



ARTS & CRAFTS AND MORE

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- Prize Checks:** Available Tuesday, August 13th – Sunday, August 18th 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.

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 12th, 2024. 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

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 - 2

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 - 3

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 - 4

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 - 5

***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) - 6

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 - 7

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) - 8

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) - 9

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) - 10

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 - 11

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 - 12

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 - 13

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 - 14

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 - 15

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 - 16

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 - 17

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 - 18

***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 - 19

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) - 20

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") - 21

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 - 22

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 12th** 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. If you are under 18, please look at the junior rules!
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 April 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. Creations 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. 2023 Bucket of Junk exhibitors are currently ineligible for the 2024 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 the items back to the office and we will contact the next person on the waiting list. Not returning the items or not bringing the completed project could result in not being able to enter this project in the future.

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% |



Reservations
go FAST!!

BUCKET OF JUNK - 23

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

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 12th, 2024.** 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 23rd or Thursday, July 24th 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 - 24

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

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 12th, 2024.** 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. This competition is only eligible for everyone ages 17 & up.

Decorated Grad Cap - 25

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

1. Decorated Graduation Cap





RAIN BARREL DECORATING COMPETITION

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Rain barrels are above ground storage containers designed to capture rainwater for reuse. They reduce the rainwater runoff that is polluting our waterways with fertilizers and pesticides. Placing a rain barrel under your gutter's downspout lets you collect the runoff from your roof. From a spigot near the bottom of the barrel, you can hook up a garden hose, open the valve, and use the water for a wide variety of applications. Many homeowners rely on harvested rainwater to water their lawns, nourish their plants and gardens and to wash their cars! This steady supply of free water may even help you save money on your water bill. Rain barrels save the average homeowner about 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months!

Rain Barrel Competition Rules

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. Anyone who is over 13 years old is eligible to enter this contest.
3. Designs must be entirely original and the sole art work of the entrant.
4. Entrants can decorate a purchased rain barrel or build their own out of a recycled plastic barrel.
5. **Rain barrel décor must include at least one educational fact about the benefits of a rain barrel or water conservation.**
6. All entries must be dry and ready for display.
7. Maximum size of a 55-gallon barrel.
8. Only plastic barrels will be accepted, no metal or wooden barrels.
9. Rain barrels will not be used during the competition or connected to a downspout.
10. There will be a limit of 10 entries in this contest.

Judging Criteria:

Innovation & Originality
Degree of Detail
Visual Presentation
Education & Creativity

Example:



Rain Barrel Competition - 26

Premiums: 1st place \$15, 2nd place \$10, 3rd place \$8

Class #1 – Decorated Rain Barrel



IRONING BOARD SCARECROW COMPETITION

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What garden is complete without a scarecrow? Design and make your own Scarecrow for competition in the 2024 Erie County Fair!

A scarecrow is a decoy or mannequin, often in the shape of a human. Scarecrows are usually dressed in old clothes and placed in open fields to discourage birds from disturbing and feeding on recently cast seed and growing crops. Scarecrows are used across the world by farmers, and are a notable symbol of farms. Throw in a twist by upcycling an old ironing board!

Scarecrow Design Competition Rules

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. Limit of 10 entries.
3. Designs must be in good taste and suitable for family viewing.
4. Designs must be entirely original and the sole work of the entrant.
5. Entries need to be sturdy enough to be displayed outdoors/semi covered.

Judging Criteria:

Innovation & Originality

Level of Difficulty

Visual Presentation



SCARECROW DESIGN COMPETITION - 27

Premiums: **Blue** - \$15, **Red** - \$10, **Yellow** - \$8

Class #1 – Scarecrow Design





WINDCHIME COMPETITION

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Entry Removal: Wednesday, August 21st or Thursday, August 22nd between 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Prize Checks: Available Tuesday, August 15th – Sunday, August 20th 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.

Don't you just love the sound of a windchime in a soft summer breeze? Design and make your own windchime for competition in the 2024 Erie County Fair!

Wind chimes are a type of percussion instrument constructed from suspended tubes, rods, bells or other objects that are often made of metal or wood. The tubes or rods are suspended along with some type of weight or surface which the tubes or rods can strike when they or another wind-catching surface are blown by the natural movement of air outside. Since the percussion instruments are struck according to the random effects of the wind blowing the chimes, wind chimes have been considered an example of chance-based music. The tubes or rods may sound either indistinct pitches, or fairly distinct pitches. Wind chimes that sound fairly distinct pitches can, through the chance movement of air, create simple melodies or broken chords. In Ancient Rome the windchime was a symbol of good fortune and a charm against the evil eye.

Windchime Competition Rules

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. Anyone who is over 13 years old is eligible to enter this contest.
3. Limit of 10 entries.
4. Designs must be entirely original and the sole work of the entrant.
5. All entries must be ready for hanging and be able to withstand the weather.
6. Maximum of 3' long (top to bottom).

Judging Criteria:

Innovation & Originality
Degree of Detail
Level of Difficulty
Visual Presentation



Windchime Competition - 28

Premiums: **Blue** - \$15, **Red** - \$10, **Yellow** - \$8

Class #1 – Windchime





RIBBON REVAMP

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The specifics –

We will provide a bag full of old fair ribbons. All the bags will include the same number of ribbons. The ribbons can be cut, sewn, painted, ripped, burned, or manipulated. You may not add additional ribbons. Create whatever you want with the ribbons in your bag. The ribbons may be made into a quilt, soft or hard sculpture, painting, mask, collage, or anything else! The projects **will** be displayed inside.

Ribbon Revamp Contest Rules

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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) ribbon revamp reservations available. The first 10 reservations will be informed by email when they can pick up their bags.
6. Creations are to be brought to the Creative Arts Exhibit Area on the Fairgrounds.
7. Size requirements:
 - a. Entries May not exceed 30" in any direction.
 - b. Poster board is best, and white is the preferred color. If your art is on a stretched canvas or canvas board, it does not need a border.
8. **Exhibitors are only allowed to enter the Ribbon Revamp contest once every two years. 2023 Ribbon Revamp exhibitors are currently ineligible for the 2024 Erie County Fair Ribbon Revamp 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 all 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 creation. | 25% |
| (This includes the difficulty of the piece & how well it was made) | |

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RIBBON REVAMP - 29

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

1. Ribbon Revamp