



2024 Fort Bend County Fair & Rodeo 4-H, FFA, FCCLA Department Rules

Chairman: Angie Reid
Co Chairman: Monica Borak

Directors in Charge: Marjie Pollard & Jennifer Hanzik

Important Dates:

Check-In (Bldg D)	Monday, September 23, 2024	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Photo Opportunity	Friday, September 27, 2024	4:00 p.m.
Check-Out (Bldg D)	Sunday, October 6, 2024	8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

1. EXHIBITOR MUST BE A FORT BEND COUNTY RESIDENT AND A CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBER OF A FORT BEND COUNTY 4-H, FFA, OR FCCLA CLUB.
2. Age Requirements: (Age is determined as of August 31, 2024)

Junior... 3rd – 5th grade (*minimum of 8 years old*)
Intermediate... 6th – 8th grade
Senior... 9th – 12th grade (*maximum of 18 years old as of August 31, 2024*)

Special education youth who are older than 18, an active member of 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA and live in Fort Bend County are eligible based on the respective organization rules and requirements. Participant must provide proof of eligibility from their organization leader.

3. ALL ITEMS ENTERED BY EXHIBITOR **MUST BE MADE BY EXHIBITOR**. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION OF **ALL** EXHIBITOR'S ENTRIES, PRIZE MONIES OR AWARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS DEPARTMENT.
4. **EFFECTIVE 2024: Entry fee for all exhibitors. Fee is per exhibitor not item.**
 - a) \$5.00 flat entry fee; for 1 - 10 entries
 - b) \$10.00 flat entry fee; 11⁺ – 25 entries
5. Items which have been previously entered in another county fair will be ineligible, except for plants that have been previously entered in another fair.
6. AN EXHIBITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER **NO MORE THAN 25 ITEMS** WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10 ITEMS PER DIVISION.
7. Limit size of your project to the area for display on shelves, wire cages, etc. An entry with multiple pieces should not be loose. If concerned about size check with any Committee member.
8. The Exhibitor Entry Card must be filled out completely upon entering the building, and it must be signed by the member and the parents. Exhibitor numbers can be obtained from your club manager or teacher.

Items Needed for Check in:

- a) Division card/Exhibitor Entry Card – see exhibit A
- b) School Eligibility Form – see exhibit B
- c) Items with *entry tag attached – see exhibit C & D

***All entry tag numbers should be highlighted according to color code for age category:**

- a) Junior...Yellow
- b) Intermediate...Blue
- c) Senior...Green

9. **ALL ENTRIES** will be received from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, September 23, 2024 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Building D. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Please complete all paperwork before arriving at check-in. ALL Judging will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.
10. Check out time will be on **SUNDAY, October 6, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** in the fair Building D. Please make arrangements with someone to pick up your items if you cannot pickup your item during this time.

Any item not picked up at check-out will be at the Extension Office until October 18, 2024. Items not picked up by then will be discarded. We are not responsible for items or monies left after check-out. Vouchers must be cashed in by check-out on Sunday, October 6, 2024, or money will be forfeited.

11. No one except committee members and helpers will be allowed in the viewing area until the department opens to the general public, Friday, September 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
12. Ribbons will be awarded only if judges consider product worthy of a prize based on quality of workmanship related to the item exhibited. Each item is judged on its own merit. Items must be in good condition. Items not following department and division guidelines can be disqualified.

Grand and Reserve entries are awarded with rosettes. A mini rosette for Best of Division will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Only items that were considered for Grand and Reserve are eligible for the Best of Division award.

13. Ribbon Values are as follows:

GRAND	6 points	\$10.00
RESERVE	5 points	\$5.00
BEST OF DIVISION	4 points	\$3.00
BLUE	3 points	\$1.00
RED	2 points	.50
WHITE	1 point	.25

14. **HIGH POINT AWARDS:** Awards will be presented to the three top exhibitors in each division. (*All awards are Subject to Fair Board Approval*). These will be awarded at the County fair. High point winners in each age division will be awarded as follows: **1st Place: Belt Buckle, 2nd Place: \$35, 3rd Place: \$20**

Notes:

- a. High point winners will be determined in each age category by a point system (see chart on prior page 12) Ties will be broken by the number of Grand Rosettes, Reserve Rosettes, Best of Class Rosettes and Blue ribbons.
 - b. In order to be eligible to receive a high point award, an individual must enter six out of eight divisions.
15. Duplication is defined as: **NO IDENTICAL ITEMS**. Example: CAN NOT DO, two decorated Christmas tree T-shirts or two jars of strawberry jelly. CAN DO, one decorated Christmas tree T-shirt and one decorated balloon T-shirt or one jar of strawberry jelly and one jar of strawberry jam.
16. Junior, Intermediate and Senior High Point winners, as well as all Grand and Reserve Rosette winners should be present in the 4-H/FFA/FCCLA Department at 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 27, 2024, for photos.
17. If you have additional questions, please contact Angie Reid (713)819-3793 or Monica Borak (281)793-2719.

EXHIBIT A – Division Card / Exhibitor Entry Card

**There are separate cards for each age division.
Junior (Yellow), Intermediate (Blue) & Senior (Green)**

<i>Committee use only:</i>	
Entry Fee Paid:	_____
Grade Eligibility:	_____
Club membership:	_____

Exhibitor No. _____

(4H members need to get this number from their club leader, FFA & FCCLA see fair department committee member)

JUNIOR DIVISION

Last Name: Doe First Name: Jane
 01/01/01 102 Quail Run
 DOB: _____ Address: _____
 Telephone: Home 281-000-0123 Work 281-000-0124 Cell: 281-000-0125
 Club Name: (Your club name) Leader/Advisor Name: (advisor name) Phone: (advisor phone number)

DIVISIONS

Division I - Fancywork/Handwork

Description of Item (for identification purposes. Example: polka dot dress, or black cat figurine)	Tag Number	Check In	Ribbon	Outstanding Ribbon	Points	Prize Money	Check Out
Black & white stitched potholder	02535 (this is the number on the entry tag - exhibit #)						
Sub - Total							

Division II - Sewing Machine Articles

Description of Item (for identification purposes. Example: polka dot dress, or black cat figurine)	Tag Number	Check In	Ribbon	Outstanding Ribbon	Points	Prize Money	Check Out

EXHIBIT B – School Eligibility Forms
(REQUIRED to submit entries)

4-H Members

Eligibility forms will need to be requested from <https://agrilife.org/ftbend4h/fort-bend-county-fair-arts-and-crafts-4-h-eligibility-and-county-confirmation/> . Link will be open August 15, 2024 and closed September 15, 2024 for eligibility completion.

FFA, FCCLA

Eligibility form will need to be printed from <https://www.fortbendcountyfair.com/events/competitive-events/creative-arts> and submitted at check-in from your school or organization stating you are a Fort Bend County club member, Fort Bend County resident and you are academically eligible according to UIL standards.

EXHIBIT C – Entry tag

Highlight exhibitor number on entry tags according to color code for age category:

Junior-Yellow

Intermediate-Blue

Senior-Green

You may tear off the perforated section at the bottom of the entry tag and keep for your records when you pick up your items at checkout.

Exhibit D – Entry tag

Food Preservation entries ONLY
(Submitted in addition to Exhibit C)

You may pick up this tag at the Fort Bend County Extension Office.

Attach card to jar with string, do NOT tape to jar.



No. **02535**

Exhibitor No. **12345**

Dept. **Junior**

Division **I—Fancywork**

Sec. _____ Class _____

Entry **Black Cat Cross-
Stitched Pot Holder**
(Paste Seal Here)

Exhibitor **John Doe**
(fold on this line)

Address **Club Name Here**

No. **02535** CLAIM CHECK
Property surrendered only on return of this check.

No. 163 The Fair Pub. House, Norwalk, Ohio

FBCF - 4-H/FFA/FCCLA Dept.
FOOD PRESERVATION
USDA Guidelines are to be followed.

Product: _____

Date Preserved: _____

Processing Method Used: (select one)

___ Drying: ___ min. & ___ temp.

___ Water Bath: ___ min.

___ Pressure: ___ min. & ___ lbs.

Type of Pack: ___ Raw ___ Hot

Attach recipe with source to this card for judging.



**FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR
4-H, FFA, & FCCLA Departments
DIVISIONS**

Division I – Fancywork/Handwork

Items constructed with embroidery, crewel, crochet and knit work must be judged on construction as well as the handwork. Items with both machine and fancywork/handwork will only be judged on fancywork if entered in this division.

Afghan, Candle wicking, Chicken Scratch, Counted Cross Stitch, Stamped Cross Stitch, Crewel, Crocheted, Cut Work, Decorated Stitchery, Folded Star, Knitted, Quilted, Seminole, Shadow & Embroidery, Smocked, Creative Stitchery, Swedish Darning, Tatting, Trapunto, Yo Yo's, Pin Weaving, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.
(Machine embroidery items should be entered in Arts & Crafts Division). No tie-knot items accepted in this division, they will be entered into the Arts & Craft division.

Division II - Sewing Machine Articles

Judged Primarily on Construction. All items made predominantly from a store-bought pattern or an original pattern such as:

Apron, Vest, T-Shirt, Jacket, Sweatshirt, Robe, Sweat pants, Dress, Pants, skirt, Duster, Quilts, T-Shirt Dress, Jumper, Blouse, Jumpsuit, Shorts, Gown/Night shirts, Pajamas, Child's Garment, Infant Wear, Swimsuit, Doll Clothing, Pillow, Gym Bag, Miscellaneous - No duplications

DIVISION III – Food Preservation

(Must have Exhibit C & D attached – only tape string to jar, DO NOT tape the tag to the jar)

Entry Guidelines

1. All entries must have been preserved within the last year (12 months). If fresh produce is used, the exhibit should have been preserved within the last growing season; in no case should this exceed one year.
2. Unsealed exhibits or products showing signs of spoilage will not be judged.
3. Lid must be labeled with the name of the food and the date preserved. Additionally, attach preservation card (exhibit D) which includes the method of food preservation. Entries without required labeling will not be judged. The label must also state whether the food was hot or raw packed, boiling water or pressure canned, the process time, and the pounds of pressure if pressure-canned. The entry should also be accompanied by a complete recipe, including all ingredients used. (A judge needs to know if the proper amount of citric acid, lemon juice or vinegar has been added to canned tomatoes, for example. The judge also has to know whether certain foods have meat, low acid vegetables, starches, etc. added.) **Use EXHIBIT D to attach to canning entries- attach a string or yarn to the tag. Only use tape on the string/yarn and tape to top of jar lid. Do not tape the tag directly onto jar. If tag is taped to the jar entirely, it is difficult to see the contents of the jar.**

Examples:

- a) Peaches, hot pack, boiling water canner, 20 minutes. July 13, 2003.
Recipe:
- b) Spaghetti sauce, hot pack, pressure canner, 11 pounds pressure, 45 minutes. July 14, 2003.
Recipe:
- c) Dried peaches, electric dehydrator. June 6, 2003.

Recipe:

4. An exhibit may not have been previously entered in the same event.

Canned products must be canned in clear, standard (Ball, Kerr, or Mason) half-pint, pint or quart jars in good condition with new, two-piece canning lids (flat lid and band). NO colored jars – only clear. No fancy padded lids, fabric overwraps or cozies. This may interfere with the judging process and should not be used.

- Low acid foods must be pressure canned. These foods include meats, poultry, seafood, vegetables and some combination foods such as soup mixes, spaghetti sauce with meat, and certain tomato products.
- Acid and appropriately acidified foods (expected pH less than 4.6) such as pickles may be processed in a boiling water canner.
- Jams, jellies, and fruit preserves should be processed in a boiling water canner.
- Paraffin should not be used to seal jams, jellies or any food.
- Open kettle canning (putting hot food in a jar, putting the lid on it and giving it no further processing) is not acceptable for any “canned” product.
- Soup mixes or other foods with thickeners (like flour or starch), cream or milk, pasta/noodles, or rice are not permitted unless an established process from USDA or other recognized scientific source can be documented.

Examples:

VEGETABLES: Beets, Carrots, Corn, Field Peas, Green Snap beans, Lima beans, Mixed Vegetables, Okra & Tomatoes, Peppers, Sauerkraut, Squash, Tomatoes, Vegetable Juice, Wax Snap beans, Miscellaneous – No duplications.

FRUITS: Apples, Berries, Figs, Fruit Juice, Mixed Fruit, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Miscellaneous - No duplications.

PRESERVES & JELLIES: Apple jelly, Berry jelly, Dewberry preserves, Fig preserves, Grape jelly, Tomato preserves, Peach preserves, Pear preserves, Plum jelly, Plum preserves, Strawberry preserves, Miscellaneous - No duplications.

PICKLES, RELISHES AND CONDIMENTS: Bread/Butter Pickles, Catsup, Chili Sauce, Chow Chow, Chutney, Corn Relish, Cucumber dill pickles, Cucumber pickles, Cucumber sweet pickles, Pickled peppers, Pepper relish, Picante Sauce, Pickled beans, Pickled beets, Pickles okra, Pickled peaches, Pickled pears, Pickled squash, Tomato sauce, Miscellaneous – No duplicates.

OILS & VINEGAR: Fruit vinegar, Herb vinegar, Pepper Oils, Garlic Oils, Herb Oils, Miscellaneous – No duplicates.

HONEY: Flavored Honey, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

DRIED: Dried fruits, Dried vegetables, Dried herbs, Mixed dried fruit, Dried Miscellaneous - No duplicates

Division IV - Food Preparation

No cake mixes, prepared crusts or liquor/alcoholic beverages allowed.

BAKED GOODS: Candy, cookies, sweet rolls, and muffins must contain ONLY three (3) per bag. Cakes, pies, and breads should be whole (mini-loaf breads are acceptable). Only prepared pecans will be accepted; such as spiced or sugared. REFRIGERATED ITEMS MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. Due to the time frame from check in to judging, REFRIGERATED ITEMS MUST NOT BE INCLUDED AND WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. This includes items such as cream cheese frosting, meats, and other ingredients that would be unsafe to eat if not refrigerated.

ITEMS MUST BE IN a sealed container, preferably DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS, zip lock bags or covered with plastic wrap or foil. Items not sealed properly can be rejected. All baked goods will become the property of the department. Exhibitors WILL NOT be able to pick up baked goods.

QUICK & YEAST BREADS: Cornbread, 3 Mexican Cornbread, Biscuits, 3 Muffins (Plain), 3 Muffins (variety), Loaf bread (yeast), Sweet (quick) Bread, Kolaches, Coffee cake - Tea ring, 3 Sweet Rolls, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

CAKE: Angel food cake, Chiffon cake, Jelly roll, Loaf cake, Cupcakes, Sheet Cake, 2 or 3-layer cake, Upside down cake, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

PIES/PASTRIES: Fruit Pie, Pecan Pie, Fruit Cobbler, Strudel, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

COOKIES - 3 PER BAG: Bar Cookies, Brownies, Dropped Cookies, Rolled cookies, Unbaked cookies, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

CANDY - 3 PER BAG: Divinity, Fudge, Molded candy, Peanut candy, Pecan Candy, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

MISCELLANEOUS: Noodles in a bag, Salted, sugared, or spiced pecans, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

Division V - Arts & Crafts

DECORATED GARMENTS: Decorated Denim, Decorated Skirt, Decorated Sweatshirt, Decorated T-Shirt, Decorated Dress or Jumper, Decorated Vest, Decorated Socks, Decorated Shoes, Decorated Cap/Visor, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

HOME ACCESSORIES: *(Small Pieces should be in plastic bags)*

Decorated Album or Book, Decorated Basket, Decorated Box, Decorated Broom, Decorated Flower Pot, Decorated Spoons, Decorated Hat, Decorated Rug, Decorated Waste Basket, Decorated Wreath, Decorated Swag, Woven Basket, Christmas Stocking, Christmas Ornament, Christmas Tree Skirt, Christmas Any Other Item, Coat Hanger/Covered, Decoupage Item, Easter Item, Halloween Item, Thanksgiving Item, Valentine Item, Wall Hanging, Necklaces, Earrings, Bracelet, Jewelry Set, Hair Bows, Purse, Mums, Broach/Pin, Button Covers, Place Mats, Door Stop, Trivet, Cushion, Hoop Item, Patriotic Item, 2 Pot Holders, 2 Potpourri Item, Refrigerator Magnet, Stenciled Item, Stuffed Item (not a toy), Decorative Vinegars and Oils, Centerpiece, Artificial Flower Arrangement, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

CRAFTS: Beaded Item, Book Mark, Fusible Bead Work, Scheren-schnitte, Imitation Stained Glass, Macramé, Models, Painting on Glass, Pompon Item, Religious Item, Mobile, Wind chimes, Handmade Flowers, Paper Mache, Sand Art, Stuffed Toy, Stone or Rock Art, String Art, Sequined Article, Stained Glass, Decorated Birdhouse, Decorated Cake, Digital Art, Machine Embroidery, tie-knot items, latch-hook, lego, soap, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

WOODWORK: Wood Item from Kit, Plant holder, Toolbox, candle holders, Birdhouse, Table, Bookends, Napkin holder, Paper towel holder, Bench/Stool, Bookcase, Gun rack, Yard sign decoration, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

SEASONAL CERAMICS CLASS: Christmas Items, Christmas, Ornament, Easter Item, Halloween Item, Miscellaneous - Holiday Item, Patriotic Item, Seasonal Item, Thanksgiving Item, Valentines' Day Item, St. Patrick's Day Item - No duplicates.

GENERAL CERAMICS: Animal, Ash Tray, Bathroom Accessory, Cookie Jar, Cup/Mug, Figurine, Kitchen Accessory, Plant Container, Plate, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

SCRAPBOOKS: Scrapbooks must be 4-H, FFA or FCCLA related and must only contain memorabilia from September 2023 to September 2024.

Division VI – Horticulture

Plants must be grown by the exhibitor and be in his or her possession three (3) months prior to the Fair. Only DISH GARDENS AND TERRARIUMS may contain decorations. Pots or containers must be clean but plants will not be judged on the container. Containers should be a standard floral/plant container and not creative containers such as boats, hats, etc. All plants must be entered in appropriate containers. NOTE: Large plants will be accepted, but Fair Committee will not be responsible for damages. Note: Common name of plant must be on entry tag.

EXHIBITORS MUST MAINTAIN THE UPKEEP OF ALL PLANTS INCLUDING WATERING DURING THE FAIR.

CACTUS AND SUCCULENTS: Aloe Vera, Cacti, Echeveria, (Hens & Chickens/Cabbage Head), Jade, Kalanchoe, Sansevieria, (Snake plant/Mother-in-Law tongue), Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

FLOWERING PLANTS (REGARDLESS OF BLOOMING TIME): African Violet, Azalea, Begonia, Bougainvillea, Chrysanthemum, Exotic, Geranium, Hibiscus, Impatiens, Lily, Marigolds, Ornamental Pepper, Rose, Shrimp Plant, Vinca, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

FOLIAGE PLANTS: Caladiums, Chlorophytum (Spider or Airplane), Coleus, Croton, Diffenbachia, Dracaena, (Corn Plant), Fern, Ficus, Ivy, Jew Plant, Norfolk Pine, Palm, Peperomia, Philodendron, Praying Hands, Rubber Plant, Schefflera, Velvet Plant, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

HERBS: Anise, Basil, Mint, Parsley, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.

CONTAINER ARRANGEMENTS AND GROUPINGS: Fresh, Terrariums, Topiaries, Dish Gardens, Miscellaneous - No duplicates. Fresh flowers or live plants only. No artificial.

VII – Photography

PHOTOGRAPHY: Photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor since the 2022 county fair. All prints MUST BE 8x10 ONLY, securely and permanently mounted on an 8x10 solid photographic mount board or a board of like thickness and suitable for hanging without an additional frame. Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or thin poster board is not acceptable. Entrants should be aware that double faced tape, glue or rubber cement will not hold up when the photo is displayed under high heat and humid conditions. Use dry mounting if possible. Matting or framing (of any kind) is not allowed and will result in disqualification. Some resources for mounting supplies include: Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Blick Studio, (www.clickclick.com), local framing shops and art supply stores.

No duplicates. There are 14 different categories within the Photography Division as described below. Multiple entries in one category are not allowed. For example, a photo of a cow would be entered in the ‘Animals – Domestic’ category. Therefore, a photo of a dog could not also be entered because it is in the same category as the cow.”

ONLY 1 ENTRY PER CATEGORY WILL BE ALLOWED, WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10.
EACH PHOTO’S ENTRY TAG MUST INCLUDE THE CATEGORY THE PHOTO IS BEING ENTERED IN.

Photos that are deemed obscene, vulgar, sexually-oriented, hateful, threatening, or otherwise violate any laws are strictly prohibited. The Fort Bend County Fair reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.

Judging Criteria:

Impact is the sense one gets upon viewing an image for the first time. Compelling images evoke laughter, sadness, anger, pride, wonder or another intense emotion. There can be impact in any of these twelve elements.

Creativity is the original, fresh, and external expression of the imagination of the maker by using the medium to convey an idea, message or thought.

Technical is the quality of the image itself as it is presented for viewing, which includes the following aspects:

- Allowable amounts of retouching and adjustments (removal of red eye, cropping, minor straightening).

- Sharpness and correct color balance.
- Lighting, which includes the use and control of light. The use of lighting whether natural or man-made and its proper use to enhance the image.
- Posing and capturing of the image

Composition is important to the design of an image, bringing all of the visual elements together in concert to express the purpose of the image. Proper composition holds the viewer in the image and prompts the viewer to look where the creator intends. Effective composition can be pleasing or disturbing, depending on the intent of the image maker.

Subject Matter should always be appropriate to the story being told (i.e., category the photo is entered into) in an image. Subject matter also includes the center of interest for the photograph or where the maker wants the viewer to stop and they view the image.

Story Telling refers to the image's ability to evoke imagination. One beautiful thing about art is that each viewer might collect his own message or read her own story in an image.

NOTE: CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

ANIMALS – DOMESTIC:

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, Ducks (domestic use), Hamsters.*

ANIMALS – WILDLIFE:

Category focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wild throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos. *Examples include: Deer, snakes, insects, rodents, elephants, etc.*

CATCH-ALL:

Category for photos that do not fit into one of the other categories. This includes such photos as still-life, motion-blur, Polaroid transfers, SC-70 images, hand-colored photos. Do not submit a photo in this category which can clearly be submitted in another photography category. Catch-all is not intended to use to eliminate duplicate photos. *Examples include: Polaroid image & emulsion transfers, still-life, long exposure zoomed images, and painting with light.*

DETAILS & MACRO:

Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. We welcome pictures of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also the place for macro photographs (although a macro image of a flower might equally go into the Flowers category). *Examples include: Detail of a knot, a lock, or an abstract close-up – anything as long as it is a tight composition of a detail. Macro examples include flowers, insects, stamps, ice crystals, etc.*

DIGITAL DARKROOM:

Photos are for digital art – images created or drastically altered in software like Adobe Photoshop©. Although digitally manipulated images are also allowed in the other categories, this is a category exclusively showcasing such art. If the digital darkroom work is the main attraction of the photo, or plays a big part, enter it here. Entry in this category requires two photos to be entered, one of the “before” photo and one of the altered final piece. *Examples include: Photoshop© composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic.*

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, green, etc. Black & White photos and duotones are excluded from this category. *Example: Bowl of lemons, in a yellow bowl, on top of a yellow table covering, with a bright yellow tone sun lighting on it.*

ELEMENTS OF DESIGN:

Images use graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter. Category is not for graphic illustrations made in commercial programs (i.e., Adobe Illustrator®) nor for extreme digital creations. *Examples include: Perspective, Line, Pattern.*

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. **NO PHOTOS OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED.** *Examples include: Thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits/place settings, Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, etc.*

MARINE/AQUATIC:

Photos of any living organism in bodies of either fresh or ocean (salt) water. Does NOT include photos of boats, ships, or fishing supplies. *Examples: Fish, stingrays, whales, starfish, divers under water, etc.*

NATURE & LANDSCAPE:

The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenic, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors. *Examples: Landscapes, Scenic, Outdoors.*

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY:

Photos taken outdoors, between after-dusk and before dawn. Generally, these photos are achieved by using artificial light or using a long exposure. This category can include any subject as long as the focus is on the skill and technique used to acquire the photograph. Does NOT include photos containing any natural light from the sun (sunset or sunrise). *Examples: Fireworks, lighting on buildings/structures, animals, plant/flora, people, etc.*

PEOPLE:

Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. *Examples: Kids & Family, Models/Fashion, Sports*

PLANT/FLORAL:

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: a rose, an upward shot of a tree, a flower bouquet, etc.*

THEME:

The theme category will have a different focus each year. The Fort Bend County Fair 2024 theme will be **“Defying Challenges, Raising Champions”**. Photos which have been entered into other categories are not allowed in the theme category.

Division VIII – Fine Arts

PAINTINGS & DRAWINGS: Oil, Charcoal, Pen & Ink, Crayon, Acrylic, Chalk, Watercolor, Pencil, Mosaic, Miscellaneous - No duplicates. Each entry must be framed or mounted so that they can be displayed.

SCULPTURES: Wood Carvings, Clay Sculptures, Metal Sculptures, Miscellaneous - No duplicates.