CLOTHING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

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__ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 12th, 2024__

Entry Fee:	$25.00 allows entries throughout the Erie County Fair. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, July 30th.
Entry Arrival:	Tueday, July 23rd , or Wednesday, July 24th between NOON and 8PM
Entry Removal:	Wednesday, August 21st or Thursday, August 22nd between 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Prize Checks:	Available Tuesday, August 13th – Sunday, August 18th between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts Info Desk along with silk ribbons earned. Checks remaining after this time will be mailed.

General Clothing Design & Construction Rules

1. Please read and abide by 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. Condition of work must be clean and dry, well pressed, on hangers, and not noticeably worn, stained, or spotted.
4. No name labels allowed.
5. Hangers and garment bags must be labeled if you wish to have them returned. It is preferable that the exhibitors keep special hangers or garment bags, as storage space is limited.
6. All garments in this section must be handmade; purchased garments will **not** be accepted. No items with a manufacturer's label will be received.
7. We are unable to facilitate projects that require any technological needs (electric plug access, etc)

Judging Criteria

1. Even seams. All patterns use a 5/8 seam allowance unless otherwise stated. Even seams are very important in the way a clothing project fits or a craft project, such as a tote bag, looks. Uneven seams will not look professional.
2. Even stitches. This means no skipped stitches. Should a sewing machine be in need of a tune-up, it is very possible you will have skipped stitches. Another reason for skipped stitches is either the wrong needle is being used for the particular fabric, or you have a burr on the needle which will cause skipped stitches. Anyone making a project to be entered into a contest should be aware of this.
3. Excellent buttonholes. The placement of the buttonholes is as important as how beautiful the buttonhole looks. If your sewing machine makes unacceptable buttonholes, it may need a simple adjustment. The machine manual should explain how to adjust this. Some experienced sewers can make beautiful buttonholes by hand. If this be the case, it should be noted to the judge.
4. Choice of fabric. All patterns have fabric choices listed. This means that they have tested the particular pattern with the fabrics they suggest. This will help the consumer get the best results possible.
5. Coordinating colors is also important.
6. Detail. Decorative additions can add some bling to the project. It can be beads, trims, piping, cording, fringe, embroidery. Anything to add a little pizzazz to the project.
7. Lining. Lining clothing or home decorative project (drapes) takes an item from home made to professional. And practice is how you can get to that point.

Premiums Blue-$10.00   Red-$5.00

WOMEN'S & MEN'S CLOTHING - 1

1. Casual Dress Short or Long Length (sundress, maxi, wrap, sheath, or shift, etc.)
2. Formal Dress Short or Long Length (bridal, cocktail, or ball gown, etc.)
3. Shirt- Casual or Dress (blouse, halter, knit, polo, tank, or hooded sweatshirt, button down or collared etc.)
4. T-Shirt (basic, embellished, or graphic tee, etc.)
5. Apron
6. Vest
7. Blazer/Sport Coat (double breasted or 1-4 button, etc.)
8. Coat/ Jacket (basic, fleece, bomber, denim, motorcycle, pea coat, or trench, etc.)
9. Pants (casual, dress, athletic, leggings, denim, capris, corduroys, khakis/chinos, or overalls, etc.)
10. Shorts (casual, dress, athletic, denim, surf, cargo, corduroys, or khakis/chinos, etc.)
11. Skirt (all lengths and styles)
12. Costume wear/Uniform (Halloween, dance recitals, scrubs, etc.)
13. Holiday Clothing (Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, etc.)

CHILDREN'S Girls & Boys (Sizes 4-16), Toddler (Sizes:2T-5T), & Infant (Sizes Newborn-22 months) - 2

1. Casual Dress Short or Long Length (jumper, drop-waist, sundress, or pillow dress, etc.)
2. Formal Dress Short or Long Length (special occasion)
3. Christening Outfit (dress or suit)
4. Casual Shirt (tunic, polo, tank, pullover, or hooded sweatshirt, etc.)
5. T-Shirt (basic embellished, or graphic tee)
6. Apron
7. Pants or Shorts (denim, overalls leggings, pants, casual, dress, athletic, denim, cargo, corduroys, or khakis/chinos etc.)
8. Sets (top & bottom, bodysuit pant, or layette, etc.)
9. Costume wear/Uniform (Halloween, dance recitals, or scrubs, etc.)
10. Holiday Clothing (Christmas, Valentine's, etc.)

ACCESSORIES (Men's, Women's & Children) - 3

1. Scarf or Wrap
2. Small Handbag (base length less than 8")
3. Medium Handbag (base length 8"-15")
4. Large Handbag (base length more than 15")
5. Wallet
6. Bib
7. Footwear (slippers, boots, booties, etc.)

SPECIALTY & MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES - 4

1. Theme of the Fair Item
2. Pet Clothing Item
3. Doll Clothing (No doll required)
4. "Kopy Kat Klass"- Make an item of clothing from a picture in a magazine, book, etc. (Please bring in picture)
5. Recycled Item- make an item of clothing or accessory from you recycle bin such as, plastic bags, phone books, etc.
6. "Project Unconventional"- make an item of clothing or accessory from materials that are **not** fabric-like such as, candy, floral supplies, party supplies, pet supplies, dollar store items, etc. You can use a basic shell of Muslin fabric to construct your garment or accessory. The possibilities are endless.
7. Any Other Category NOT Listed.

Erie County Fair Dates: August 7-18, 2024