Enter Syracuse photo competition by ferreting out the letters to the city

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David Lassman/The Post-Standard 2009. Could the Onondaga County Courthouse answer one of the riddles for the SeekSyracuse public art project?

Want to be part of an art movement and get some exposure? Grab your camera or a camera-equipped cell phone and join SeekSyracuse, a free public art project.

Your assignment is to find and photograph “letters” that spell SYRACUSE — on historic buildings in downtown Syracuse. You will be looking for not strictly alphabet letters but architecture that resembles the letter. Examples: A window frame forms the letter “E” or the placement of a sign by a building forms a “Y.”

Your search for letters will be confined to specific buildings downtown. To find the selected sites, you must start by solving a set of riddles. Here are the riddles.

Once you complete your quest to find SYRACUSE, enter your images in the SeekSyracuse competition. Submissions will be judged on composition and creativity.
There are two categories of submissions: individual letters and a complete Syracuse spelled out.

Winners and their entries will be recognized at a ceremony 11 a.m. July 31 in City Hall Commons, during Orange Line Gallery ArtsWeek. Large posters of the winning letters will be presented to the winners, and their entries will be featured as banners on the city’s website, www.syracuse.ny.us.

All entries also will be on display 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 31 at the City Hall Commons Atrium.

**The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. July 28.**

The Post-Standard also will post all the entries and winners on syracuse.com.

SeekSyracuse is a collaborative project of the city of Syracuse, Everson Museum of Art and Onondaga Historical Association.