



NEEDLE ART + SEWING

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 Thursday, September 12 • 9 am - 1 pm
 Friday, September 13 • 3 pm - 7 pm

RELEASE TIMES

Entries Released Monday, September 30 • NOON - 6 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

NEEDLE ART + SEWING COMMITTEE

Krystina Steed, Chairman

Monica Herring, Co-Chairman

Volunteers: Debra Angeroth, Margaret Grijalva, Karin Fitzsimons, Linda Foster, Robert Miller,
 Terry Miller, Terri Nelson, Cynthia Peralta, Arlene Stratton, Laurali Stratton, Wally Stewart,
 Dave Watkins

ENTRY LIMIT + ENTRY FEES

Needle Art and Sewing (18 years and older)

All Junior entries will enter in the Junior Exhibits Department and will be displayed in Building 1

Adult Divisions 800: \$1 per entry

Adult Divisions 801 - 818: \$4 per entry

Entry Limit: 3 entries per class, *except where noted (Divisions 800 & 804)*

ENTRY DROP OFF + PICK UP

1. Late deliveries will not be accepted
2. Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor

ACCEPTING TIMES

3. **Deliver entries** to the Fine Arts Building #4 (Gate 26) on
Thursday, September 12 • 9 am - 1 pm and Friday, September 13 • 3 pm - 7 pm

RELEASE TIMES

4. **Pick up entries** at the Fine Arts Building #4 on Monday, September 30 (**NOON** - 6 pm).
5. No Security will be provided after release date and time.

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. Judges have a vast knowledge of techniques, color, design, and skill, and approach judging in a positive manner believing in fairness and objectivity. Classes may be combined if there aren't enough exhibitors in a class.

PREMIUMS + AWARDS

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

DIVISION 800
1ST \$50 • 2ND \$25 • 3RD \$10

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

DIVISIONS 801 - 818
1ST \$25 • 2ND \$15 • 3RD \$10

HIGH POINT NEEDLE ARTS

DIVISIONS 805 - 816
SPECIAL RIBBONS
1ST \$75 • 2ND \$50 • 3RD \$25

2023 WINNERS:

1st MaryJayne Glaseman
2nd Pam Stewart
3rd Stephanie Ramirez

BEST OF SHOW

A SPECIAL RIBBON AND \$100
(chosen from division winners)

BEST OF DIVISION

A SPECIAL RIBBON AND \$50
(chosen from 1st place winners)
(DIVISIONS: Needle Handwork, Quilts, Knitting,
Crochet, and Sewing)

Senior Exhibitor Award

A special ribbon and \$25.00 will be awarded to the
oldest exhibitor

SPECIAL RIBBONS AND AWARDS FROM KERN COUNTY GUILDS AND CLUBS

CPQ's President Award

Sponsored by CottonPatch Quilters of Kern County
www.cottonpatchquiltguild.org
The Guild President's favorite quilt
Special Ribbon, one year guild membership, and \$100

Helen Turner Memorial Golden Granny Award

Sponsored by Happy Hookers crochet club of Lake Isabella
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/160954510167196>
Crocheted item best utilizing a Granny Square motif
Special Ribbon and \$50

Excellence in Knitting

Sponsored by What the Knit! guild of Bakersfield
www.what-the-knit.org
Knitted item deemed most excellent by the guild
Certificate, One-year guild membership, and \$100

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 Chairman 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. High Point winner 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 #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

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1. NO ANIMAL HAIR, SOILING, STAINS, TEARS, OR ODORS ON ANY ITEM. Items must be clean and new. Any item not meeting this requirement will be pulled from the competition and entry fees will not be refunded.
2. All items must be completed AFTER the end of the prior year's fair and have NOT been previously entered in the Kern County Fair.
3. An IDENTIFICATION LABEL must be securely attached with the name of the item, owner, and contact information. Fair is not responsible for lost articles due to labels falling off or missing.

NEEDLE ARTS:

1. All framed items must be wired for hanging.
2. One source of needlework standards and help may be found at <https://needlery.org/guides/judging-needlework/>

QUILTS:

1. Quilts must consist of three layers and be quilted through all three layers, except for - specialty quilts, such as Cathedral Windows, Wool Quilts, or Crazy Quilts. False backs will not be judged.
2. Quilts may fit in more than one class. Choose the class that best fits the technique you used. Quilts that do not fit the technique requirements of the class entered will be moved to the appropriate class, at the judges' discretion.
3. All quilts over 40" wide should have a 4" wide hanging sleeve. Heavy quilts and quilts wider than 80" should have split sleeves. If a sleeve is not attached, the quilt will be pinned to hang.
4. Quilting may be done by the owner or a professional. Higher points will be awarded if the maker has done their quilting. To qualify for those extra points, the maker must note on the entry form that they have done the quilting.
5. One source of quilting standards and help may be found at <https://www.nacqj.com/criteria-nacqj-cjs-look-for.html>

KNITTING & CROCHET:

1. Items should be blocked and presented according to the common standards of that item.
2. Once source of yarn standards and help may be found at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/judging-guides/GuideForNeedleArts.pdf>

CHARITABLE QUILTS AND BLANKETS

Sponsored by Cotton Patch Quilters of Kern County

All entries in this division will be donated.

Entry Fee: \$1 per entry

Entry Limit: No limit

PREMIUMS PER CLASS:

1st \$50 • 2nd \$25 • 3rd \$10

DIVISION 800:

CHARITABLE QUILTS + BLANKETS

CLASS:

1. Quilt or blanket for a child
Donated to Project Linus, Bakersfield
2. Neonatal Isolette Cover - 32"-36" square, cotton, quilted, no embellishment.
Donated to KC hospitals NICUs
3. Pillowcase for a child
Bright, cheery pillowcase for area children and youth. Cotton, no embellishments.

SPECIAL CONTESTS

Judging emphasizes originality, creativity, visual impact, workmanship, and adherence the to theme.

DIVISION 801: THEME CHALLENGE

“A MOMENT IN TIME”

OVERALL CONCEPT SHOULD REFLECT THEME

CLASS:

1. Quilt of any kind
2. Needlework of any kind
3. Yarn article of any kind
4. Any article not listed

2025 THEME: “LET’S GLOW”

DIVISION 803: KERN COUNTY CHALLENGE

“HOMETOWN KERN COUNTY”

OVERALL CONCEPT SHOULD REFLECT THE THEME AND THE LOVE OF YOUR KERN COUNTY HOMETOWN.

CLASS:

1. Quilt of any kind
2. Needlework of any kind
3. Yarn article of any kind
4. Any article not listed

DIVISION 802: ALL AMERICAN CHALLENGE

RED, WHITE, AND BLUE OR AMERICANA THEME

CLASS:

1. Quilt of any kind
2. Needlework of any kind
3. Yarn article of any kind
4. Any article not listed

DIVISION 804: CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

Entry Limit: 1 entry per class

KC FAIR WILL SUPPLY 4 FOOT ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

- *FOOD MUST BE TREATED TO REPEL ANTS AND INSECTS.*
- *EXHIBITOR MUST FURNISH THEIR OWN MINIATURE LIGHTS AND EXTENSION CORD.*

CLASS:

1. Handmade decorations (from kits or original)
2. Curated, purchased items

NEEDLE ARTS

DIVISION 805: NEEDLEPOINT ARTICLES

CLASS:

1. Needlepoint, any article
2. Original Design by Entrant
3. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 806: COUNTED THREAD AND CROSS STITCH

CLASS:

1. Aida Cloth picture
2. Evenweave Cloth picture
3. Linen Cloth picture
4. Silk Gauze picture
5. Any stamped article
6. Original Design by Entrant
7. Miscellaneous, any article not listed
8. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)

NEEDLE ARTS

DIVISION 807: MISCELLANEOUS NEEDLEWORK

CLASS:

1. Hand Weaving
2. Tatting
3. Bobbin Lace
4. Beaded Items (not lace)
5. Lace (wearable, continuous, tape, beaded)
6. Needle Punch
7. Jewelry: beads, embroidered, sewn, etc.
8. Miscellaneous, any article not listed
9. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 808: EMBROIDERED ARTICLES

CLASS:

1. Hand Embroidered, any article
2. Three-dimensional Embroidered, any article:
Ribbon, Brazilian, stump work, etc.
3. Machine Embroidered, any article
4. Any Embroidered article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 809: APPLIQUE ARTICLES

CLASS:

1. Hand Applique, any article
2. Wool Applique, any article
3. Machine Applique Embroidered, any article
4. Original Design by Entrant
5. Any Applique article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 810: CROCHETED ARTICLES

CLASS:

1. Afghan, any granny type - square, circular, octagonal, etc.
2. Afghan, ripple type
3. Afghan, single-color
4. Afghan, any other
5. Baby Blanket
6. Small Doily Under 15"
7. Large Doily Over 15"
8. Clothing: Infant or Children
9. Clothing: Adult
10. Accessories: hats, purses, scarves, etc.
11. Toys and Amigurumi
12. Original Design by Entrant
13. Miscellaneous, any article not listed
14. Any Crocheted article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 811: HAND KNITTED ARTICLES

CLASS:

1. Accessories: bags, mittens, hats, jewelry, etc.
2. Afghans, baby blanket or pillow
3. Scarf or Cowl
4. Cape, Poncho, Shawl
5. Felted Knits
6. Infant or Children's Clothing
7. Lace
8. Socks, Slippers
9. Sweaters, Pullover, or Vest
10. Sweaters: Cardigan
11. Toy, Doll, or Doll Clothing
12. Colorwork: double knitting, stranded, brioche, mosaic, etc.
13. Original Design by Entrant
14. Miscellaneous, any article not listed
15. Any Knitted article by Senior Citizen (65+)

NEEDLE ARTS

DIVISION 812: DECORATED CLOTHING ARTICLE

JUDGING IS ON DECORATIONS ONLY. ITEM DOES NOT HAVE TO BE MADE BY EXHIBITOR, ONLY DECORATED.

CLASS:

1. Hand Painted, Appliqued or Embroidered clothing
2. Machine Appliqued or Embroidered clothing
3. Hat Decoration
4. Shoes
5. Miscellaneous, any article not listed
6. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 813: SEWING

CLASS:

1. Children's Clothing
2. Women's Clothing
3. Men's Clothing
4. Formal Attire
5. Costume
6. Handbag
7. Hat, Scarf, and Accessories
8. Apron
9. Wearable item
10. Original Design by Entrant
11. Miscellaneous, any article not listed
12. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 814: HOME FURNISHINGS

CLASS:

1. Any item used in Kitchen: quilting, needlework, sewing, yarn, etc.
2. Any item used in the Bedroom/Living Room: quilting, needlework, sewing, yarn, etc.
3. Any item used elsewhere in the Home or Garden: quilting, needlework, sewing, yarn, etc.
4. Latch Hook
5. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 815: HOLIDAYS

CLASS:

1. Christmas
2. Fall / Halloween
3. Other Holiday
4. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 816: PROFESSIONAL ARTS

QUILTS, NEEDLEWORK, KNITTED, OR CROCHETED ITEM

ALL PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENTER THESE CLASSES. ANY SUBMISSION MAY INCLUDE A BUSINESS CARD OR SMALL ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE BUSINESS (TEACHING, LONG-ARM SERVICES, FRAMING, ETC.)

CLASS:

1. Quilts
2. Needlework
3. Knitted
4. Crocheted
5. Miscellaneous, any article not listed

QUILTS

DIVISION 817: QUILTS

COMMENT ON THE ENTRY FORM if the quilt has been quilted by a professional or by the entrant

CLASS:

- 1. First Quilt - Total Beginner**
Complete beginner (quilting less than one year) never having entered any contest.
- 2. Miniature Quilt**
Quilt made from blocks that finish at 4" or less, quilt no more than 24" finished. This is NOT a small quilt but a miniature version of a larger quilt pattern.
- 3. Art Quilt**
Style that deviates from the use of traditional blocks and patterns; Emphasis is on the design rather than functionality. Created in a variety of styles such as Abstract, Improvisational, Collage, Landscape or Nature Inspired, Pictorial or Portrait.
- 4. Modern Quilt**
Primarily functional and inspired by modern design; characteristics are bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work. "Modern traditionalism" or the updating of classic quilt designs is also often seen in modern quilting.
- 5. Traditional Applique**
Needlework technique in which one or more pieces of fabric are attached to a larger background fabric to create pictures or patterns.
- 6. Wool Applique**
Applique utilizing wool
- 7. Mixed Techniques**
Use of more than two quilt techniques on one quilt (such as.. pieced work with embroidery, paper-piecing with applique, etc.)
- 8. Pieced or Strip Quilt**
Sewing small pieces of fabric together to form a block or quilt
- 9. Paper Pieced, including English Paper Piecing**
Sewing fabrics to a paper foundation to stabilize the quilt block
- 10. Embellished Quilt**
Decorative additions of three-dimensional items like beads, buttons, heavy threads, crystals, decorative stitching, embroidery, ribbons or fabric manipulations. Edge additions included such as Prairie Points, flanges and trims.
- 11. T-Shirt or Memory Quilt**
Designed to celebrate the life of a loved one, a family history or an important event. Often the fabric used is cut from clothes or t-shirts
- 12. Tied or Rag Quilt**
Tied: Periodically tied and knotted instead of quilting; Rag - Made with exposed seams that fray when laundered.
- 13. Group Quilt**
Quilt top made by more than one person
- 14. Original Design by Entrant**
- 15. Miscellaneous, any article not listed**
- 16. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)**

DIVISION 818: JUST THE QUILTING

JUDGING OF THE QUILTING ONLY BY OWNER, NO PROFESSIONAL QUILTING. ENTIRE QUILT MUST BE COMPLETED BY 1 PERSON.

CLASS:

1. Hand Quilted
2. Domestic Machine
3. Computer Assisted: Domestic or Long Arm
4. Long Arm: Free-motion

ENVIRONMENTAL

ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITS

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

SPONSORED BY: KERN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

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.

BE CREATIVE •REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE