JUDGING:

Contest consists of three (3) rounds of evaluation. Round one, each judge in a panel of photographic experts will select ten (10) entries in each Category from among all eligible entries based on the following criteria (1) Creativity; (2) Photographic quality; (3) Genuineness/authenticity of the content.

The entries selected in round one will proceed to round two. In Round two, the top ten (10) who are selected will then be required to bring in a 5x7 photo individually matted on a 8-1/2" x 11" white matte with the photographers name on the back of the matte. In this round, the Judges will collectively select a First Place Winner in each Category.

Round three, the Judges will select a Grand Prize Winner from among the First Place Winners in each category. Winners will be chosen on or around April 1, 2014, and notified by email. Decisions of the judges are final and binding.

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The Big Picture

Photo Contest

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[Contest Rules]

Calling all photographers big and small. Submit your best piece(s) into the City of Whittier's "The Big Picture" photo contest. The purpose of this contest is to capture and display the beauty in and around your life through your photographs. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st place winners in each category and one over all winner.

HOW TO ENTER:

Get out your camera, Iphone, smartphone, Ipod, video camera, etc. and snap a few great photos in these categories.

Category 1: People (Model Releases are required)
Category 2: Landscapes/Nature/Cityscapes
Category 3: Action/Sport Photography
Category 4: Fine Art, Fashion, Editorial

1. Go to www.photoscramble.com and look up "The Big Picture." Create an account and upload each of your photos with the title, category, (People, Landscapes, Action, or Fine Art) and division, (Adult, Teen, Youth) in the subject line. Pay $10 per photo uploaded with your credit card and then you can check out all of the uploaded photos in the viewing gallery.
2. Photographer may submit a maximum of five (5) photographs. No more than one (1) photograph may be submitted by anyone in a single category.

Applications will only be accepted from those who live in Los Angeles or Orange County.

ENTRIES ACCEPTED:

January 5 - February 28, 2014 at 5 p.m.
Top 10 notification: March 14, 2014
Opening Reception & Awards: April 2014

CONTEST PRIZES:

All winners are determined by the Juried Panel. Cash prizes will be awarded in each of the five categories in the Youth, Teen, and Adult divisions.

Award	Youth	Teen	Adult
1st place	$100	$100	$100
Over all Grand Prize	$175		

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:

A) Photographs must be in digital format. Only online entries will be eligible. No print or film submissions will be accepted. The photograph need not be taken with a digital camera; scans of negatives, transparencies, or photographic prints are acceptable.

B) All digital files must be 5 megabytes or smaller, must be in JPEG or JPG format, and must be at least 1,600 pixels wide (if a horizontal image) or 1,600 pixels tall (if a vertical image).

C) Photographs must have been taken within two (2) years before the date of entry and may not previously have won an award in any other Photography Contest.

D) Photographs that include models, sculptures, statues, paintings, and other works of art will be accepted as long as they do not constitute copyright infringement or fraud; provided entrants must be prepared to provide a release form that you can find at www.WhittiersBigPicture.org under "Releases".

E) The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.

F) The photograph must not, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Sponsor, contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.

G) The caption must be complete and accurate, sufficient to convey the circumstances in which the photograph was taken. Disguising or misrepresenting the origin of your content is cause for disqualification.

H) Watermarks are not acceptable. If we do not receive a non-watermarked version of the entry within ten (10) days following its request, the entry will be disqualified.

For more information regarding
"The Big Picture", please contact Erin Hamilton in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at (562) 567-9450.