NEEDLE ART + SEWING

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2022 Kern County Fair	September 21 - October 2, 2022
Online Entries Open	Wednesday, July 27, 2022
Online Entries Close	Friday, September 2, 2022
Entries Accepted	Thursday, September 15 • 9 AM - 1 PM
	Friday, September 16 • 3 PM - 7 PM
Entries Released	Monday, October 3 • Noon - 6 PM

HOW TO ENTER

ONLINE ENTRIES
Review the Department Rules and Guidelines
Choose from the Divisions and Classes listed
Enter Online at kerncountyfair.com and pay the entry fee

EXHIBITOR NAME
Entries must be made under the name of the individual who prepared it
Do not use business or fictitious names
Enter using the exhibitor's name as it will appear on the display tag

ENTRY CONFIRMATION
An email confirmation will be sent immediately after your online payment is received.
If the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment, please check your spam/junk folder before contacting the Kern County Fair.

HELP WITH ENTERING
Phone: During Office Hours, (661) 833-4914 | Email: entry@kerncountyfair.com
Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9 AM to 5 PM

NEEDLE ART + SEWING COMMITTEE

Krystina Steed, Chairman
Carolyn Borso, Mary Brown, Karin Fitzsimons, Sharon Mettler, Terri Nelson, Barbara Norman, Cynthia Peralta, Nicole VanDerHorst, David Wiggins

ENTRY LIMIT + ENTRY FEES

Needle Art and Sewing (18 years and older)
All Junior entries will enter in the Junior Exhibits Department and will be displayed in Building 1

Adult Divisions 800: $1 per entry
Adult Divisions 801 - 818: $3 per entry

Entry Limit: 2 entries per class, *except where noted (Divisions 800 & 803)*

ENTRY DROP OFF + PICK UP

1. Late deliveries will not be accepted
2. Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor
3. Deliver entries to the Fine Arts Building #4 on Thursday, September 15 • 9 AM - 1 PM and Friday, September 16 • 3 PM - 7 PM
4. Pick up entries at the Fine Arts Building #4 on Monday, October 3 (Noon - 6 PM).
5. No Security will be provided after release date.

JUDGING

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING
Each exhibit is judged not only on its own merit, but in comparison to other exhibits using score cards prepared by the State Division of Fairs and Expositions and Fair Management. First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine. More than one Honorable Mention per Class may be awarded. Judges are not obligated to place entries if they feel they are without sufficient merit.

PREMIUMS + AWARDS

PREMIUMS PER CLASS
DIVISIONS 801 - 803

1ST $25 • 2ND $20 • 3RD $15

PREMIUMS PER CLASS
DIVISIONS 804 - 816

1ST $10 • 2ND $7 • 3RD $5

PREMIUMS PER CLASS
DIVISIONS 817 - 818

1ST $25 • 2ND $20 • 3RD $15

HIGH POINT NEEDLE ARTS
SPECIAL RIBBONS
1ST $75 • 2ND $50 • 3RD $25

Senior Citizen Award
A special ribbon and $25.00 will be awarded to the oldest exhibitor (65+).

GENERAL RULES

1. Local and State Rules govern this competition.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading the Competition Guidelines and must abide by them.
3. Wrong division and class numbers may lead to disqualification. If assistance is needed to determine the Division and/or Class, please contact the Competitive Exhibits Office at (661) 833-4914 or entry@kerncountyfair.com.
4. Entry fees are non-refundable. There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, you are confirming that you accept the no-refund policy.
5. Entries previously exhibited at the Kern County Fair are not eligible.
6. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of the Program Coordinator. Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class.
7. The Kern County Fair is a family event. No entry with offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This includes but is not limited to: work dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence, gang activity, nudity, satanic or cult themes or other offensive or objectionable content. This is at the discretion of the Kern County Fair staff.
8. The State of California nor Kern County Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the Kern County Fair. Reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, in the handling and exhibiting of entries.
9. Premium awards may be withheld if rules and regulations are not complied with.
10. Entries and required fees must be submitted by the closing date as specified in each department. Entries will not be accepted after the closing date.
11. Exhibitors are requested to keep their exhibits fresh and attractive.
12. Exhibitors may not remove their exhibit before the official release date.
13. Premiums are paid only from the records of the judges' sheet. Ribbons, tags, or cards have no value as to payment.
14. Employees and their spouses are not eligible to enter the department in which they or their spouses are employed.
15. High Point winner shall be awarded on a basis of total ribbons won, with points to be counted as follows: 1st - 5 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point. In the case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons shall be the winner.
16. All decorative material must be flameproof. The Fire Department Code and The California State Industrial Accident Commission Code and Rulings, require all decorative material to be flameproof. No straw or hay will be allowed in any exhibit.
17. There will be a $30 stop payment for lost premium checks.
18. Exhibitors must live in Kern County.

DEPARTMENT RULES

NEEDLE ARTS:

1. Size should not exceed 16” x 20” for framed articles.
2. All framed items must be wired for hanging.
3. An identification label must be securely attached with name of article, owner, and contact information. Fair is not responsible for lost articles due to labels falling off or missing.
4. Include size in your description when entering.

QUILTS:

1. Quilts must consist of three layers and be quilted, with the exception of specialty quilts, such as Cathedral Windows, Wool Quilts, or Crazy Quilts.
2. Quilts must have a fabric label on the back with the name of quilt owner, and contact information. Fair is not responsible for lost articles due to labels falling off or missing.
3. Quilts may fit in more than one class, choose the class that best fits the technique you used.
4. Quilts that do not fit the technique requirements of the class entered will be moved to the appropriate class, at the judges’ discretion.
5. All quilts over 40” wide should have a 4” wide hanging sleeve. Heavy quilts and quilts wider than 80” should have split sleeve or they will be pinned to hang.
6. Quilting may be done by owner or professional. Merit will be recognized for each, with higher points awarded for owner quilting.
7. A good information source is www.cottonpatchguild.org and local quilt shops that offer classes, books, and guest speakers.
8. Include size in your description when entering.

CHARITABLE QUILTS AND BLANKETS

Sponsored by Cotton Patch Quilters

All entries in this division will be donated.

Entry Fee: $1 per entry **Entry Limit:** 1 entry per class

PREMIUMS PER CLASS:

1st $100 • 2nd $50 • 3rd $35 • 4th $20

DIVISION 800:

CHARITABLE QUILTS + BLANKETS

CLASS:

1. Quilts for Kids
   Quilt or blanket for a child
2. Neonatal Isolette Cover
   32” square, cotton, quilted, no embellishments

SPECIAL CONTESTS

Judging emphasizes originality and creativity, visual impact, workmanship, and adherence to theme.

DIVISION 801:

THEME CHALLENGE

"OUT ON THE FARM"
OVERALL CONCEPT SHOULD REFLECT THEME

CLASS:
1. Quilt of any kind
2. Needlework of any kind
3. Crochet or Knit article of any kind
4. Any Article not listed

2023 THEME: "WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR"

DIVISION 802:

ALL AMERICAN CHALLENGE

RED, WHITE, AND BLUE THEME

CLASS:
1. Quilt of any kind
2. Needlework of any kind
3. Crochet or Knit article of any kind
4. Any Article not listed

DIVISION 803:

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

Entry Limit: 1 entry per class

FAIR WILL SUPPLY 4 FOOT ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE NUMBER
- *TREE SKIRTING MAY BE USED BUT NOT JUDGED*
- *FOOD MUST BE TREATED TO REPEL ANTS AND INSECTS*
- *EXHIBITOR MUST FURNISH THEIR OWN MINIATURE LIGHTS AND EXTENSION CORD*

CLASS:
1. Handmade Decorations (from kits or original)
2. Curated, purchased items

NEEDLE ARTS

DIVISION 804:

NEEDLEPOINT ARTICLES

CLASS:
1. Needlepoint, any article, each different
2. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 805:

COUNTED THREAD AND CROSS STITCH

CLASS:
1. Aida Cloth Picture
2. Evenweave Cloth Picture
3. Linen Cloth Picture
4. Silk Gauze Picture
5. Any stamped Article
6. Miscellaneous, any article not listed, each different
7. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)

NEEDLE ARTS

DIVISION 806:

MISCELLANEOUS NEEDLEWORK

CLASS:

1. Hand Weaving
2. Tatting
3. Bobbin Lace
4. Beaded Items (not lace)
5. Lace (wearable, continuous, tape, beaded)
6. Needle Punch
7. Miscellaneous, any article not listed, each different
8. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 807:

EMBROIDERED ARTICLES

CLASS:

1. Hand Embroidered, any article, each different
2. Three-dimensional embroidered, any article, each different
3. Machine Embroidered, any article, each different
4. Any Embroidered Article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 808:

APPLIQUE ARTICLES

CLASS:

1. Hand Applique, any article, each different
2. Wool Applique, any article, each different
3. Machine Embroidered, any article, each different
4. Any Embroidered Article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 809:

CROCHETED ARTICLES

CLASS:

1. Afghan, granny square type
2. Afghan, ripple type
3. Afghan, any other
4. Baby Blanket
5. Doily
6. Clothing - Infant or Children
7. Clothing - Adult
8. Toys
9. Miscellaneous, any article not listed
10. Any Crocheted Article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 810:

HAND KNITTED ARTICLES

CLASS:

1. Accessories; bags, mittens, hats, jewlry, etc.
2. Afghans, baby blanket or pillow
3. Cape, Poncho, Scarf or Stole
4. Felted Knits
5. Infant or Children's Clothing
6. Lace
7. Socks, Slippers
8. Sweaters, Pullover, Cardigan, or Vest
9. Toy, Doll, or Doll Clothing
10. Miscellaneous, any article not listed
11. Article Knitted Article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 811:

PROFESSIONAL ARTS

QUILTS, NEEDLEWORK, KNITTED, OR CROCHETED ITEM

CLASS:

1. Quilts
2. Needlework
3. Knitted and Crocheted
4. Miscellaneous, any article not listed

NEEDLE ARTS

DIVISION 812:

DECORATED CLOTHING ARTICLE

JUDGING IS ON DECORATIONS ONLY – ITEM DOES NOT HAVE TO BE MADE BY EXHIBITOR, ONLY DECORATED.

CLASS:

1. Hand Painted, Appliqued or Embroidered
2. Machine Appliqued or Embroidered
3. Miscellaneous, any article not listed
4. Any Article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 813:

SEWING

CLASS:

1. Children's Clothing
2. Women's Clothing
3. Men's Clothing
4. Formal Attire
5. Costume
6. Handbags
7. Hats, Scarves, and Accessories
8. Quilted wearable item
9. Miscellaneous, any article not listed
10. Any Article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 815:

HOME FURNISHINGS

CLASS:

1. Any item used in Kitchen
2. Any item used in the Bedroom/Living Room
3. Any item used elsewhere in the Home or Garden
4. Any Article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 816:

HOLIDAYS

CLASS:

1. Christmas
2. Holiday other than Christmas
3. Patriotic
4. Any Article by Senior Citizen (65+)

QUILTS

DIVISION 817:

QUILTS

CLASS:

1. First Quilt - Total Beginner
2. Miniature Quilt
   (Replica of a large scale quilt pattern that is no larger than 24" and blocks finish under 4")
3. Art Quilt *(The focus is the aesthetic design rather than the use of the quilt. Abstract, improvisational, collage, and photo-looking are examples)*
4. Modern Quilt
   (Free motion bold colors and prints, high contrast, graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work. Often updating a traditional pattern.)
5. Traditional Applique
6. Wool Applique
7. Mixed Techniques
8. Original Design
9. Pieced or Patchwork
10. T-Shirt or Memory Quilt
11. Tied, Strip, or Rag Quilt
12. Miscellaneous, any article not listed
13. Any article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 818:

JUST THE QUILTING

JUDGING OF THE QUILTING ONLY BY OWNER, NO PROFESSIONAL QUILTING. ENTIRE QUILT MUST BE COMPLETED BY 1 PERSON.

CLASS:

1. Hand Quilted
2. Domestic Machine
3. Computer Assisted - Domestic or Long Arm
4. Long Arm