

PPFA International Framing Competition OPEN qualification is going DIGITAL!

The PPFA International OPEN Competition is one of the most prestigious in the framing industry, and is generously sponsored by several vendors, including Tru Vue, Frank's Fabrics, FrameReady by SoftTouch Solutions, FramERICA, Frameware, Larson Juhl, Picture Framing Magazine, Vermont Hardwoods, and Urban Ashes.

- **Digital Competition** OPEN online entry fee is \$35 **beginning May 1, 2017 with a closing deadline of August 15, 2017**, paid through a link on the PPFA home page. Your receipt will be emailed to you. A complete packet of competition information sheets is available as a free download from the PPFA Online Store.
- All entrants must be current, fully paid PPFA members at the time of Digital Entry.
- There are new size, weight and electrical limitations listed in **Guidelines 2017-18**, listed under **Section 3.0**.
 - OPEN entries are limited to a maximum size of 50", width + height + depth prior to packaging, and a maximum shipping weight of 20 pounds, which shall be strictly enforced. A service fee of \$150.00 will be assessed for pieces over size/weight limitations.
 - Electrical needs should be supplied by self-contained batteries. Extension cord and electrical hook ups must be preapproved ahead of time and will incur an additional display fee of \$150.00.
- Digital judging will begin August 1, 2017, by three Approved or Accredited Judges selected by the Competition Board.
- The **Top 50** finalists in PRINT will be notified December 1, 2017 to submit their \$75 entry fee at the Online Store for the **International Framing Competition** finals, to be held during the PPFA Convention next January at the West Coast Art & Frame Expo in Las Vegas. **Deadline for the Finals entry is December 31, 2017**. The International Entry Form and Shipping Directions will be emailed with your receipt.
- Finalists will ship or hand-deliver their entry to Las Vegas to be judged by a new set of three Approved or Accredited Judges.
- All **Top 50** finalists will be displayed at the West Coast Art & Frame Expo, where all in attendance may vote for Popular Choice.

We look forward to many unique and creative OPEN entries!

Contact the Competition Board at competition@ppfa.com with additional questions.