# Requirements for Exhibit Photos

**These requirements were approved by the Camera Club of Richmond Board on 7/16/2025.**

- **All items must be wired for hanging**.
  This means a securely fastened wire that is stretched horizontally across the back of the piece. When hung, the wire should not be visible above the top of the frame. Looped wires or sawtooth hangers are not acceptable. Here are examples of properly attached wires:
- Photos printed on paper must be framed with a stable frame. Mats are not required, but generally they provide a more finished appearance and are encouraged.
- Plastic poster frames are not acceptable. The frames are subject to falling apart and warping. Additionally, they are too lightweight to hang securely without being subject to moving on the wall and becoming crooked.
- Professional framing is NOT required. Ready-made frames are widely available and meet these requirements as long as they are wired for hanging.
- Prints on glass are not allowed.
- Gallery wrapped canvas prints are allowed, with or without additional framing, but must be wired for hanging as noted above.
- Metal and acrylic prints are allowed, with or without additional framing, but must be wired for hanging as noted above.
- Photos permanently mounted on stiff presentation board at least ½ thick, with finished edges, are allowed.
- Prints on 3/16” Gatorfoam and similar are not allowed.

Please note the potential that exhibiting your photos can result in damage. While CCR volunteers take care not to damage your property, damage while on display or during transporting or hanging can occur.

Unframed prints, in particular, are fragile and prone to bending and scratching.

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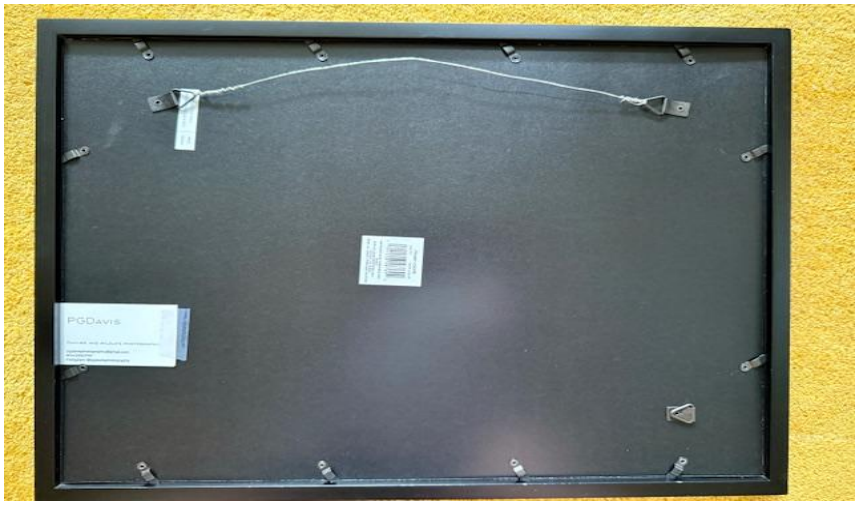
## Tips for Attaching Wire for Hanging

To place wire at the correct point on the piece, the two attachment points should be placed about ⅓ of the way from the top of the frame. If too low, the frame will lean away from the wall.

The wire should be taut enough so it will not show above the frame when the frame is hung.

When using a mass-market frame, you may use the hardware that is part of the package, as shown in these two examples.



The attachment points can also be on the frame itself, as shown here.