



# GEMS + MINERALS

## 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

Entries Accepted ..... Saturday, September 14 • 10 am - 4 pm  
 Sunday, September 15 • Noon - 4 pm

### RELEASE TIMES

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 - 4 pm

## GEMS AND MINERALS COMMITTEE

Bryan Paddock - Chairman  
 Bernie Bentsen - Co-Chairman  
 Gary Paddock - Committee

Demonstrators: Sherlee Bailey, Steve Fleishauer, Connie Fleishauer, Steve Colett, James May, Paula Scheideman, and Armondo Angulo

## ENTRY LIMIT + ENTRY FEES

Open to exhibitors of all ages

**Entry Fee Divisions 600 - 601** : \$2 per entry

**Entry Fee Divisions 602 - 603** : \$10 per entry

Entry Limit Divisions 600 - 601: 2 entries per class

Entry Limit Divisions 602 - 603: 1 entries per class

## ENTRY DROP OFF + PICK UP

1. Late deliveries will not be accepted
2. Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor
3. **Deliver entries** to Building #1 (Gate 25) on Saturday, September 14 (10 am - 4 pm) or Sunday, September 15 (Noon - 4 pm)
4. **Pick up** entries at Building #1 on Monday, September 30 (10 am - 4 pm).
5. 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.

## PREMIUMS + AWARDS

### PREMIUMS PER CLASS

DIVISIONS 600 - 601

1ST \$15 • 2ND \$10 • 3RD \$5

### PREMIUMS PER CLASS

DIVISIONS 602 - 603

1ST \$125 • 2ND \$100 • 3RD \$75

### BEST OF DIVISION: \$10

DIVISIONS 600 - 603

### BEST OF SHOW: \$25

DIVISIONS (600 - 601)

DIVISIONS (602 - 603)

### CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE: \$25

DIVISIONS (600 - 601)

DIVISIONS (602 - 603)

# 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](mailto: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. 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 payment. (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

1. Exhibitors must furnish locks with 2 keys.
2. Specimen may be entered from any source by Kern County Residents - Judges may show preference for specimen whose source is CA.
3. No age limitations upon the specimens.
4. Make your displays attractive.
5. Exhibits must be labeled and spelled correctly.
6. At least 50% of exhibit must not have been exhibited at a previous Fair.
7. Case size: 46" x 22"

## GEMS + MINERALS

### DIVISION 600: **JEWELRY**

#### CLASS:

1. Bead Work
2. Wire Wrap
3. Other than listed above

### DIVISION 601: **INDIVIDUAL DISPLAY**

#### CLASS:

1. Mineral Display - Adult
2. Lapidary Display - Adult
3. Fossil Display - Adult
4. Any Display - Youth (ages 17 and under)

### DIVISION 602: **GROUP SPECIMEN COLLECTION DISPLAY**

#### CLASS:

1. Adult Club
2. Junior Club or Group

### DIVISION 603: **GROUP LAPIDARY COLLECTION DISPLAY**

#### CLASS:

1. Adult Club
2. Junior Club or Group

# SCORECARDS

## FOSSILS

Rarity/Uniqueness	25%
<i>Rarity or uniqueness of the fossil is important. Preference will be given to Kern County fossils.</i>	
Identification	50%
<i>Each fossil must be properly labeled. Label should include proper common name, scientific name, locality information, and age. Correct spelling is important.</i>	
Presentation	25%
<i>Fossil arrangement should be pleasing. Proper use of mounts and label placement are important. Display should not be too crowded. Too much material makes viewing difficult and outstanding or unique items could be overlooked.</i>	

## CASE ENTRY

Labeling	5%
Showmanship	10%
Quality of Materials	10%
Variety of Materials	10%
Quality of Workmanship	40%
Originality of Design	25%

**\*Showmanship:** *The ability of the exhibitor to use material, lighting, and background to complement each other in a display to hold the viewer's interest. Arrangement must be neat. Spelling and identification of all materials used must be correct. Each beading technique used must be named.*

**\*Originality of Design:** *Design need not necessarily be original. The colors and pattern used must show ability of exhibitor to create their own work. Kits or direct duplication of a pattern will not qualify for judging.*