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SCHEDULE & IMPORTANT DATES

- January 2-31** Contest entries accepted at Chillicothe Public Library
- February 3-12** Voting open for People's Choice Award
- February 3-27** All entries on display at Chillicothe Public Library (winning entries displayed at Shore Acres Feb 14)
- February 14** Eagle Watch Breakfast* at Shore Acres Clubhouse (100 Park Blvd, Chillicothe):
7:30-10:30 am Winning contest entries on display
10:00 am Photo & Art Contest award presentation
- Mar 2-14** Pick up contest entries at Chillicothe Public Library. After March 14, unclaimed entries will be disposed of.

*Tickets available from the Rotary Club, Lions Club of Chillicothe, and at the door.



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2026 PHOTO & ART CONTEST

EAGLES

AND

LIFE ON THE ILLINOIS RIVER



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AWARDS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and people's choice winners in each category will receive an award ribbon and a free ticket to the Eagle Watch Breakfast.

JURIED AWARDS

A panel of judges will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in six categories (see entry form).

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

One entry in each category will be chosen by public vote.

Voting will take place February 3-12 at Chillicothe Public Library during open hours.

SCHEDULE

See contest schedule and important dates on the back of this brochure.

EAGLE WATCH BREAKFAST

All winning entries will be on display at Shore Acres Clubhouse during the Eagle Watch Breakfast on the second Saturday in February, from 7:30 - 10:30 am. The award ceremony will take place at 10:00 am.

Tickets for the Eagle Watch Breakfast are available from the Rotary Club, Lions Club of Chillicothe, and at the door. For more info, please visit facebook.com/ChilliRotary.

RULES FOR ENTRY

1. Contestants may submit up to one entry per category (see categories on entry form).
2. All entries must be the contestant's original work. No AI-generated images accepted.
3. Photo entries must be prints, either color or black and white. Photos must have been taken along the Illinois River. Excessive and/or selective editing prohibited, including removal or addition of elements and any other changes that significantly alter the original image in color or content.
4. Art entries must be two-dimensional. No digital artwork accepted. Media must be set/dry and the piece able to be handled at the time of submission.
5. Entry dimensions must be 5"x7" minimum to 11"x17" maximum.
6. Entries must be mounted on a rigid backing: foam core, matte board, or similar material (no frames). The mounting board should be 8"x10" minimum to 16"x20" maximum.
7. No names may be on the front of the entry.
8. All entries must be properly identified by attaching the entry form to the BACK of the piece, in the upper left corner. (Use the entry form in this brochure, or pick one up at the library when dropping off your entry.)
9. Once an image wins, it cannot ever be reentered.
10. All entries must be received by Chillicothe Public Library no later than January 31, 2026.

ENTRY FORM

Submit a separate entry form for each entry.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Category (check one):

- ☐ Photo: Eagles
- ☐ Photo: Life on the Illinois River
- ☐ Artwork, High School: Eagles
- ☐ Artwork, High School: Life on the Illinois River
- ☐ Artwork, Age 19 & up: Eagles
- ☐ Artwork, Age 19 & up: Life on the Illinois River

Title: _____

By virtue of submitting an entry, entrant certifies the work as their own and permits sponsors to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to this exhibition. This may include posting on a website. The exhibition assumes no liability for any misuse of copyright or damage to entries.

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Entry # _____