

CREATIVE ARTS

EL PASO COUNTY FAIR
JULY 15-22, 2023

Open Class
Regulations & Premium List



Creative Arts Regulations: El Paso County Fair 2023

The El Paso County Fair and its Creative Arts contest is open to all residents of El Paso County. All entries for the open competition are to be pre-registered by **Friday, June 23, 2023**. All entries will need to register online at: <https://www.elpasocountyfair.com/p/fair-information/creative-arts-and-craft>

The entry fee will be \$7.00 per person. There is no limit on the number of total entries but only one entry per class number.

Please read all rules and regulations about a class before submitting an entry. These rules and regulations are subject to change from year to year.

Drop Off Dates and Times:

The drop off location for all items will be the Whittemore Building at the El Paso County Fairgrounds. Address: 366 10th Street, Calhan, CO 80808.

All exhibits for **Hobby Division** (excluding Division 2/Pantry items and quilts) will be accepted at the Fairgrounds on:

- Thursday, July 7th from 9am – 12pm
- Friday, July 8th from 9am-12pm

Hobby Division – Quilting Items will be accepted at the Fairgrounds on:

- Saturday July 8th from 9am-12pm
- Judging will be on Saturday, July 8th beginning at 1pm

Division 2/Pantry Items will be accepted at the Fairgrounds on:

- Thursday, July 13th from 9am-11am
- Judging will begin on Thursday, July 13th at 11:30 am

General Rules and Regulations

1. Each exhibit entry tag will be labeled and entered according to the division, department, section, class #, and exhibitor #. Exhibitors are responsible to place entry tags securely on exhibits when dropped off.
2. Only **ONE entry** per exhibitor will be allowed **per class**. If you have entered one item in the designated class, you may not enter a like item under miscellaneous.
3. Items entered must be made by the exhibitor and completed in the last 18 months as of June 23, 2023.
4. Premiums and ribbons may be awarded for two places in each of the classes if the competition warrants. A champion and reserve champion may be awarded in each department based on the 1st place awards. If there is no merit for an award in a class, a premium award will not be

placed. All awards are placed at the judges' discretion. In the interest of uniformity and consistency, the following premiums will be awarded:

- First Place: \$4 and ribbon.
 - Second Place: \$3 and ribbon.
5. Exhibits could be closed to the public as early as 6:00 p.m. but no later than 8:00 pm each night of the fair, or at the discretion of the Superintendent, or Fair staff.
 6. New classes may be formed at the discretion of the Superintendent. Items incorrectly entered may be reassigned or disqualified.
 7. Any unethical conduct shall be cause for disqualification of said individual from competing at the El Paso County Fair for the current year and the following year and for possible continuous years depending on conduct. This may include removal of the individual from the grounds. This judgment will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent and Fair Board.
 8. In the case of a disagreement with placing or judging, a written protest must be submitted to the Superintendent within 24 hours of judging. The superintendent, agents and judges involved review all protests.
 9. The Fair Board, Superintendents, and staff are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage of items. The items on display will be secured in a locked building overnight monitored when possible.
 10. All exhibits must remain on display until release time, Sunday, July 23rd at 12pm.
 11. Pick-up of exhibits and Premium Payouts will be available on Sunday, July 23rd only between 12 pm and 3pm. Exhibits and premiums not picked up will be held at the Fair Office until July 31st only. Any entry items or premium monies not picked up by July 31st will be forfeited. Children's premiums can go to a parent or guardian as listed on entry form.

All items entered into the Fair will be handled with the utmost care. El Paso County, Fair Staff and Volunteers will not be liable for items damaged or stolen.