



HOBBIES + MODELS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2023 Kern County Fair	September 20 - October 1, 2023
Online Entries Open	Thursday, June 15, 2023
Online Entries Close.....	Friday, September 8, 2023
Entries Accepted.....	Saturday, September 16 • 8 AM - 6 PM
.....	Sunday, September 17 • 8 AM - 6 PM
Entries Released	Monday, October 2 • (Hobbies • 8 AM-8 PM)
.....	• (Creative Arts • 8 AM - 2 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 & Wednesday 9 AM - 5 PM

HOBBIES COMMITTEE

Chairman: Fred Emerson, Charles Riley, Kristina Steinke, Lisa Golnick, Ken Eddy
 Co-Chairman: Melanie Hayes, Michelle Stone, Ernie Garcia, Charles Golnick, Merry Emerson,
 Marty Davis, Jerry and Jan Patterson, Taisha Wells, Matt Riley, and Barbara Eddy

ENTRY LIMIT + ENTRY FEES

All Junior Creative Arts and Models entries will enter in the Junior Exhibits Department and will be displayed in Building 1, except where noted.

Entry Fee: \$2 per entry, *except where noted*

Entry Limit: 2 Entries per class, except Collections (Division: 700) - 1 per Exhibitor

JUDGING

DANISH: Hobbies, Junior Lego/KNEX, Lego/KNEX Contest

AMERICAN: Creative Arts/Crafts, Models, Adult Lego/KNEX, Mini Structures

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Judging is based on comparison to a standard, not on comparison to others in the class.

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

*CREATIVE ARTS, MODELS, ADULT
LEGOS, MINI STRUCTURES*
1ST \$15 • 2ND \$10 • 3RD \$5

ADULT AUTHOR'S CORNER
1ST \$8 • 2ND \$6 • 3RD \$4

CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE

ADULT COLLECTION: \$25
JUNIOR COLLECTION: \$25
CREATIVE ARTS: \$25
MODELS: \$25
ADULT LEGO: \$25
JUNIOR LEGO: \$10
MINI STRUCTURE: \$25

BEST OF SHOW

ADULT COLLECTION: \$25
JUNIOR COLLECTION: \$10
CREATIVE ARTS: \$25
MODELS: \$25
ADULT LEGO: \$25
JUNIOR LEGO: \$10
MINI STRUCTURE: \$25
ADULT AUTHOR'S CORNER: \$25

BEST OF DIVISION

CREATIVE ARTS: \$25
MODELS: \$25
ADULT LEGO: \$25
JUNIOR LEGO: \$10
MINI STRUCTURE: \$25

BEST OF CLASS

MINI STRUCTURE: \$25

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 (Gate 26) on Saturday, September 16 (8AM - 6PM) or Sunday, September 17 (8AM - 6 PM)
4. Pick up entries at the Fine Arts Building #4 on Monday, October 2:
(*Hobbies • 8 AM - 8 PM*), (*Creative Arts • 8 AM - 2 PM*)
5. No Security will be provided after release date

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. Sweepstakes 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.

HOBBY DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All collections must be suitable for family viewing and in good condition.
2. Committee will exercise all possible care in protecting the exhibits but assumes no responsibility for loss or damage.
3. Collections shall consist of no less than 5 items; if collection has been exhibited at prior Fair, no less than 5 items must be changed.
4. If an exhibit can be hung, please mount it on a board no larger than 4"x4". Board must have hooks to mount from a ceiling and be equipped with chains.
5. Please include a brief description and size of exhibit on entry.
6. If possible, exhibitors may bring their own lockable case (please let the entry office know). A second key must be provided which will be returned when entry is picked up.
7. All exhibitors are encouraged to add a brief summary or description of their display during the setup, in an attractive and decorative style. (No weapons)
8. 1 half shelf of upright case, 1 half shelf of wedge case, or new wedge case, will be allotted to each collection for display purposes. (unless you register for a full case when entering). All cases are available on a first come, first serve basis. Space used without permission will not be judged and may be removed.

CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Diamond Painting must be framed and wired for hanging.
2. A professional is someone who teaches or sells for profit.
3. Items must not have been previously exhibited at a prior fair and been completed since previous fair.

MODELS DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Models will be judged on workmanship
2. Entries that are completely painted will receive higher consideration than those unpainted
3. No batteries may remain in any model
4. Larger models and dioramas may be granted approval consistent with space limitations. These entries must be approved by the chairman on entry day.
5. Aircraft, military vehicles, ships, automobiles, model truck/trailer, etc. - any scale (aircrafts must be wired to hang from ceiling.

MINI STRUCTURE DEPARTMENT RULES

1. If entry was previously exhibited at the fair, at least 50% must have been added since previous year's fair.
2. Committee will exercise all possible care in protecting the exhibits but assumes no responsibility for loss or damage.
3. The committee has the right to refuse any exhibit they deem unsafe, unsanitary or in an unstable condition.
4. You must list on your entry the size of your entry (length, width, height, and description).

COLLECTIONS

CASE MEASUREMENTS:

UPRIGHT CASE:

Top Shelf: 23" wide x 15" deep

Middle Shelf: 23" wide x 18" deep

Bottom Shelf: 23" wide x 21" deep

WEDGE CASE:

18" tall x 20" wide

24" tall x 23 1/2" wide x 23 1/2" deep

DIVISION 700: COLLECTIONS

CLASS:

1. Individual Collection - Adult
2. Individual Collection - Junior (17 and under)
3. Family, 2 members any age

CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS

DIVISION 701: BEAD WORK

CLASS:

1. Jewelry
2. Any item not listed above

DIVISION 702: CRAFTS

CLASS:

1. Candle
2. Decoupage
3. Duct Tape
4. Hydrocal, Plastercraft, or Clay Figurines
5. Jewelry
6. Mosaic
7. Origami
8. Macrame
9. Any craft not listed above

DIVISION 703: DIAMOND PAINTING

CLASS:

1. Animals
2. Flowers/Plants
3. Any items not listed above

DIVISION 704: LEATHER WORK

CLASS:

1. Belt
2. Miniature Item
3. Purse/Wallet
4. Any item not listed above
5. Professional, any item

CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS

DIVISION 705: **METALWORK**

CLASS:

1. Any Item
2. Professional, any item

DIVISION 706: **WOOD CRAFT**

CLASS:

1. Hand Carved
2. Turned Item
3. Wood Burning
4. Professional, any item
5. Non-Professional, any item

DIVISION 707: **SPECIAL NEEDS ADULT**

*NO ENTRY FEE - RIBBONS ONLY
DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING*

CLASS:

1. Any Item

MODELS

DIVISION 708: **MODELS**

CLASS:

1. Plastic, Kit Bashing
2. Plastic, Scratch
3. Wood, Kit Bashing
4. Wood, Scratch
5. Railroad layout, any scale, no larger than a 4' x 4' board
6. Miniature, single figure, or scene
7. Diorama, any subject, not to exceed 12"x18"x12"
8. Other, any entry not meeting above categories

LEGO | K'NEX

There are also divisions for Lego | K'Nex also in the Junior Department, displayed in Building 1. Exhibitors 17 and under may not enter in both departments, you must choose one or the other.

CASE MEASUREMENTS:

UPRIGHT CASE:

Top Shelf: 23" wide x 15" deep

Middle Shelf: 23" wide x 18" deep

Bottom Shelf: 23" wide x 21" deep

DIVISION 709:

LEGO | K'NEX

CLASS:

1. Lego, any item
2. K'Nex, any item
3. Bash Kit Creation, any (2 or 3 kits merged)
4. Family, 2 members any age, any item

LEGO | K'NEX CONTEST

ENTRY FORMS DUE BY: Saturday, September 30

ENTRY ACCEPTED: 12 PM, Saturday, September 30 in front of Building 4 (Gate 27)

JUDGING: Danish Style

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- Bring Legos | K'Nex through Gate 27 (North of Home Arts, Building 4) *No parking available*
- No more than 2 people may work on any one entry - only one prize awarded per entry
- Size Limit: 4' x 4'
- Entries may be picked up after judging, unless the entrant agrees to place the entry in a display case, space permitting.
- You may include other items on your entry as long as Legos | K'Nex are used. (They should enhance the appearance of your display)
- Exhibitors from the Junior Department are welcome to participate in contest
- Exhibitors must bring projects out to front tables
- Contest Exhibitors must be present to win prizes.
- To be awarded Best of Class or Division, there needs to be 3 or more separate exhibitors per class or division.

DIVISION 710:

LEGO | K'NEX CONTEST

CLASS:

1. 13 years and under
2. 14 - 17 years
3. 18 years and older
4. Family, 2 members any age

MINI STRUCTURES

DIVISION 711:

MINI STRUCTURES

CLASS:

1. Made from Kit
2. Made from Scratch
3. Haunted House
4. Historical Landmark
5. Christmas House
6. Shadow Box

AUTHOR'S CORNER

ALL JUNIOR ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED INTO THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

JUDGING: American Style

RULES + GUIDELINES:

- Entries must be typed, 12pt Font,
- Must be on one sided on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet only.
- Title must be on top of your entry. Name, address, and phone must be typed on back side of your entry.
- Entries will be judged on originality and form structure.
- You may email entry to: entry@kerncountyfair.com or drop off before the deadline.

PREMIUMS + AWARDS:

1st \$8 • 2nd \$6 • 3rd \$4

Ribbons: 1st - 3rd

Best of Show: Ribbon and \$25

DIVISION 712:

AUTHOR'S CORNER

CLASS:

1. Poetry
2. Short Story

ENVIRONMENTAL

ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITS

Environmental entry forms are due on take-in day for each department. See rule 3 below.

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10 - 1st Place Awards With Environmental Ribbons
1 -1 Sweepstakes Award With KCPW Swag Bag

METHOD AND TERM OF ENTRY

1. The item must be functional or decorative.
2. The item must be made from materials that might otherwise be thrown away.
3. Enter your exhibit in the appropriate division, then fill out an Environmental Exhibit form available on take in day in the department where item is entered.

ELIGIBLE EXHIBITORS: Kern County Resident of all ages
and Kern County Classrooms

(Item must be entered in a Division in Fair to be judged)

JUDGING: Friday, September 22

Pick up entry forms on take in day in all departments

Judging will be based on:

1. Use of interesting "Trash".
2. Appearance and stability of the final product.
3. How well the item works for intended purpose.
4. The effort and thought it took to put it together.

BE CREATIVE •REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE