

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

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Open to Fresno County Residents 18 years & older; maximum of six entries permitted; no more than two entries may be submitted in the same class

Entry Fee \$12.00 per Entry
(Non-Refundable)

We will only be accepting online REGISTRATION.
Enter at <https://fresnh.fairwire.com>

If you will require assistance in order to complete online registration, please email us at:
fineartsandphoto@fresnofair.com

*We are happy to assist you with your entries
If you need phone assistance
please call 559-650-3247.*

Online Entries Due:
September 7, 2026 by Midnight

Limit:
Maximum of 6 entries per exhibitor: No more than TWO (2) entries per class.

Fine Arts Received At The Art Gallery
Saturday, September 12, 2026 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, September 13, 2026 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Judging Closed to Spectators

All Entries Will Be Accepted Unless Notified

Displayed Entries Will Be Released
October 19, 2026 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
October 20, 2026 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Owners must collect items in The Fine Arts and Photography Building on the above days. The Big Fresno Fair is not liable for exhibits and will not be responsible for items left. Items will not be stored.

Pick-Up of Entries Any exhibit not picked up by October 23, 2026 at 5PM will be disposed of by the Fair. All checks will be distributed at the time of exhibits pick up. Checks not picked up will **NOT BE MAILED**. Checks that are not claimed by the exhibitor or leader will be deemed a donation and will be returned to the department. Any Exhibitor with extenuating circumstances that are unable to pick up artwork must call the exhibits office at 559-650-3247 for prior approval for late pick up.

AWARDS SPONSORED BY THE BIG FRESNO FAIR

<u>Place</u>	<u>Award</u>
Best of Show	\$200.00 Cash, Ribbon & Plaque
People's Choice	Ribbon
Children's Choice	Ribbon
Judge's Choice	\$50.00, Cash & Plaque

RULES & REGULATIONS

State Rules Apply As referred to in the Exhibitor Handbook, all state rules apply.

Entry Late entry forms will not be accepted and late entries will not be received. Entry fees are nonrefundable. NO EXCEPTIONS

Residence Open to residents of Fresno County.

Age Exhibitor must be 18 years old or older on the opening day of the Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS

Titles/Labeling The Artists name, address, division, class and title must appear on the back of the work when dropped off, or will not be accepted. Only 29 characters will be allowed for titles of entered work. This includes spaces. Quotation marks and apostrophes will not appear on the display identification tags. Data entry errors will be corrected. **No other labeling changes will be permitted. NO EXCEPTIONS**

Division Selection Please be sure to enter in the correct division based on your honest assessment of your experience.

Original Work All artwork submitted must be the work of the exhibitor and completed within two years prior to entering. Only original work submitted by an exhibitor is eligible to enter. Copies, assigned class projects, or work from kits, will not be accepted.

Disqualification The Big Fresno Fair reserves the right to exclude any entry that is deemed not to be in the best interest of the Fair for exhibition. The Big Fresno Fair reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor who does not conduct him or herself in a manner congruent with the temper, character and purpose of The Big Fresno Fair. In the case of disqualification by the Fresno Fair, its agents, or representatives, there will be no entry fee refunds. All monetary awards, ribbons and plaques will be subject to forfeiture. Management reserves the right to limit the number of entries exhibited. NO EXCEPTIONS

Previously Entered Work No artwork previously entered in The Big Fresno Fair are eligible for exhibit.

Display Entries selected for exhibit must remain on display for the duration of the Fair. Wet paintings will not be accepted for exhibition. **48" Maximum size for all paintings.** NO EXCEPTIONS! No promotional literature, such as business cards or flyers will be displayed with entries.

Framing Watercolor and drawing media entries require a frame. This must be furnished by the exhibitor and must be assembled and ready to hang at the time the item is received. The Big Fresno Fair does not provide framing materials.

Hanging All two and three-dimensional entries designed to hang must be wired or equipped for display. Three-dimensional entries need to have a base, if necessary, for structural support and proper presentation.

For Sale An artist may set a price for each entry, or leave price blank. This will indicate the piece is not for sale. However, if piece is for sale, a price must be listed on the entry form at the time of submission. All inquiries regarding sale of entries will be referred directly to the artist to complete the sale. The Big Fresno Fair is not responsible for brokering the sales of exhibits.

Demonstrating A place is provided on the entry form for anyone interested in participating in the Fine Arts Department as a demonstrator or docent. The Fair encourages participation in either or both programs.

Judges' Discretion Judges are contracted and act as agents of the 21st District Agricultural Association, Big Fresno Fair. These individuals facilitate the juried exhibition. They retain the authority to, at their own discretion, move items to more appropriate divisions and, or classes. The judges also may disqualify any exhibit that is not a true representation of the category description in which it was entered.

Placing The judges may award a first, second, third or honorable mention placement according to merit, and if without merit the judges may make no award under any circumstance. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in the class.

Best of Show The judges shall award a "Best of Show." Winner of "Best of Show" becomes ineligible for 1ST place in that division. The 2nd place then moves to 1st, 3rd moves to 2nd and Honorable

Mention moves to 3rd. Any accepted item entered by a Beginning or Advanced Artist will be eligible for "Best of Show". Winners in this category will be awarded a ribbon and plaque.

Popular Vote People's Choice and Children's Choice Award winners are based upon ballots tendered by Fair guests. Winners will receive ribbons.

Judges' Choice the Judges will each select a Judge's Choice award winner. A ribbon and plaque will be awarded to each.

Awards Plaque awards will be given to Best of Show and Judges Choice winners.

Release of Liability: The Big Fresno Fair will take every precaution possible for the safety and security of all entries; however, the fair assumes no responsibility, and cannot be held accountable for loss or damage. Upon this condition only, are entries accepted. If he or she should so desire, the artist may obtain insurance for any item. The Big Fresno Fair does not assume any responsibility for artwork not picked up on the scheduled release dates.

Publicity The Big Fresno Fair reserves the right to use any print or piece exhibited for publicity purposes.

ADVANCED ARTIST

Any individual with extensive schooling and/or experience in the arena of visual arts is considered an Advanced Artist. This also includes individuals who commercially accepted payment for creative works, as a main source of income. An advertised business is considered an indicator of a professional in this field.

Entry Fee \$12.00 per Entry
(Non-Refundable)

All Fees Due at the Time of Entry
We will only be accepting online entries. If you will require assistance, in order to make on-line entries, please call the exhibits office @ 559-650-3247 and we will assist you with computer entries.

Online Entry Due September 7, 2026

Limit:
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Awards Offered 1st thru 3rd
Honorable Mention Ribbons

Cash Awards Offered per Class	Place	Awards
	1 st	\$150.00
	2 nd	\$130.00
	3 rd	\$115.00

FRESNO COUNTY BLOSSOM TRAIL ART CONTEST

This contest is to draw awareness and an appreciation for the beauty of the Blossom Trail and the agricultural landscape of the San Joaquin Valley.

Eligibility Is open to all residents of Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties over the age of 18. Blossom Trail employees are not eligible.

We will only be accepting on line entries. If you need assistance with on-line entries, please call the exhibits office @ 559-650-3247

Entry Fee NONE

Online Entry Due September 7, 2026
By Midnight

Limit
Two Entries per Exhibitor

Cash Awards Offered per Class
Artwork will become the Blossom Trail poster for the following year and will be reproduced as a limited edition.

Place	Awards
1 st	\$100.00
2 nd	\$50.00
3 rd	\$30.00

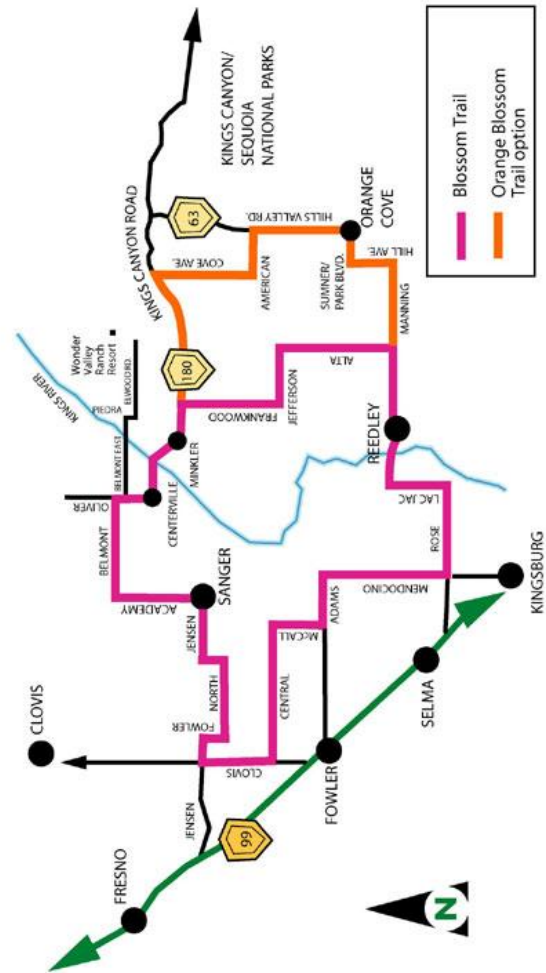
DIVISION 504 BLOSSOM TRAIL ART CONTEST

Class

- Any Subject, Must be a representation of the Fresno Co. Blossom Trail**
All paintings must be in these mediums; acrylic, watercolor, oil, pastel, or colored pencil. Artworks must be framed and/or with glass. Entries must not be less than 16" by 20" framed and not more than 32" by 40" framed. Paintings must be representative of the Fresno County Blossom Trail. Prints, photographs or computer aided design will not be accepted. All artists agree by entering that winning artist waive the rights to their winning work, including rights to reproductions. These rights will be sold to the Fresno County Blossom Trail. The Big Fresno Fair is not responsible for damage theft or damage.

Artists are NOT allowed to win The Blossom Trail Contest in two consecutive years.

FRESNO COUNTY BLOSSOM TRAIL MAP



**DIVISION 505
THE "BEST OF FRESNO"**

NOTES

Fine Arts exhibitors are invited to interpret the spirit of Fresno through their work. Entries may depict landmarks, neighborhoods, local businesses, parks, architecture and everyday scenes that reflect the character of our community. All fine arts mediums are welcome.

Entry Fee \$12.00 per Entry
 (Non-Refundable)

Online Entry Due September 7, 2026

Limit Two Entries per Exhibitor
Awards Offered 1st thru 3rd

Cash Awards Offered per Class

<u>Place</u>	<u>Awards</u>
1 st	\$40.00
2 nd	\$30.00
3 rd	\$20.00

DIVISION 505 BEST OF FRESNO

Class

1. The Best of Fresno

DIVISION 506 3-D ILLUSION STREET CHALK ART

3D – Illusion Street Chalk Art Painting

NEW! First Ever 3D chalk Art contest creating immersive optical illusion artwork. Entries may include whimsical, dramatic, scenic or inspired by the theme of the Fair.

Must be 18 years old to enter.

Entry Fee \$25.00 per entry
 (max. one per exhibitor)
 Entries may be limited due to space for contest

Online Entry Due September 7, 2026

Event Date: Thursday, October 15, 2026

Contest held on Thursday, October 15, 2026 from 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM.

Judging results at 4:00 PM at The IVY Bar

Location at the Grandstand SE corner by The IVY Bar on the concrete.

Chalk will be provided.

Class 1 – Individual
Class 2 – Team (up to 3 members)
Awards to be announced

