

Country Christmas Faire

2024

More Than 100
Talented Artisans
Musical Entertainment
Gingerbread House &
Holiday Ornament Display
Community Bonfire & Wagon Rides
Food & Beverages
Santa Available:
Friday & Saturday 10 am–4 pm,
Sunday 10 am–3 pm



**Handcrafted Gifts
& Crafts**

Thanksgiving Weekend
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
November 29-30 & December 1

10 am – 5 pm Friday & Saturday

10 am – 4 pm Sunday

Admission \$5 • Under 12 Free

Free parking

Nevada County Fairgrounds

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Drop Off

Monday, November 25th,
1 pm - 6 pm at
Ponderosa Hall (Gate 2)



Pick Up Entries

Monday, December 2nd,
1 pm - 6 pm at Ponderosa
Hall (Gate 2)

All entries will be disposed of by Wednesday December 4th 2024

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FAIRE

Thanksgiving Weekend November 29, 30 & Dec 1



HOW TO ENTER

Season's Greetings.
Join us for the 2024 Country Christmas
Faire. Showcase your talents.
Enter a Gingerbread house, ornament,
stocking, wreath, and cookies.
Simply fill out the enclosed entry form.
Drop it at the Administration office or
register online at
NevadaCountyFair.com
Official entry rules in each division.

ENTRY FORMS DUE

Monday, November 18th
By 11:59 pm

NO ENTRY FEE

DROP OFF (All entries)

Monday, November 25th, 1 pm—6 pm at Ponderosa Hall

CLOSED JUDGING (All entries)

Tuesday, November 26th

PICK UP ALL ENTRIES

Monday, December 2nd, 1 pm —6 pm at Ponderosa Hall

*All exhibits will be disposed of Wednesday, Dec 4th 2024

Christmas Craft Faire Rules:

Exhibitor Rules and Information.

All entries must have been made within the last 12 months

No item may be entered that was previously entered in a Fair

Judging will be based on overall appearance, originality, and craftsmanship.

All entries must be made by the exhibitor.

Exhibits must be picked up Monday, December 2nd from 1 pm — 6 pm unless otherwise noted. Exhibit claim tags must be presented when claiming the exhibits.

Nevada County Fairgrounds reserves the right to remove any exhibit which it deems not in the best interest of the Fairgrounds,

Inappropriate, unethical, or inimical behavior on the part of the exhibitor or parents may result in forfeiture of any awards and /or privileges on the premises of the 17th District Agricultural Association.

Christmas Arts & Crafts Rules:

- All entries must be the artists creation
- Size of entries shall not exceed 48" in length & width including frame

Christmas Card Cover Rules:

- Must be in a clear plastic sleeve for display purposes.
- Cards not to exceed 5" x 7"
- Judging will be based on overall appearance of the cover and originality. Inside inscription will not be considered.
- All Christmas cards must be made by the exhibitor.

Christmas Cookie Rules:

Plate of 4 cookies.

- All cookies must be baked.
- All entries must be home-prepared by exhibitor.
- No package mixes unless specified
- All exhibits must be brought on a disposable plate, enclosed in a *clear Ziploc* bag. Do not label.
- After exposure to the public for three days, items are not suitable for human consumption and the Health Department has advised that the exhibits not be returned to exhibitor.

Gingerbread House Rules:

- House can be traditional or nontraditional.
- House must be on a rigid display board.
- Cardboard or hot glue is not allowed to be used in the construction of the gingerbread house.
- House is to be made with gingerbread, graham crackers, or gingerbread kits.
- All decoration must be edible (no artificial display materials), except the base and or foundation and lighting.
- Candies must be unwrapped.
- The size of the house and the foundation shall not exceed 24"x 24"x 24"

Preschooler Projects & Special Friends:

These divisions are designed for our youngest Country Christmas exhibitors & participants are younger than 5 years old. The special friends with disabilities are of any age & working together with family or friends. Creating fun is the goal of these divisions.



Photography Rules:

- Exhibitors may use any camera or cell phone to take pictures.
- All entries must be the artist's own original artistic creation and intellectual property.
- All entries must be mounted and ready for hanging either in a frame or on rigid material.
- Camera photos no larger than 12" x 18. Matting cannot extend more than 3" beyond the edge of the image. No exceptions. Must provide a border for hanging pins.
- Cell phone photos must be no larger than 4" x 6" and mounted. Backing cannot extend more than 1" beyond the edges of the image.
- Please give your entry a title online or on the paper entry form.
- All entries must be marked on the back, upper left-hand corner with the following information:
 - Name (Exhibitor's name MUST NOT appear on the front)
 - Address & Phone
 - Division & Class

Nevada County Fairgrounds reserves the right to remove any photography which it deems not in the best interest of the Fairgrounds and to limit entries to display availability.

Lego Rules:

Create with Legos a Christmas themed scene.

- Exhibit may not exceed 16" x 16" x 16"
- Must be on solid foundation carry base
- Must be Christmas Theme.

Ornament Rules:

Must provide a hanger with the ornament for hanging on a tree.

- Ornaments must not exceed 6" x 6" x 6"
- No names on the Ornament

Stocking Rules:

Make a Stocking or create a unique Christmas design for your hanging stocking.

- Must provide a hook to display stocking.
- Stocking must not exceed the following dimensions.
 - Top/Cuff 8.5" Sock length 18"
 - No names on stocking.

Wreath Rules:

Fresh hanging wreath or make a unique design on a premade wreath.

- Must provide a hanger with the wreath.
- Wreath must not exceed 24" diameter.



Country Christmas Faire Competition

How is it Judged?

Exhibits are judged by either the Danish or American judging system. In the Danish system, each exhibit is judged on how well it meets a product standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. In the American judging system, each entry in a class is judged in comparison to other entries in the class. Awards are given according to relative merit with the potential for no more than one first, one second, and one-third place per class.

Best of Show Awards

In every “still” division. It will be chosen from entries that receive first place in their classes. Every Best of Show winner will receive a rosette and/or a sponsored award.

People’s Choice Award

Will be voted on by the public for all entries.
Public will vote Friday & Saturday with ribbon & results on Sunday.

State rules for California Fairs apply to all competitive exhibits conducted by District and County Fairs in California (cdfa.ca.gov/fe)

Enter Country Christmas Faire
Complete the attached entry form and
return it to the Nevada County
Fairgrounds Administration office or
enter online by
Monday, November 18th, 2024.
Before 11:59 pm
NevadaCountyFair.com



CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS

Believe in the magic of the season. Show us that holiday spirit. *See rules on page 3.*

DIVISION 101—Ages 5 through 12 yrs.

DIVISION 102—Ages 13 through 17 yrs.

DIVISION 103— Adults (18 and over)

CLASSES

1. Drawing, Charcoal, Pencil, Pen or Ink
2. Mixed Media
3. Watercolor
4. Any other, specify

CHRISTMAS CARD COVER

Make a fun Christmas Card - A Christmas theme or scene. A winter wonderland. Let your imagination run free. *See rules on page 3.*

DIVISION 105—Ages 5 through 12 yrs.

DIVISION 106—Ages 13 through 17 yrs.

DIVISION 107— Adults (18 and over)

CLASSES

1. Drawing, Charcoal, Pencil, Pen or Ink
2. Mixed Media
3. Watercolor
4. Any other, specify

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Delight us with your Favorite Christmas Cookies. *See rules on page 3.*

DIVISION 110—Ages 5 through 12 yrs.

DIVISION 111—Ages 13 through 17 yrs.

DIVISION 112—Adults (18 and over)

CLASSES

1. Decorated Sugar Cookies
2. Any other, specify

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

A Gingerbread house where dreams are glazed, and joy is baked. Sprinkled with sugar and spice! *See rules on page 3.*

DIVISION 115—Preschool (younger than 5 yrs.)

DIVISION 116—Ages 5 through 12 yrs.

DIVISION 117—Ages 13 through 17 yrs.

DIVISION 118—Adults (18 and over)

DIVISION 119—Special Friends (Any age)

DIVISION 120—Groups (Two or more persons)

DIVISION 121—Fairgrounds Building or scene

CLASSES

1. Homemade
2. Kit
3. Any other, specify



CHRISTMAS LEGO

Create with Legos a building or scene at the Nevada County Fairgrounds
See rules on page 4.

DIVISION 125—Ages 5 through 12 yrs.

DIVISION 126—Ages 13 through 17 yrs.

DIVISION 127—Adults (18 and over)

CLASS

1. Christmas Scene

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Create an ornament, add a little tinsel & a pop of Christmas spirit to make it shine.

See rules on page 4.

DIVISION 130—Ages 5 through 12 yrs.

DIVISION 131—Ages 13 through 17 yrs.

DIVISION 132—Adults (18 and over)

CLASSES

1. Handmade Ornament - An ornament made from scratch and decorated
2. Decorated Ornament- An ornament that is premade and decorated

CHRISTMAS PHOTOGRAPHY

A snowflake, a winter wonderland. Delight us with your photos of Christmas jolly. *See rules on page 4.*

DIVISION 135—Ages 5 through 12 yrs.

DIVISION 136—Ages 13 through 17 yrs.

DIVISION 137—Adults (18 and over)

CLASSES

1. Winter Wonderland
2. Christmas Lights
3. Christmas Scene
4. Any other, specify

CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Design a Christmas stocking to be hung by the fireplace. *See rules on page 4.*

DIVISION 140—Ages 5 through 12 yrs.

DIVISION 141—Ages 13 through 17 yrs.

DIVISION 142—Adults (18 and over)

CLASSES

1. Handmade Stocking - Stocking that is made from scratch and decorated
2. Decorated Stocking - Stocking that is premade and decorated



CHRISTMAS STRING ART

A piece of wood, some nails & string is all that it takes to make a Christmas shape. *See rules on page 4.*

DIVISION 143—Ages 5 through 12 yrs.

DIVISION 144—Ages 13 through 17 yrs.

DIVISION 145—Adults (18 and over)

CLASSES

1. Christmas Tree
2. Christmas Ornament
3. Snowflake
4. Any other, specify

CHRISTMAS TABLE SETTINGS

An artistic festive table setting design. *See rules on page 4.*

DIVISION 145—Adults (18 and over)

CLASS

1. Functional Table setting - Favorite Holiday Dinner

CHRISTMAS WREATH

Decorate or make a fresh Christmas wreath. Add a little ribbon or sprinkle it with glitter. *See rules on page 4.*

DIVISION 150—Ages 5 through 12 yrs.

DIVISION 151—Ages 13 through 17 yrs.

DIVISION 152—Adults (18 and over)

CLASSES

1. Premade Wreath - Wreath is artificial and decorated
2. Fresh Wreath - Wreath is made from natural plants and decorated



PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS

For the creative littles, a special division just for you, working together with the help from family or friends. Have fun making something(s) listed below. *See rules on page 3.*

DIVISION 160 — Preschool (Participants younger than 5 years)

CLASSES

1. Christmas Arts - Drawing or Painting
2. Christmas Card Cover
3. Christmas Cookies
4. Lego Christmas scene
5. Ornaments
6. Stocking
7. String Art
8. Wreath
9. Any other

SPECIAL FRIENDS CHRISTMAS

A special division for our special friends. Make a Christmas creation.

See rules on page 3.

DIVISION 161 — Individuals with disabilities (Any age)

CLASSES

1. Christmas Arts - Drawing or Painting
2. Christmas Card Cover
3. Christmas Cookies
4. Lego Christmas scene
5. Ornaments
6. Photography - Christmas scene
7. Stockings
8. String Art
9. Wreath
10. Any other

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

SANTA'S SLEIGH

Fill Santa's Sleigh with unwrapped gifts and toys. All donations will be donated to local shelters and families in need.

- Infant—3 years entries valued over \$10 will receive one free admission to the Nevada County Fair, good any one day from August 6th—10th 2025
- 4—9 years entries valued over \$10 will receive one free admission to the Nevada County Fair, good any one day from August 6th—10th 2025
- 10—12 years entries valued over \$10 will receive one free admission to the Nevada County Fair, good any one day from August 6th—10th 2025
- 13—17 years entries valued over \$10 will receive one free admission to the Nevada County Fair, good any one day from August 6th—10th 2025



CHRISTMAS AWARDS

Christmas Arts & Crafts Awards

- Best of Show: \$25 & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Christmas Cookies Awards

- Best of Show: \$25 (sponsored by CoCo's Ice Creamery) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Christmas Card Cover Award

- Best of Show: \$25 & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Gingerbread House Awards

- Best of Show: \$100 & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Lego Christmas Awards

- Best of Show: \$25 (sponsored by Coco's Ice Creamery) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Ornament Awards

- Best of Show: \$25 (sponsored by Tess' Kitchen) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Christmas Photography Award

- Best of Show: \$25 & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Stocking Awards

- Best of Show: \$25 (sponsored by Tess' Kitchen) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

String Art Awards

- Best of Show: \$25 & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Table Settings Awards

- Best of Show: \$25 & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Wreath Awards

- Best of Show: \$25 (sponsored by Tess' Kitchen) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place



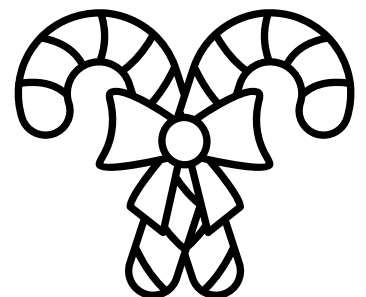
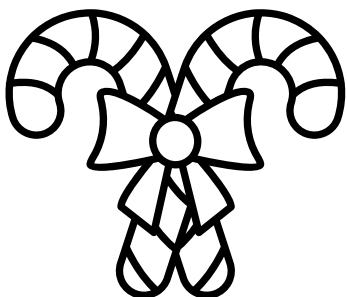
**Color
me**

**Just For
Fun**



Let It Snow

**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year
From all of us at the
Nevada County
Fairgrounds**



Save the dates



**Red, White
& Country
Music Festival
June 28th**



**Nevada County Fair
August 6th - 10th**



**Draft Horse Classic
September 18th - 21st**

&



**Harvest Fair & DIY Days
September 18th - 21st**



**Country Christmas
Faire
November 28th - 30th**



Please Print or Type

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ENTRY FORM

Last Name

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Mailing Address

City

County

State

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Nevada County Fairgrounds
17th District Agricultural Association
11228 McCourtney Road
Grass Valley, CA 95949
(530) 273-6217
NevadaCountyFair.com

	DIVISION	CLASS NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM
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The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense including reasonable attorney fees arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by arises from or is any way connected with participation in this program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the Fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property. I certify that I have read the statement listed above.

Exhibitor's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature (if exhibitor is under the age of 18)