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# THE ERIE COUNTY FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. The Society assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage and upon this condition only, entries are accepted. This includes items left on the property when not picked up on the specified day.
2. All articles for exhibition must remain on the grounds according to the rules of each department, or forfeit their premium unless excused by the Fair Manager of the Society.
3. Competitors for premiums must be holders of a Society Membership, or pay the Entry Fee.
4. Any person making false entry shall forfeit any award on such entry.
5. No entry fee or exhibitor tickets will be refunded, this includes entries not brought to the Fairgrounds on specified days at specified times.
6. The Erie County Agricultural Society reserves the right to reject any or all entries.
7. The judges shall withhold a premium where the article or animal is unworthy of an award, except for educational exhibits. Judges are especially directed to withhold the first premium to animals or articles without competition.
8. All premium checks will be void after 60 days.
9. All protests must be in writing and filed with the Fair Manager before 10:00 AM of the last day of the Fair.
10. As a condition of exhibiting at the Erie County Fair, the exhibitor authorizes the Erie County Fair to use any photographs from the event for future publication.
11. All persons violating the above rules shall be subject to ejection from the Fairgrounds or property of the Erie County Agricultural Society at Hamburg, New York, and shall also be subject to such other penalties as may be provided by the law for any and all offenses committed by such persons in violation of the law.

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## CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

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1. Every exhibitor in the Creative Arts must pay an Exhibitor's Fee for \$25.00 or an Erie County Agricultural Society Membership for \$100.00. A junior exhibitor (ages 5 – 17) may exhibit only in the Junior Exhibitor department but exhibitors ages 13-17 must pay a \$25.00 Exhibitor's Fee. Exhibitors ages 5-12 must pay a \$5 junior entry fee (includes no passes).
2. **Included in the \$25 Exhibitor Fee is a promo code for three (3) admission passes to the fair. This promo code will be delivered to the email address used to make your entries.**
3. Exhibitors may enter in adult classes or in junior classes (following age requirements) but not in both. Exhibitors age is determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. All Erie County Agricultural Society members are allowed the privilege of making entries in the Creative Arts Department and entering in all other departments of the Fair, subject to the rules of the Erie County Agricultural Society, and admission to the Fair each day.
5. **Any person not delivering their entries on the designated days will forfeit the entry fee and the admission pass promo code.**
6. Exhibitors (adults & juniors) should completely fill out the entry form online. Each exhibitor should retain a duplicate for his or her reference.
7. **Only one (1) entry may be made in a class**, unless otherwise noted. Also, see specific sections for any section entry limits.
8. Pre-register any item you think that you might enter. Additional entries will **not be accepted after entry deadline**. If an item is entered in the wrong class, due to a misunderstanding, it may be changed. If you have any questions regarding the classes see the top of each section for the phone number to call.
9. Exhibits, with Creative Arts entry tag attached, should be delivered to specific sections and stubs should be retained to claim articles at removal time. Removal day is Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM & Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
10. Exhibitors who do not exhibit all articles listed on their entry forms **must return tags covering such articles to the Superintendent in charge.**
11. The Erie County Agricultural Society assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to exhibits, or exhibits left after 7 PM on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.
12. **All articles will be displayed at the discretion of the Superintendent in charge. Please keep all entries FAMILY FRIENDLY, any items showing nudity or other sensitive material may either not be displayed, or partially covered.**
13. All handiwork must have been completed BY THE EXHIBITOR within the past FIVE (5) YEARS Only clean, finished work will be accepted.
14. No premium will be given or exhibitor tickets issued on any article that has previously taken a first premium. Premiums may be withheld at the discretion of the judge. **In order to keep the exhibits new and exciting, please do not exhibit the same items multiple years in a row.**
15. No class changes will be made to an entry without the exhibitors' knowledge.
16. To note, the Fair accepts artwork from all individuals, regardless of ability. The category of 'Exceptional Artist/ Special Children of the Fair' no longer exists. The Fair is an integrated and all-inclusive event and the exhibits exemplify this.

### What is the Tri-Color? How is it selected?

It is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each of our sections.

### Ribbons awarded in the Creative Arts Department

Blue	First Place
Red	Second Place
Yellow	Third Place
White	Honorable Mention
Gray	Best in Class/ Consideration for Tri-Color
Green	Special Award
Tri-Color	Best in Section

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**ENTERING EXHIBITS IN THE CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT – AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3**

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**Step 1 Pre-register by Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- All entries must be pre-registered by entering online by Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Enter any items you think you might bring (including flower show), entries cannot be added later
- Be sure to enter credit card information for all fees, including the \$25.00 exhibitor fee for ages 13 & older & \$5.00 junior entry fee for exhibitors ages 5-12.

**Step 2 Bring your exhibits to the Fair on the specified days (no exceptions)**

- All exhibits (except flowers) must be brought to the Fairgrounds on either Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from Noon-8 PM or Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from Noon – 8 PM
- All flowers must be brought to the Fairgrounds on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**\*All exhibitors who have entered items that are not brought in on the designated days and times will forfeit their entry fee & pass promo code.**

**Step 3 Pick up your prize check and remove your exhibits**

- Prize checks and ribbons will be available on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM in the Creative Arts Exhibit Area. Checks can also be picked up on removal day. Checks not picked up will be mailed. No ribbons will be mailed.
- Exhibits must be removed from the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM & Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Items cannot be removed from the Fairgrounds at any other time, if you are unable to make it, send a friend.

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**CREATIVE ARTS SCHEDULE**

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<b>MONDAY, APRIL 1</b>	Online entry system open
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 11</b>	Pre-Registration Deadline <b>ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED.</b>
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 22</b> 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM	Exhibits (except Flower Show & Culinary) come to the Fair, bring items to the Creative Arts Exhibit Area- Enter at Southpark or Quinby and drive to creative arts building.
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 23</b> 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM	Exhibits (except Flower Show & Culinary) come to the Fair, bring items to the Creative Arts Exhibit Area- Enter at Southpark or Quinby and drive to creative arts building.
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 2</b> 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Culinary exhibits come to the Fair; please park at Gate 2, off of McKinley Pkwy, golfcarts will give you a ride to the building and back.
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 4</b> 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Flower Show exhibits come to the Fair; please park at Gate 2, off of McKinley Pkwy, golfcarts will give you a ride to the building and back.
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20</b> 12:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Exhibits must be removed. Premium checks may also be picked up at this time.
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 21</b> 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Exhibits must be removed. Premium checks may also be picked up at this time.

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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- Q: When do I receive my fair pass promo code?**  
**A:** The promo code redeemable for three (3) fair admission passes will be sent to the email used when making your entries, only after your entries have been confirmed to have arrived for exhibition.
- Q: Is the cost to exhibit \$25 for each item or \$25 total?**  
**A:** The cost is \$25 total for ages 13 & older (or \$5 junior entry fee for ages 5-12) regardless of the number of items you enter.
- Q: I am going to be out of town on entry/removal days, can someone else drop off/pick up my items?**  
**A:** Yes, another person can drop off/pick up your items if you are unable to make it personally. However, if another person is picking your items up make sure that you give them your claim checks.
- Q: What if I am not sure that my item fits into the category?**  
**A:** See the top of each section for the phone number to call or email to the address listed.
- Q: There was only a ribbon sticker on display? Do I receive an actual silk ribbon?**  
**A:** Silk ribbons can be picked up along with your prize checks. If we have to mail your check after the close of the fair, ribbons won't be included.