

# Premium Book

## Department J - Needlecraft

**ENTRY DAY: Wednesday, July 30, 2025.**

Please bring your pre-registered items to the fairgrounds on this day between 12pm and 8pm.

	<b>RULES:</b>
	1. All articles must be the handiwork of and owned by exhibitor.
<b>You must Pre-register to enter.</b>	2. Articles which have previously won a premium are not eligible.
<b>Pre-registration is due by Sunday, July 27, 2025</b>	3. Articles must have been completed within two years preceding the fair.
	4. Soiled articles will not be judged.
	5. One entry will be accepted in each lot per exhibitor.
	6. Wall hangings must have a means of hanging. Wire is preferred for pictures. Quilted wall hangings must have "sleeve" or sewn-on tabs.
<b>ENTRY DAY:</b> <b>WEDNESDAY,</b> <b>July 30, 2025-</b> <b>12:00pm-8:00pm</b>	7. <u>"Not otherwise listed"</u> lots include <u>ONLY</u> articles that have no regular lots listed. If there is an existing lot where and entry fits, it cannot be entered in <u>"not otherwise listed"</u>
	8. Judges will not ribbon an article if it is not quality work, regardless of competition.
	9. Any article having exhibitor's name displayed must have it securely covered by stitched cloth or heavy tape, front and back for entry day and judging. Building staff WILL

	NOT complete this task for exhibitors. Covers will be removed after judging for public display.
	10. <b>Entries must be removed between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm on Sunday, August 10, 2025. The building will close at 9:00pm. The Fair is not responsible for any items left after 9:00 pm on that day.</b>
	**CHAMPION AWARD of \$20.00 may be given to one outstanding article selected from each of the following area of Seniors and all age's categories: quilts, rugs, knitting, crocheting, needlework, clothing, non-clothing (sewn), and overall Children/Juniors. The quilt and rug Champion winners are eligible for the Minnesota State Fair Sweepstakes contests. The Reserve Champion will be awarded a pink "Reserve Champion" ribbon and \$10.00.

**Premiums:** Champion is awarded \$20.00, Reserve is awarded \$10.00, 1<sup>st</sup> Place is awarded \$4.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place is awarded \$3.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place is awarded \$2.00.

## **Needlework Judging Guideline**

### **General Appearance**

1. Beauty and Character
2. Color and design
3. Condition of article

### **Workmanship**

1. Cleanliness
2. Uniformity of stitches
3. Construction technique appropriate for specific class/lot
4. Finishing

### **Materials used**

1. Suitability to article

## **COUNTED CROSS STITCH EMBROIDERY**

### **Class 1 - All Ages**

### **Class 2 - Ages 65 and Over**

Picture measurements do NOT include mat and/or frame. Picture size is determined by measuring the work area. "Cnt x st" abbreviation in these classes means "counted cross stitch". Counted cross stitch work consists of counted cross stitch and back stitch. "Smaller than 14 count" and "larger than 14 count" means the threads per inch. Small will be 18, 22, etc. Larger will be 11, etc.

### **LOT**

1. Cnt x st picture, framed, less than 50 sq. in., smaller than 14 count
2. Cnt x st picture, framed, less than 50 sq. in., 14 count or larger
3. Cnt x st picture, framed, 50-120 sq. in., smaller than 14 count
4. Cnt x st picture, framed, 50-120 sq. in., 14 count or larger
5. Cnt x st picture, framed, 121-150 sq. in., smaller than 14 count
6. Cnt x st picture, framed, 121-150 sq. in., 14 count or larger
7. Cnt x st picture, framed, 151-250 sq. in., smaller than 14 count
8. Cnt x st picture, framed, 151-250 sq. in., 14 count or larger
9. Cnt x st picture, framed, over 250 sq. in., smaller than 14 count
10. Cnt x st picture, framed, over 250 sq. in., 14 count or larger
11. Cnt x st sampler, must include alphabet and numbers
12. Cnt x st insert on towels and bibs
13. Cnt x st wall hanging, unframed, includes bell pulls
14. Cnt x st bell cord
15. Cnt x st table runner or centerpiece
16. Cnt x st pillow
17. Cnt x st holiday item, not picture or wall hanging
18. Cnt x st afghan
19. Cnt x st on a garment, using waste canvas

20. Cnt x st on perforated paper or aida plus, any item
21. Cnt x st, preprinted
22. Framed piece using more than one counted thread technique
23. Unframed piece using more than one counted thread technique
24. Cnt x st item, Original Design
25. Not otherwise listed

## **EMBROIDERY AND CREWEL**

### **Class 3 - All Ages**

### **Class 4 - Age 65 and over**

### **LOT**

1. Bell Pull
2. Dish Towels, set of three
3. Duplicate stitch on a knitted item
4. Garment, adult, trimmed with embroidery
5. Garment, child, trimmed with embroidery
6. Garment, infant, trimmed with embroidery
7. Holiday item, other than picture or wall hanging
8. Napkins, set of four
9. Picture, framed
10. Pillow
11. Pillowcases, one pair
12. Quilt
13. Table runner or centerpiece
14. Tablecloth, less than 72" in length
15. Tablecloth, 72" or more in length
16. Wall hanging, unframed
17. Crewel bell pull

18. Crewel holiday item
19. Crewel picture, framed
20. Crewel pillow
21. Crewel wall hanging
22. Huck toweling with embroidery/ Swedish weaving
23. Brazilian embroidery
24. Not otherwise listed

## **MACHINE EMBROIDERY**

### **CLASS 5 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 6 - Age 65 and over**

#### **LOT**

1. Garment, adult
2. Garment, child
3. Garment, infant
4. Home decor item
5. Not otherwise listed

## **CROCHET**

### **CLASS 7 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 8 - Age 65 and over**

#### **LOT**

1. Afghan, one piece
2. Afghan assembled, strips, motifs, etc.
3. Afghan, baby
4. Afghan, all or part made using afghan stitch with afghan hook
5. Bedspread

6. Christmas item
7. Doily, under 14" diameter, using thread
8. Doily, over 14" diameter, using thread
9. Doll clothes, one item only
10. Doll dressed in all crochet clothing, not intended for play
11. Group of doll clothes with accessories mounted
12. Filet crocheted item
13. Footwear, any size
14. Garment, adult, other than listed
15. Garment, child, other than listed
16. Garment, infant, other than listed
17. Headwear
18. Holiday item, other than Christmas
19. Infant ensemble, at least 3 pieces
20. Pillow
21. Ponchos, adult or child
22. Potholder or dishcloth, set if two
23. Purse or totebag
24. Scarf
25. Shawl or stole
26. Sweater, adult
27. Sweater, child
28. Sweater, infant
29. Table runner, using thread
30. Tablecloth, using thread
31. Toy, stuffed, doll or animal; must be ALL crochet & safe for child's play
32. Vest or shell

33. Not otherwise listed

## **HARDANGAR**

### **CLASS 9 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 10 - Age 65 and over**

#### **LOT**

1. Bell pull or unframed wall hanging
2. Holiday item, not picture or wall hanging
3. Doily
4. Picture, framed and ready to hang
5. Pillow
6. Table runner or centerpiece
7. Tablecloth
8. Educational display about hardangar
9. Not otherwise listed

## **HANDMADE LACE**

### **CLASS 11 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 12 - Age 65 and over**

#### **LOT**

1. Battenburge lace, any item
2. Bobbin Lace, any item
3. Needle Lace, any item
4. Tatted Doily
5. Tatted, item trimmed with tatting
6. Tatted, other than doily, must be ALL tatted
7. Other handmade lace technique not listed, any item not listed

## **WEAVING**

### **CLASS 13 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 14 - Age 65 and over**

No rugs accepted in this class. They belong in class 15 or 16.

### **LOT**

1. Placemats, set of 2
2. Wall Hanging
3. Apparel
4. Educational display about weaving
5. Not otherwise listed

## **RUGS**

### **CLASS 15 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 16 - Age 65 and over**

All rugs made for wall hanging must have finished backs and a means of hanging.

### **LOT**

1. Braided, under 3 ft.
2. Braided, 3 to 6 ft
3. Braided, over 6 ft.
4. Crocheted
5. RYA knotted, cut or uncut pile
6. Hooked rag, fine cut, less than 3 ft.
7. Hooked rag, primitive cut, less than 3 ft.
8. Hooked rag, fine cut, 3ft. and over
9. Hooked rag, primitive cut, 3 ft. and over

10. Hooked rag, other
11. Woven rag, less than 3 ft.
12. Woven rag, 3 to 6 ft.
13. Woven rag, over 6 ft.
14. Woven, other than rag, weft-faced
15. Woven, other than rag, warp-faced
16. Woven, other than rag, block weave
17. Not otherwise listed

## **KNITTING**

### **CLASS 17 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 18 - Age 65 and over**

Hand knitting with needles. No machine or frame knitting.

Plain Knit - stockinette stitch, reverse stockinette stitch or overall garter stitch trimmed with ribbing or garter stitch. May include color stripes.

Texture Knit - any combination of knit and purl stitches including but not limited to ribbing, slip stitch, mosaics, cable entrelac and lace.

Color Work - More than one color per row, including but not limited to Fair Isle, Scandinavian & Intarsia techniques.

## **LOT**

1. Afghan, baby
2. Afghan, Plain
3. Afghan, texture
4. Afghan, Colorwork
5. Bedspread
6. Cap or Hat, plain
7. Cap or Hat, texture
8. Cap or Hat, color work
9. Dishcloth or potholder (set of two)
10. Doily, knitted using thread, less than 14" diameter

11. Doily, knitted using thread, over 14" diameter
12. Doll clothes, one item
13. Doll, dressed in all knit clothing, not intended for play
14. Doll, toy or animal, stuffed; must be ALL knit and safe for child's play
15. Felted item, wearable
16. Felted item, non-wearable
17. Headband or Neck Scarf with Closure
18. Holiday item, Christmas
19. Holiday item other than Christmas
20. Infant clothing, not sweater
21. Infant ensemble, at least 3 pieces
22. Mittens, adult, plain
23. Mittens, adult, texture or color work
24. Mittens, child, plain
25. Mittens, child, texture or color work
26. Pillow
27. Ponchos, adult or child
28. Purse or tote bag
29. Scarf, plain, stripes included
30. Scarf, texture
31. Shawl or stole
32. Socks, plain or ribbed
33. Socks, texture
34. Socks, color work
35. Sweater, child, plain, pullover or cardigan
36. Sweater, child, texture or color work, pullover
37. Sweater, child, texture or color work, cardigan

38. Sweater, infant
39. Sweater, lady, plain, pullover or cardigan
40. Sweater, lady, texture or color work, pullover
41. Sweater, lady, texture or color work, cardigan
42. Sweater, man, plain, pullover or cardigan
43. Sweater, man, texture or color work, pullover
44. Sweater, man, texture or color work, cardigan
45. Vest, adult
46. Vest, child
47. Not otherwise listed

**MACHINE KNIT**

**CLASS 19 - All Ages**

**CLASS 20 - Age 65 and over**

**LOT**

1. Garment, adult
2. Garment, child
3. Garment, infant
4. Hat or scarf
5. Socks
6. Toys
7. Household Items (afghans, table runners, placemats, etc.)
8. Not otherwise listed

## **NEEDLEPOINT**

### **CLASS 21 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 22 - Age 65 and over**

Must use needlepoint canvas. NO plastic canvas.

#### **LOT**

1. Bargello item
2. Holiday, any item except pictures or wall hangings
3. Petit Pointe item
4. Picture, framed
5. Pillow
6. Sampler of needlepoint stitches
7. Wall hanging, unframed, includes bell pull
8. Not otherwise listed

## **PLASTIC CANVAS NEEDLEPOINT**

### **CLASS 23 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 24 - Age 65 and over**

Plastic canvas items with no fill-in stitching will NOT be accepted.

#### **LOT**

1. Holiday item
2. Tissue Cover
3. Tote bag or purse
4. Not otherwise listed

## **QUILTING**

### **CLASS 25 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 26 - Age 65 and over**

(Please read and follow the size, techniques, and quilting method requirements for each lot. All quilts must be made entirely by the exhibitor, EXCEPT otherwise specified in certain lots. Quilted wall hangings must be prepared for hanging. All entries must have three layers and be attached through all layers to qualify as being quilted.)

### **Large Bed Quilts, 60" X 80" or larger**

#### **LOT**

1. Pieced, hand quilted by entrant
2. Pieced, machine quilted by entrant
3. Pieced, hand or machine quilted by someone other than entrant
4. Appliqued, hand quilted by entrant
5. Appliqued, machine quilted by entrant
6. Appliqued, hand or machine quilted by someone other than entrant
7. Mixed techniques (pieced and appliqued); hand or machine quilted by entrant
8. Mixed techniques (pieced and appliqued); hand or machine quilted by someone other than entrant
9. Special surface design techniques (whole cloth, embroidery, embellishments; hand or machine quilted by entrant
10. Scrap quilt, pieced, appliqued or mixed, using at least 40 different fabrics; hand or machine quilted by entrant
11. Commemorative quilt, pieced, appliqued or mixed; hand or machine quilted by entrant or someone else or group
12. Original design, machine or hand quilted by entrant
13. Tied quilt
14. First time quilt, hand or machine quilted by entrant

15. First time quilt, tied by entrant

16. Not otherwise listed

**Crib /Youth/ Small Quilts, less than 60" X 80"**

17. Crib /Youth /Lap Quilt, hand quilted by entrant

18. Crib /Youth /Lap Quilt, machine quilted by entrant

19. Crib /Youth /Lap Quilt, mixed technique by entrant

20. Crib /Youth /Lap Quilt, quilted by someone other than entrant

21. Recycled fabrics, hand or machine quilted by entrant

22. Trapunto, by entrant

23. Special surface techniques (whole cloth, embroidery, painting, embellishments); hand or machine quilted by entrant

24. Not otherwise listed

**WALL QUILTS - Maximum perimeter of less than 249" (Must be prepared for hanging)**

25. Pieced, hand quilted by entrant

26. Pieced, machine quilted by entrant

27. Pieced, hand or machine quilted by someone other than entrant

28. Appliqued, hand quilted by entrant

29. Appliqued, machine quilted by entrant

30. Appliqued, machine quilted by someone other than entrant

31. Mixed techniques (pieced and appliqued); hand or machine quilted by entrant

32. Special surface techniques (whole cloth, embroidery, painting, embellishments); hand or machine quilted by entrant

33. Original design, hand or machine quilted by entrant

34. Wall hanging using fusible applique hand or machine quilted by entrant

35. Not otherwise listed

**Other Quilted Articles**

36. Christmas tree skirt
37. Christmas stocking
38. Miniature (scaled replica) hand or machine quilted
39. Pillow
40. Table runner or two placements
41. Tote bag/purse
42. Garment pieced or appliqued, hand or machine quilted by entrant
43. Not otherwise listed

## **SEWING OTHER THAN GARMENTS**

### **Sewing Judging Guidelines**

#### **1. General Appearance**

1. Eye appeal
2. Color and texture selection show style
3. Condition: clean and pressed

#### **2. Materials used**

1. Suitability to item
2. Appropriate notions

#### **3. Workmanship**

1. Construction techniques appropriate to project
2. Cutting, stitching, seaming, hemming, finishing appearance

### **CLASS 27 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 28 - Age 65 and over**

### **LOT**

1. Animal stuffed, all fabric
2. Holiday item
3. Coverlet or throw, yo-yo, crazy quilted made without a batting layer
4. Doll clothes, one item

5. Doll, stuffed, all fabric, safe for child's play
6. Outdoor gear (ski bag, duffle bag, gun case)
7. Pillow
8. Pot holder or oven mitt
9. Puppet
10. Recycled; entry must be reconstructed, NO clothing
11. Tablecloth or set of 4 placemats
12. Toy, stuffed, all fabric
13. Purse/Tote
14. Not otherwise listed

## **ADULT GARMENTS**

### **CLASS 29 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 30 - Age 65 and over**

(All clothing must be new and clean. All parts of garments must be made by exhibitor.)

## **Garment Construction Judging Guidelines**

### **1. General Appearance**

1. Eye appeal
2. Design color
3. Condition of garment; clean, pressed, etc.

### **2. Materials used**

1. Suitability to item
2. Appropriateness of findings

### **3. Workmanship**

1. Cut, stitching, seams, hems, finishes, etc.

## **LOT**

1. Apron, not from recycled materials

2. Blazer
3. Coat
4. Costume
5. Denim garment
6. Dress
7. Dress, wedding or formal
8. Ensemble
9. Hat and scarf set
10. Jacket
11. Jumper
12. Lingerie
13. Mittens
14. Pajamas or nightgown
15. Recycled, entry must be reconstructed clothing item
16. Robe or housecoat
17. Shirt or blouse, lady
18. Shirt, man
19. Skirt
20. Slacks, lady-with closures (zipper, buttons, etc.)
21. Slacks, man-with closures (zipper, buttons, etc.)
22. Sweatshirt, plain
23. Swimsuit or cover-up
24. T-shirt, plain
25. Vest, plain
26. Wool garment
27. Not otherwise listed

## **CHILDREN'S GARMENTS**

### **CLASS 31 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 32 - Age 65 and over**

(All clothing must be clean and new. Sizes 2-12.)

### **LOT**

1. Bathrobe
2. Beachwear
3. Coat
4. Costume
5. Denim garment
6. Dress
7. Felted wool garment
8. Hat, scarf and mittens ensemble
9. Jogging suit
10. Jumper
11. Pajamas or nightgown
12. Recycled clothing item, such as child's jacket from an old adult coat
13. Shirt or blouse, girl
14. Shirt, boy
15. Shorts
16. Skirt
17. Slacks, trousers or overalls-with closures (zipper, buttons, etc.)
18. Sweatshirt, plain
19. T-shirt or T-shirt dress
20. Vest
21. Winter outerwear

22. Not otherwise listed

**INFANTS GARMENTS**

**CLASS 33 - All Ages**

**CLASS 34 - Age 65 and over**

(All clothing must be clean and new. Sizes up to 2.)

**LOT**

1. Bib
2. Christening dress
3. Coat or jacket
4. Dress or suit
5. Multi-piece set
6. Playsuit
7. Sleeper
8. Sweatshirt
9. T-shirt
10. Not otherwise listed

**HAND SPINNING**

**CLASS 35 - All Ages**

**CLASS 36 - Age 65 and over**

**LOT**

1. Any item, hand felted or fulled
2. Garment, large, knitted with hand spun yarn, such as sweater-(include a small sample of the yarn)
3. Garment, woven using hand spun yarn-(include a small sample of the yarn)
4. Skein of yarn
5. Small item knitted with hand spun yarn, such as mittens-(include a small sample of the yarn)
6. Education display about hand spinning

7. Not otherwise listed

## **CHILDREN/JUNIORS**

### **CLASS 37 - Ages 16 and Under**

(Follow the same rules as described in the "All Ages" classes)

#### **LOT**

1. Any item, completely HAND SEWN
2. Any woven item
3. Cnt x st picture, framed less than 50 sq. in.
4. Cnt x st picture, framed, 50 sq. in. or larger
5. Cnt x st, any other
6. Crewel embroidery item
7. Crochet item, scarf, hat or purse
8. Embroidery item
9. Hand knitted item, scarf, hat, mittens, slippers or purse
10. Machine embroidery item
11. Machine knitted item
12. Needlepoint item
13. One plastic canvas item: MUST be stitched
14. Pillow, any method
15. Quilt, any size; machine, hand quilted or tied
16. Quilted item, any other
17. Rug, any method
18. Tote or duffle bag, machine sewn
19. Toy, animal or doll, stuffed; machine sewn
20. Yarn, hand spun; one skein
21. Hardanger item
22. Puppet, machine sewn

23. Doll clothes, any item
24. Handmade lace
25. Afghan crocheted, any size
26. Afghan knitted, any size
27. Not otherwise listed
28. Blouse or shirt, **machine sewn**
29. Costume, **machine sewn**
30. Denim garment, **machine sewn**
31. Dress, **machine sewn**
32. Pajamas, nightgown or robe, **machine sewn**
33. Skirt or slacks or shorts, **machine sewn**
34. Vest, **machine sewn**
35. Mittens, hat and scarf set, **machine sewn**
36. Not otherwise listed, **machine sewn**

**CLASS 38 - For physically challenged or developmentally disabled persons.**

**LOT**

1. Embroidery
2. Crocheting
3. Weaving
4. Quilting
5. Sewing
6. Wearable art
7. Not otherwise listed

## **WEARABLE ART and ACCESSORIES**

### **CLASS 39 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 40 - Age 65 and over**

All items are to be sewn and embellished as desired (suggestions include: appliqué's, paint, beads, added textures, etc.)

"The Quilted entries must have three layers and be attached through all layers to qualify as being quilted."

### **LOT**

1. Dress or Jumper
2. Hats
3. Purse or tote bag
4. Quilted jacket
5. Quilted Vest
6. Quilted other than garment
7. Sweatshirt
8. T-Shirt
9. Not otherwise listed

## **WOOL APPLIQUE**

### **CLASS 41 - All Ages**

### **CLASS 42 - Age 65 and over**

### **LOT**

1. Table Toppers
2. Wall Hangings
3. Quilts
4. Pillows
5. Not otherwise listed

**FELTED WOOL**

**CLASS 43- All Ages**

**CLASS 44- Age 65 and over**

**LOT**

1. Wall Hanging 8x10" or smaller
2. Wall Hanging over 8x10"
3. 3D-Figure under 6" tall
4. 3D-Figure over 6" tall
5. Pillow or other decorative item
6. Purse or clothing item
7. Not otherwise listed