



THIS IS COMMUNITY *Photo Contest*

Whitin Community Center Photo Contest Description ***“What does community look like to you?”***

The WCC has been a part of the Blackstone Valley community for 100 years, and we want you to help us celebrate our community by submitting your favorite photos! Using the prompt “What does community look like to you?,” participate in our first ever community photo contest. Be creative, and remember that community comes in all different forms!

There will be winners awarded in the Kids, Amateur, and Professional categories, and if your photo represents community in an extra creative way, you may even win a judges' special award! These awards could honor a photo that showcases a community event, the beauty of the Blackstone Valley, a “blast from the past,” the WCC, or anything else - don't be afraid to think outside the box. Photos will be judged by a panel of community members from around the Blackstone Valley, including local photographers, first responders, business owners, and more. There will also be a winner chosen by the community. All photo submissions will be uploaded to an album on the WCC website and Facebook page, where members of the Blackstone Valley community will be able to vote for their favorite photo by “liking” it. Winners in the 3 main categories (Kids, Amateur, and Professional) will be announced in early March and will receive passes to the Boston Museum of Fine Art, a gift card to a Boston restaurant, and WCC 100th Anniversary merchandise.

Special award winners and the community choice winner will receive WCC 100th Anniversary merchandise, have their photos displayed, and all contestants have the chance to have their photograph displayed at the WCC's 100th Anniversary Gala, on our website, on our social media pages, and/or in WCC promotional materials!

Photo Submissions will open on January 23rd, 2023 and close on February 24th, 2023. To submit a photo, fill out the Submission Form found on our website and Facebook page and email the Submission Form and your photograph to **submissions@ourgym.org**. Physical photos will be accepted at the WCC member services desk along with a printed Submission Form.

Contest Rules:

- Photos and submission forms must be sent to **submissions@ourgym.org** or dropped off at the front desk by February 24th, 2023
- You may enter as many photos as you want, but you must send a separate email and a new submission form for each photo; for in-person submissions, each photo needs a unique submission form. Each contestant can win only once.
- Emailed photos must be JPG files.
- Photos must be taken in the Blackstone Valley; they do not have to be recent.
- The photo must be your own photograph.
- Minor retouching is allowed as long as it does not drastically alter the appearance or content of the photograph.
- There is no entrance fee, but donations are greatly appreciated in order to fund a display for the winning photographs. Donations can be made on the WCC website.

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