

MIKE ELSWICK is an award winning journalist and freelance photographer, who spent the bulk of his professional career in East Texas. He served in a variety of roles between 1983 and 2013 with Cox East Texas and M. Roberts Media, including serving with the *Longview News-Journal* and the *Marshall News Messenger*.

Elswick is an Air Force veteran and a journalism graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He and his wife Stephanie live in Center, Texas.

His career has taken him to newspapers in Wyoming, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri. Elswick is again working for M. Roberts Media at the company's property in Carthage, *The Panola Watchman*, as multimedia content producer.

"I thought I wanted to retire but the news business, in spite of all the changes with technology and social media, continued to reel me back in," he said.

“ I have a passion for the business and for the role community journalism continues to play at the grassroots level in people’s lives. ”



MIKE ELSWICK
JUROR

TEXAS BANK AND TRUST

PHOTOGRAPHY
CONTEST
& EXHIBITION
CALL FOR ENTRIES

2023
JUNE 12-16

Title of Work:

Category:

Photographer:

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> CONTEST SCHEDULE

JUNE 12 – 16

Entries will be accepted 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

TBT Marketing Building
309 East Methvin, Longview

JUNE 25

Opening Reception – Open to the Public
Main Bank, 300 East Whaley, Longview 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Awards Presentation – 2:30 p.m.

JUNE 25 – JUNE 30 ONE WEEK ONLY

Daily Exhibition – Main Bank, 300 East Whaley, Longview
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All entries will be on display.

> CATEGORIES

All photographic content **MUST** be taken in the state of Texas. Winners will receive cash awards from Texas Bank and Trust for first, second, third place, and honorable mention in each of the categories listed.

LANDSCAPE/NATURE

The natural scene and the rural or urban cityscape, wildlife and plant life found in nature

FINE ART

Still life, floral, line/form/texture, architectural details and interpretive environmental portraits

HUMAN INTEREST

People, pets, action, human condition

SPIRIT OF TEXAS

Photos should depict the true spirit of our Lone Star State!

> SPECIAL AWARDS

All photographic content **MUST** be taken in the state of Texas. The following special awards will also be given -

Best of Show
Chairman's Award
Vice Chairman's Birthday Card Award
President's Award
TB&T Christmas Card Award
OMNIClub Birthday Card Award
*The People's Choice Award

*Chosen by public ballot June 25 - June 30

All winning photographs will be published in the Texas Bank and Trust's 2024 Collector's Calendar, although only 12 images will be selected as feature photographs for individual months.

> ELIGIBILITY, ENTRIES & FEES

The contest is open to all Texas amateur and professional photographers.

Each photographer may enter up to three (3) photographs. The fee is \$5 per entry. The photographer may enter all in one category or participate in any of the categories.

TBT employees, and immediate family members, may enter up to three (3) photographs, but are NOT eligible to win. Entry fee will be waived.

Texas Bank and Trust reserves the right to decline entries that we consider inappropriate for exhibition and/or publication. Previous winning photographs may **NOT** be entered. The photographer has secured rights and/or authorization to include any proprietary images present in submitted photographic work.

> SPECIFICATIONS

All photographic content **MUST** be taken in the state of Texas. Photographs may be color or black-and-white and images may be film or digital. Image area must be a minimum of 8" x 10" or full frame. Photographs must be mounted on a neutral-colored matte or foamcore board (white, grey, or black), with board **not to exceed** 11" x 14". **Photographs MUST have a border.** (CANNOT be flush mounted.) Panoramic images will not be accepted. No framed or over-matted work will be accepted. No title, artist's signature, or other writing may appear on the image or the front of the board.

> DELIVERY & RETURN OF WORK

All contest entries must be delivered to the **TBT Marketing Building, 309 East Methvin, Longview**, between 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. the week of June 12, 2023. No digital or mailed entries will be accepted. No late entries will be accepted. All winning photographs will be retained until the 2024 Collector's Calendar has gone to press. All other photographs may be picked up the week of July 24.

> LIABILITY

Texas Bank and Trust will not be responsible for any damage to photographs. Extreme care will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of the work.

> QUESTIONS?

Please contact Lori Osborne at 903-237-5583.

ENTRY & PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE FORM ~ PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

#of Entries: _____ Entry Fee(s): \$ _____ \$5.00 per entry

I, _____, grant permission for Texas Bank and Trust to reproduce my awarded and non-awarded photographs entered for the purpose of publication, promotion, illustration, advertising, or trade, in any manner or in any medium.

Photographer
Must Sign: _____
(Parent/Guardian if photographer is under 18)

Date: _____