



HARRIS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

**CREATIVE ARTS and HORTICULTURE
EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK
AND RULES**

2021

PRESENTED BY: HCF&R CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE

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Harris County Fair and Rodeo

CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE

2021

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CREATIVE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2021

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Schedule of Events

****SUBJECT TO CHANGES****

OCT 13 – 16, 2021

East Montgomery Fair
Grounds at **Sallas Park**

Wednesday October 13, 2021

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Creative Arts, Horticulture Early Check- In	Fair Assoc. Bldg
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Thursday October 14, 2021

8:00 am to 10:00 am	Creative Arts, Horticulture Check- In	Fair Assoc. Bldg
1:00 pm	Creative Arts, Horticulture Judging Begins	Fair Assoc. Bldg
6:00 pm	Creative Arts, Horticulture Results	Fair Assoc. Bldg
6:00 to 8:00 pm	Creative Arts, Horticulture Open on Display	Fair Assoc. Bldg

Friday October 15, 2021

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Creative Arts, Horticulture Open on Display	Fair Assoc. Bldg
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Saturday October 16, 2021

9:00 am - 11:00 am	Creative Arts, Horticulture on Display	Fair Assoc. Bldg
11:00 am	Creative Arts, Horticulture must be removed from grounds	Fair Assoc. Bldg

Revision date: 4/11/2021

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULE 1: ELIGIBILITY

- a. The Harris County Fair and Rodeo does not discriminate against any applicant, exhibitor, volunteer, customer, or patron on the basis of race, sex, color, age, disability, religion, citizenship, veteran status, nationality or ethnic origin.
- b. Exhibitors Ages 8 years (3rd grade) and older must live in Harris County or be enrolled in a Harris County School (Elementary- High School), as well as a Harris County FFA OR 4-H club, or FCCLA and in good standing at check-in and show.
- c. Exhibitors Ages 8 years and younger not in the third grade must live in Harris County or be enrolled in a Harris County School (Elementary - High School).
- d. Exhibitors 8 years and older and in the 3rd grade (Elementary - High School) must be academically eligible to participate in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo and may not have an exhibit shown for them by another exhibitor if ineligible.
- e. Agriculture Science Teachers/4-H Extension Agent are responsible for providing Livestock Show Secretary a list of ineligible exhibitors by 6 PM on the Wednesday prior to the start of Show.
- f. Any non-adherence to the rules will result in disqualification of entries.

RULE 2: INELIGIBILITY/DISQUALIFICATIONS

- a. The Creative Arts Show is operated by a committee of volunteers for the Harris County Fair and Rodeo Association and strive to have an organized and well operated area. No abusive or derogatory language towards committee members will be tolerated. If committee members and or their volunteers are not treated with respect, the abusive person(s) will be asked to leave, and the entries associated with that person(s) will be disqualified.

RULE 3: EXHIBITOR AGE DIVISIONS

- a. Age Divisions for each Category are as follows. Age of Exhibitor is the age on August 31 the year of the Fair.
 - i. Pee Wee – Competition is open to all youth 8 years of age and under who are not in the third grade.
 - ii. Junior – Competition is open to all 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA youth ages 8 (third grade) to 13.
 - iii. Senior – Competition is open to all 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA youth ages 14 to 18 (senior in high school).

RULE 4: REGISTRATION AND FEES

- a. Mandatory registration and \$5 registration fee shall be completed online entry by date indicated on the Important Dates document.
- b. Registration will also include the consent of the Release and Liability Form.
- c. \$5.00 pre-registration fee covers first project for Senior, Junior, and Pee Wee division exhibitors. At date of check-in exhibitors can enter multiple projects at the cost of \$5.00 each.
- d. At the time of Registration, exhibitors do not need to choose what Creative Arts division or class/es will be entered. Division and classes will be determined/verified by the Creative Arts Committee at check-in at the Fair.
- e. Late registration is not permitted.

RULE 5: LIMIT OF ENTRIES

- a. A limit of one (1) entry per class per exhibitor – up to five (5) entries per division – will be allowed.

RULE 6: CREATING EXHIBS/ENTRIES

- a. All items entered must have been made by the exhibitor with minimal help by parent, teacher, or advisor, etc.
- b. All items entered must have been made within a year of the date of the fair.

RULE 7: CHECK-IN PROCESS

- a. Entry forms per division will be available the day of check-in.
- b. Registration is not permitted the day of check-in.
- c. Each exhibitor will be given one (1) entry sheet for all entries per division. All entries will be tagged with a number that corresponds to the exhibitor's number.
- d. All names on entries **MUST BE COVERED BY THE EXHIBITOR PRIOR TO CHECK-IN.** Any entries that have visible names, symbols, or any personal identifying marks (front and/or back) at the time of entry **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** If they are accepted at check-in in error, the judge will disqualify them.
- e. **ENTRY CONTENTS:** The entry must also include the following to be considered complete the day of check in:
 - i. Fees for entry (extra entries \$5/each)
 - ii. Exhibitor's entry form
- f. **ENTRIES NOT CHECKED IN UPON ARRIVAL:** If an exhibitor fails to check in by the published deadline, the entry is ineligible to compete.
- g. **EXHIBITOR LATE ARRIVAL:** If an exhibitor fails to arrive within designated arrival time/before arrival deadline, the entry is ineligible to compete.

RULE 8: HIGH POINT AWARD

Pee Wee, Junior and Senior Division High Point Awards

- a. Using the point system attached the high point individual of the Pee Wee, Junior and Senior Divisions will be awarded a special high point award (i.e. Belt Buckle, etc.)
- b. All winners will be expected to write thank you notes to their award sponsors. These Thank you notes must be mailed to the: Harris County Fair & Rodeo Association, 600 Highway 290 East, Hempstead, TX 77445 (in a second envelope) in a stamped, properly addressed envelope, unsealed, before December 1, 2021.

1. Point Awards:

- a. All projects will receive a participation ribbon
 - Blue – 5 points
 - Red – 3 points
 - White – 1 point
- b. All Divisions will be placed Grand thru 10th place per age group:
 - Grand Champion – 50 points (Rosette)
 - Reserve Grand Champion – 40 points (Rosette)
 - 3rd place – 30 points (Ribbon)
 - 4th place – 25 points (Ribbon)
 - 5th place – 20 points (Ribbon)
 - 6th place – 18 points (Ribbon)
 - 7th place – 16 points (Ribbon)
 - 8th place – 14 points (Ribbon)
 - 9th place - 12 points (Ribbon)
 - 10th place - 10 points (Ribbon)

(Grand through 10th place will not get their points for their participation ribbon as well).

RULE 9: SALE OF ITEMS

- a. All baked good, food preservations, and all horticulture produce will be sold starting at 6:00 p.m. following the judging on Thursday, and until sold out, to benefit the fair association as well as the creative arts division.

RULE 10: PROTEST PROVISION and JUDGE DECISIONS

- a. No Protests will be permitted for the Creative Arts and Horticulture Show.
- b. Qualified judges will Judge the Creative Art and Horticulture entries. All decisions by the Judges are final.
- c. Any and all differences, disputes will be settled by a Creative Arts Advisory Committee consisting of:
 - i. Fair Board Operating Officer
 - ii. Creative Arts Committee Chairman

- iii. President of the HCF&R Association

RULE 11: CREATIVE ARTS HOURS

- a. The Creative Arts Building will be open and closed during posted times during the schedule. No one will be allowed in the building after closing.

RULE 12: LOSS and DAMAGE

- a. The Harris County Fair & Rodeo Association and the Creative Arts Committee are not responsible for items entered in the Creative Arts and Horticulture Show. However, extreme caution and care will be used in the handling of all items.

RULE 13: RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

- a. No exhibits are to leave the Show until checked out by the Committee during hours of operation.
- b. Grand and Reserve are requested to stay until check out on Saturday.
- c. All items not claimed and removed by the release date and time will become the property of the Harris County Fair and Rodeo Association and will be disposed of by the management.

RULE 14: COVID WARNING, RULES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

- a. The novel coronavirus commonly known as COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 (the "Virus") has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. An inherent risk of exposure to the Virus exists in any public place where people are present, including Harris County Fair's livestock events. The COVID-19 Virus is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to potentially life threatening illness and even death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), senior citizens and persons with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the Virus is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact, as between persons who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, and some recent studies have suggested that the Virus may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms. There is also some indication that it may be spread by contact with recently contaminated surfaces and objects. There is no known vaccine for the Virus, and studies are currently underway but not completed to determine a treatment or cure.
- b. All Exhibitors, their family members and other related persons participating in the livestock events or on-grounds at the Harris County Fair's facilities shall comply with all health and safety orders, rules and guidelines related to the Virus promulgated by the State of Texas, County of Montgomery and Harris, and Harris County Fair and Rodeo. Without limiting the foregoing, Exhibitors, their family members and other related persons participating in the livestock events agree that they will wear a face mask, wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer or antibacterial wipes, maintain social distancing, and submit to non-invasive body temperature measurement. Any person presenting a body temperature above 100.4

degrees Fahrenheit will not be permitted to participate in the livestock events or be on property at the Harris County Fair and Rodeo.

- c. Exhibitors and their family members acknowledge that personal protective equipment (“PPE”) designed to reduce the chances of exposure to or infection with the Virus may not be readily available at Harris County Fair and Rodeo’s facilities for their participation in the livestock events. Exhibitors and their family members acknowledge that HCFAR may not, and is under no legal duty to, provide any PPE to Exhibitors or their family members. Exhibitors and their families should provide their own PPE for participation in Harris County Fair and Rodeo’s livestock events.
- d. Exhibitors and their family members understand and acknowledge that participation in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo livestock events or use of Harris County Fair and Rodeo’s facilities may expose them to contact with one or more persons who have been infected with, and/or exposed to, the Virus. Exhibitors and their family members further understand that participation in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo events or use of the facilities may expose them to contact with surfaces or objects that contain the Virus and may serve as a means for transmission of the Virus to others who participate in the events or use the facilities. Based on the forgoing, Exhibitors and their family members understand and acknowledge that participation in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo events and use of the facilities may expose them, along with others with whom they may come in contact after they leave Harris County Fair and Rodeo’s facilities, to a risk of infection with the Virus, which may cause significant and serious illness, bodily injury, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability, and/or death.

BAKED GOOD DIVISION

RULES

- a. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
- b. Items must be on forfeited containers. Your containers or dishes WILL NOT be returned.
- c. For food safety and sanitation, all baked good items must be placed on a plate in a Ziploc bag.
- d. Any items such as cakes that are too large to fit in a Ziploc bag must be placed into a seal-able cake container with a lid and NO cardboard boxes.
- e. A recipe MUST accompany your entry at check-in time. Recipes should be printed or typed.
- f. exhibitor's name should not appear anywhere on recipe cards.
- g. No saran wrapped foods or Glad Press' N Seal seal-able plastic will be accepted. See rule c and d.
- h. To ensure food safety, items requiring refrigeration will not be accepted (i.e. recipes including cream cheese, meat, custards and meringue). This includes Italian Cream Cake, Cream Cheese Kolaches, etc. In order to use milk in a recipe it must be baked into item or brought to a boil. NO CREAM CHEESE AT ALL.
- i. No cut fresh fruit or vegetable garnished are allowed.
- j. No alcohol allowed.
- k. Do NOT cut cakes, breads, pies, and cobblers into pieces. Candy and cookies should be a minimum of 12 pieces.
- l. All food items and horticulture produce will be sold starting at 6:00 p.m. following the judging, until sold out, to benefit the fair association and the creative arts division.

CANDY

Class 1	Divinity
Class 2	Fudge
Class 3	Molded
Class 4	Peanut Brittle
Class 5	Praline
Class 6	Hard Candy
Class 7	Carmel
Class 8	Truffles
Class 9	Candy Fruits
Class 10	Miscellaneous Candy

CAKES

Class 24	Scratch Start
Class 25	Creative Cake
Class 26	Two or Three Layer
Class 27	Fruit/Vegetable Cake
Class 28	Pound Cake
Class 29	Angel Food
Class 30	Jelly Roll
Class 31	Sheet Cake
Class 32	Bundt
Class 33	Decorated Cake
Class 34	Decorated Cupcakes
Class 35	Cake Balls

COOKIES

Class 11	Bar
Class 12	Drop
Class 13	Rolled/Cut
Class 14	Brownies
Class 15	No Bake
Class 16	Decorated Cookies
Class 17	Miscellaneous Cookies

PIES

Class 18	Fruit
Class 19	Nut
Class 20	Miscellaneous Pie

COBBLER

Class 21	Any Fruit
Class 22	Any Berry
Class 23	Miscellaneous

Class 36	Loaf Cake
Class 37	Box Cake
Class 38	Miscellaneous Cake

BREADS

Class 39	Rolls
Class 40	Coffee Cake/Tea Ring
Class 41	Kolaches
Class 42	Loaf Bread *White or Wheat*
Class 43	Fruit/Vegetable Bread
Class 44	Biscuits
Class 45	Muffins
Class 46	Cinnamon Rolls/Breakfast Rolls
Class 47	Corn Bread/Quick Bread
Class 48	Miscellaneous

SNACK

Class 49	Sweet
Class 50	Salty Savory
Class 51	Granola
Class 52	Popcorn/Candy
Class 53	Miscellaneous

FOOD PRESERVATION DIVISION

RULES

- a. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
- b. Recipes must accompany the entry.
- c. At the top of the recipe, it must be labeled with the name of the food and the date preserved. Example: Peaches (date preserved)
- d. All items must have been preserved within the last year (12 months).
- e. Items must be in good condition with new self-sealing jars.
- f. Exhibitors will check-in jars without the rings.
- g. Entries will NOT be judged by tasting. Entries will be judged on pack, color, and visual inspection. Jars may need to be open if the judges are having a difficult time placing the entries.
- h. The headspace is ½ inch from lid to product or liquid.
- i. All food items and horticulture produce will be sold following the judging to benefit the fair association and the creative arts division.

FRUITS

Class 1	Peaches
Class 2	Pears
Class 3	Berries
Class 4	Figs
Class 5	Mixed Fruits
Class 6	Tomatoes, Stewed
Class 7	Miscellaneous

PRESERVES

Class 30	Fig
Class 31	Marmalade (any kind)
Class 32	Peach
Class 33	Pears
Class 34	Tomato
Class 35	Strawberries
Class 36	Miscellaneous

VEGETABLES

Class 8	Beans, Green snap
Class 9	Beans, Lima
Class 10	Beans, Yellow snap
Class 11	Beets
Class 12	Carrots
Class 13	Corn
Class 14	Peas
Class 15	Peppers (any kind)
Class 16	Squash

RELISH

Class 37	Chow-Chow
Class 38	Corn Relish
Class 39	Pear Relish
Class 40	Pepper Relish
Class 41	Tomato Relish
Class 42	Salsa
Class 43	Picante
Class 44	Miscellaneous

Class 17 Sauerkraut
Class 18 Miscellaneous

JELLIES (w/juice only)

Class 19 Berry
Class 20 Grape
Class 21 Peach
Class 22 Plum
Class 23 Miscellaneous

JAMS (w/crushed fruit)

Class 24 Berry
Class 25 Fig
Class 26 Grape
Class 27 Peach
Class 28 Plum
Class 29 Miscellaneous

PICKLES

Class 45 Bread and Butter
Class 46 Dill
Class 47 Mustard
Class 48 Sour
Class 49 Sweet
Class 50 Peppers, Hot
Class 51 Peppers, Sweet
Class 52 Watermelon rind
Class 53 Okra
Class 54 Beans
Class 55 Beets
Class 56 Carrots
Class 57 Miscellaneous

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

RULES

- a. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
- b. All fruit and vegetable entries must be grown by the exhibitor.
- c. Container plants (hanging baskets, cactus, etc.) must have been in exhibitor's possession for at least **three months** prior to show.
- d. All entries must be in good condition, free from dirt, disease, and insects.
- e. Produce entries must be on paper plates covered with a Ziploc bag.
- f. To enter fruits and vegetables, you must enter the following amounts:
 - i. Small (i.e. berries, okra, beans) 12 per plate
 - ii. Medium (i.e. plums, apples, squash) 4 - 6 per plate
 - iii. Large (i.e. melons, greens, lettuce) 2 - 3 per plate
- g. Items in this division will be judged on uniformity, condition, and appearance.
- h. All food items and horticulture produce will be sold starting at 6:00 p.m. following the judging, until sold out, to benefit the fair association and the creative arts division.

PRODUCE

Class 1	Berries
Class 2	Peaches
Class 3	Plums
Class 4	Strawberries
Class 5	Beans, Green
Class 6	Beans, Lima
Class 7	Beans, Pinto
Class 8	Beets
Class 9	Bell Pepper
Class 10	Broccoli
Class 11	Cabbage
Class 12	Carrots
Class 13	Corn, Sweet
Class 14	Cantaloupe
Class 15	Cucumbers
Class 16	Eggplant
Class 17	Greens
Class 18	Okra

Produce (Continued)

Class 26	Peppers, Jalapeno
Class 27	Peppers, Banana
Class 28	Peppers, Red
Class 29	Peppers, Sweet
Class 30	Peppers, White
Class 31	Radishes
Class 32	Squash, White
Class 33	Squash, Yellow
Class 34	Squash, Zucchini
Class 35	Tomatoes
Class 36	Turnips
Class 37	Watermelon
Class 38	Miscellaneous

PLANTS

Class 39	Container Plants (ex. Cactus, fern, violets, etc.)
Class 40	Terrariums

Class 19 Onions, Purple
Class 20 Onions, White
Class 21 Onions, Yellow
Class 22 Peas, Black-eyed
Class 23 Peas, Green
Class 24 Peas, English
Class 25 Peas, Purple Hull

Class 41 Hanging Baskets
Class 42 Cut Flowers
Class 43 Herbs
Class 44 Miscellaneous

CREATIVE PRODUCE

Class 45 Decorated (not cut)
Class 46 Largest
Class 47 Funny Shape

CRAFTS DIVISION

RULES

- a. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
- b. Entries must be made by the exhibitor. Items that are bought and embellished will be disqualified.
- c. No food items are allowed in this division
- d. Entries must fit in a standard single door entryway.

CERAMICS/POTTERY

Class 1	Underglaze
Class 2	Overglaze
Class 3	Stain
Class 4	Thrown
Class 5	Hand Formed
Class 6	Miscellaneous

ACCESSORIES

Class 7	Hair Bows/Barrettes
Class 8	Belt (non-leather)
Class 9	Jewelry
Class 10	Shoes
Class 11	Hat
Class 12	Glasses/Sunglasses
Class 13	Head Band
Class 14	Tote Bag
Class 15	Miscellaneous

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Class 16	Wall Hangings
Class 17	Basket/Vase
Class 18	Wreath
Class 19	Miscellaneous

Other continued

Class 43	Mosaic Tile (glass, stone, ceramic)
Class 44	Concrete Art
Class 45	Decorated gourds
Class 46	Decorated glass
Class 47	Dolls
Class 48	Recycling/Repurpose
Class 49	Decorated Pillows
Class 50	Non-sewn item (blanket, scarf, etc.)
Class 51	Nail String

DECORATED CLOTHING & ACCESSORY (decorated, applied, beaded, painted)

Class 52	Jacket
Class 53	Jeans/Overalls
Class 54	Sweatshirts
Class 55	Skirts
Class 56	Shirt/T-shirts
Class 57	Vest
Class 58	Miscellaneous

WREATHS

Class 59	Wire
Class 60	Fabric
Class 61	Straw
Class 62	Grapevine

CROSSES

Class 20	Wood
Class 21	Beaded
Class 22	Painted
Class 23	Mosaic
Class 24	Metal Painted
Class 25	Barbed Wire
Class 26	Miscellaneous

OTHER

Class 27	Leather items
Class 28	Beaded items
Class 29	Bread Dough
Class 30	Macrame'
Class 31	Stained Glass (plastic craft)
Class 32	Decoupage
Class 33	Woodworking
Class 34	Carved wood item
Class 35	Furniture (must be hand-made)
Class 36	Tolle Painting
Class 37	Holiday item
Class 38	Scrapbook Page
Class 39	Scrapbook Project
Class 40	Shadowbox
Class 41	Quilling
Class 42	Bottle Top Art

Class 63	Holiday
Class 64	Miscellaneous

MODELS

Class 65	Vehicle
Class 66	Airplane
Class 67	Military
Class 68	Ship
Class 69	Space
Class 70	House/Barn
Class 71	Machinery
Class 72	Lego Design
Class 73	Anime
Class 74	Miscellaneous

NEEDLEWORK

Class 75	Crewl
Class 76	Needlepoint
Class 77	Embroidery
Class 78	Cross-stitch
Class 79	Candle Wicking
Class 80	Crochet
Class 81	Knitting
Class 82	Tatting
Class 83	Dolls, animals, toys
Class 84	Weaving
Class 85	Patchwork
Class 86	Appliqued
Class 87	Miscellaneous

FINE ARTS DIVISION

RULES

- a. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
- b. Entries **MUST** be made by the Exhibitor. Items that are bought and embellished will be disqualified by the judges.
- c. Art entries must be mounted on heavy foam board, done on canvas, or art board.
- d. If entry is not on canvas or art board, (i.e. paper, watercolor, coloring book page, etc) it must be mounted on heavy foam board to protect the piece of work.

ART

Class 1	Oil
Class 2	Acrylic
Class 3	Tempera
Class 4	Watercolor
Class 5	Charcoal
Class 6	Pencil
Class 7	Pastel
Class 8	Mixed Media
Class 9	Pen and Ink
Class 10	Scratchboard
Class 11	Drafting
Class 12	Painted Gourds
Class 13	Stained Glass
Class 14	Computer Generated
Class 15	Computer Arts (enter plain will be judge for design model)
Class 16	Collages
Class 17	Holiday Picture or item
Class 18	Etched Glass
Class 19	Painted Glass
Class 20	Miscellaneous

SCULPTURE

Class 21	Metal
Class 22	Clay
Class 23	Wood
Class 24	Wire
Class 25	Paper Mache
Class 26	3D Doole Art
Class 27	Miscellaneous

QUILTING/SEWING DIVISION

RULES

- a. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
- b. All entries entered must be constructed by the exhibitor.
- c. All entries must be clean and in good condition.
- d. The following **MUST BE** provided in a Ziploc bag accompanying your entry:
 - I. Remnants of material used in the construction.
 - II. Name of project pattern or directions if made without a pattern.
 - III. Description of steps taken to assemble the project, either handwritten or typed.
 - IV. Pictures taken before, during the assembly, and the finished product.
 - V. **NOTE** – entries without the above items will not be accepted at check-in. If they are accepted at check-in in error, the judge will disqualify them.
- e. Each entry must be on a hanger appropriate for the size and weight of the item and must be fully covered with a plastic bag. If too large to fit on a hanger a sealable "quilt" bag is acceptable.
- f. Garments may have been worn but must be **freshly cleaned**.

QUILTS

Class 1	Hand Pieced - Hand Quilted	Class 12	Sleepwear, Lounge wear
Class 2	Machine Pieced - Hand Quilted	Class 13	Apron
Class 3	Machine Pieced - Machine Quilted	Class 14	Pillows (sewn)
Class 4	Embroidered	Class 15	Non-quilted Sewn Blanket
Class 5	Wall hangings	Class 16	Tote Bags

CLOTHING-SEWING

Class 6	Dresses	Class 17	Stuff Toys
Class 7	Suits, Coats, Jackets	Class 18	Masks
Class 8	Blouses, Shirts	Class 19	Evening Wear
Class 9	Skirts	Class 20	Miscellaneous
Class 10	Pants, Slacks, Shorts		
Class 11	Ensembles (two to three pieces)		

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

RULES

- a. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
- b. All photographs must have been taken by Exhibitor.
- c. All photographs must be 8" x 10" in dimension, except for Class 10.
- d. All prints must be permanently glued/mounted on a solid WHITE ONLY 11 x 14 mount board or foam board (Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or thin poster board is not acceptable). Make sure mount board or foam board must be neat and clean and with straight edges because it enhances your photo. Any other matting including borders on pictures is not allowed and will result in disqualification, except for Class 10.
- e. A label including the following information must be affixed to the back of the photo in the center - Photo Title, Camera Used, Description (Special Effects/Creative Effects only). Labels may be obtained at the mandatory meeting or at check-in.

- Class 1 People
- Class 2 Animals
- Class 3 Food
- Class 4 Night Photography
- Class 5 Nature & Landscape
- Class 6 Plant/Flora
- Class 7 Dominant Color
- Class 8 2021 Theme - "Texture"
- Class 9 Black & White
- Class 10 Non-Traditional Size
- Class 11 Miscellaneous

DESCRIPTIONS OF DIVISIONS AND CLASSES:

- **People:** Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/ fashion, sports, and couples. *Examples include: Kids & Family, Models/Fashion, Sports.* Such photos may be photo journalistic, or in an interpretive portrait where the person rather than the environment is emphasized.
- **Animals:** Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations. *Examples include: Dog, Sheep, Pig, Goat, Cow, Cat, Chicken, Horse, Camel, Goose, Duck, and Hamsters.* No harm or injury should be inflicted on the animal in order to acquire the photo.

- **Dominant Color:** Photos with a dominant color. The dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, white, green, etc. Black & White photos, duotones, are excluded from this category.
- **Food:** Category is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks.
- **Nature & Landscape:** The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenes, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors. *Examples include: Landscapes, Scenes, Outdoors*
- **Night Photography:** Photos taken outdoors between dusk and dawn. Generally, these photos are achieved by using artificial light or using a long exposure. This category can include any subject as the focus should be on the skill and technique used to acquire the photograph. *Examples include buildings/structures, animals, plant/flora, people, etc.*
- **Plant/Flora:** Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category. *Examples include: a rose, an upward shot of a tree, a flower bouquet, etc.*
- **Theme:** Theme photos focus on a subject as announced and outlined in the contest rules. For the 2021 fair, the theme is "Texture". Texture photo subject must focus on texture. *Examples: fur, tree bark, etc.*
- **Black and White:** Any picture with black and white with continuing shades of gray. Not to be confused with pictures taken of items in purely black and white. *(Examples: piano keys)*
- **Non – Traditional 8" x 10":** This is any photo that can be sized as small as a 2" x 2", up to a 10" x 10" and any combination in between. *(Example: any size that is square, panoramic, 4" x 6", etc...)* This class photos will be mounted on mount board or foam board with 3" sticking out past the photo. *(Example: If you have a 4" x 6" photo it will be mounted on a piece of mount board that is 7" x 9". If you have a 3" x 3" photo it will be mounted on a piece of mount board that is 9" x 9" etc...)*

CRITERIA USED FOR JUDGING PHOTOGRAPHY:

- **Focus:** Adjustment of the distance setting on a lens to appropriately define the subject. The focus should be appropriate to the theme/mood and/or photographic class.
- **Exposure:** The quantity of light allowed to act on a photographic material; a product of the intensity and the duration of light striking the film or paper. The exposure compliments the composition and gives the picture a smooth feeling or a particular effect.

- **Lighting:** The illumination of a subject. Use of light should produce the desired mood or effect.
- **Print Quality:** The photo exhibits the quality consistent with display. There should be an absence of blemishes, scratches, overly enlarged (graininess), and pixilation. This also includes the quality of mounting.
- **Subject:** The photo uses the subject to deliver a message in a creative way. The photo should communicate the subject and fit the chosen category.
- **Composition:** Placement of the subject in the photo demonstrating artistic ability. The photo should have a pleasing balance that exists among all components of the composition.
- **Impact:** The photo clearly captures the attention of the viewer. The composition should convey a strong message.
- **Uniqueness:** Use of originality, camera angle, lighting, character studies, and/or creativity. The photographer should exhibit creativity through the photo.
- **NO PHOTOS OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED** Examples: Thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits and place settings, Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, etc.