Connecticut Photography Wanted
Connecticut Historical Society seeks Connecticut-related photos

Hartford, CT (August 8, 2013) – The Connecticut Historical Society (CHS) in Hartford announces “The Connecticut Photo Contest”, a contest open to both amateur and professional photographers beginning August 12, 2013. Winners and select entries will be on display at CHS from October 11, 2013 through March 29, 2014, in conjunction with a new exhibit Through a Different Lens: Three Connecticut Women Photographers (see below).

“The Connecticut Photo Contest” is divided into three categories, Connecticut People, Connecticut Architecture and Connecticut Landscape. A winner from each category will be chosen by a panel of judges, as well as a “Best of Show” winner, to be announced at the opening reception of the exhibit on October 10, 2013. Winners of each category will receive public accolades within the exhibit and a $100 gift certificate to the CHS Museum Store, Best in Show will also receive a $100 gift certificate to Shortell Framing. In addition, a Viewer’s Choice Award will be determined on March 1, 2014, towards the conclusion of the exhibit. Visitors to the exhibit will be encouraged to vote for their favorite photograph throughout the duration of the viewing and votes will be tallied to determine winner.

An expert panel of four judges has been assembled to determine winners for each category. Judges will be Chion Wolf, WNPR photographer and on-air personality; Daniel Mosher Long, professor of photography at Manchester Community College; Paulette Mertes, 3-time winner of the CT Professional Photographers Association Photographer of the Year, and Jane Shauck, President of the American Society of Media Photographers, CT Chapter.

Entries for “The Connecticut Photo Contest” must be received by September 21, 2013 to be eligible. For a complete set of rules and details, go to chs.org/photocontest. The Connecticut Historical Society is located at 1 Elizabeth Street in Hartford. For more, visit chs.org or call (860) 236-5621.

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About Through a Different Lens: Three Connecticut Women Photographers:

Open from October 11, 2013 through March 29, 2014, the exhibit will introduce a new collection of photography donated by the Rosalie Thorne McKenna Foundation as well as a collection by Marie Kendall. The photographs document two generations of women photographers in Connecticut. Harriet V. S. Thorne (1843-1926), a talented amateur, used her camera to compose exquisite and moving pictures of the people and places that she knew, including her Bridgeport summer home, Schoonhoven, where her studio was located. Marie Hartig Kendall (1854-1943) published poetic views of the Litchfield Hills in Northwestern Connecticut where she lived after immigrating to the U.S. from her native Alsace-Lorraine. Rosalie Thorne McKenna (1916-2003) is best-known for her revealing portraits of artistic and literary figures of the mid-20th century in publications such as Vogue, Esquire and Harper’s Bazaar; she also documented the fishing community of Stonington where she made her home.
About the Connecticut Historical Society (@ConnHistSoc):

Founded in 1825, the Connecticut Historical Society is a non-profit museum, library, research and education center. CHS strives to inspire and foster a life-long interest in history and ignite a passion for learning about history through research assistance, exhibitions, tours and programs for all ages. Visit chs.org or call 860-236-5621.