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Plainfield: Art, History, and Culture Exhibition Opening and Awards Presentation

The Plainfield Public Library will open its 12th Annual Plainfield Photography Contest Exhibition with a reception and awards presentation on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 1 to 3 pm in the Library's Anne Louise Davis Gallery room on the lower level. This year's theme is "**Plainfield: Art, History, and Culture.**" The exhibit presents a variety of scenes that document the art, history, culture of the Queen City for future generations.

The 2017 contest was met with the enthusiastic response of fourteen contributors who submitted 52 images of Plainfield. The photographs will help build our local photograph collection. All entries have been digitized and added to the Library's historical photograph archive, which consists of over 50,000 area photographs taken from 1865 to date. Winning photographs and selected entries will be on exhibit through December 31, 2017. Images from previous exhibits may be found at:

http://www.plainfieldlibrary.info/Departments/LH/LH_photocontests.html.

Currently on display in the lobby wall case is a fascinating guest exhibit from the Fleetwood Museum of Art and Photographica in North Plainfield entitled, "**100 Years of Cameras.**" This exhibit features an array of cameras from vintage folding cameras with leather bellows to modern digital point and shoots. Highlights include a Kodak box camera that originally came with preloaded film. It was the inspiration for Eastman Kodak's slogan, "you push the button, we do the rest." There are also examples of early photographic processes such as Daguerreotypes, Victorian cabinet cards, and tintypes. This display will run through the month of November.

The reception and exhibits are free to the public. The Library is located at 800 Park Avenue, between Eighth and Ninth Streets. Call 908-757-1111 for hours of operation.

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Last year's first place winner, "Firemen – Fourth of July" by Gene Goldston. The contest theme was "The Best of Plainfield."

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