



ARTS & CRAFTS & MORE COMPETITION

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ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION STARTS APRIL 1, 2026

ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 13, 2026

ENTRY DROP OFF JULY 18, 2026, 9AM-3PM and JULY 21, 2026, 12PM-6PM

ENTRY REMOVAL AUGUST 26, 2026, 12PM-6PM and AUGUST 27, 2026, 3PM-7PM

Entry Fee: \$25.00 allows entries throughout Departments in Creative Arts, Ag-Grange, and Environment and Sportsman. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Ages: 18 & Up

Prize Checks: Available Tuesday, August 18, 2026, between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned. Checks not picked up by Sunday, August 23, 2026, will be mailed.

***Checks are VOID 60 days from issue date and WILL NOT BE REISSUED. Ribbons will not be mailed.**

Arts & Crafts & More Competition Rules:

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Monday, July 13, 2026.** For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. Anyone 18 years old and older is eligible to enter this competition. Team members may be younger than 18 years old.
4. All work must have been done by the exhibitor **within the last five (5) years.**
5. Excellent kit work will be accepted; however, preference in judging will be given to creative and original work.
6. The quality of the article is the main consideration for judging. All items must be clean, and dust removed.
7. More than one (1) 1st Premium (Blue) and 2nd Premium (Red) may be awarded in each class if warranted.
8. Should there be no deserving entries in any class, no premium will be awarded.
9. **NO ENTRY EXCEEDING IN OVERALL SIZE OF 36" x 36" x 36" WILL BE ACCEPTED,** unless otherwise specified.
10. Amateur is defined as a person who engages as a beginner and does for pleasure.
11. Professional is defined as an expert or business practice.
12. **In each class, only one (1) article is to be entered, unless otherwise approved.**

Judging Criteria

Originality	45%
Appearance	45%
General Appeal	10%

ARTS & CRAFTS & MORE COMPETITION CLASSES

Premiums Offered: 1st Place Blue \$7, 2nd Place Red \$5

Tri-Color: \$25 & Eligible for *Best of Tri-Color Award*

*Tri-Color is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each section.

Arts (maximum size: 12"x14")-1

1. Calligraphy or Rubber-Stamped Art
2. Scherenschnitte (Paper Cutting) – Dimensional, Non-Dimensional, or Framed
3. Dried &/or pressed flowers; in frame, on plaque, or under glass
4. Leaded stained-glass piece/mosaic
5. Collages – Framed – Other than above
6. Quilling
7. Lace Arts/Bobbin Lace/Tatting
8. Paper Tole
9. Items made with all recyclable materials
10. Wall hangings
11. Sequin Art – Kits – Framed
12. Mosaic Glass Item
13. Origami
14. Paint with Diamonds – Kit – under 24" x 24" w/frame (Only 15 Entries)
15. Paint with Diamonds – Freestyle/original Americana design – under 24" x 24" w/frame (Only 15 Entries)
16. Grad Cap decorated
17. Macrame
18. Any item in classes 1 - 16 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Baskets-2

1. Hand woven of natural materials
2. Hand Woven – Other Materials
3. Any item in classes 1 - 2 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Beadwork-3

All jewelry must be mounted or framed for presentation

1. Jewelry
2. Clothing
3. Accessories
4. Decorative Items
5. Ornaments – Kits – felt & sequin – other than Christmas
6. Miscellaneous – Any Other Beadwork
7. Any item in classes 1 - 6 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Christmas & Holiday-4

1. Stocking – Handmade – appliquéd or patchwork or felt
2. Stocking – kit – felt & sequin

3. Ornament – kit – felt & sequin
4. Tree ornament – quilted or fabric, soft sculpture, wooden, or any other medium - handmade
5. Christmas decorated baskets
6. Holiday decorated baskets
7. Holiday Mini Trees (**12" - 18" height Maximum**)
8. Santa Claus or Father Christmas figure, any medium (**14" height Maximum**)
9. Angel figure, any medium (**14" height Maximum**)
10. Any item in classes 1 - 9 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Clothing & Accessories Decorated-5

1. Hand painted, stenciled, or rubber stamped
2. Miscellaneous – Embellished (beads, sequins, buttons, etc.)
3. Any item in classes 1 - 4 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Dolls-6

Dolls & clothes must be handmade by the exhibitor

1. Raggedy Ann or Andy
2. Bisque, porcelain or any other hand-sculpted medium
3. Cloth, other than Raggedy Ann or Andy (no animals)
4. Any item in classes 1 - 3 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Door/Wall Decorations-7

No Silk Flowers – Hanger attached

1. Decorated hats
2. Swags
3. Wreaths (no larger than 12" - 18" in diameter)
4. Banners – Kits – felt & sequin
5. Any item in classes 1 - 5 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Dressed Animals-8

Animal and clothing must be handmade by the exhibitor

1. Teddy Bear
2. Bunny
3. Any other animal
4. Any item in classes 1 - 3 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Eggs-9

Stand Required

1. Hand Painted
2. Any Medium, other than hand painted
3. Any item in classes 1 - 2 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Wall Hangings-Fabric/Cloth-10

(42" X 59" Maximum w/Hanger)

1. Amateur Hand pieced or appliquéd, hand quilted
2. Professional Hand pieced or appliquéd, hand quilted
3. Amateur Hand pieced or appliquéd, machine quilted
4. Professional Hand pieced or appliquéd, machine quilted
5. Amateur Machine pieced; hand quilted
6. Professional Machine pieced; hand quilted

7. Amateur Machine pieced; machine quilted
8. Professional Machine pieced; machine quilted
9. Amateur Hand painted, stenciled, or rubber stamped
10. Professional Hand painted, stenciled, or rubber-stamped
11. Amateur Machine or hand-embroidered
12. Professional Machine or hand-embroidered
13. Amateur Appliquéd
14. Professional Appliquéd
15. Amateur Christmas Theme
16. Professional Christmas Theme
17. Thread Painting
18. Any item in classes 1 - 17 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Functional Household Item-11

1. Functional Household Item (e.g. Decorative Lamp)
2. Recycled/Reclaimed/Upcycled Decorative Household Items
3. Any item in classes 1 - 2 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Glass-12

1. Hand Painted Item
2. Blown Glass
3. Any other Glass/China Item
4. Any item in classes 1 - 3 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Handmade Miniatures-13

Sizes suitable for use in a dollhouse or room box

1. Picture – must be handmade
2. Furniture – must be handmade
3. Furniture – must be hand-fashioned
4. Braided Rug
5. Quilt
6. Accessories – must be handmade
7. Accessories – must be hand-fashioned
8. Other
9. Any item in classes 1 - 8 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Leather/Metalwork-14

Maximum Size 36" x 40"

1. Hand Painted
2. Hand-tooled leather piece
3. Silver or other metal work (ring, bracelets, etc.)
4. Accessories – must be handmade
5. 1/16th Toys Metal Work
6. Clothing – must be hand made
7. Any item in classes 1 - 6 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Nature Crafts-15

1. Painted slate – 12"x14" Maximum
2. Painted rocks – 12" Diameter Maximum

3. Painted Gourds - Decorative
4. Sculptures with natural materials
5. Fiber Art/Felting Item
6. Any item in classes 1 - 5 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Room Boxes/Diorama & Dollhouse-17

1. Room Boxes—MAXIMUM 25" W x 15" H x 13" D
NO EXCEPTIONS—Must be enclosed in glass/plexiglass
2. Diorama—MAXIMUM 21" W x 19" H x 19" D
NO EXCEPTIONS—Must be enclosed in glass/plexiglass
3. Dollhouses—MAXIMUM 33" W x 33" H x 11" D
4. Any item in classes 1-3 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Scrapbook/Papercraft-18

NOTE: Most creative use of embellishments, stickers, quilling, etc. No needlepoint or cross-stitch items. All pages should be in sheet protectors.

1. Christmas/Holiday Cards/Invitation
2. Birthday Cards/Invitation
3. Other Cards/Invitation
4. Gift Tags
5. Photo books (Maximum of four (4) pages – not to exceed 12"x 12" book size)
6. Legacy/Story Books (Not to exceed 12"x 12" book size)
7. Mini Books
8. Waterfall Books
9. Mini Paper Bag
10. Any item in classes 1 - 9 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Sculpting-19

1. Figures – hand sculpted
2. Pottery – hand thrown
3. Clay Items
4. Any other that does not fit in the above categories (sculpting only)
5. Any item in classes 1 - 4 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Woodworking-20

No pieces larger than 36" x 36" x 30. All pieces must be hand fashioned. No found wood or driftwood.

1. Any original functional piece **(NO CLOCKS)**
2. Any original decorative or amusing piece
(NO CLOCKS OR TOYS)
3. Clock – wood case
4. Toy
5. Child or doll-sized furniture – natural or painted finish
6. Decorative painting on wood
7. Ship model – **(maximum size of 45" x 42" including case/enclosure)**
8. Bird carving or animal carving – natural or painted finish
9. Miscellaneous carving – natural or painted finish
10. Shadowbox – natural or painted finish - must be hand-fashioned
11. Barn Square – Painted
Maximum 24"x 24" Hung with wire across the back
12. Barn Square – Made with wood pieces
Maximum 24"x 24" Hung with wire across the back
13. Any item in classes 1 - 12 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Table Arts-21

Hand painted, stenciled, needle art, or stamped

1. Placemat
2. Napkin Rings
3. Painted Ceramics (purchased plate, but hand painted)
4. Occasion Party Favor
5. Centerpiece – any other medium
6. Any item in classes 1 - 5 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

Die Cutting & 3D Printing-22

1. Any item using a die cut machine
2. Any 3D Printed Item