

# NEEDLE ARTS

Competitive Exhibits office at 716-649-3900 ext. 6407

***ONLINE ENTRY STARTS JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021***  
***ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY JULY 16, 2021***

- Entry Fee:** \$15 fee allows for unlimited entries throughout department (unless otherwise specifically noted). Fee includes one (1) promo code for an admission ticket to the fair, parking included.
- Entry Arrival:** Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> between 12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM, Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> between 12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM OR Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> between 12:00 Noon and 8:00 PM
- Entry Removal:** Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Prize Checks:** Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

## Erie County Agricultural Society Mission Statement

The basic purpose of the Erie County Agricultural Society, sponsor of the Erie County Fair, is to preserve and enhance, by educational endeavors, the agricultural and historical legacy of New York State.

The Society sponsors the Erie County Fair, which is held annually and intended to promote and showcase our community's agricultural traditions, talents, diversity and heritage.

## 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 16, 2021. 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
6. Each entry will be judged on its own merit.
7. Size requirements:
  - Minimum size: 8" x 10" including frame
  - Maximum size: 24" x 30" including frame

Add a "Creator's Note" to your entry. When dropping your entry off include a one sided 5"x8" index card that contains:

1. Name of Project
2. How many "sweat equity hours" the project took to complete
3. Cost of materials
4. Story: Please share a story associated with this project.
5. Is this item available for purchase? No prices to be listed, only contact info.

This card is to be filled out in advance and will be attached to the entry ticket for fair patrons to read.

## 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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## NEEDLE ARTS PICTURES (Section NAA-NAD Must be Framed)

### STAMPED FABRIC

**Premiums Blue-\$10.00 Red-\$5.00**

1. Crewel Embroidery
2. Cross Stitch

### COUNTED CROSS STITCH – WORKED FROM A GRAPH

**Premiums Blue-\$10.00 Red-\$5.00**

1. Beginner/1<sup>st</sup> piece using Aida cloth, any count
2. Using Aida cloth, any count

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### **COUNTED CROSS STITCH – WORKED FROM A GRAPH Continued**

3. Using Linen, any count
4. Samplers (Must include the Alphabet)
5. Embellished Stitches using Linen or Aida cloth using Textured stitches as well as Beading, Metallic Threads, Silk Ribbon, buttons and/or other purchased embellishments

### **NEEDLEPOINT – WORKED FROM A GRAPH - ON CANVAS**

**Premiums Blue-\$10.00 Red-\$5.00**

1. Needlepoint using Tent Stitches **ONLY**
2. Canvas Work. Needlepoint using all other stitches or techniques

### **FABRIC NEEDLEWORK WALL HANGINGS (30” x 30” MAXIMUM SIZE)**

**Premiums Blue-\$8.00 Red-\$5.00**

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

### **NEEDLEWORK DOOR/WALL DECORATIONS**

**Premiums Blue- \$8.00 Red- \$5.00**

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

### **DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK PILLOWS**

**Premiums Blue - \$6.00 Red - \$4.00**

1. Needlepoint using tent stitch or textured stitches
2. Counted Cross Stitch
3. Patchwork or Appliquéd
4. Stump Work
5. Any needlework listed above worked by a person over 70 years of age
6. Any needlework not listed above

### **BABY NEEDS USING VARIOUS TECHNIQUES**

**Premiums Blue-\$8.00 Red-\$5.00**

1. Baby Bib – Cross Stitch Only

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK**

**Premiums Blue-\$8.00 Red \$5.00**

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

### **DECORATIVE TABLE TOP ITEM**

**Premiums Blue-\$8.00 Red-\$5.00**

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. Jewelry such as earring, bracelet, pendants using needlework

### **CRAZY TECHNIQUE STITCHING**

**Premium Blue-\$7.00 Red \$5.00**

1. Crazy Quilt Squares