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## CALL FOR PROFESSIONAL + AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS TO SUBMIT WORK

*Art Association hosts national juried art show featuring photos inspired by history + architecture*

ST. AUGUSTINE, Florida (January 30, 2024) – The St. Augustine Art Association (STAAA) is celebrating its centennial with an art show of epic proportions. *History Through the Lens of Architecture* is a national juried show where professionals and amateurs can submit photographs that show the intrinsic tie between their city's history and architecture. One of the oldest art associations in the nation, STAAA was founded in 1924 and comprised of members who were inspired by St. Augustine's blend of European style and natural Florida beauty. The exhibit will be hosted at the St. Augustine Art Association, 22 Marine Street in St. Augustine, and online from July 18<sup>th</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

"In a city known for its history, St. Augustine's first European settlers influenced its builders and artists, leaving an undeniable mark on its architecture that has lasted through time," says Jennifer Flynt, Executive Director of STAAA. "With this show, artists from across the nation can share how they see history and culture being represented in the structural designs of their favorite towns and cities. The combined works will be a piece of art in itself, creating a unique representation of the world."

*History Through the Lens of Architecture* challenges artists to tell a story, through photography, of how their local architecture inspires its culture and community. Photographers will be judged in two categories: professional and amateur. Works will compete for a total prize purse of over \$10,000, including the \$5,000 Best of Show, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alice & Clark Alger Award. The final exhibition will be judged by award-winning architecture and interior design photographer Alan Blakely. Blakely is widely recognized as one of the top architectural photographers working today. He specializes in architecture, interior, and aerial photography with a client list comprised of the world's best design firms, hotels, real estate developers, and more. Photographers may submit their photos to the jury from February 5<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>. Works are due for gallery installation and judging by July 9<sup>th</sup>. Awards will be announced at the opening reception on July 18<sup>th</sup> with the show continuing through August 25<sup>th</sup>. For the complete prospectus and entry instructions, visit [here](#). Photos can be found [here](#).

The *History Through the Lens of Architecture* exhibit is sponsored in part by Photoarchitectural, LLC, as well as grants from St. Johns County Tourist Development Council and Community Foundation for Northeast Florida.

**ABOUT ST. AUGUSTINE ART ASSOCIATION** – The St. Augustine Art Association (STAAA), located at 22 Marine Street in downtown St. Augustine, Florida, is a nonprofit dedicated to promoting excellence in the arts since 1924. STAAA supports the vibrant arts community in St. Augustine and preserves its rich artistic heritage and culture. Through exhibitions, lectures, workshops, educational programs, and outreach, STAAA fosters a creative and accessible environment for artists of all backgrounds and skill levels. Their permanent collection includes works by the founding members, known as the 'Lost Colony' artists. The gallery is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 12pm to 4pm, and admission is free. For more information, visit [www.staaa.org](http://www.staaa.org), and follow along on Facebook @StAugArtAssoc and Instagram @staugartassoc

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