

FINE ARTS EXHIBIT

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ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 14th, 2023

Entry Fee: \$23.00 allows entries throughout the Erie County Fair. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 1st.
Entry Arrival: Wednesday, July 26th or Thursday, July 27th between NOON and 8PM
Entry Removal: Tuesday, 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.

General Fine Arts Exhibit 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, 2023. Entries not pre-registered will not be accepted. For more information [see the Important Entry Information page](#).
3. An exhibitor can participate in **one division only**, novice, amateur, or professional, and cannot be in 2 different divisions.
4. Exhibitors are **limited to a total of 2 entries in Fine Arts. There is a limit of 1 entry per class in all fair competitions.**
5. All paintings must be well framed & wired for hanging. Drawings, pastels, and watercolors must have mats and be protected with glass. Oil and Acrylic paintings should not be matted or be behind glass. A well framed picture must be wired with flexible picture hanging wire, fastened to D-Rings/screw eyes. The same applies for metal frames with sliding hangers, which must be attached, approximately 4 inches from the top. Plastic frames, saw tooth bars, unframed wooden panels, hook holders embedded in cardboard backing, cardboard loops, screws, thumbtacks and string will be DISQUALIFIED; they are unsafe in our show conditions. (Quality of framing is at the discretion of the Superintendent and will be rejected if unsatisfactory). Refer to “Framing and Wiring” tutorial on the www.ecfair.org webpage under competitions tab.
6. No frame needed if you use gallery canvases (1 ¼ or more depth) with oil or acrylic painting only. See “Selecting your Canvas” tutorial on the www.ecfair.org webpage under competitions tab.
7. **PAINTING SIZE MAXIMUM OF 24” (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE MATTE OR FRAME).**
8. All artwork will be inspected upon arrival to make sure artwork adheres to all rules (size, framing, etc.). If artwork does not meet the requirements, it will not be accepted. Please go the website (www.ecfair.org) to see tutorials on requirements.
9. “Miscellaneous” includes printing, collage, airbrush, silk-screening – at the discretion of the Superintendent.
10. **Works shown in former years should not be entered.**
11. The judge may withhold or give additional prize awards.
12. To note, the Fair accepts artwork from all individuals, regardless of ability. The category of 'Exceptional Artist' no longer exists. The Fair is an integrated and all-inclusive event, and the art exhibit exemplifies this.

NOVICE DIVISION – ANY MEDIUM (PAINTING SIZE MAXIMUM OF 24” (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE MATTE OR FRAME))

Novice: for those with very little training in art and those who have never won an award.

Premiums Blue-\$10.00 Red-\$5.00

1. Abstract – nonrepresentational, 2 dimensional
2. Animal Portraits- 1 animal
3. Animal Story- 2 or more
4. City Scenes & Architecture
5. Drawing – on paper using pencil, ink, charcoal, etc.
6. Figure – one or more figures, partial and/or full body view
7. Flowers
8. Landscape - suburbs and rural scenes- farm
9. Miscellaneous – prints, silkscreen, mixed media (2-dimensional), does not fit into an existing class
10. Portrait Person- close up view
11. Seascape
12. Still Life
13. Patriotic (Competitive Exhibits Fair Theme)
14. Digital Art

AMATEUR DIVISION – ANY MEDIUM (PAINTING SIZE MAXIMUM OF 24” (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE MATTE OR FRAME)

Amateur: for the artist that does not sell their work, or exhibit nor teach.

Premiums Blue-\$15.00 Red-\$10.00

1. Abstract – nonrepresentational, 2 dimensional
2. Animal Portraits- 1 animal
3. Animal Story- 2 or more
4. City Scenes & Architecture
5. Drawing – on paper using pencil, ink, charcoal, etc.
6. Figure – one or more figures, partial and/or full body view
7. Flowers
8. Landscape - suburbs and rural scenes- farm
9. Miscellaneous – prints, silkscreen, mixed media (2-dimensional), does not fit into an existing class
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PROFESSIONAL DIVISION – ANY MEDIUM (PAINTING SIZE MAXIMUM OF 24” (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE MATTE OR FRAME)

Professional: for the artist who teaches or sells his or her work

Premiums Blue-\$20.00 Red-\$15.00

1. Abstract-non representation, 2 dimensional
2. Animal Portraits- 1 animal
3. Animal Story- 2 or more
4. City Scenes & Architecture
5. Drawing – on paper using pencil, ink, charcoal, etc.
6. Figure – one or more figures, partial and/or full body view
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PLEIN AIR PAINTING CONTEST

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Saturday, August 12, 2023

Exhibitors must pre-register by Friday, July 14th.

Who: Open to everyone 13 years of age and older. Pre-registration is required.

Limit: One entry per exhibitor.

Where: Check-in at the Creative Arts Exhibit Area (lower grandstand), between **11:00AM and Noon**. The artist's canvas, paper, board, etc. must be stamped by the art exhibit staff prior to beginning work. Up to two surfaces may be stamped at check-in. At the time of check-in please let staff know where on the Fairgrounds you will be painting. Only 1 submission will be judged.

What: Bring your own art supplies; be ready to paint on location, within the Fairgrounds. Size restrictions for **adults** are no larger than 36" x 36" and no smaller than 11" x 14" (excluding mat). Size restrictions for **juniors** are no larger than 16" x 20". Artwork must be affixed to a firm support board for display. Matting or framing of acrylic is optional. Matting is suggested for all other mediums (with a white 2" or 3" mat) **NO OIL PAINTS** are allowed. D-rings/screw eyes in wood and wiring must be on canvas frames, we will hang any watercolor paintings at our discretion (if you have a preferred hanging style, please prepare your watercolor for hanging). You are encouraged to visit the Fair prior to contest day to scout out your subject area, however, no photos or sketches of your subject will be allowed on contest day.

**Artist please ask building superintendents/concessionaires where to setup to avoid blocking aisle/lines.

Judging: Artwork to be completed and returned to the Creative Arts Exhibit Area (lower grandstand) **by 5:00PM** for judging. You may **not** touch your painting after 5:00PM, it must be in its final form to be submitted. Awards presentation at 5:30PM. Artwork will be displayed for the remainder of the Fair and will be released from the grounds on Tuesday, August 22nd between 11:00AM and 7:00PM.

Questions? 716-649-3900 ext. 6407 or www.ecfair.org

ADULT

Classes

1. Amateur - Premiums Blue- \$100, Red- \$75, Yellow- \$50
2. Professional – Premiums Blue- \$200, Red- \$150, Yellow- \$75

JUNIOR (AGES 13-17 ONLY)

Class

3. Junior Plein Air – Premiums Blue- \$50, Red-\$35, Yellow- \$25