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### **2016 TREES Inc. Fall Photography Contest Theme Announced**

In support of the city of Terre Haute and state of Indiana's bicentennial celebrations, TREES Inc. has selected the theme "Bicentennial TREES: Celebrating Terre Haute's Canopy" for the 2016 photography contest.

The theme encourages all individuals to reflect upon his or her surroundings and celebrate the beauty of Terre Haute. The TREES Inc. Photography Contest was recently endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission as a Legacy Project.

Photographers of all levels - from the novice who uses a smartphone, to the most experienced professional, are encouraged to start capturing images. The contest is separated into three divisions: Youth (18 and younger), Adult Amateur and Adult Professional. Each of the three contest divisions will receive a cash award: \$100.00 will be presented for first place, \$75.00 for second place and \$50.00 for third place. Additional "Special Merit" awards may be presented at the judges' discretion.

Photo entries will be accepted Monday, November 7 through Wednesday, November 9 by 5:00 p.m. at the Vigo County Public Library. Submitted photos must be 8x10 inches or larger, and mounted. Matted and framed photos will not be accepted. Entry forms are available on the TREES website, [www.treesinc.org](http://www.treesinc.org).

The winning photos and special merit photos will be on exhibition at the Vigo County Public Library mid-November through the end of the year. An awards presentation will be held in December to celebrate the winning photos and distribute the prizes.

The TREES, Inc. Photography Contest began in 2005 in hopes of attaining images of Indiana Dogwood trees. The contest gained such popularity that it has continued on a 12 to 18 month cycle, making this the 9th year of the TREES Photography Contest.

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