

Calling all Social Media "photographers"! (OK - - anyone on Facebook can enter, not just photographers)

This is going to be FUN! The Touch of Dutch committee wants to see the Parade & Festival through your lens! We are hosting our 1st Annual Touch of Dutch Photography Contest for photos taken before or during the Touch of Dutch Festival & Parade on Saturday, August 13th.

There are all kinds of things happening leading up to the Touch of Dutch. Look around town and find some fun opportunities to click some pics of anything Touch of Dutch to enter this new contest! We want photos of preparation of the Touch as well as photos AT the Touch of Dutch Festival, Parade, Car Show, Rotary Ramble, etc. Be creative, get a lot of photos to submit!

Photos must be taken and submitted to the Touch of Dutch Photo Contest Event at https://fb.me/e/1unyCW7oD

- * Click on the "Discussion" tab at the top of the event screen.
- * Click on "Add a Post"
- * Type in the correct #(hashtag) without any spaces.
- * Add the photo
- * Wait for your photo to be approved by the admin

If you don't see your photos immediately posted, it is because we will require admin approval of all photos. Photos must be taken representing something from the festivities up to and including the Touch of Dutch Festival. Maybe come out to Spencer Park the day after and get some photos of all the fun that was had at the Touch of Dutch. The park is a whole different experience the day after. You must enter your work in any one of the four categories by using the corresponding hashtag in your description/caption of the photo you submit.

The categories are:
Sight (#DeMotteTODSIGHT)
Sound (#DeMotteTODSOUND)
Touch (#DeMotteTODTOUCH)
Smell (#DeMotteTODSMELL)

HOW TO ENTER: Contest participants must follow the Touch of Dutch Facebook or Instagram page (touchofdutch.in By submitting your photos to the Touch of Dutch 1st Annual Photo Contest EVENT page, you are automatically entered into the contest.

JUDGING: During our festival committee recap meeting following the Festival, the Touch of Dutch committee members will narrow down the entries to three finalists in each category. During the last week in August, finalists' photos will be posted to our Facebook page (facebook.com/touchofdutch). Our followers will have a week to vote for their favorites. The photo with the most likes in each category will win! The winner in each category will have their photo framed in the DeMotte Chamber of Commerce office and used as event promotion for next year's photo contest.

JUDGING CATEGORIES: Each photo should be entered in only ONE category. The interpretation of each of these categories is up to the photographer. While some photos may fit multiple categories, the photographer must choose the category that fits the photo best. Use your imagination and be creative with your interpretation of the categories.

#DeMotteTODSIGHT The Touch of Dutch committee wants to see those sights that make you stop and take a second look! We want to see those photos that remind us of familiar sights of the Touch of Dutch Festival!

<u>#DeMotteTODSOUND</u> We want to see those photos that remind us of familiar sounds of the Touch of Dutch. Submit images that are not only visually stunning, but that make us wish we could turn up the volume.

#DeMotteTODTOUCH Show us those photos we'll want to reach out and touch or that we'll feel touched by. This might include photos with great texture and detail, or those that depict the act of touching. #DeMotteTODSMELL Can smell transcend a photo? We believe it can! Send us those pictures that we can smell through the screen, whether the scent is pleasant or the opposite.

This is the first annual photo contest; we thank you for your patience in getting any kinks worked out.

What are you waiting for? Pull out that cell phone, charge up the DSLR, dig out the old Polaroid camera and start clicking now!!

Disclaimer: The DeMotte Chamber of Commerce and Touch of Dutch Festival reserve the right to use any and all photos on all platforms of social media or our website.