

Celebrating Our Memories: Glimpses of our Past

The BAFFA Art Gallery would host a month-long, open call, photography exhibition that will celebrate the evolution of our community through the lens of historical photography.

Original "old photography" will be accepted for the exhibition that captures Long Island and New York City, including the Five Boroughs. We want to see vibrant street scenes, long-gone landmarks, or candid moments at businesses, homes, hubs, or events. Images can feature family, friends, strangers and should create a visual dialogue of the impact and importance of photography through history. The goal is to show how our lives have changed and to collectively share our memories of those times, while celebrating history, connection, family, community, and the power of photography.

- **Photographs submitted can be captured by the artist or the artist's family or friends, but must be credited accordingly to the photographer.**
- **Images must be from the years 1900 - 2000.**
- Images can feature people and images that have been stored and unseen are highly welcome.
- Photographers who submit work for exhibition do not have to be an artist or BAFFA member.

Dates & Deadlines

- **Show Dates- January 2027:**
Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
January 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31
- **Submission Deadline:**
Friday, December 4th by midnight
- **Notification of Acceptance:**
Thursday, December 17th
- **Art Delivery (Day of event):**
Tuesday, January 5th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, January 5th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **Reception:**
Saturday, January 9th 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- **Pickup of Work (After event):**
Sunday, January 31st from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Tuesday, February 2nd from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Required Volunteerism

- Volunteering is required for this show in 2 or 4 hour slots during the exhibition dates.
- Volunteerism includes gallery sitting for one Saturday or Sunday in January from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. If you are unable to volunteer, a donation, gift card, raffle, raffle basket, or piece of artwork will be accepted, and will be used to support the exhibition. Please email executivedirector@baffa.org to let us know if you can not gallery sit.
- A Sign-Up Genius will be sent with your acceptance letter, and volunteer dates will be open on a first-sign-up basis. More than one gallery sitter will be assigned at a time, so no artist will be alone.

Eligibility & Requirements

- **Media:** Historical photography, including vintage prints, restored analog formats, or high-quality digital reprints of archival local images. Photographs must be original and not reproductions, copies, or from screenshots. They must have been captured between 1900 and 2000. Film photographs that have been scanned or digitized are acceptable. If you have an image that you would like to submit that you feel might not work, please email with your questions.
- **Thematic Focus:** All entries must feature an identifiable "local spot" (landmarks, neighborhoods, storefronts, homes, etc) and/or showcase the importance of family and community within Long Island, the Five Boroughs, and/or New York City.
- **Presentation:** Work must be exhibition-ready. A dark brown or black frame with picture wire ONLY! (No saw-tooth hangers, tape, clips, thin wire, etc). Photographs do not have to be in a matboard and framed, but matboards are encouraged.
- **Size Limits:** No minimum. Maximum size of 36x36 including frame.

Submission Instructions

Artists must submit the following via [THIS LINK](#)

High-Quality Digital Samples:

Up to 3 images will be allowed for submission and must be in JPEG format. Not all submitted works will be accepted. It is helpful if you change the image files to *title_photographer*, but it is not necessary.

1. Requirements for Images:

- Title of each image (under 6 words each)
- Date or year the photo was originally taken (if unknown, an approximate year is acceptable)
- Photographer of image
- Type of medium (film, digital, etc)
- Size of artwork - this MUST include the frame!

2. Artist Statement:

- A short paragraph (max 250 words each) describing your connection to the history featured in the photos. Each image will require a separate artist statement.

3. Artist Biography

- A short bio (under 150 words) on the photographer.

Fees, Sales, & Liability

1. Submission Fee:

- \$25 for non-members (If you need to confirm your membership before submitting, email: *membership@baffa.org*)
- \$15 for BAFFA members
- Free for Membership Perks Program participants. Artists who upgrade from a \$25 Artist Membership to the Membership Perks Program will have the fee waived.

2. Sales:

- The BAFFA Art Gallery Committee will handle all sales and will collect a 20% commission. 15% to BAFFA and 5% to cover fees and costs.
- Artist's payment will be sent in the form of a check and mailed within 30 days after the event closes.

3. **Insurance:** The venue or organization will **not** provide insurance for the duration of the show. All cautions will be taken to properly handle works, but artists are encouraged to carry their own liability coverage.

Venue Information

BAFFA Art Gallery
47 Gillette Ave, Sayville NY

Contact Information:

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