Crary, FAW set photo show and contest

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The Crary Art Gallery and the Friends of Allegheny Wilderness are hosting a wilderness exhibition and a free photo contest to highlight the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act of 1964 and its author Howard Zahniser of Tionesta.

The show “Wilderness at 50: Photographic Reflections on the Legacy of Tionesta Visionary Howard Zahniser,” will open on Saturday, Aug. 30 and will feature photographs throughout America’s National Wilderness Preservation System. Jamie Williams, president of the Wilderness Society, will be the keynote speaker.

In addition to wilderness photos from around the country, two designated wilderness areas in Warren County — Hickory Creek and Allegheny Islands will be profiled.

“The best way to do that is to allow those of you who have explored these two wildly popular untrammeled areas to submit your own photos for possible inclusion in the photography show,” Friends of the Allegheny Wilderness said in a press release.

Two photos from each area will be chosen for the show.

Photos for the contest must be taken either within the Hickory Creek or Allegheny Islands Wilderness areas in the ANF. Submissions for the Allegheny Islands can be taken from the river or riverside looking at the wilderness islands from the outside and don’t have to be actually standing on one of the islands when the photo is taken.

Participants may not submit more than four photos in total; photos have a high enough resolution so they can be blown up to 24” by 36” for the show and be at least 2,000 pixels on the long edge; winning photographers are responsible for having the photos framed for the show; and winning photographers may make their photos available for sale during the show.

All entries will be posted to online albums on both the FAW and Crary Facebook pages for public input, but the final decision will be made FAW and the Crary boards of directors.

Submissions for the photo contest are accepted from Jan. 1 through June 30 and the winning photo will be announced by July 15. Submissions can be submitted through email in JPEG format at info@pawild.org and should include contact information, title of the photo, location it was taken, and asking sale price should the photo be included in the show.