



ARTS – DECORATIVE PAINTING AND FINE ARTS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2024 Kern County Fair September 18 - September 29, 2024
 Online Entries Open Thursday, June 13, 2024
 Online Entries Close..... Friday, September 6, 2024

ACCEPTING TIMES

Decorative Painting Entries Accepted.. Friday, September 13 • 7:30 am - 1 pm and
 Friday, September 13 • 5 pm - 7 pm

Fine Arts Entries Accepted Saturday, September 14 • 9 am - 5 pm

RELEASE TIMES

Decorative Painting Entries Released.. Monday, September 30 • 8 am - 5 pm

Fine Arts Entries Released..... Monday, September 30 • 10 am - 4 pm

HOW TO ENTER

ONLINE ENTRIES

Review the Department Rules and Guidelines
 Choose from the Divisions and Classes listed
 Enter Online at kerncountyfair.com and pay the entry fee

EXHIBITOR NAME

Entries must be made under the name of the individual who prepared it.
 Do not use business or fictitious names.
 Enter using the exhibitor’s name as it will appear on the display tag.

ENTRY CONFIRMATION

An email confirmation will be sent immediately after your online payment is received.
 If the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment, please check your spam/junk folder before contacting the Kern County Fair.

HELP WITH ENTERING

Phone: (661) 833-4914 | Email: entry@kerncountyfair.com
 Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9 am to 4 pm

COMMITTEES

DECORATIVE PAINTING

Joan Pearl - Chairman
 Patty Beck - Co-Chairman
 Ann Beck, Katie Reynaga, Wendy Philpott, Alfred Pearl,
 Joe Reynaga, Gloria Lopez, Suzie Redman

FINE ARTS

Laura Best - Chairman
 Committee: Toni Lott, Sissy Ullmann, Bob Ross,
 Chris Best, Crystal Southwood, Eddie Southwood,
 Annabelle Best, Adeline Best, Fabiola Nunez

ENTRY LIMIT + ENTRY FEES

Adult Art (18 years and older)

All Junior entries will enter in the Junior Exhibits Department and will be displayed in Building 1 (with the exception of professional exhibitors)

Decorative Painting Divisions: \$4 per entry, **except where noted**

Fine Arts Divisions: \$5 per entry, **except where noted**

Decorative Arts Entry Limit: 2 entries per class, **except where noted**

Fine Arts Entry Limit: 1 entry per class. Total of entries per person - 6

ENTRY DROP OFF + PICK UP

1. Late deliveries will not be accepted
2. Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor. All entries go to Building 4, Fine Arts Building, Gate 26.

ACCEPTING TIMES

3. Deliver entries for **Decorative Art** on Friday, September 13 • (7:30 am - 1:00 pm **and** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
4. Deliver entries for **Fine Arts** on Saturday, September 14 • (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)

RELEASE TIMES

5. Pick up entries for **Decorative Art** in Building #4 on Monday, September 30 • (8:00 am - 5:00 pm).
6. Pick up entries for **Fine Art** in Building #4 on Monday, September 30 • (10:00 am - 4:00 pm).
7. No Security will be provided after release date.

JUDGING

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Each exhibit is judged not only on its own merit, but in comparison to other exhibits using score cards prepared by the State Division of Fairs and Expositions and Fair Management. First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine. More than one Honorable Mention per Class may be awarded. Judges are not obligated to place entries if they feel they are without sufficient merit. Classes may be combined if there aren't enough exhibitors in a class.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Judging is based on comparison to a standard, not on comparison to others in the class.

PREMIUMS + AWARDS

DECORATIVE PAINTING

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

DIVISIONS 200 - 201

1ST \$50 • 2ND \$30 • 3RD \$20

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

DIVISIONS 202 - 204

1ST \$20 • 2ND \$15 • 3RD \$10

BEST OF SHOW

NOVICE: \$30

AMATEUR: \$50

PROFESSIONAL: \$100

Senior Citizen Award

A special ribbon and \$25.00 will be awarded to the oldest exhibitor (65+)

RIBBONS ONLY

Special Needs - Division 205
Chairman's Choice

FINE ARTS

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

DIVISIONS 206 - 207

1ST \$50 • 2ND \$30 • 3RD \$20

BEST OF SHOW

AMATEUR: \$50

PROFESSIONAL: \$100

CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE

(Sponsored by Best Music and Arts)

AMATEUR: \$50

PROFESSIONAL: \$100

Senior Citizen Award

A special ribbon and \$25.00 will be awarded to the oldest exhibitor (65+)

RIBBONS ONLY

Honorable Mention
Special Needs - Division 208
People's Choice (1 per Division)

GENERAL RULES

1. Local and State Rules govern this competition.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading the Competition Guidelines and must abide by them.
3. Wrong division and class numbers may lead to disqualification. If assistance is needed to determine the Division and/or Class, please contact the Competitive Exhibits Office at (661) 833-4914 or entry@kerncountyfair.com.
4. Entry fees are non-refundable. There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, you are confirming that you accept the no-refund policy.
5. Entries previously exhibited at the Kern County Fair are not eligible.
6. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of the Program Coordinator. Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class.
7. The Kern County Fair is a family event. No entry with offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This includes but is not limited to: work dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence, gang activity, nudity, satanic or cult themes or other offensive or objectionable content. This is at the discretion of the Kern County Fair staff.
8. Neither the State of California nor Kern County Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the Kern County Fair. Reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, in the handling and exhibiting of entries.
9. Premium awards may be withheld if rules and regulations are not complied with.
10. Entries and required fees must be submitted by the closing date as specified in each department. Entries will not be accepted after the closing date.
11. Exhibitors are requested to keep their exhibits fresh and attractive.
12. Exhibitors may not remove their exhibit before the official release date.
13. Placing of ribbons does not guarantee correct judging placement. Only the official placing stated on the judging sheet(s) constitutes final placement. (State Rule IV #10.)
14. Department heads, judges, staff, anyone directly involved in the judging process, and their spouses are not allowed to exhibit or sign entry forms in any division in which they or their spouse are directly involved.
15. Sweepstakes shall be awarded on a basis of total ribbons won, with points to be counted as follows: 1st - 5 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point. In the case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons shall be the winner.
16. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any class using the American judging system. (State Rule IV #6 for further clarification.)
17. All decorative material must be flameproof. The Fire Department Code and The California State Industrial Accident Commission Code and Rulings, require all decorative material to be flameproof. No straw or hay will be allowed in any exhibit.
18. There will be a \$30 stop payment for lost premium checks.
19. Exhibitors must live in Kern County.

DEPARTMENT RULES

FINE ARTS:

1. All entries must be entered on-line by Friday, September 6.
2. Exhibitors must be residents of Kern County.
3. Exhibitor for Divisions 206 - 208 must be 18 years of older unless authorized by Fair staff.
4. Exhibitors are permitted to **choose only one** of the following divisions:
 - Division 206: An **Amateur** is defined as one who engages in an activity for recreational purposes only, and not for pay.
 - Division 207: A **Professional artist** is defined as a person who engages in an activity as a livelihood, teaches art, or promotes and publicly displays their artwork (including physical locations and on-line platforms) with the intention to sell for financial remuneration.
 - Division 208: **Special Needs** for non-professional adults with special needs, creating art recreationally or for therapeutic study.
5. Absolutely NO professionals will be permitted to be in the Amateur division.
6. Artwork must be made within the last 12 months, and not be previously exhibited at the Fair.
7. All exhibits must be original work with the copyright owned by the exhibiting artist.
8. No Computer-Generated (AI) Art is permitted. Management reserves the right to refuse any work in question of originality and/or ownership.
9. All artwork must be suitable for family viewing. (See Rule #7 in the General Rules)
10. Artwork must be in good and clean condition: free of dirt, dust, smoke, frame damage, etc. Fine Art is judged on overall presentation.
11. Craft kits are not eligible for this department.
12. All 3D work must be entered into assemblage, sculpture, or misc. Regardless of media used or subject matter/theme.
13. No photographs are permitted (unless they are collaged with other materials - see Class 13, or they are unframed and printed on nontraditional materials such as: gallery wrapped canvas, wood, or metal - see Class 23. Proper hanging rules will apply).
14. All entries must be titled. **All entries must be labeled with name, title of work, and phone number on the back of each entry.**
15. All hanging artwork must be suitably framed as follows:
 - Frames must be metal and or wood. No thin/flexible plastic frames that have the risk of glass separating from the frame.
 - No chipped or broken frames. Work MUST fit the frame.
 - Frames must have "hanging wire" extending from side to side with D-hooks screwed into sides of the frame. Wire must not extend above the frame, nor more than 2" below top of frame.
 - No saw tooth hangers. Kern County Fair is not responsible for hangers that come off or wires that break. It is the responsibility of the artist to provide properly framed and wired work for hanging.
 - It is not required, but highly recommended that artwork created on paper be matted, and in a frame with glass. This protects the art from a degree of possible damage as well as gives an aesthetic appeal to the artwork.
16. Canvas surface artwork without a frame should be gallery wrapped. They must be completely painted on all sides, and be wired the same as framed work: with D-rings and picture hanging wire.
17. A single framed item constitutes one entry. Multiple items matted separately in on frame will not be accepted.
18. Size may not exceed 36" in any direction, with up to a 3" frame. Weight not to exceed 15 lbs. For larger paintings (16" x 24" +) please use plexiglass instead of glass.
19. No green ware is permitted. All clay must be baked or fired.
20. The exhibitor must arrange for insurance if it is desired. Though reasonable precautions will be taken in the protection of all exhibits, Kern County Fair will not be responsible for any accidents or loss that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits during the Fair, and the exhibitors shall hold the management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of the rules.
21. All exhibits not claimed during the designated art release times will become property of the Fine Arts department.
22. The Fair reserves the right to refuse any entry or to refuse to display any entry that is not in accordance with entry rules or is considered inappropriate for a family-orientated exhibit with children of all ages.

DEPARTMENT RULES

DECORATIVE ARTS:

1. All work must be completed this year.
2. Exhibits are not to be previously exhibited at the fair.
3. Hanging artwork must be suitably framed and have wire hanger. Kern County Fair is not responsible for hangers that come off or wires that break.
4. Bring stands for freestanding art.
5. All ornaments must have hanger.
6. It is the discretion of Decorative Arts Department if they use stands that are brought into display artwork.

DECORATIVE PAINTING CONTESTS

DIVISION 200: PAINTED CHAIR CONTEST

Limit: 1 entry per class

RULES

1. *PAINT ANY TYPE OF CHAIR*
2. *YOU MUST BE ABLE TO SIT ON IT*

CLASS:

1. Paint a Chair

DIVISION 201: SCARECROW CONTEST

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RULES

1. *PAINT "CHICKENS THEME" ON ANY SURFACE*
2. *NO FRUIT OR VEGETABLES AS PAINTING SURFACE*

CLASS:

1. Painted Chickens Theme

DECORATIVE PAINTING

DIVISION 202: NOVICE

DIVISION 203: AMATEUR

DIVISION 204: PROFESSIONAL

CLASS:

1. Animals
2. Christmas
3. Christmas Ornament
4. Fabric
5. Floral
6. Folk Art
7. Flower Pot
8. Fruits and Vegetables
9. Holiday, except Christmas
10. Modern Decorative
11. Original Design
12. Patriotic: Red, White, and Blue
13. Pen and Ink
14. Still Life
15. Whimsy
16. Yard Art

DIVISION 205: SPECIAL NEEDS ADULT

*NO ENTRY FEE - RIBBONS ONLY
DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING*

CLASS:

1. Any Painted Item

FINE ARTS

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Entry Limit: 1 entry per class, with total of 6 entries per exhibitor

DIVISION 206: AMATEURS

DIVISION 207: PROFESSIONALS

CLASS:

1. Oil - Abstract
2. Oil - Representational
3. Acrylic - Abstract
4. Acrylic - Representational
5. Watercolor - Abstract
6. Watercolor - Representational
7. Pastel - Abstract
8. Pastel - Representational
9. Pencil/Charcoal & Ink - Abstract
10. Pencil/Charcoal & Ink - Representational
11. Printmaking - woodcut, etching, linocut, engraving, lithography, relief, intaglio, and planographic
12. Digital: Original images created entirely on a computer or tablet (NOT AI generated)
13. Collage: Pieces of paper, photographs, fabric and other ephemera are arranged and stuck down onto a flat supporting surface.
14. Assemblage: Three-dimensional artistic compositions that are created with repurposed or found objects.
15. Sculpture: Three-dimensional art made by carving, modeling, casting, or constructing, including glass blowing.
16. Fair Theme "Discover the Magic"
17. Portraits & Figure
18. Animals
19. Landscapes & Seascapes
20. Buildings & Architecture
21. Still Life
22. Masterwork: A rendition or copy of a masterpiece by an artist who has passed away at least 70 years or more ago. On art receiving day art must include a clear 5x7 image printout of the original masterpiece along with original master artist's name, dates (birth-death), and title of the masterwork.
23. Photographs **printed only on nontraditional surfaces** such as: canvas, wood, or metal. Regardless of subject matter, **photography will only be permitted in this class.**
24. Miscellaneous: All 2D artwork that does not fit into any other listed classes.

DIVISION 208: SPECIAL NEEDS ADULT

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

RIBBONS ONLY, NO PREMIUMS OR SWEEPSTAKES AWARDED

CLASS:

1. Painting: any medium
2. Drawing: pencil, charcoal, colored pencil, pen, ink, pastel
3. Sculpture: any medium
4. Group Projects: with multiple artists working on one entry together

ENVIRONMENTAL

ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITS

Environmental entry forms are due on take-in day for each department.
See rule 3 below.

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10 - 1st Place Awards With Environmental Ribbons
1 -1 Sweepstakes Award With KCPW Swag Bag

METHOD AND TERM OF ENTRY

1. The item must be functional or decorative.
2. The item must be made from materials that might otherwise be thrown away.
3. Enter your exhibit in the appropriate division, then fill out an Environmental Exhibit form available on take in day in the department where item is entered.

ELIGIBLE EXHIBITORS: Kern County Resident of all ages and Kern County Classrooms (Item must be entered in a Division in Fair to be judged)

JUDGING: Wednesday, September 18th

Pick up entry forms on take in day in all departments

Judging will be based on:

1. Use of interesting "Trash".
2. Appearance and stability of the final product.
3. How well the item works for intended purpose.
4. The effort and thought it took to put it together.

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