

1st Annual “Travel the Gravel” Photo Contest

Official Entry Rules

Sponsors/Partners:

- Friends of Rural Roads of Frederick County
- Frederick Visitors Center
- Catepetl Art & Frame, Middletown, MD
- The Trail House in Frederick, MD
- Lebherz Oil & Vinegar Emporium in Frederick, MD

Purpose of the Contest: To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Frederick County Rural Roads Program and to highlight the beauty and raise awareness of the many gravel roads in the county.

Dates of the Contest: October 1 – October 31, 2012

Who May Enter: Any interested photographer of any age.

Entry Information:

- Entry forms and rules are available on the Friends of Rural Roads of Frederick County website - <http://www.ruralroadsfrederickmd.org/activities>- and at the Frederick Visitors Center, 151 S. East St, Frederick, MD, or by emailing Cam Miller - cam.miller@comcast.net.
- Entry forms can also be picked up at these participating businesses: The Trail House, 17 S. Market, Frederick; Catocin Pottery, 3205 Poffenberger Rd, Jefferson; Lebherz Oil & Vinegar Emporium, 214 N. Market St., Frederick.

Official Rules:

- Each submitted photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contest entrant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, covenants and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim or interest in the photograph.
- The photograph must not, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Sponsors, contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content. Photographs deemed inappropriate will be disqualified.
- The front of the photograph should not be marked, watermarked, titled, or in any way reveal the identity or give information about the photographer, to ensure the anonymity of the photographer during the judging process.
- Each photo must include a portion of the gravel road upon which it was taken. The road portion must be an integral part of the photo, and not a composite, a frame, an inset, or an overlay.
- The gravel road must be within the boundaries of Frederick County.
- The entries will be judged in accordance with the Judging Criteria, as defined below.

Judging:

- Photos will be judged by Teke Hoffman, a local photographer and former FCC instructor, and a panel of professional photographers on the basis of technique, creativity, composition, and connection to the purpose of the contest.
- Any photos not adhering to the official rules or that are not properly labeled will be disqualified.

How to Obtain Information on the Rural Roads: Visit our website at <http://www.ruralroadsfrederickmd.org>. There you will find a list of all Frederick Country rural roads, and a map.

How to Submit Entries:

- Each entry must be submitted as a print (5 x 7 or 8 x 10).
- Each entry must be accompanied by the entry fee(s). The fee is \$5.00 for 1-3 prints; \$10.00 for 4 – 6 prints; \$15 for 7 – 9 prints, with a maximum of 9 prints accepted. Please submit entry fees in the form of cash or a check or money order payable to “Friends of Rural Roads.”
- Label the back of each entry with the name, address, phone number, and email address of the photographer. The label must also include the name of the road on which the photo was taken. Titles of photos are optional.
- Mail or deliver labeled photos, the entry form, and appropriate fees in a large envelope to the Frederick Visitor's Center, 151 S. East Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Entries must either be postmarked or delivered by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5.
- For all entries, please retain the full resolution digital version of the file. If you are notified as a winner, you must submit the digital version of the winning image so that it can be printed at a larger size for display.
- Any photographer wishing to submit a reduced digital version of submitted photographs for use in an electronic display at the reception should email a copy (less than 1 MB in size) to cam.miller@comcast.net prior to November 10, 2012. Please name each photograph with the name of the gravel road upon which it was taken, including the name of the photographer. Example: PoffenbergerRd_CamMiller_1.jpg

Use of the Photos:

- Photographers retain all the copyrights to their photographs.
- By submitting a photograph, photographers agree to have their photograph displayed in the Frederick Visitors Center or on its website without any fee or other form of compensation, and agree that the Frederick Visitors Center may make and retain copies of the photograph for archival purposes, and may be included in future publications or used for promotional purposes of Frederick.
- By submitting a photograph, photographers agree to have their photograph displayed by the Rural Roads Program and/or the Friends of Rural Roads of Frederick County on its website without any fee or other form of compensation, and agree that the Friends of Rural Roads of Frederick County may make and retain copies of the photograph for archival purposes, and may be included in future publications or used for promotional purposes of Frederick County's Rural Roads.
- For any photos which are used for publication purposes in which the face of a person within the photo is recognizable, the photographer will be contacted to obtain a signed model release prior to use of that photo.

Winning Entries:

- Judging will take place on Saturday, November 10, and winners will be notified on Sunday, November 11.
- First prize: a gift certificate good for up to \$150 worth of framing from Catepetl Art & Frame.
- Second prize: a gift certificate for \$100 to The Trail House.
- Third prize: a gift certificate for \$50 to Leberz Oil & Vinegar Emporium.
- Winners must submit a full resolution digital version of the file, which will be printed as an 11 x 14" print and matted and framed by the contest organizers.
- Winning photos will be on display until Sunday, December 16. The matted prints of the winning photos will be given to the winners.

A reception will be held on Tuesday, November 20, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the Frederick Visitor's Center for all entrants. All entries grouped by roads will be on display.