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## HOME ECONOMICS CATALOG

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# COLORADO COUNTY FAIR

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# **Colorado County Fair**

## **September 11-13, 2025**

### **Home Economics Department**

#### **Mission Statement:**

To educate and involve the community in the Creative Homemaking Department.

#### **Goals and Objectives:**

- Support the youth in Colorado County.
- Meet the needs/interests of Colorado County residents.
- Provide opportunities to attract non-traditional Colorado County Fair audiences.
- Entertain fair guests by creating an energetic and stimulating traditional arts environment within the Creative Homemaking Department.
- Provide a competition avenue for all ages to exhibit their creative and artistic talents.
- Recognize the cultural richness that we have in Colorado County.

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday; 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

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# **Home Economics Catalog**

# **Thank you!**

**The Home Economics Committee and Department Chairs are honored to work with your entries and handle them with great care and attention.**

**We truly value your time, effort, and support.**

**Thank you for being a part of the Colorado County Fair Home Economics Department!**

# **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

## **Monday, August 4, 2025 to Friday, September 5, 2025**

- 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Accept entry forms & fees at Colorado County Extension Office.

## **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

- 10 am to 6 pm. Accept entries at Colorado County Fairgrounds, Founders Hall.

## **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**

- 7:30 am to 9 am. Accept perishable items (Pastries, and Cut Flower/Plant Arrangements).
- 10:00 am Judging of all exhibits. Founders Hall will be closed during judging.

## **Thursday, September 11, 2025**

- 9:30 am to 1 pm. STUDENT Day at The Fair
- 1 pm to 10 pm. Creative Homemaking Department Open to Public

## **Friday, September 12, 2025**

- 11 am to 11 pm. Creative Homemaking Department Open to Public

## **Saturday, September 13, 2025**

- 10 am. Grand and Reserve Winners ride in Parade.
- 11 am to 11 pm. Creative Homemaking Department Open to Public
- 4 pm. Awards Ceremony and Pictures will be take in the Founders Hall: Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show; Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion & Youth High Points. Time may be staggered by Divisions.

## **Sunday, September 14, 2025**

- 9 am to 12 pm. Removal of all exhibits from the Founders Hall. Items left after 12 pm will no longer be the responsibility of the Colorado County Fair Association or its affiliated partners.

# GENERAL RULES

1. Read Carefully: Review the Schedule of Events (p. 2), General Rules and Regulations (p. 3-5), and take note of the Special Rules in each section.
2. **Eligibility:** Exhibitors must be permanent residents of Colorado County or enrolled in school in Colorado County during the current school year.
3. **Entry Forms & Tags:**
  - Entry forms and tags are available at the Colorado County Extension Office.
  - All items entered must have an appropriate tag, which must include the **applicant's name** and **division/item number**.
4. **Entry Fees & Deadlines:**
  - Early Entry: \$2.00 per item (August 4 – September 5, 2025).
  - Late Entry: \$5.00 per item (after September 5, 2025).
  - Fees must be paid when submitting entry forms. **Make checks payable to the Colorado County Fair Association (CCFA)**. Returned checks will be charged a \$100 fee.
  - **Wednesday, September 10, 2025** – All entry forms and fees must be submitted no later than 9:00 am.
5. **Entry Form Requirements:**
  - Every exhibitor must complete and sign an entry form.
  - Exhibitor tags will be issued upon acceptance of entry forms and payment.
  - All items must be completed by the entry acceptance date.
  - Signing the entry form indicates agreement to follow all Home Economics Department rules.
  - It is unethical to exhibit items that have been previously shown or that were made by anyone other than the exhibitor.
6. **Fair Entry Policy:**
  - Exhibitors do not receive free admission to the fair to check their entries, except for: **Seniors on Senior Day** and **Youth on School Day**.
  - For gate fees, check the Fair Website. Exhibitors can support a Fair Queen Candidate by purchasing seasonal passes from their preferred candidate.

7. **Age Divisions:** Each age division competes separately unless specified otherwise. The contest chairman may re-categorize items if there is insufficient competition.
  - Youth – Junior: Ages 4-8
  - Youth – Intermediate: Ages 9-13
  - Youth – Senior: Ages 14-19
  - Adult: Ages 20-69
  - Senior Golden Age: 70+
8. **Scoring:**
  - **Scoring & Awards:** Judges evaluate entries based on department guidelines. Their decisions are final.
  - **Awards:**
    - a) **Best of Show, Reserve Best of Show, Grand Champion, and Reserve Champion** may be selected in each category if warranted by judges. Categories with fewer than three (3) items may receive placement ribbons only.
    - b) All entries will be awarded a ribbon per section.
9. **Ribbon System:**
  - **Blue (1st Place)** – Outstanding/Good
  - **Red (2nd Place)** – Average/Fair
  - **White (3rd Place)** – Needs Improvement
10. **A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rosette** will be selected from each blue-ribbon entry within each division.
11. Grand Champions will compete for **Best of Show** and **Reserve Best of Show Rosettes**.
12. **Rosette Awards:**
  - **\$20 – Best of Show**
  - **\$15 – Reserve Best of Show**
  - **\$10 – Grand Champion**
  - **\$5 – Reserve Grand Champion**
13. Youth exhibitors **must** enter at least **10 quality items** in the Homemaking Department to earn points and qualify for a **season pass**.
14. All entries must follow the General Rules and Regulations set by the Fair Association Board of Directors.
15. The **Fair Home EC Committee** reserves the right to modify or add to these rules if necessary.

12. Although precautions will be taken, the Colorado County Fair Association and volunteers will not be responsible for items lost, stolen, or broken.
13. Items on display in the exhibition hall will not be released until 9 am - 12 pm on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Any items left after 12 pm on the designated pickup day will no longer be the responsibility of the Colorado County Fair Association or its affiliates.
14. Removing items before the scheduled pickup time will result in forfeiture of all prize money.
15. Prizes will be awarded at 4 pm Saturday, September 13, 2025 and between 9 am and 12 pm on Sunday, September 14, 2025, at the Founders Hall. After this date, prizes can be collected by contacting Jessica Fogleman at 832-541-7101. Any unclaimed prizes will be forfeited after January 31, 2026.

# **QUILTERS DIVISION**

## **SECTION A – QUILTERS OF THE FUTURE**

**YOUTH ages 6 to 19 years old ONLY**

A-1 Pieced – crib, lap or wall	A-6 Applique – Professionally Quilted
A-2 Pieced – crib, lap, wall- Professionally quilted	A-7 Art / Pictorial – Any size
A-3 Pieced bed size	A-8 Pre-printed panel
A-4 Pieced bed size – Professionally Quilted	A-9 Two (2) person quilt
A-5 Applique	A-10 Group quilt
	A- 11 Misc.

## **SECTION B – QUILTS – ADULTS**

B-1 Pieced – crib, lap or wall	B-7 Art/Pictorial Quilt – Any size
B-2 Pieced – crib, lap, wall – Professionally quilted	B-8 Pre-printed panel
B-3 Pieced bed size	B-9 Two (2) person quilt
B-4 Pieced bed size – Professionally Quilted	B-10 Group quilt
B-5 Applique	B-11 Misc.
B-6 Applique - Professionally Quilted	

## **SECTION C – PROFESSIONAL & COMMERCIAL**

C-1 Pieced – crib, lap or wall	C-5 Art / Pictorial – Any size
C-2 Pieced bed size	C-6 Two (2) person quilt
C-3 Appliquéd crib, lap or wall	C-7 Group quilt
C-4 Appliquéd, bed size	C-8 Misc.

# QUILTERS RULES

1. **Eligibility:** Quilts must have been completed after the prior fair. Each person or group may enter up to **two (2) quilts**.
2. **Condition:** Quilts must be **clean** and in **show condition**. Bed-sized quilts **must** have a sleeve, and no names should be visible. Throw-sized quilts are preferred to have a sleeve.
3. **Age Groups:** Entries will be judged by age groups, as outlined in the general rules.
4. **Definition of Quilted Items:** Quilted items must be made from fabric, include a significant amount of piecing or appliquéd, and consist of **three layers** (top, batting, and backing).
5. **Judging Criteria:** Articles will be judged based on **workmanship quality** relative to the techniques used, with consideration for:
  - General appearance
  - Construction techniques
  - Suitability of materials
6. **Two-Person Quilts:** Quilts in which **two people** collaborated on the quilt top in any manner.
7. **Group Quilts:** Quilts in which **three or more people** collaborated on the quilt top in any manner.
8. **Professional / Commercial Quilter Definition:** A quilter qualifies in this category if they have:
  - Received monetary compensation for piecing, quilting, or teaching
  - Published a book or pattern
  - Had a quilt featured in a book or magazine

## **Judging Standards:**

Quilts will be based on the following:

- **Workmanship & General Appearance**
- **Design** – Color harmony
- **Stitch Quality** – Even, neat stitches with appropriate tension
- **Structural Integrity** – No distortion or stretching of the design
- **Batting Consistency** – Even thickness with smooth corners
- **Finishing Details** – Hidden knots, no loose threads
- **Overall Presentation** – Clean, creative, and visually appealing
- **Final Touches** – All markings removed, mitered corners sewn

# NEEDLEWORK DIVISION

## SECTION D – FIBER ARTS

D-1 Applique	D-8 Embroidery - Machine
D-2 Candle wicking	D-9 Needlepoint
D-3 Counted Cross Stitch	D-10 Knitted
D-4 Chicken Scratch	D-11 Silk Ribbon
D-5 Crewel	D-12 Tatted
D-6 Crocheted	
D-7 Embroidery - Hand	

**NOTE** – Items are separated by technique.

**Judging Standards:** Needlework will be evaluated based on the following:

- **Design** – Originality of design, color, texture and harmony. Technique appropriate for design. Frame/mat size and color (should complement the item). Simplicity vs. complexity
- **Stitch Quality** – Even, neat stitches with appropriate tension.
- **Structural Integrity** – No obvious signs of stretching or distortion of the article shape.
- **Suitability & Function** – Suitability of the article for its intended purpose. Handmade requirement (except for machine embroidery.) Pillows: evenly stuffed, smooth corners. Note: Decorative stitching is the main judging focus for pillows.
- **Smocking-Specific Criteria** – Quality of smocking and embroidery stitches.
- **Finishing Details** – Knots and thread ends should be hidden, no loose threads.
- **Overall Presentation** – Clean and in good condition

# MACHINE SEWN FABRICS DIVISION

## SECTION E

E-1 Constructed Accessories

E-2 Decorated Accessories

E-3 Constructed Apparel

E-4 Decorated Apparel

E-5 Baby Items

E-6 Doll Clothes and

Accessories

E-7 Household Item such as:

Placemats, microwave bowl

holder, kitchen boa, pillow,

pillowcase(s), wall hanging,

etc.

E-8 Personal Items such as:

Water bottle or glasses

holders, phone and tissue

holders, scrunchies, etc.

E-9 Purse/Handbag

E-10 Quilt/Table Runner – 2

layers

E-11 Repurposed Items

E-12 Seasonal/Holiday

E-13 Stuffed Animals

E-14 Misc.

**Judging Standards:** Machine sewn fabrics will be evaluated based on the following:

- **Workmanship & General Appearance**
- **Design** – Originality of design, color, texture and style.
- **Quality** – Accurate cutting, quality of construction
- **Structural Integrity** – No obvious signs of stretching or distortion of the article shape. Seams straight
- **Suitability & Function** – The fabric chosen should enhance the function and style of the item and be appropriate for the design.
- **Finishing Details** – No loose threads.
- **Overall Presentation** – Clean and pressed. Project must be fully finished.

# HANDICRAFTS DIVISION

## SECTION F

F-1 Beads – Necklace, Earrings, Bracelet, etc.	F-12 Novelty Items (holiday, toys, etc.)
F-2 Beaded Articles, Other (crosses, etc.)	F-13 Paper
F-3 Ceramics	F-14 Plaster Items
F-4 Clay	F-15 Plastic Canvas
F-5 Craft Kit	F-16 Scrapbook
F-6 Decoupage	F-17 Seasonal/Holiday
F-7 Home Accessories	F-18 Wax
F-8 Personal Accessories	F-19 Wood
F-9 Leather	F-20 Wreaths
F-10 Metal	F-21 Misc
F-11 Model Vehicle	

**Judging Standards:** Handicraft items will be evaluated based on the following:

- **Workmanship & General Appearance**
- **Design** – Originality, creativity and decorative of design
- **Quality** – Accurate cutting, quality of construction
- **Structural & Decorative Design** – Both functional structure and decorative elements should be well-integrated, balanced, and thoughtfully executed.
- **Overall Design Impact** (Total Design Effect) – The combination of form, color, and detail should create a cohesive and striking final impression.
- **Readiness for Use** – The item should be complete, functional (if applicable), and ready for display or intended use.

# COLLECTIBLES DIVISION

## SECTION G

**Eligible Collections** (Examples Include but Are Not Limited To):

- Airplanes
- Angels
- Bells
- Bottles
- Cars & Trucks
- Coins
- Dishes
- Dolls
- Magnets
- Mugs
- Memorabilia
- Miniatures
- Photo Albums
- Scrapbooks
- Stamps
- And more!

### Rules:

- **No Consecutive Years:** The same collectible exhibit cannot be entered in back-to-back years.
- **Ownership:** The collection must be collected and entered by the exhibitor.
- **Space Limit:** Displays must not exceed 30 square inches in total space.

**Judging Standard:** Displays will be judged on:

- **Originality**
- **Attractiveness of Display**

# HORTICULTURE DIVISION

## SECTION H

H-1 Potted Plants

H-2 Floral Design

H-3 Dish Garden

H-4 Terrarium

H-5 Fresh Cut Specimens

### **Rules:**

- All exhibits must be free of dirt, disease, and insects.
- All plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days prior to the fair.
- All entries must include the common name of the plant and the division/item number on the exhibitor tag.
- Only amateur growers are eligible to exhibit.
- Any plant deemed unworthy of an award may be disqualified by the division chairperson.
- No artificial plants will be accepted.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for the grooming, care, and watering of his or her plants.
- Exhibits not complying with the above rules will be disqualified.

All possible care will be taken to protect exhibits during the show. However, the Fair Association is not responsible for any damage that may occur

**Judging Standard:**

**Potted Plants** – Judged on cultural perfection, size according to variety, color, form, substance or texture of bloom and/or foliage.

**Floral Design** – Judged on the outline of the design, smooth lines, focal point, size and types of plant materials, visual balance/stability, color, construction and workmanship, and the size, shape, color, and material of the container.

**Dish Garden** – A miniature landscape arranged in an open, shallow, low-volume container.

**Terrarium** – A miniature landscape displayed in a container with high transparent sides. The top may be closed or open.

**Fresh Cut Specimens** – Flowers and/or plant arrangements must be displayed in a clear bottle with stems submerged in water. No foliage should be in the water—only the stem. Judged on cultural perfection, size according to variety, color, form, and substance or texture of bloom and/or foliage.

Specimens will be judged on cultural perfection, including form, color, substance, abundance of bloom, size according to variety, foliage, and stems.

# BAKED GOODS DIVISION

## SECTION I

- I-1 Biscuits, summit 12
- I-2 Cakes
- I-3 Cookies, submit 12
- I-4 Candies, submit 12
- I-5 Cornbread
- I-6 Decorated Items
- I-7 Diabetic Items, No sugar, low sugar or sugar substitute
- I-8 Muffins, submit 12
- I-9 Pies
- I-10 Quick Breads
- I-11 Strudel
- I-12 Yeast Breads
- I-13 Misc.

### **Rules:**

- Pies must be at least 9 inches in diameter and in a disposable container.
- Loaves of bread must be in a plastic bag and measure a minimum of 4" x 8".
- All entries must be placed on a firm, disposable base (e.g., foil-covered cardboard or aluminum pan) and covered with clear plastic wrap or a zip-top bag.
- Submit 12 pieces of small items such as biscuits, cookies, candies, rolls, or doughnuts.
- Do not cut entries prior to judging.
- Diabetic items must be made with no sugar, low sugar, or a sugar substitute.

**Note: There is no refrigeration available**

**Judging Standards:** Baked Goods will be evaluated based on the following:

### **Cakes**

- Symmetrical shape with tender crust
- Moist and light texture with small, evenly distributed holes
- Delicate, sweet, and well-blended flavor that enhances the cake
- *Note: "Decorated Items" will be judged solely on decoration*

### **Pies**

- Golden brown crust
- Crust has a pleasant, bland flavor to complement the filling
- Cuts easily with a table knife or fork
- Flaky, layered crust with a crisp texture
- Holds shape when served, appropriate to ingredients used
- Pleasing, well-blended flavor of filling

### **Candies**

- Uniform in color, size, shape, and thickness
- Pleasing, delicate, and well-blended flavor
- Free of sugar crystals with a fine texture

### **Cookies**

- Uniform in color, size, shape, and thickness
- Even, delicately browned crust (where applicable)
- Pleasing, delicate, and well-blended flavor

### **Decorated Items**

- Judged on **creativity** and **visual appeal** only

## **After Judging**

Entries will either be on display in the exhibition hall. Items can be picked up between 9 am and 12 pm on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Any items not picked up by 12:00 pm will be discarded. See General Rules #13 for any clarification.

# CANNED FOODS DIVISION

## SECTION J

J-1 Fruits

J-6 Butters

J-2 Vegetables

J-7 Preserves, Jellies and

J-3 Honey

Jams

J-5 Pickles and Relishes

J-4 Mics. i.e: Cereal mix, Dehydrated items, Freeze-dried items, Homemade noodles or pasta, Syrup, Spiced nuts. *These do not need to be in sealed jars but must be in appropriate containers.*

### Notes:

1. No labels are required, only an entry tag is needed.
2. Recipes are encouraged but not mandatory.
3. All canned foods must be in standard canning jars (Mason, Ball, Kerr, etc.). *Salad dressing or other non-canning jars are not permitted.*

**Judging Standards:** Canned Foods will be evaluated based on the following:

- Contents must be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top of the jar lid.
- Low-acid canned items (processed in a pressure canner) require 1" headspace.
- Jars must be clean and shiny, with rings removed.
- Uniform piece size in fruits, vegetables, and pickles is expected.
- Product should not float within the jar.
- Liquid should be:
  - Clear (not cloudy)
  - Suitable for the item
  - Colored appropriately
  - Fully covering the contents
- Product should be:
  - Firm but not hard
  - Free of visible sugar crystals
  - Cleanly pulled away from the jar sides
  - Holding its shape
- Juices should be bright and clear.
- No air pockets or bubbles among contents.
- Honey, syrup, and extracts will be judged on taste and appearance.
- Jar mixes will be judged on appearance only. Recipes may be included.

# **PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION**

## **SECTION K – PHOTOGRAPHY - YOUTH - JUNIOR**

### **Ages 4 to 8 year old**

K-1 Scenic/ Nature's Wonders	K-6 Farm & Ranch/ Western
K-2 Animals Section	Heritage
K-3 People/ Family	K-7 Misc.
K-4 Sports	
K-5 Spirit of the Fair	

## **SECTION L – PHOTOGRAPHY - YOUTH - INTERMEDIATE**

### **Ages 9 to 13 year old**

L-1 Scenic/ Nature's Wonders	L-5 Spirit of the Fair
L-2 Animals Section	L-6 Farm & Ranch/ Western
L-3 People/ Family	Heritage
L-4 Sports	L-7 Misc.

## **SECTION M – PHOTOGRAPHY - YOUTH - SENIOR**

### **Ages 14 to 19 year old**

M-1 Scenic/ Nature's Wonders	M-5 Spirit of the Fair
M-2 Animals Section	M-6 Farm & Ranch/ Western
M-3 People/ Family	Heritage
M-4 Sports	M-7 Misc.

## **SECTION N – PHOTOGRAPHY – ADULT AMATEUR**

N-1 Scenic/ Nature's Wonders	N-6 Farm & Ranch/ Western
N-2 Animals Section	Heritage
N-3 People/ Family	N-7 Misc.
N-4 Sports	
N-5 Spirit of the Fair	

## **SECTION O – PHOTOGRAPHY - ADULT PROFESSIONAL**

O-1 Scenic/ Nature's Wonders	O-5 Spirit of the Fair
O-2 Animals Section	O-6 Farm & Ranch/ Western
O-3 People/ Family	Heritage
O-4 Sports	O-7 Misc.

## **SECTION P – PHOTOGRAPHY - AMATEUR, PRO-ENHANCED/ ALTERED/SPECIAL EFFECTS**

P-1 Scenic/ Nature's Wonders

P-2 Animals Section

P-3 People/ Family

P-4 Sports

P-5 Spirit of the Fair

P-6 Farm & Ranch/ Western

Heritage

P-7 Misc.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY RULES**

- Entry Limit:** Each participant may submit up to five (5) photographs.
- Section Categories:** Entries will be judged by section group, as listed below.

### **Section K-M : Youth all categories**

- Open to individuals 19 years old or younger who take photographs for personal enjoyment and have not received payment for their photography.

### **Section N: Adult Amateur**

- Open to individuals 20 years old or older who take photographs for personal enjoyment and have not received payment for their photography.

### **Section O: Adult Professional**

- For individuals who earn personal income from photography or related services, such as:
  - Professional photography
  - Teaching photography
  - Photo processing, printing, or print finishing

### **Section P: Amateur – Pro-Enhanced / Altered / Special Effects**

- For photographs that include enhancements or effects beyond the basic adjustments allowed in other sections.
- Photo Type:** Only color or black & white prints are accepted (from film or digital cameras).
- Print Quality:** Use standard photo paper. Entries printed on specialty paper that enhances the image must be entered in Section N.

5. **Processing Recommendation:** Adult contestants are encouraged to use lab processing instead of home printers. Photos with visible date stamps should be cropped or matted to conceal the date (recommended for adult sections). Judges evaluate the overall print quality.
6. **Editing Rules (Sections K–O):**
  - Cropping is allowed.
  - Minimal light adjustments (lightening or darkening) are permitted.
7. **Editing Rules (Section P only):**
  - Cropping is allowed.
  - Must be entered here if the photo includes:
    - Dropping or adding elements
    - Intense color alterations
    - Shadow removal
    - Special techniques such as:
      - Antiquing
      - Sepia-tone
      - Hand tinting
      - Any major enhancement or special effect

8. **Framing:** Not permitted in any section

9. **Photo Size & Mounting Requirements**

**Section K to M – Youth all categories:**

- Print size: 5" x 7"
- Mount on poster board or mounting board to a finished size of 6" x 8"
- No hanging apparatus required

**Section N – Adult Amateur:**

- Print size: 8" x 10"
- Mount on poster board or foam mounting board to a finished size of 11" x 14"
- No hanging apparatus required

**Section O – Adult Professional:**

- Print size: Up to 10" x 13" before matting or framing
- Matted entries: No hanging apparatus needed

**Section P – Enhanced / Altered / Special Effects:**

- Print size: Up to 8" x 10"
- Must be matted to a finished size of 11" x 14"
- No frames or hanging apparatus allowed

10. **Special Considerations: "Spirit of the Fair" Class.** By entering this class, the exhibitor agrees to allow the Colorado County Fair Association, Inc. to use their photo for publicity (e.g., posters, programs, newspapers) without compensation. Photographer's name will be credited in publications.
11. The contest chairman reserves the right to reassign entries to a different category if competition is limited.

# FINE ARTS DIVISION

## SECTION Q – SCHOOL ART

Q-1 Coloring Clip Art

Q-2 School Open Art

## SCHOOL ARTS RULES

- Entry Limit:** Only one (1) piece of artwork per student is allowed in the school art division.
- Section Categories:** Entries will be judged by section group, as listed below.
  - Q-1 Coloring Clip Art** (provided by Colorado County Fair Association): For Pre-K and Kindergarten
  - Q-2 School Art:** For students in Elementary, Junior High, and High School
- Plagiarism is strictly prohibited.**
  - Published images may NOT be copied or reproduced in whole or part.
  - This includes artwork from: eBooks, Mobile apps, Websites and Printed materials (magazines, books, brochures, etc.)
  - No trademark logos, licensed characters, or copyrighted images are allowed.
  - These materials may be used for reference only.
- Obscene or inappropriate content is not permitted.**
  - Entries must NOT include: Obscene language or images, Drug references or paraphernalia, Profanity directed at deities, Violence or any material offensive to community standards
- Accepted Mediums.**
  - Approved art materials include Drawing: Graphite, colored pencils, charcoal, pressed crayons. Pastels: Chalk and oil. Paints: Tempera, acrylic, watercolor, oil. Ink-based: Pen & ink, printmaking, graffiti. Mixed media: Paper collage.

**Note:** All loose materials (e.g., pastel, charcoal) must be sprayed with a fixative.
- Artwork Size and Mounting Requirements**  
**Elementary & Preschool Divisions:**

1. Maximum artwork size: 9" x 12"
  - Artwork must be mounted with no more than a 1" border.
  - Example: Mount a 9" x 12" piece on a 11" x 14" board (1" border on each side).

### **Junior High, High School:**

- Maximum overall size (including mat/mount): 24" x 24"
- Artwork must be mounted or matted using white or black mounts/mats
- No liners or additional inner mats allowed

7. **Velcro Requirements:** Each piece must have at least two (2) Velcro dots on the back for display purposes
8. **Framing is NOT allowed.** Canvas board or stretched canvas pieces must include a tab attached to each top corner for hanging on the display wall
9. **No signatures** should appear on the front of the artwork

### **10. Awards**

#### **Elementary School Art (Pre-K – 5th Grade):**

- One (1) Best of Show
- One (1) Reserve Best of Show
- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

#### **Junior High School Art (6th – 8th Grade):**

- One (1) Best of Show
- One (1) Reserve Best of Show
- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

#### **High School Art (9th – 11th Grade):**

- One (1) Best of Show
- One (1) Reserve Best of Show
- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

### **11. Artwork Pickup Information:**

**School Entries:** All artwork submitted through schools must be picked up by the teachers. Teachers will be responsible for returning the artwork to their students.

# **FINE ARTS DIVISION**

## **SECTION R – OPEN ART**

### **SECTION R-1 – YOUTH - JUNIOR**

**Ages 4 to 8 year old**

### **SECTION R-2 – YOUTH - INTERMEDIATE**

**Ages 9 to 13 year old**

### **SECTION R-3 – YOUTH - SENIOR**

**Ages 14 to 19 year old**

### **SECTION R-4 – ADULT**

**Ages 20 to 69 year old**

### **SECTION R-5 – SENIOR GOLDEN AGE**

**Ages 70+**

## **OPEN FINE ARTS RULES**

- Section Categories:** Entries will be judged by section group, as listed above.
- Plagiarism is strictly prohibited**
  - Published images may NOT be copied or reproduced in whole or part.
  - This includes artwork from: eBooks, Mobile apps, Websites and Printed materials (magazines, books, brochures, etc.)
  - No trademark logos, licensed characters, or copyrighted images are allowed.
  - These materials may be used for reference only.
- Obscene or inappropriate content is not permitted**
  - Entries must NOT include: Obscene language or images, Drug references or paraphernalia, Profanity directed at deities, Violence or any material offensive to community standards
- Accepted Mediums**
  - Approved art materials include Drawing: Graphite, colored pencils, charcoal, pressed crayons. Pastels: Chalk and oil. Paints: Tempera, acrylic, watercolor, oil. Ink-based: Pen & ink, printmaking, graffiti. Mixed media: Paper collage.

**Note:** All loose materials (e.g., pastel, charcoal) must be sprayed with a fixative.

**5. Artwork Size and Mounting Requirements**

- Maximum overall size (including mat/mount): 24" x 24"
- Artwork must be mounted or matted using white or black mounts/mats
- No liners or additional inner mats allowed
- Wire hanger is permitted, no glass accepted

**6. No signatures** should appear on the front of the artwork

**7. Artwork Pickup Information:**

- Open Youth and Open Adult Entries: Artwork must be picked up between 9 am and 12 pm on the designated pickup day.

## **We Value Your Feedback**

**We would love to hear from you!**

**Any feedback or suggestions can be emailed to:**

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**We look forward to seeing you again next year!**

