

ARTS & CRAFTS AND MORE

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General Arts & Crafts Rules

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. All entries must be pre-registered by Friday, July 14, 2023. Entries not pre-registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page.
3. All work must have been done by the exhibitor **within the last 5 years**.
4. Excellent kit work will be accepted; however, preference in judging will be given to creative and original work.
5. Quality of articles is the main consideration for judging. All items must be clean & dust removed.
6. More than one first (blue) and second (red) may be awarded in each class, if warranted.
7. Should there be no deserving entries in any class, no premium will be awarded.
8. **No entry exceeding in overall size of 36" x 36" will be accepted** unless otherwise specified.
9. No plastic canvas (except section Door/Wall Decorations Class #5, section Other Items Class #4, and section Arts & Crafts Seniors Class #1)

Definitions

Amateur- A person who engages as a beginner and does for pleasure.

Professional- An expert or business practice

Premiums Blue-\$7.00 Red-\$5.00

ARTS (MAXIMUM SIZE: 12" x 14")

1. Calligraphy or Rubber-Stamped Art
2. Scherenschnitte (Paper Cutting) - Dimensional, non-dimensional or framed
3. Dried and/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. Item made with all recyclable materials
10. Wall hangings
11. Sequin Art- kits- Framed (self-framed)
12. Mosaic Glass piece
13. Origami
14. Paint with Diamonds from a kit, under 24"x24" with frame
15. Paint with Diamonds freestyle/original design, under 24"x24" with frame
16. Any item in classes 1-14 created by exhibitor 70 years old or older

BASKETS

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

BEADWORK-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 item
6. Miscellaneous- Any other beadwork
7. Any item in classes 1-6 created by exhibitor 70 years old or older

CHRISTMAS ITEMS & HOLIDAY BASKETS

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

DECORATED SWEATSHIRTS & T-SHIRTS– UMBRELLAS OR ACCESSORIES

***Entries must be clean and pressed**

1. Machine or hand embroidered
2. Hand painted, stenciled or rubber stamped
3. Appliquéd- machine or hand quilted or embroidered
4. Miscellaneous- Embellished (beads, sequins, buttons etc.)
5. Any item in classes 1-4 created by exhibitor 70 years old or older

DOLLS (doll and clothes must be handmade by the exhibitor)

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

DOOR/WALL DECORATIONS (NO SILK FLOWERS) hanger attached

1. Decorated hats
2. Swags
3. Wreaths (**no larger than 12 to 18 inches in diameter or standard wreath size**)
4. Banners – kits- felt & sequin
5. Plastic canvas wall hangings
6. Any item in classes 1-5 created by exhibitor 70 years old or older

DRESSED ANIMALS (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 exhibitor 70 years old or older

EGGS (STAND REQUIRED)

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

FABRIC / CLOTH WALL HANGINGS (42” x 59” MAXIMUM SIZE) WITH HANGER (TO INCLUDE FRAME)

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 exhibitor 70 years old or older

FUNCTIONAL HOUSEHOLD ITEM

1. Functional Household Item (i.e., teacup chandelier)
2. Recycled Decorative Household Items
3. Any item in classes 1-2 created by exhibitor 70 years old or older

GLASS

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

HANDMADE MINIATURES

Sizes suitable for use in a doll house or room box

1. Picture – must be hand made
2. Furniture – must be hand made
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 exhibitor 70 years old or older

LEATHER WORK – METALWORK MAX SIZE: 36"W x 40"L

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

NATURE CRAFTS

1. Painted slate – **12" x 14" 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 exhibitor 70 years old or older

OTHER ITEMS- HAND PAINTED, STENCILED, NEEDLE ART OR STAMPED

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

ROOM BOXES, DIORAMA'S & DOLLHOUSES

1. Room Boxes – **MAXIMUM 25"W x 15"H x 13"D – NO EXCEPTIONS (completely enclosed in glass or plexi-glass)**
2. Diorama – **MAXIMUM 21"W x 19"D x 18 ½"H - NO EXCEPTIONS (completely enclosed in glass or plexi-glass)**
3. Dollhouses – **MAXIMUM 33"W x 33 "H x 11"D**
4. Any item in classes 1-3 created by exhibitor 70 years old or older

SCRAPBOOKING – CREATIVITY & IMAGINATION

***Note: Most creative use of embellishments, stickers, quilling etc. No needle point 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 4 pages – not to exceed 12” x 12” book size**)
6. Mini Books
7. Mini Paper Bag
8. Legacy/ Story Books- (not to exceed 12”x12” book size)
9. Waterfall Books
10. Any item in classes 1-9 created by exhibitor 70 years old or older

SCULPTING

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

WOOD WORKING (No piece larger than: 36” x 36” x 30” will be accepted unless otherwise specified)

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. Shadow box – natural or painted finish - must be hand fashioned
11. Painted Barn Square- Maximum 24”x24” Hung with wire across back
12. Barn Square made with wood pieces- Maximum 24”x24” Hung with wire across back
13. Any item in classes 1-10 created by exhibitor 70 years old or older

TABLE FAVORS -Non-Floral (max height 15", max base 10")

1. Wedding Favor
2. Bridal Shower Favor
3. Baby Shower Favor
4. Birthday Favor
5. Any other that does not fit in the above categories.
6. Any item in classes 1-5 created by exhibitor 70 years old or older

ARTS & CRAFTS SENIORS/MISC

1. Any item created using plastic canvas by an exhibitor 70 years old or older

BUCKET OF JUNK CONTEST

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The specifics –

We will provide a five-gallon bucket of unique pieces, probably otherwise known as “junk”. All the buckets will include the same number of items and be **as close to identical as possible**. You can clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint or finish the items that were provide BUT no pieces can be added. Create whatever you want with the contents of your bucket. The goal is to use all the items in the bucket (but not the bucket). The projects **will** be displayed inside.

Bucket of Junk Contest Rules

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be pre-registered by Friday, July 14th** Entries not pre-registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page.
3. Anyone over 18 years old is eligible to enter this contest.
4. One reservation per family or household. The project may be the group effort of a family or household.
5. There will be ten (10) bucket of junk reservations available starting June 1st. The first 10 reservations will be informed by email when they can pick up their buckets. Please register your entry form early, reservations go fast!
6. Sculptures are to be brought to the Creative Arts Exhibit Area on the Fairgrounds.
7. When you bring your creation to the Fairgrounds please bring back the bucket.
8. **Exhibitors are only allowed to enter the Bucket of Junk contest once every two years. 2022 Bucket of Junk exhibitors are currently ineligible for the 2023 Erie County Fair Bucket of Junk Contest.**
9. If after receiving the items, you realize you will not be able to complete the project, please bring items back to the office and we will contact the next person on the waiting list.

Judge's Criteria

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| 1. The contestant used only the materials that were provided (required). | 25% |
| 2. The contestant used the materials in a new way to create something different. | 25% |
| 3. The contestant's ideas are recognizable. (Clarity of the idea) | 25% |
| 4. The contestant's overall finished appearance of the sculpture.
(This includes the difficulty of the piece & how well it was made) | 25% |

BUCKET OF JUNK

Premiums for Class # 1 Blue - \$75, Red - \$50, Yellow - \$35

1. Bucket of Junk

PALLET COMPETITION

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The specifics –

Design and make any functional item out of an old pallet.

Pallet Competition Rules

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2. **All entries must be pre-registered by Friday, July 14th, 2023.** Entries not pre-registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page.
3. The project is recommended to be a group effort of a family or household.
4. There will be twenty reservations available starting May 1st. Reservations go fast!
5. Pallets are to be brought to the Creative Arts Exhibit Area on the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 26th or Thursday, July 27th between Noon and 8pm

Judge's Criteria

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| 1. Originality | 25% |
| 2. Eye appeal & creativity. | 25% |
| 3. The contestant's ideas are recognizable. (Clarity of the idea) | 25% |
| 4. The contestant's overall finished appearance. | 25% |

PALLET REPURPOSE CLASS

Premiums for Class # 1-2 Blue - \$75.00, Red - \$50.00, Yellow - \$35.00

1. Women's Pallet Repurpose Class
2. Men's Pallet Repurpose Class

Junior Pallet Repurpose can be found in Junior Arts & Crafts Department

DECORATED GRAD CAP CONTEST

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The specifics –

Celebrate all your hard work! Decorate your graduation cap to add your own personality to your graduation day!

Grad Cap Contest Rules

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2. **All entries must be pre-registered by Friday, July 14, 2023.** Entries not pre-registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page.
3. One entry per exhibitor.
4. All caps will be judged based on **ORIGINALITY**, detail, and design.
5. Please keep your designs family-friendly!
6. Ages 17 & up.

Premiums for Class # 1 Blue - \$10, Red - \$8, Yellow - \$5

1. Decorated Graduation Cap

