



**2022 Fort Bend County Fair & Rodeo**  
September 23 - October 2

**Open Youth Department**

Directors in Charge: Marjie Pollard & Kathy Hambleton

**Department Hours:**

Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.....10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.....10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.....12 noon to 9 p.m.

Mon. thru Thurs., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.... 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.... 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.....10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**General Rules**

*Rosette winners are requested to participate in a photo opportunity at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2022.*

1. All entries are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Open Youth General Rules and Regulations.
2. All Exhibits/Exhibitors are subject to the Open Youth Department rules and the General Rules of the Fort Bend County Fair.
3. There will be a \$2.00 entry fee per Exhibitor.
4. Exhibitors must be residents of Fort Bend County or zoned to a Fort Bend County School and currently enrolled in school (grades K-12).

Open Youth Department Exhibitor's grade as of August 31, 2022:

Age Group: 5 to 7 years

Age Group: 8 to 10 years

Age Group: 11 to 13 years

Age Group: 14 to 18 years

5. Open Youth Exhibitor packets will be available beginning September 1, 2022, from either the Fort Bend County Fair Association Office or designated Chairpersons of the Open Youth Department.
6. Individual Check In: Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Entry Tag: Paper clip – please do not staple - entry tag on the top left corner of artwork. Fold bottom of tag under – please do not tape. Keep bottom of entry tag for your reference.

7. Judging: Tuesday, September 20, 2022, immediately after Check In.

Following judging, the Department will make every effort to contact the winners by phone for photographs.

Open Youth Department judges are knowledgeable in the areas they are asked to evaluate and can be selected from residents of Fort Bend County. A judge will request reassignment if he/she recognizes the work of any exhibitor. The judge(s) decision is final.

8. Exhibit Check Out: Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Department will not be responsible for any items not picked up during the designated dates and times. Items not picked up will be stored in the fair office the week following the fair. The Fair office is not responsible for items not picked up.

9. Open Youth Exhibits may include projects made during the previous school year.
10. All Exhibits must be clean and in good repair.
11. Exhibits in Division I through VI must be the work of the exhibitor.
12. Exhibitors in Division VII, Horticulture, must follow rules as stated in entry requirements.
13. Exhibitors are limited to nine entries or less. All nine entries may compete in one Division provided they are in different Classes.
14. Large exhibits cannot be accepted. Please keep projects to size indicated in specific Division Rules.
15. Awarding of Rosettes:
  - A. An Outstanding Rosette will be awarded in each Age Group in each Class, at the discretion of the judges. (*Example:* Division I, Needlework, Quilt: one Rosette will be awarded to an entry in each Age Group, provided there is a minimum of three Entrants in each Age Group.)
  - B. Best of Show Rosettes may be awarded in each Division at the discretion of the judges.
  - C. Judges reserve the right to award additional Rosettes to Entries at their discretion.

Cash values for Rosettes and ribbons are:

- A. Best of Show Rosette: \$10.00
- B. Outstanding Rosette: \$5.00
- C. Blue Ribbon: \$1.00

16. Exhibits receiving Rosettes **cannot** be exhibited again at the Fair.
17. By majority vote, the Advisory Council reserves the right to refuse any Exhibit.
18. Exhibitors are required to sign a Release of Liability to the Fort Bend County Fair Association, County of Fort Bend and/or the Open Youth Department for loss, damage, or injury to any persons or property while on the Fairgrounds property.

## EXHIBIT DIVISION & CLASSES

### DIVISION I: NEEDLEWORK

Class:

- |     |              |     |              |     |                      |
|-----|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|----------------------|
| a.) | Clothing     | e.) | Crochet      | i.) | Weaving              |
| b.) | Doll Clothes | f.) | Knitting     | j.) | Home Accessory       |
| c.) | Quilt        | g.) | Embroidery   | k.) | Novelties            |
| d.) | Pillow       | h.) | Cross Stitch | l.) | Any Other Not Listed |

Division Rules:

1. Items with both machine and fancywork/handwork will only be judged on fancywork if entered in this division.

### DIVISION II: CULINARY

Class:

#### CULINARY A

- a.) Canned Vegetables
- b.) Canned Fruit
- c.) Jam
- d.) Jellies
- e.) Pickles
- f.) Preserves
- g.) Any Other Not Listed

#### CULINARY B

- a.) Bread
- b.) Cake
- c.) Candy - 4 pieces
- d.) Cookies - 4 pieces
- e.) Muffins
- f.) Pie
- g.) Any Other Not Listed

Division Rules:

1. Canned items will not be opened and tasted.
2. Baked goods must be protected by disposable wrap & in disposable containers. All baked goods will become property of the Department. Exhibitors WILL NOT be able to pick up baked goods.
3. No cake mixes, prepared crusts or liquor/alcoholic beverages allowed.
4. Due to time frame from check in to judging, refrigerated items must not be included and will be disqualified. This includes such items as cream cheese frosting, meats, and other ingredients that would be unsafe to eat if not refrigerated.

### DIVISION III: ARTS & CRAFTS

Class:

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|-----|-----------|-----|---------------|-----|----------------------|
| a.) | Ceramics  | e.) | Paper Flowers | i.) | Wood Burning         |
| b.) | Decoupage | f.) | Plaques       | j.) | Seasonal Items       |
| c.) | Jewelry   | g.) | Soap Carving  | k.) | Anything Made by Kit |
| d.) | Woodwork  | h.) | Tooled Metal  | l.) | Any Other Not Listed |

Division Rules:

1. Projects should be NO taller than 36".

## **DIVISION IV: FINE ARTS**

Class:

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|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| a.) Acrylic    | f.) Mosaic    | k.) Computer Generated Art |
| b.) Charcoal   | g.) Oil       | l.) Sculptures             |
| c.) Collage    | h.) Pastel    | m.) Mixed Media            |
| d.) Watercolor | i.) Pencil    | n.) Any Other Not Listed   |
| e.) Crayon     | j.) Pen & Ink |                            |

Division Rules:

1. Ages Groups 5 - 13 years: All paintings and drawings should be presented in a precut mat that is 9" X 12" in size or on white foam board of the same size.
2. Ages Groups 14 - 18 years: All paintings or drawings must be presented on a canvas or mounted on a white foam board. Maximum size is 18" X 24" including up to 3½" mat – horizontal or vertical
3. No frames or glass allowed
4. Projects should be NO taller than 36".
5. A sculpture is the action or art of processing by carving, modeling, or welding plastic or hard materials into three-dimensional works of art such as a statue. Items using a mold to set the item are NOT considered a sculpture, example – steppingstones, mosaic on a cross or picture frame, etc. Those items should be entered in the ARTS & CRAFTS Division.

## **DIVISION V: PHOTOGRAPHY**

Class:

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|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| a.) Animal - Domestic | e.) People         | i.) Computer Enhanced    |
| b.) Animal - Wildlife | f.) Food           | j.) Any Other Not Listed |
| c.) Landscape         | g.) Marine/Aquatic |                          |
| d.) Still Life        | h.) Plant/Floral   |                          |

Division Rules:

1. Photographs must have been taken by Exhibitor since the 2021 County Fair.
2. All photographs must be 8x10 ONLY and securely and permanently mounted on an 8x10 solid photographic mount board or a board of like thickness.
3. No frames or glass allowed.
4. Exhibitors may enter up to 6 items, but they must be a different subject matter. (Example: 1 still life, 1 animal, 1 landscape)
5. Photos will be judged on basis of composition, lighting, and originality.

## **DIVISION VI: MODELS**

Class:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| a.) Planes/Aircraft       | e.) Animals              |
| b.) Ships/Watercraft      | f.) Legos                |
| c.) Cars/Vehicle          | g.) Any Other Not Listed |
| d.) Building/Architecture |                          |

Division Rules:

1. Models should be no larger than 3'x3'. See Item #13 under General Rules.
2. Models must be on a base.

**DIVISION VII: HORTICULTRE**

Class:

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|-----|-------------------|-----|------------------------|
| a.) | Cactus/Succulents | d.) | Herbs                  |
| b.) | Flowering Plants  | e.) | Container Arrangements |
| c.) | Foliage Plans     | f.) | Any Other Not Listed   |

Division Rules:

1. Plants must be grown by Exhibitor and be in his or her possession 6 weeks (about 1 and a half months) months prior to the Fair.
2. Terrariums require only 2 weeks ownership.
3. Only Dish Gardens and Terrariums may contain decorations.
4. Exhibitors must maintain the upkeep of all plants including watering during the Fair.
5. Exhibitors must complete the following information on a 3"x5" card and bring with entry:
  - a.) Popular name of plant
  - b.) Date obtained
  - c.) Date potted in exhibiting container
  - d.) Explain type of care to be given plant

**DIVISION VIII: COLLECTIONS**

Class:

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|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|----------------------|
| a.) | Arrowheads | e.) | Rocks      | i.) | Any Other Not Listed |
| b.) | Coins      | f.) | Scrapbooks |     |                      |
| c.) | Dolls      | g.) | Shells     |     |                      |
| d.) | Insects    | h.) | Stamps     |     |                      |

Division Rules:

1. Collections must consist of at least 6 items.
2. Mounted collections will be accepted as space permits.