



# FINE ARTS

<b>ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025</b>		
<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	<b>AGES</b>	<b>SKILL LEVEL</b>
One-Time \$25 per Exhibitor	18 & UP	Amateur & Professional
Exhibitors will be allowed entries throughout all the Erie County Fair Competitions. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Monday, July 28, 2025.		
Tri-Color is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each of our sections. <b>\$25 &amp; ELIGIBLE FOR BEST OF TRI-COLOR AWARD.</b>		
NOVICE PREMIUMS:		
1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE BLUE - \$10	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE RED - \$5	
AMATEUR PREMIUMS:		
1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE BLUE - \$15	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE RED - \$10	
PROFESSIONAL PREMIUMS:		
1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE BLUE - \$20	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE RED - \$15	
<b>Entry Arrival:</b> Tuesday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup> or Wednesday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup> between Noon and 8:00 PM		
<b>Entry Removal:</b> Wednesday, August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025, between Noon and 8:00 PM or Thursday, August 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2025, between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM.		
<b>Prize Checks:</b> Available Tuesday, August 12, 2025 between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned. Checks remaining after this time will be mailed.		

**Please call the Competitive Exhibits office at 716-649-3900 ext. 6407 or email [ceoffice@ecfair.org](mailto:ceoffice@ecfair.org) with all questions.**

**Fine Arts Rules:**

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Friday, July 11, 2025.** Entries not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org).
3. An exhibitor can only participate in **ONE (1) DIVISION ONLY.** You must identify novice, amateur, or professional.
4. Exhibitors are **limited to a total of two (2) entries in Fine Arts. There is a limit of one (1) entry per class in all fair competitions.**
5. All paintings must be well-framed & wired for hanging. Drawings, pastels, and watercolors must have mats and be protected with glass. **Oil and acrylic paintings should not be matted or behind glass.** A well-framed picture must be wired with flexible picture hanging wire, fastened to D-Rings/Screw Eyes. The same applies to metal frames with sliding hangers, which must be attached, approximately 4" from the top. Plastic frames, sawtooth bars, unframed wooden panels, hook holders embedded in cardboard backing, cardboard loops, screws, thumbtacks and string will be disqualified due to the safety of our show. (Quality of framing is the discretion of the superintendent and will be rejected if unsatisfactory). Refer to the "Framing and Wiring" tutorial on [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org).
6. No frame is needed if you use **gallery canvases** (1 1/4 or more depth) for a painting only. See the "Selecting you Canvas" tutorial on [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org).
7. **PAINTING SIZE MAXIMUM OF 24" (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE MATTE OR FRAME)**
8. All artwork will be inspected upon arrival to make sure the artwork adheres to all rules & requirements (size, framing, etc.) If any artwork does not meet the requirements, it will not be accepted. Please go to the website ([www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org)) to see tutorials on requirements.
9. "Miscellaneous" includes printing, collage, airbrush, silk-screening – at the discretion of the Superintendent.
10. **Works shown in former years will not be accepted. All work must have been completed by the exhibitor in the last five (5) years.**
11. The judge may withhold or give additional prize awards.
12. **NOTE:** the Fair accepts artwork from all individuals, regardless of ability. The category of 'Exceptional Artist' no longer exists. The Fair is an integrated and all-inclusive event, and the fine art exhibit exemplifies this.

Erie County Fair Dates: August 6 - 17, 2025



## CLASSES

### NOVICE DIVISION - 1

**Novice:** for those with very little training in art and those who have never won an award.

1. Abstract – nonrepresentational, 2 dimensional
2. Animal Portraits – 1 animal
3. Animal Story – 2 or more
4. City Scenes & Architecture
5. Drawing – on paper using pencil, ink, charcoal, etc.
6. Figure – one or more figures, partial and/or full body view.
7. Flowers
8. Landscape – mountains, suburbs, rural
9. Portrait Person – close-up view
10. Seascape
11. Still Life
12. Sights, Sounds, Tastes, and Feels of the Fair (Competitive Exhibits Fair Theme)
13. Digital Art (e.g. graphic design, AI, etc.)
14. Miscellaneous – prints, silkscreen mixed media (2 dimensional), does not fit into an existing class.

### AMATEUR DIVISION - 2

**Amateur:** for the artist that does not sell their work or exhibit nor teach.

1. Abstract – nonrepresentational, 2 dimensional
2. Animal Portraits – 1 animal
3. Animal Story – 2 or more
4. City Scenes & Architecture
5. Drawing – on paper using pencil, ink, charcoal, etc.
6. Figure – one or more figures, partial &/or full body view.
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13. Digital Art (e.g. graphic design, AI, etc.)
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### PROFESSIONAL DIVISION - 3

**Professional:** for the artist who teaches or sells his/her work

1. Abstract – nonrepresentational, 2 dimensional
2. Animal Portraits – 1 animal
3. Animal Story – 2 or more
4. City Scenes & Architecture
5. Drawing – on paper using pencil, ink, charcoal, etc.
6. Figure – one or more figures, partial and/or full body view.
7. Flowers
8. Landscape – mountains, suburbs, rural
9. Portrait Person – close-up view
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#### Judging Criteria:

- All entries must follow the rules. Verify that the subject matter and the medium used fulfill the category listing.
- The presentation of the artwork or photo.
- Determine if the degree of difficulty is appropriate for the artist's maturity and ability.
- The uniqueness of the artwork. The use of the medium in a new way is not typical of the traditional, which represents the artist's thoughts about the work he or she is doing.
- The composition of the entries. Considering the elements of art used (line, texture, space, color, value, proportion, and shape).