



NORTH DAKOTA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

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**2016 North Dakota Governor's Photo Contest winners selected  
and exhibited in Offices of the Governor, First Lady and Attorney General**

First Lady Betsy Dalrymple will recognize the winning photographs and honorable mentions from the 13<sup>th</sup> annual North Dakota Governor's Photo Contest during a public ceremony in the Memorial Hall of the North Dakota Capitol building on October 5, 2016 from 2:00 to 3:30pm. North Dakota Tourism Director Sara Otte Coleman, North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) Executive Director Beth Gigante Klingenstein, and AAA Senior Public Affairs Representative Gene LaDoucer will be joining the First Lady in the presentation.

Photos were judged on originality, subject matter, visual appeal and ability to portray North Dakota as a legendary travel destination in the categories of adventure, attractions, events, people, scenery and wildlife.

The North Dakota Governor's Photo Contest is a collaborative program between the Governor's Office, North Dakota Tourism, and the NDCA, with AAA as a contest sponsor.

The 2016 winning photos will be on display during the months of October, November and December at the Capitol in the offices of Governor Jack Dalrymple, First Lady Betsy Dalrymple, and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. The images were printed on canvas displays sponsored in part by Mathison's of Bismarck. AAA, North America's largest travel organization, will also display winning photos as part of its sponsorship.

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