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Entries sought for photo contest

CRYSTAL LAKE – The fourth annual Friends of Chilama Photo Contest will run through May 14.

The contest is sponsored by Friends of Chilama, a member of U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities and a McHenry County organization that sisters a small village in El Salvador and works to promote human rights for the rural poor.

Money raised will help support a health care project and the development of a women's sewing cooperative.

The photo contest has three categories: People and pets; nature and wildlife; and babies and toddlers.

The winner in each category will receive a prize of \$100. There also will be one winner in the youth category, which includes all students through grade eight, and a \$25 prize will be given. In addition, there will be five honorable mentions in each category.

For the first time this year, all photos entered in the contest will be displayed throughout the month of August in an exhibit at the Raue Center for the Arts in Crystal Lake.

The entry fee is \$10 a photo for adults and \$5 for youth.

The fee should be in an envelope and taped to the back of the photo mat. All photos must be 8 inches by 10 inches and matted in a white, cream or beige 11-by-14-inch mat with a 7.5-by-9.5-inch inner dimension.

Each entry must have the entrant's name, address, phone number and email address on the back of the photo, along with category and title of photo.

All entries should be dropped off at the box office of the Raue Center, 26 N. Williams St. in Crystal Lake. The hours are noon to 4 p.m. Monday, and Wednesday through Saturday.

The Friends of Chilama Photo Awards Gala will be from 6 to 7 p.m. May 19 at the Raue Center.

The photos that receive an award or special mention will be kept until after the Raue exhibit; all others can be taken home after the gala.

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