy of your current student identification card to: **PHSNE Contest Committee, Photographic Historical Society of New England, PO Box 650189, West Newton, MA 02465-0189**. Entries must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.

Please keep a signed and dated photocopy of this form for your records.

(Downloadable copies of this entry form and complete information about the Photographic Historical Society of New England, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, can be found at www.phsne.org.)