



2023 Fort Bend County Fair & Rodeo September 29 - October 8 Adult Creative Arts Department

Chairman: Theresa Hruby **Co-Chairman:** Cynthia McConathy
Directors in Charge: Marjie Pollard, Kathy Hambleton, & Pauletta Klemstein

Important Dates

Exhibit Check-In (Building D)	Wednesday, September 27, 2023	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
	Thursday, September 28, 2023	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Exhibit Check-Out (Building D)	Sunday, October 8, 2023	8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

General Rules

1. All exhibits/exhibitors are subject to the Adult Creative Arts Department Rules, and to the General Rules of the Fort Bend County Fair.
2. Exhibitors must be residents of Fort Bend County, non-professional ** (with the exception of Visual Arts, Photography, Sewing Machine, Quilting and Floral) craftsman / artist, and no younger than 18 years of age. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee per exhibitor.
3. Exhibits are received Wednesday, September 27, 11:00 am until 7:00 pm and Thursday, September 28, 8:00 am until 12:00 Noon prior to the start of the fair at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Building D.

Note: Baked Culinary items and fresh flower arrangements for Floral may be entered on Wednesday between 6:00 pm until 7:00pm and on Thursday 8:00 am until 12:00 Noon prior to the start of the fair.

- a. The Exhibit Hall is closed to the public after 12:00 Noon, Thursday, for judging. **No entries will be taken after 12 noon. The building will be locked!**

Note: Cakes and pies **must be** picked up after judging on Thursday, between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm, or forfeited. One serving only is exhibited.

- b. The Exhibit Hall is open for viewing from Friday, September 29, through Saturday, October 7(nine days). Exhibit hours are listed in the catalog.
 - c. Exhibits must remain on display for the entire Fair. **No early withdrawals unless approved in advance by the Creative Arts Department Advisory Board.**
4. **ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE PICKED UP ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE FAIR, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, BETWEEN 8:30 am AND 10:30 am.** Exhibits not picked up during listed pickup hours will be disposed.
 5. Exhibits must be clean, undamaged, and adaptable to the space available. (No large entries will be accepted if it cannot be in an enclosed cabinet.)
 6. All Exhibits must be entered by the maker with the exception of the following:
Division 6–Antiques, Division 8–Collections and Division 11–Floral Class 1: Horticulture, which is entered by the owner.

7. Classes to Divisions may be added or deleted as exhibits warrant *.
8. Premiums for ribbons are as follows:
 - a. Outstanding Rosettes - \$25.00
 - b. Blue Ribbon - \$1.00
 - c. Best of Section (Tri-Color Rosette) and Red or White Ribbon – no cash value.
9. Vouchers must be cashed in by check-out on Sunday, October 8 or money will be forfeited.
10. Rosettes are awarded to Outstanding Exhibits in each section. The number of rosettes may vary as exhibits warrant. To be eligible for a rosette, a class must have no less than 3 exhibitors. One rosette winner in each section is selected to receive the Tri-color Rosette for Best of Section.
11. Exhibits cannot be entered two (2) years consecutively in the same department.
12. Exhibits may receive a Rosette one time only. After 2 years the Rosette winning exhibit is eligible for ribbon competition only.
13. Any false statement by an exhibitor in regards to his/her exhibit, if proven, will result in exclusion from competition only.
14. Decisions of the judges are final.
15. Judges may be residents of Fort Bend County if necessary but not preferred, or non-residents and cannot appraise the same division 2 years consecutively.
16. Exhibitors are required to sign a Release of Liability form to the Fort Bend County Fair Association, the County of Fort Bend, and/or the Creative Arts Department for loss, damages, or injury to any person or property while on the fairgrounds.
17. With a majority vote of the Advisory Council, the Adult Creative Arts Department has the right to accept or refuse any exhibit.
18. Judges that are relatives or close acquaintances cannot judge a section where the Advisor, Chairperson, or section Volunteer has an entry.
19. Any discrepancies or problems will be resolved within 5 business days from pick-up date.

* By Decision of the Advisory Council.

** Professional Status:

- a. Currently earning or formerly earned a majority of their income in that field.
- b. Either employed, self-employed or promoted as a professional in that field.