

About the Gurwin Photo Contest

The Annual Gurwin Photo Contest is underway for 2026. Entries will be accepted through April 15, 2026.

The Gurwin Photo Contest is one of Long Island's premier contests, presenting an opportunity to honor the talent of amateur photographers around the world. As importantly, however, is the joy the contest brings to residents of the Gurwin Center, who wait anxiously each year for the new crop of winners to be hung throughout the facility. These photos provide our residents with beautiful artwork to enjoy, sparking reminiscence and discussion, and we are grateful for the support of our community.

On behalf of the 460 residents who call Gurwin "home," their families, and our staff and volunteers, thank you in advance for sharing your talent with us. Good luck!

Purpose:

To provide outstanding photographs for exhibition throughout the Gurwin Center.

Eligibility:

The contest is open to amateur photographers.

Submissions:

All entries should be mailed or delivered to:

Corporate Communications Office
Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
68 Hauppauge Road
Commack, NY 11725

- Deadline for entries is **April 15, 2026**
- Color and black & white **PRINTS** may be submitted. There is no option to submit online.
- **All prints must** be 8" x 10" or 8" x 12", made from high resolution negatives or files (20x30 at 200 dpi) from which exact reproductions can be made. **NO FRAMED OR MATTED ENTRIES**
- Entry Fee: Maximum of seven (7) entries per photographer at \$5 each.
- **ENTRY PRINTS WILL NOT BE RETURNED** however, they are not simply discarded. All prints are used in art therapy and reminiscence programs for residents and adult day program participants throughout the year.
- Photographers whose entries are selected for award agree to produce the original negative, slide or file within five (5) days of notification of award. We accept JPEG, TIFF and Photoshop files on disc/flash drive or by email.

Identification of Entries:

Each entry form must be completed and signed by the photographer. ***Please print your name and the title of your entry on the back of each print. Prints with photographer's name on the front will not be considered.***

Judging:

Entries will be evaluated on the basis of photographic skill and appropriateness for exhibition at the Gurwin Center. Judges reserve the right to eliminate photographs which, in their opinion, are not appropriate. All decisions of the judges are final.

Judging will be conducted by a qualified panel of professionals. Names of the winners will be posted on our website and announced in the local media.

Reproduction of Winning Entries:

Photographers whose works are selected authorize the use of their names and the reproduction of their work by the Gurwin Center, with proper photo credit, for exhibition, future publication and/or social media promotion.

Liability:

The Gurwin Center disclaims all liability for loss or damage to entries.

Winners:

Cash prizes are awarded for Best-in-Show and a Runner-Up, and for the best in each category. Awards will be presented at a reception at the Gurwin Center in the summer. All winning entries, framed and titled, will be on permanent display at the Center for the enjoyment of our residents, visitors and staff.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Action/Sports

Photos of sporting events, or people or objects in motion.

Altered/Enhanced

Photos obviously manipulated in some way to change focus, theme or composition.

Children

Photos of a child or several children in which the focus is the child's face or the child's interaction with his/her surroundings or others.

Landscapes

Photos representing natural inland or coastal scenery. Usually wider-angled to show scene.

Long Island/New York

Photos that may fit into other categories, but which show off life on Long Island and in New York City.

Nature

Photos of items found in nature which are NOT wildlife; i.e. flowers, insects, etc.

People

Photos of a person or several people in which the focus is the person's face or interaction with surroundings or others.

Pets

Photos of animals commonly regarded as pets, or the pets' interaction with people where the focus is the pet.

Still Life

Photos representing chiefly inanimate objects, found naturally or arranged; i.e. a bowl of fruit.

Student

Photos taken by photographers under 18, or who turned 18 this year and are still in high school.

Travel

Photos representing places or cultures not typical of Long Island life.
(Where focus is on people, may be appropriate for people category.)

Wildlife

Photos of animals that are not commonly regarded as pets, found in natural surroundings or in unusual circumstances.