

2024  
**DEPARTMENT 11**  
**BASKETRY**

The 2024 Big E will be held September 13-29, 2024.

**Exhibitor handbooks and schedules are subject to change.**

We suggest you request to be added to the email lists of the departments you are entering, follow the department Facebook page, or check our website frequently for updates.

Email [CreativeArts@TheBigE.com](mailto:CreativeArts@TheBigE.com) to request to be added to be added to our email list.

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All exhibitors are required to read and comply with the **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS** of the Creative Arts Department and to acknowledge with entry submission that they have obtained **copyright permission** when appropriate.

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| <b>Entry Form Due</b>   | August 12  | Online: <a href="https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/">https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/</a> |  |               |
| <b>Entry Fee per Item</b>   | \$5  |   |  |               |
| <b>Entry Limit</b>  | Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-14 |   |  |               |
| <b>Eligibility</b>  | Must be completed within past 3 years  |   |  |               |
| <b>Classes</b>  | A: Adult Professional  | B: Adult Non-Professional   | C: Youth 13-18                               | D: Youth 5-12 |
| <b>Premiums</b>   | Best of Department: \$20   | Blue: \$20  | Red: \$17                                    | White: \$14   |
| <b>Receiving</b>  | Tuesday, September 3: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm   |   | New England Center                           |               |
| <b>Judging</b>  | Closed to the public   |   | Wednesday, September 4 – Friday, September 6 |               |
| <b>Release</b>  | Monday, September 30,<br>12:00 pm to 7:00 pm                                     | Tuesday, October 1,<br>8:00 am to 1:00 pm   | New England Center                           |               |
| After November 1, all unclaimed items become the property of Eastern States Exposition and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.                 |  |   |  |               |
| For additional information, contact Creative Arts at <a href="mailto:CreativeArts@TheBigE.com">CreativeArts@TheBigE.com</a> or call (413) 205-5015. |  |   |  |               |

**Judging may include but not limited to:**

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| Design     | Materials               |
| Creativity | Technique & Workmanship |
| Color      | Condition               |



Hat by Edith King

**Division 1101** Round reed

**Division 1102** Flat reed

**Division 1103** Natural: Vines, bark, pine, needles, etc.

**Division 1104** Traditional: Woven using a customary technique (Nantucket, Shaker, splint)

**Division 1105** Other: Woven using unusual techniques and/or materials other than those stated above

**Division 1106** Chair Caning & Chair Seating

**Division 1107** Other than classified

**Division 1108** **2024 Creative Arts Theme: “United We Fair”.** The piece involves a spirit of unity.  
Please include a 3”x5” index card describing how entry relates to the theme.

### **SPECIAL AWARDS FOR BASKETRY**

Selection of award recipient is based on "judge's choice" using criteria set by the donor of the award.

#### **NORTHEAST BASKETMAKERS GUILD**

[www.Northeastbasketmakers.org](http://www.Northeastbasketmakers.org)

One-year membership and a \$50 award to a *Youth Best in Department* or if no youth entry, to a Best of Department-Adult-Non-Professional

#### **PALFREY SQUARE BASKETRY COLLECTIVE**

*Palfrey Square Innovation Award:* \$100 award to the basket which most exemplifies innovation by the use of unexpected types of material, or by the use of traditional materials in unexpected ways, or by the use of unconventional techniques, or by any other evidence that the creation is novel.