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**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Allegany National Photography Competition & Exhibition opens April 2**

CUMBERLAND, MD—The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Allegany National Photography Competition & Exhibition (ANPCE) will take place this year from April 2-23. The show will be available for viewing both in person at the Allegany Arts Council's galleries at 9 N. Centre Street in Cumberland, and via digital gallery at <https://www.alleganyartscouncil.org/saville-exhibition/>.

Established in 2015, ANPCE began as a way to showcase photography talent in the region, but quickly grew into a nationally-recognized show, this year garnering more than 800 entries from 40 states. The show offers a diverse and wide-ranging look at the world of photography, including street photography, portraiture, landscape and still life, fine art and many other styles and techniques. This year, seven Arts Council members, Linda Agar-Hendrix, Annie Lasher, Dale Lazar, Cody Steckman, Michael Hunter Thompson, Sandra Chen Weinstein, and Beamie Young, were among the 71 photographers juried into the show, along with local residents Robert Brooke, Joshua Kelty, Amber Kresge, and Amy Stonebreaker.

The public is invited to an opening reception and awards ceremony on Saturday, April 2, from 6:00-8:00PM. The program will feature our 2022 juror, David Oresick, Executive Director and Chief Curator at the Silver Eye Center for Photography in Pittsburgh.

Then, on Saturday, April 9, from 4:00-5:30PM, Frostburg State University professor, Robert Hein, will take a deep dive into the photography exhibit, pointing out themes and techniques and speaking directly with artists and viewers about the show. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit [www.alleganyartscouncil.org](http://www.alleganyartscouncil.org) or call 301-777-2787.

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