



NEEDLE ART + SEWING

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.....	Thursday, September 14 • 9 AM - 1 PM Friday, September 15 • 3 PM - 7 PM
Entries Released	Monday, October 2 • 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

Karin Fitzsimons, Co-Chairman

Volunteers: Debra Angeroth, Carolyn Borso, Mary Brown, Margaret Grijalva, Linda Foster, Amber Jacques, Terry Miller, Terri Nelson, Barbara Norman, Cynthia Peralta, Pam Stewart, Arlene Stratton, Laurali Stratton, Dave Watkins, David Wiggins and Family

Guild Representatives: CottonPatch Quilters - Amber Jaques; Happy Hookers - Pam Stewart; What the Knit - Maria Ott; White Sage Lace Guild - Liz Buchroeder

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: 3 entries per class, *except where noted (Divisions 800 & 804)*

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
Thursday, September 14 • 9 AM - 1 PM and Friday, September 15 • 3 PM - 7 PM
4. Pick up entries at the Fine Arts Building #4 on Monday, October 2 (**NOON** - 6 PM).
5. No Security will be provided after release date and time.

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. Judges have a vast knowledge of techniques, color, design, and skill, and approach judging in a positive manner believing in fairness and objectivity. Each artist will receive a consistent and meaningful critique, and recognition of skill for the ribbon winners.

PREMIUMS + AWARDS

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

DIVISIONS 801 - 818

1ST \$25 • 2ND \$15 • 3RD \$10

HIGH POINT NEEDLE ARTS

SPECIAL RIBBONS

1ST \$75 • 2ND \$50 • 3RD \$25

2022 WINNER: Pam Stewart

CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE

Quilt of any kind \$25

Needlework of any kind \$25

Crochet or Knit article of any kind \$25

Any Article not listed \$25

BEST OF SHOW

A SPECIAL RIBBON AND \$100

Senior Citizen Award

A special ribbon and \$25.00 will be awarded to the oldest exhibitor

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 Chairman 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.
9. No animal hair, soiling, stains, tears, or odors. Articles must be new and clean.

CHARITABLE QUILTS AND BLANKETS

Sponsored by Cotton Patch Quilters

All entries in this division will be donated.

Entry Fee: \$1 per entry

Entry Limit: No limit

PREMIUMS PER CLASS:

1st \$75 • 2nd \$50 • 3rd \$25

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

“WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR”

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

2024 THEME: “A MOMENT IN TIME”

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: KERN COUNTY CHALLENGE

“HOMETOWN KERN COUNTY”

OVERALL CONCEPT SHOULD REFLECT THEME AND THE LOVE OF YOUR KERN COUNTY HOMETOWN.

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 804: CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

Entry Limit: 1 entry per class

FAIR WILL SUPPLY 4 FOOT ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

- *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 805: NEEDLEPOINT ARTICLES

CLASS:

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

DIVISION 806: 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 807: 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 808: 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 809: 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 810: 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 811: HAND KNITTED ARTICLES

CLASS:

1. Accessories; bags, mittens, hats, jewelry, 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. Any Knitted Article by Senior Citizen (65+)

DIVISION 812: 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 813:

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 814:

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. Latch Hook
5. 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**
Complete beginner never having entered any contest
- 2. Miniature Quilt**
Quilt made from blocks that finish at 4" or less no more than 24" finished. The blocks can be pieced using any pattern.
- 3. Art Quilt**
Style that deviates from the use of traditional blocks and patterns; emphasis is on the design rather than functionality. Created in a variety of styles such as Abstract, Improvisational, Collage, Landscape or Nature Inspired, Pictorial or Portrait.
- 4. Modern Quilt**
Primarily functional and inspired by modern design; characteristics are the use of bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work. "Modern traditionalism" or the updating of classic quilt designs is also often seen in modern quilting.
- 5. Traditional Applique**
Needlework technique in which one or more pieces of fabric are attached to a larger background fabric to create pictures or patterns.
- 6. Wool Applique**
Applique utilizing wool
- 7. Mixed Techniques**
Use of multiple quilt techniques (e.g.. pieced work with embroidery, paper-piecing and applique, etc.)
- 8. Original Design**
Design by quilter and not derivative, copied, or from a pattern.
- 9. Pieced or Patchwork**
The art of sewing small pieces of fabric together to form block or quilt
- 10. Embellished Quilt**
Decorative additions of three-dimensional items like beads, buttons, heavy threads, crystals, decorative stitching, embroidery, ribbons or fabric manipulations. Edge additions included such as Prairie Points, flanges and trims.
- 11. T-Shirt or Memory Quilt**
Designed to celebrate the life of a loved one, a family history or an important event. Often the fabric used is cut from clothes or t-shirts
- 12. Tied, Strip, or Rag Quilt**
Tied - Periodically tied and knotted instead of quilting; Strip - Strips are cut and pieced together and then pieced strips are cut to design a block; Rag - Made with exposed seams that fray when laundered.
- 13. Miscellaneous, any article not listed**
- 14. 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

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