



P.O. Box 84498 Fairbanks, AK 99708

2019 RAIL SPIKE ART CONTEST

1. Overview

- a. The Purpose of the Contest shall be:
 - i. To bring railfans from around the world and the community of Fairbanks together to draw attention to the history of the Tanana Valley Railroad and the railroading industry.
- b. The contest is open to everyone from around the world.
- c. The dates of the contest are:
 - i. March 1st, 2019 thru May 27th, 2019.
 - ii. Submissions for the contest, to be entered in the judging competition and qualify for awards, must be received by the Secretary of the Friends of the Tanana Valley Railroad no later than 6pm on Wednesday, May 20th, 2019.
 - iii. Judging will be May 26th.
 - iv. Awards and presentation will be May 27th.
 - v. All spikes received will be on display at the Tanana Valley Railroad Museum, and returned to the artist upon request or up to September 10th, whichever is first.

2. Rules

- a. Only one entry per person allowed.
- b. All entries must follow one of the following categories – those that do not will not be entered into the competition.
 - i. Railroading in Alaska
 - ii. The Tanana Valley Railroad
 - iii. The Golden Heart of Alaska
- c. All entries can use any number of spikes, up to and not exceeding 25.
- d. No profanity, hurtful references or depictions, etc. will be allowed.
- e. Any entry that includes copyrighted material will not be allowed.
- f. All work must be original, and was not used in a previous competition.
- g. The artist may use painting, welding, engraving, soldering, etching, gluing, or any other media as long as the final submission is a physical railroad spike(s). The act of twisting, bending, cutting, or deforming the railroad spike is allowed as long as the judges can still see it is made out of railroad spike(s).

3. Submission of Art Work

- a. All entries must be received by the Secretary of the Tanana Valley Railroad by 6pm on Wednesday, May 20th, 2019. Bringing the entry to the Tanana Valley Railroad Museum or mailing to P.O. Box 84498 Fairbanks, AK 99708 are both accepted.

- i. It is the responsibility of the artist to ensure the entry is received by FTVRR. Any mail carrier or FTVRR are not responsible for late entries due to US Mail. Please Note: FTVRR checks the P.O. Box each weekday at 11am.
- ii. FTVRR is not responsible for the cost of shipping. If the artist would like the submission returned by mail, they are responsible for paying \$8.75 to the Friends of the Tanana Valley Railroad for return. The FTVRR is not responsible for damage during shipping and handling.

4. Judging

- a. All entries will be judged based on the following categories with a score of 0-20 in each category.
 - i. Interpretation of the theme
 - ii. Technical skill
 - iii. Originality
- b. The judges can score based on the half point.
- c. The score of the entry is calculated based on the sum of the three categories added together.
- d. All of the judges score sheets with comments will be added and tallied for the Awards and Presentation on May 27th, 2019. The artist will receive a card that has the judges comments (if any) about their submission.
- e. The judges ruling is final.

5. Notes to Competitors

- a. Railroad Spikes can be purchased at the Tanana Valley Railroad Museum, \$2.00 per spike.
- b. There will be two rounds of judging in each theme. Round One is of every entry, Round Two is of the top 20% from Round One.
 - i. Those that advance into Round Two and those who win in Round Two will all be notified via phone and/or email.
- c. By entering the competition, you authorize the Friends of the Tanana Valley Railroad to photograph, display, and promote you and your art, as well as use and reference your name, photo, and art in any way for any time.
- d. The Friends of the Tanana Valley Railroad are not responsible for any loss or damage to property or self during the making, presentation, awards, shipping, handling, or displaying of you or your art.