



ARTS & CRAFTS & MORE

ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL
One-Time \$25 per Exhibitor	18 & Up	Amateur & Professionals
Exhibitors will be allowed entries throughout all the Erie County Fair Competitions. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Monday, July 28, 2025.		
Tri-Color is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each of our sections. \$25 & ELIGIBLE FOR BEST OF TRI-COLOR AWARD.		
1 ST PLACE BLUE - \$7		2 ND PLACE RED - \$5
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Arts & Crafts Rules:

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2. **All entries must be registered by Monday, July 14, 2025.** Entries not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. All work must have been done by the exhibitor **within the last five (5) years.**
4. Excellent kit work will be accepted; however, preference in judging will be given to creative and original work.
5. The quality of the article is the main consideration for judging. All items must be clean, and dust removed.
6. More than one (1) 1st Premium (Blue) and 2nd Premium (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" x 36" WILL BE ACCEPTED,** unless otherwise specified.
9. No plastic canvas (except: Door/Wall Decorations, Class #5; Other Items, Class #4; Arts & Crafts Seniors, Class #1)
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.**



CLASSES

ARTS (MAXIMUM SIZE: 12" X 14") - 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 (self-framed)
12. Mosaic Glass Item
13. Origami
14. Paint with Diamonds – Kit – under 24" x 24" w/frame
15. Paint with Diamonds – Freestyle/original design – under 24" x 24" w/frame
16. Grad Cap decorated
17. 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 ITEMS & HOLIDAY BASKETS - 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) –

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 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. Plastic canvas wall hangings
6. Any item in classes 1 - 5 created by an exhibitor 70 years old or older



CLASSES

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 appliqué, hand quilted
2. Professional Hand pieced or appliqué, hand quilted
3. Amateur Hand pieced or appliqué, machine quilted
4. Professional Hand pieced or appliqué, 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 Appliqué
14. Professional Appliqué
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. Teacup chandelier)
2. Recycled 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/METAL WORK - 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



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OTHER ITEMS - 16

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 an exhibitor 70 years old or older

ROOM BOXES, DIORAMA & DOLLHOUSES -

1. Room Boxes—MAXIMUM 25" W x 15"H x13"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

SCRAPBOOKING /PAPERCRAFTING - 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

WOOD WORKING - 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 FAVORS - 21

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 category above – Table Favors only
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 (i.e. cricut cutter)
2. Any 3D Printed Item

ARTS & CRAFTS SENIORS - 23

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



PALLET COMPETITION

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Pallet Competition Rules:

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3. The project is recommended to be a group effort of a family or household.
4. All pallet projects should be repurposed into something usable using 1 standard pallet, 48" x 40"
5. There will be twenty (20) reservations available starting May 1, 2025. Reservations go fast!

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% |

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PALLET COMPETITION - 24

1. Women's Pallet Competition (10)
2. Men's Pallet Competition (10)



RAIN BARREL DECORATING COMPETITION

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Rain Barrel Decorating Competition Rules:

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

Judge's Criteria

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| 3. The contestant's ideas are recognizable. (Clarity of the idea) | 25% |
| 4. The contestant's overall finished appearance. | 25% |

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RAIN BARREL DECORATING COMPETITION - 25

1. Decorated Rain Barrel

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IRONING BOARD SCARECROW COMPETITION

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Ironing Board Scarecrow Competition Rules:

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3. Limit of ten (10) entries.
4. Designs must be in good taste and suitable for family viewing, Outdoor Garden Scarecrow theme.
5. Designs must be entirely original and the sole work of the entrant using standard sized ironing board of 51"x13".
6. Entries need to be sturdy enough to be displayed outdoors/semi covered, standing freely in upright position.

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% |

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IRONING BOARD SCARECROW COMPETITION - 26

1. Scarecrow Design



WINDCHIME COMPETITION

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3. Anyone who is over 13 years old is eligible to enter this contest.
4. Limit of ten (10) entries.
5. Designs must be entirely original and the sole work of the entrant.
6. All entries must be ready for hanging and be able to withstand the weather.
7. Maximum of 3' long (top to bottom).

Judge's Criteria

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| 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% |

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WINDCHIME COMPETITION - 27

1. Windchime



RIBBON REVAMP

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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 ten (10) reservations will be notified by email when they can pick up their bag or ribbons, only the items within the bag to be used for creation not the bag.
6. 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.
7. 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
8. Ribbon Revamp will take place on odd years. Bucket of Junk will take place on even years. (e.g. 2025 Ribbon Revamp, 2026 Bucket of Junk)

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.
(This includes the difficulty of the piece & how well it was made) | 25% |

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RIBBON REVAMP - 28

1. Ribbon Revamp
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