

## Manalapan Township 2017 Photo Contest

### “Silhouettes and Shadows”

February 2017

**MANALAPAN, NJ** – The Manalapan Arts Council and Mayor Susan Cohen are pleased to announce the holding of the 9th annual Manalapan Township photo contest. The 2017 theme is *“Silhouettes and Shadows”*. The Contest will be looking for pictures of any scene, object, event, people or activity that incorporates a silhouette or shadow. Each year’s contest has been very successful as over 350 photos have been submitted in the past 8 years.

Helen Ferraro-Newhook, Contest Co-Chair, explains the contest and theme. “This year the Photo Contest Committee wanted to challenge our community’s photographers with an artistic element. Over the years we have selected themes that celebrated life here in Manalapan and identified specific topics to be photographed – such as animals or the Jersey Shore. Often, we have been rewarded in each contest with very artistic presentations. This year we wanted the artistic element to be a significant part of the contest. We encourage all Manalapan residents to consider submitting a photo. As usual, we want to make it as difficult as possible on our Judges.” Helen went on to explain the artistic element they are looking for, “the judges will be looking at the photos and really trying to find the photograph that best captures a silhouette or shadow. It could be inspiring, surprising, campy or mystical. It could evolve from a real world setting or be from a setup created just to capture the image for the contest. The Judges will be open to all the details in the photograph. We encourage all Manalapan residents to consider submitting a photo and a short caption that describes their photo.”

"First of all I want to thank the Manalapan Arts Council for again organizing and selecting the theme for our Annual Photo Contest, especially the co-chairs Carolee Trifon and Helen Newhook. The photos that have been submitted over the years for the Photo Contest have always impressed me and we are always proud as a Township to display and acknowledge the artistic talents of the residents of our town." said Mayor Susan Cohen. "I look forward to a new set of wonderful photos!" added Mayor Cohen.

The contest is open to all Manalapan residents. Township residents can only enter one photo. Photographs must include a brief description (25 words or less) of the photo. Awards will be given as follows:

Prizes of \$100 for 1st Place & \$50 for Honorable Mention will be awarded in the following categories:

- 18 years & over (senior)
- 17 years & younger (junior)

People's Choice – the photo that receives most votes from the Manalapan Day (June 11th) display will also win a prize of \$100.

As mentioned, all photos will be on display at the *Manalapan Day* community event on **June 10, 2017** where the special “Peoples Choice” award will be given to the photo that garners the most votes that day from the visiting and judging public.

Photographs must be received by 4:30 p.m. on **May 26, 2017**. Photographs can be submitted by email to [photocontest@mtnj.org](mailto:photocontest@mtnj.org) (file must be less than 5mb) or dropped off at the Manalapan Township Health Department (photographic prints must not be larger than 5” x 7”). The full set of rules and the submission form are available online at the Township website – [www.mtnj.org](http://www.mtnj.org) – or at the Manalapan Township Health Department. Please remember a submission form must accompany the photograph. Forms are also available on the Township web site or at the Manalapan Township Health Department.

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