



Red River Crossroads Historical and Cultural Association and Museum
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SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL PHOTO AND/OR T-SHIRT ART CONTEST RULES

Photographers and Artists of all ages and skills are invited to submit their work into the Sunflower Photo/Art Contest. The Contest opens now and closes August 15, 2026.

T-Shirt Art Design Guide

- Winning Artwork will be awarded \$200 and featured on the 2027 Sunflower Festival T-Shirt!
- Artwork must be original! Each artist may submit one design.
- The art design should feature sunflowers in some way. The works will be judged on content, visual interest, creativity, and composition.
- We suggest that the piece incorporate the text "Sunflower Festival and Trail". If not included, it will be added to the layout when printing.
- Art must fit within an 8 ½ x 11 inch area. Portrait orientation is preferred.
- Only flat, 2D pieces can be accepted. Medium is the artist's preference, but the finished work should not have texture. Surface may be paper, canvas board, or stretched canvas.
- No framed or folded pieces please. A flat cardboard or tube mailer will be sufficient.
- Designs must not include any trademark content, brands, store names, or logos.
- Collages, computer generated works, photography, or photocopies will not be accepted.
- Artists are encouraged to sign their work.

Photo Design Guide

- Limit 2 per person. Two Categories – Youth and Adult. 1st place \$125, 2nd place \$75.
- People's Choice Award \$50, voting on Facebook .
- Photos must be 8x10, mounted to a cardboard backing, not framed. Color or Black & White
- No entries from professional photographers are permitted. Entries cannot be previously submitted.
- Entries will be judged based on creativity and artistic use of sunflowers as the primary focus.

The Rules

- **Postmark deadline is Friday, August 15, 2026.** Submissions must be postmarked by this date, or hand delivered to the Gilliam Library by 2pm on the 13th.
- Mail to:
RRCHCA at the Gilliam Library
RE: Photo / T-Shirt Art Contest
P.O. Box 132
Gilliam, La 71029
- The work must have the entry form attached to the back side with tape or glue stick and the artist's name clearly printed on the back. Please do not attach with clips or staples, or attach anything else to the art. Entries without the form cannot be considered.
- No obligation or liability is assumed by the RRCHCA.
- Any artist under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign their form.
- All submitted entries will be held for display at the Heritage tour. Entries not selected can be picked up any time on the day of the tour. If not picked up, the artwork becomes the property of RRCHCA.

By submitting your work, if selected, you will grant RRCHCA sole permission to use the work and reproduction or images of the work to promote the Association and the Festival event and in the creation of materials for sale, until after the Festival date.

2026 Sunflower Festival Photo / T-Shirt Art Contest Entry Form

☐ Photo Youth Category ☐ Photo Adult Category ☐ T-Shirt Art Category

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Guardian Signature if under 18 _____ Date _____

☐ I have read and understand the contest rules (rules posted on www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org)

By signing above, I release the RRCHCA to use my artwork and name in association with the Sunflower Festival. All submitted artwork becomes the property of the Red River Crossroads Association.

Contest opens now and closes August 1, 2025. Postmark by August 15, 2026, mail original to: RRCHCA Art Contest, P.O. Box 132, Gilliam, Louisiana 71029 or hand deliver to the Gilliam Library by 2pm Aug 13, 2026.

Attach this form to the back of your submission with tape or gluestick. No staples, no clips.