



# “Essence of Hill City Life”

**Wall Art Contest for Hill City Center**

**May 1 – August 31, 2024**

## **Contest Description:**

Hill City Center: The building is complete and is busy, busy with events, but we still need some finishing touches! In an effort to enhance the indoor space, we will be adding canvas wall art to the lobby area and small and large meeting rooms. There is ample wall space for approximately 20 pictures, sizes ranging from 16"x20" to 36"x60".

As a community center, we are the "center of the community", and want to showcase color photography that conveys who Hill City is as a community – focusing on people, events and activities that depict the heart and very nature of Hill City, SD. To help us in this endeavor, are looking for photographers - amateurs or professionals - to share their photographs that capture this essence, and that might be you!

## **Eligibility:**

- Contest is free to enter.
- Entrant must be at least 12 years of age.

## **Contestant ✓ Checklist**

*For your convenience only! (this checklist does not need to accompany your photo submissions)*

## **Format & Submission/Model Release:**

Photographs must be taken in the Hill City area (within 10 mile radius).

Subject matter – people, events and activities that convey who Hill City is as a community.

- Contest runs from **May 1 – August 31, 2024**.  
The theme of the contest is "Essence of Hill City Life".
  
- Grand Reveal Party:** Winners will be notified and date of Grand Reveal Party will be announced once final judging is complete.
  
- Each entrant may submit up to five (5) photographs.
  
- An entry form is required for each photograph.
  
- Photographs can be digital or film, but must be submitted for the contest as a digital image. Entries can be uploaded via the Photo Contest Entry Form on our website at [hillcitycenter.com/special-events](http://hillcitycenter.com/special-events), or submitted on a flash drive to: Hill City Center, PO Box 395, Hill City, SD 57745. You can also stop by the Center with your flash drive and entry forms.
  
- All photographs must be a minimum of 8"x10", and must be at least 300 dpi (2400 x 3000 px or 7.2 megapixels),. TIFF or JPEG formats only. Horizontal or vertical formats are accepted.**
  
- Minor digital enhancement is acceptable. Borders, frames, special filters, text and signatures are not allowed.
  
- If the photograph includes a recognizable person or persons, the **model release section of the entry form** must also be completed.
  
- Hill City Center reserves the right to remove any pictures from the contest that are deemed unsuitable.

**Copyright:**

- By signing the official entry form and/or submitting an image electronically, you are stating that you are the owner and copyright holder of the photograph submitted. You also represent and warrant that the photograph is your original work. If your photograph contains identifiable people, you are stating that you have permission from all of the models and have a completed model release form in your possession.

Although photographers retain the copyright to their photographs, by entering them into this contest, they permit unrestricted usage by the Hill City Center and the City of Hill City exclusively to promote the city, without receiving any fee or compensation. This applies to winning and non-winning entries. All entries, once uploaded to the website at [hillcitycenter.com](http://hillcitycenter.com) or submitted via flash drive, become the property of the City of Hill City.

### **Photo Restrictions/Specifications:**

When shooting photographs for the contest, if indoor, please check with your location to see if they allow photography.

**IMPORTANT: Make sure to name your PHOTO FILE (format TIFF or JPG) with your name and photo number (if you submit more than 1 photo. Ex) Entrant name is John Jones and he is entering 2 photos. Photo 1 should be called JohnJones\_Photo1.jpg. Photo 2 should be called JohnJones\_Photo2.jpg.**

### **Judging:**

Only entries which have met the Format and Submission criteria outlined above will be eligible for judging.

A panel of judges will select the winners. Winning photographs will be chosen based on content as it applies to the outlined criteria and overall creativity and composition.

Winners will have the privilege of seeing their photos printed as canvases and displayed on the walls of Hill City Center, and will receive copyright credit printed on each of their photos that are chosen.

Winners' names may appear in news articles and on the Hill City Center website and social media feeds.

### **Other:**

By signing the entry form and/or submitting a photograph, participants accept and agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of contest judges, whose decisions are final. By submitting a photograph, participants agree to release sponsors, contest promoter

and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, parent companies, affiliates and subsidiaries from liability of any kind or nature for any loss, claims, damages, or injuries of any kind associated with acceptance, possession, or participation in this contest.

For questions, call Hill City Center at 605-574-3211 or email [hccenter@hillcitysd.org](mailto:hccenter@hillcitysd.org).