



NEEDLE ARTS

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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:** Tuesday, 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 satin ribbons earned. Checks remaining after this time will be mailed.

General Needle Arts 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. Only one (1) entry per class.
4. **Important: Needle Art pictures Must be well framed and wired with flexible picture wire, fastened to screw eyes on wooden frames or sliding hangers on metal frames. (No saw tooth hangers permitted). All others will not be accepted.**
5. All entries must be clean and free of dirt, pet hair and stains.
6. We are unable to facilitate projects that require any technological needs (electric plug access, etc.)
7. The following **will not be ACCEPTED**:
 - Plastic canvas medium
 - Hoop pictures
 - Grouped miniatures to form a minimum picture size
 - Machine embroidery
8. Each entry will be judged on its own merit.
9. Size requirements:
 - Minimum size: 8" x 10" including frame; Must include wire on the back
 - Maximum size: 24" x 30" including frame; Must include wire on the back

Judging Criteria for Needle Arts

1. General Appearance. Is it pleasing to the eye? Does it have balance? Is there harmony among the subjects stitched?
2. Is the workmanship (technique) correctly executed?
3. Did the designer take into consideration the difficulty of the piece and use the correct technique?
4. Is the piece clean of smudges and marks?
5. Does the framing or finishing of the piece compliment the work itself?
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Premiums Blue-\$8.00 Red-\$5.00

NEEDLE ARTS PICTURES Must be Framed)

COUNTED CROSS STITCH – WORKED FROM A GRAPH - 1

1. Beginner/1st piece using Aida cloth, any count
2. Using Aida cloth, any count
3. Using Linen, any count
4. Samplers (Must include the Alphabet)
5. Textured Specialty Stitches, on Linen or Aida cloth, using techniques such as Hardanger Motifs, Hemstitching, Pulled/Drawn work, Smyrna crosses etc. No purchased embellishments.
6. Hardanger Embroidery on Linen, Aida or Canvas using only traditional Hardanger motifs and designs. May include purchased embellishments if desired.
7. Embellished Stitches using Linen or Aida cloth using Textured stitches as well as Beading, Metallic Threads, Silk Ribbon, buttons and/or other purchased embellishments.
8. Crewel Embroidery

NEEDLEPOINT – WORKED FROM A GRAPH - ON CANVAS - 2

1. Canvas Work. Needlepoint using all other stitches or techniques

FABRIC NEEDLEWORK WALL HANGINGS (30" x 30" MAXIMUM SIZE) - 3

1. Worked in counted cross-stitch, crewel, embroidered or any other stitch technique, must have appropriate hardware for hanging.

NEEDLEWORK DOOR/WALL DECORATIONS - 4

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DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK PILLOWS - 5

1. Needlepoint using tent stitch or textured stitches
2. Counted Cross Stitch
3. Smocked
4. Patchwork or Appliquéd
5. Crewel
6. Crewel using Silk/Cotton threads or Crewel Yarn
7. Any needlework not listed above

BABY NEEDS USING VARIOUS TECHNIQUES - 6

1. Linen or Aida – Cross Stitch only – FRAMED
2. Baby Bib – Cross Stitch Only

DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK BELL PULLS - 7

Worked in any stitch technique. Must be hemmed and have appropriate hardware for hanging.

1. Mini Bell Pull: Maximum width 3", Maximum length 12"
2. Bell Pull: 3"– 8" wide; Maximum length 24"

CHRISTMAS DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK - 8

1. Christmas Stocking Linen or Aida, using any stitch technique
2. Christmas Tree Ornaments

DECORATIVE TABLE TOP ITEM - 9

1. Paperweights – any technique
2. Boxes (porcelain, wooden, music or perforated paper) using any technique
3. Needlework Accessories (Needle cases, scissors fob or holder, pincushions, matched sets) Maximum 5 pieces accepted in this category only
4. Needlework trays – any technique
5. Jewelry such as earring, bracelet, pendants using needlework
6. Jewelry such as earring, bracelet, pendants, amulet bag using only beads

PERFORATED PAPER USING ANY TECHNIQUE- GREETING CARDS - 10

1. Anniversary
2. Christmas
3. Any other occasion not listed above

CRAZY TECHNIQUE STITCHING - 11

1. Crazy Quilt Squares

SPECIAL CLASSES – No Size Minimum - 12

1. Black Work (Linen or Aida)
2. Needle Painting or Bunka Embroidery
3. Silk Ribbon Work (using linen, satin or aida ground fabric)
4. Stump Work or 3-Dimensional Embroidery
5. Brazilian Embroidery, using Rayon Brazilian Threads
- 6 Any needlework listed above worked by a person over 70 years of age.