

## NEW THIS YEAR

Quilters! Are You Up For a Challenge?  
This year's challenge: "Agriculture in  
Manatee County - Shades of Green"

This is a separate competition with cash prizes.

For More Information and  
Registration Form Go to:  
[www.ManateeCountyFair.com](http://www.ManateeCountyFair.com)

Go to "Fair Events Information"  
heading and click on  
"Arts and Crafts."

## 2024 FAIR HOURS

Date	Gate Hours	Building Hours	Midway Hours
Jan. 11, Thurs.	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm*	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Jan. 12, Fri.	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm*	5:00 pm – 11:30 pm
Jan. 13, Sat.	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm*	12:00 pm – 11:30 pm
Jan. 14, Sun.	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm*	1:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Jan. 15, Mon.	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm*	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Jan. 16, Tues.	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm*	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Jan. 17, Wed.	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm*	3:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Jan. 18, Thurs.	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm*	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Jan. 19, Fri.	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm*	5:00 pm – 11:30 pm
Jan. 20, Sat.	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm*	12:00 pm – 11:30 pm
Jan. 21, Sun	12:00 pm – 7:00 pm	12:00 pm – 7:00 pm*	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm



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### Manatee County Fair

1402 14th Avenue West, Palmetto, FL 34221

[www.ManateeCountyFair.com](http://www.ManateeCountyFair.com)

Information 941-722-8951 Fair Office 941-722-1639  
(Office is located on 13th Ave W.)

## CHECKLIST Please Read Carefully!

- ☐ Was your entry completed or done in the 12 months before the 2024 Fair?
- ☐ Have you double checked the entry dates and times?
- ☐ Have you read both the general and category rules for your entry?
- ☐ Does your entry meet the size requirements?
- ☐ Does your frame have a proper hanging wire if needed?
- ☐ Is your entry in good taste?
- ☐ Check how many entries you can have.
- ☐ **The Arts & Crafts**

*Committee really dislikes to disqualify an exhibit, so please, make all our volunteers happy and follow the rules!*

### While You Are in the Arts & Crafts Department

Visit the Cookie Kitchen to get your cookies and milk and  
The Fair Store to get t-shirts, hats and other fair souvenirs!

### FAIR PASSES

If you are an exhibitor in Arts & Crafts, you can purchase one  
(1) 2024 Gate Pass for \$30.00. This will get you in the gate all eleven days of the fair.

Passes may be purchased on entry days in the Chaires building or take your exhibitor receipt to the Fair Office. This pass is not good for midway rides or parking and is not transferable.



### 2024 ENTRY DATES

**Hobbies, Crafts & Needle Arts, Fine Art, Photography**

Saturday, Jan. 6th, 9am – 4pm  
Sunday, Jan. 7th, 9am – 4 pm

**Culinary Arts & Food**

Saturday, Jan. 6th, 9am – Noon  
*All entries will be received in the Chaires Building. Walk through entry at Gate 2 and 3 on 17th St. W. in Palmetto.*

### 2024 RELEASE DATE

**Hobbies, Crafts, & Needle Arts, Fine Art, Photography and Culinary Arts & Food**  
Monday, Jan. 22nd, 3 pm–7 pm

*Ribbons may be picked up on this date. No food is returned. Any entry not picked up on release date will become property of the Manatee County Fair and will be donated or discarded after January 22nd.*

### ELIGIBILITY

Exhibiting is open to all residents of Manatee County. Winter residents must live in Manatee County for at least (3) months a year.

### NUMBER OF ENTRIES

Each exhibitor may enter up to ten (10) items total for judging in the Arts & Crafts Department. Check for the maximum number that is allowed in each category.

**Crafts - five (5)**  
**Fine Arts - five (5)**  
**Culinary Arts & Food (5)**  
**Photography - three (3)**

*Example: Three in Crafts, two in Fine Arts, and three in Photography and two in Culinary arts.*

Each exhibitor will receive their own exhibitor number when they bring in their entries.

### CATEGORIES

Hobbies, Crafts & Needle Arts  
Culinary Arts & Food  
Fine Art  
Photography

## Arts & Crafts Department 2024 OFFICIAL RULES

January 11 - 21, 2024 [ManateeCountyFair.com](http://ManateeCountyFair.com)

### ENTRY FORMS

The 2024 example Entry Form will be available to download from the Fair's website by October 1st, 2023. You can download the form if you wish, fill it in, and bring it with you on receiving day-it will save time when you come to the Fairgrounds.

Entry Forms will be available at the fair office after November 30th, and on receiving day in the Chaires Building.

You will be asked if your work is original design, a kit or a pattern. This is to insure that it is seen by the correct judge. **IMPORTANT: NO EARLY DROP OFF ACCEPTED.** Be sure to read the **General Rules** section as well as the **Category Rules**.

### JUDGING

- Each entry will be judged fairly on its own merit, using the **Danish Judging System**. An explanation of the Danish Judging System can be found in the Arts & Crafts section at [ManateeCountyFair.com](http://ManateeCountyFair.com)
- Judging is done by the most qualified judges available.
- The names of the exhibitors are concealed during judging so each entry will be judged fairly on its own merit.
- The entry of only one item in a division does not necessarily guarantee the top award for that entry.
- Only the top ribbon award will be displayed on each exhibit except for the "Marie Abel Awards" and other special awards that will accompany rosettes.
- No one other than the committee members, volunteers and judges will be allowed to remain in the building during judging.
- Please do not call to request results.

### ADULT AWARDS

#### Best of Show

Six purple Best of Show rosettes and \$25.00 each will be awarded: Crafts (3), Culinary Arts (1), Fine Arts (1), Photography (1).

#### Marie Abel Award

Blue Rosette, plaque and \$25.00 awarded to five (5) top needlework artists.

### YOUTH AWARDS

#### Best of Show

Six purple Best of Show rosettes and \$25.00 each will be awarded: Crafts (3), Culinary Arts (1), Fine Arts (1) Photography (1).  
Blue Rosette \$10.00  
Red Rosette \$8.00  
Blue Ribbon \$5.00

### AWARD MONEY

May be picked up at the Finance Building after 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 16th 2024. No money will be available until this time. Award money is awarded according to the judges' records and not necessarily to attached ribbons. If award money is not picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair, it is forfeited. All awards must be signed for by the exhibitor or a family member.

Prize money will also be available on Release Day – Monday, Jan 22nd.

### OTHER AWARDS

#### Manatee-Sarasota Fish & Game Association Awards

Will present an award and \$25 to an adult and youth in the Photography category to the exhibitor with the picture that best depicts the natural beauty of Manatee County.

#### Paul Bartley Awards

The department will present an award and \$25 to an adult and youth in the Photography category to the exhibitor with the picture that best depicts people of Manatee County.

#### Susan Keen Awards

Yellow Rosettes and \$25 will be awarded to five unique and creative entries in any division by the Arts & Crafts Committee.

#### Gene Page Awards

The Department will present an award and \$25.00 to an adult and youth in the photography category to the exhibitor Who best depicts good sports or good sportsmanship photography.

#### Demonstrations

If you, or your hobby, arts or crafts group would be interested in demonstrating in Arts & Crafts, please contact the Fair Office and let us know

#### Sponsor Awards

Fair sponsors are invited to recognize an entry in the department that they find exceptional. A ribbon will be awarded.





GENERAL RULES

Arts & Crafts Department is for competition, education, exhibition and demonstration purposes. Sale of entries is not permitted.

Each exhibitor may enter up to ten (10) items **total**, for judging in Arts & Crafts Department. **Check for the maximum that is allowed in each category.**

Crafts - five (5)  
Fine Arts - five (5)  
Photography - three (3)  
Culinary Arts (5)

Example: 3 in Crafts, 2 in Fine Arts, and 3 in Photography and 2 in Culinary Arts.

Entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must have been completed in the 12 months prior to the 2024 fair. Entries must not have been entered previously in the Manatee County Fair.

Entries exhibited previously under the same name or another name will be disqualified.

The Manatee County Fair will exercise all reasonable security, but cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to entries.

The Arts & Crafts Committee will screen all entries and may disqualify entries considered offensive, too fragile, soiled, spoiled, in poor taste or those entries in which the General and Category rules have not been followed.

Items to be judged must be submitted by the submitting exhibitor or a family member.

If any exhibitor is found to have made a fraudulent statement about any entry, all awards to that entry shall be forfeited and the entry disqualified.

**To claim entries, the entry form copy from Entry Day must be presented.**

**No entry in any category shall be removed before January 22nd, 2024.**

HOBBIES, CRAFTS, NEEDLE ARTS CATEGORY

Original designs should be noted on the entry form for proper judging. Some items could be entered under crafts or fine arts. You may have to make a choice based on where your entry will be best judged.

**K'nex and Legos are to be mounted securely on a sturdy base. Make base to fit exhibit but not to exceed 2' x 2' x 2'. The exhibit cannot be larger than the base.**

Exhibitors must provide dowels, hangers, extension cords, stands, etc. for items needing these things. Please label these items with your name. All framed items that need to be hung (such as counted cross stitch) need to have hanging wire securely attached with screw eyes.

Division 12 horticultural exhibits must be of reasonable weight and size, as very large horticultural entries cannot be handled by department volunteers and space is limited.

If your exhibit is heavy, bring additional help with you on Rceiving and Release days. If you have a horticultural entry you may need to visit during the fair to see to it's care.

**DIVISIONS**

**Traditional Crafts**  
Division 10 • Basket Weaving  
Division 11 • Ceramics  
Division 12 • Horticultural Crafts\*  
Division 13 • Woodworking & Carving  
Division 14 • Sportsman  
Division 15 • Dolls  
Division 16 • Jewelry

**Needle & Textile Arts**  
Division 20 • Embroidery  
Division 21 • Needlepoint  
Division 22 • Quilting\*\*\*  
Division 23 • Cross Stitch  
Division 24 • Sewing  
Division 25 • Knitting  
Division 26 • Crochet  
Division 27 • Spinning & Weaving  
Division 28 • Machine Embroidery  
Division 29 • Textile Art

**Eclectic Arts & Crafts**  
Division 30 • Miscellaneous  
Division 31 • Group Project  
Division 32 • Recycled Craft \*\*  
Division 33 • Scrapbooking  
Division 34 • Legos and Knex  
Division 36 • Holiday Decorations

\* Must have roots. Live wreaths, fairy gardens, etc.  
\*\* Must be at least 50% recycled materials.  
\*\*\* All kinds of quilts. Be sure to give additional information on your entry tag so that it will be judged by the most appropriate judge.

CULINARY ARTS & FOOD CATEGORY

All foods must be the work of the exhibitor. Recipes entered in previous years may not be used. including those previously entered under another person's name. The same or very similar entries from the same household will be disqualified.

All entries must be accompanied by one copy of the recipe-typed or clearly printed in black ink on the official recipe sheet. You can get it from the Manatee County Fair website, at the Fair Office or you can fill it out when you bring your entry. No index cards. Please do not add graphics or writing other than the recipe name and recipe. The recipe must list all ingredients used in the order of use, as well as the method of preparation in order. Please state if this is an original recipe. All recipes become the property of the Manatee County Fair and may be published at a later date. If a recipe is poorly written or does not seem correct it will not be used in the Arts & Crafts department Cookbook.

Bring all entries in covered disposable containers. No containers will be returned. Cake decorating should preferably be done on disposable forms. If actual cake is submitted in the division, it will not be judged for taste, only appearance.

Amounts needed for judging and/or display: Cookies, muffins, etc. (1 dozen); Cakes, pies, breads, etc. (Whole); Soups, stews, etc. (2 quarts); Pickles, relishes, butters, chutneys, etc. (2 one pint jars); Jams, jellies, etc. (2 half pint jars).

All canning must be processed in the twelve months prior to the 2024 Fair. All canning must be in clear glass standard canning jars with two piece sealing lids. Jellies may be in decorative clear glass jars with one piece sealing lids. Paraffin is not accepted. Vinegars may be in decorative glass containers. No food coloring is permitted unless specified for fancy packs and should be noted on the recipe.

Canned foods will be judged for presentation, pack, taste and individuality. Please bring two jars of canned foods per entry: one jar for judging, one for display.

Each canning jar should have a label listing food and date canned. No exhibitor names, please. Foods needing to be warmed for judging must be clearly stated on exhibitor tag and entry sheet. Please no raw eggs in or on any finished product. Entries made from mixes should be the base for a recipe with other ingredients. Use Division 57.

*Yes, our judges sample almost everything!*

**DIVISIONS**

Division 40 • Appetizers & Snacks  
Division 41 • Beverage  
Division 42 • Breads  
Division 43 • Salads  
Division 44 • Soups, Stews & Chowders  
Division 45 • Casseroles  
Division 46 • Entre'es  
Division 47 • Candies  
Division 48 • Cookies  
Division 49 • Cakes & Cupcakes  
Division 50 • Brownies & Bars

Division 51 • Pies & Cheesecakes  
Division 52 • Desserts, other  
Division 53 • Condiments  
Division 54 • Canned Foods  
Division 55 • Non-edibles: Garnishes  
Decorative Cakes, Gingerbread Houses, dog biscuits, etc.  
Division 56 • Special Needs Foods: low-salt, gluten-free, etc.  
Division 57 • "It started with a mix"

FINE ART CATEGORY

**All flat fine art entries must be mounted, matted or framed. Overall dimensions of exhibit, including mat and/or frame, shall not exceed 24" x 36."**

**All FRAMES must have a hanging wire properly attached or the entry may be disqualified.** Entries mounted on foam core or mats (1/4" maximum thickness) may be hung using clips, velcro or an adhesive hanger. These will be added by department volunteers.

The rules are to ensure the safety of the exhibit for Fair patrons as well as the quality and overall appearance of the show.

The Chaires building is very damp and has no heat or air conditioning. The Arts and Crafts Committee suggests that using foam core is best for matting or mounting your work. **If your work comes apart due to environmental reasons, it will have to be removed from the display.**

Please present your work well. Presentation may either enhance or detract from your work and influence a judges decision.

No pre-sketched work such as paint by numbers or kits will be accepted in Fine Arts. These items are accepted in Hobbies, Crafts and Needle Arts.

**DIVISIONS**

**Division 60 • Decorative Arts**  
*China painting, tole painting, etc.*

**Division 61 • Graphics**  
*Computer drawn art, charcoal, pen & ink, pencil & crayon, illustrated manuscripts, etc.*

**Division 62 • Miscellaneous Arts Sculpture,**  
*glass, stained and fused glass, jewelry, porcelain, recycled materials (more than 50% recycled materials)*

**Division 63 • Painting**  
*All Media, acrylics, oil, water color, etc.*

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PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORY

**All photography entries must be mounted, matted or framed. Photos must be at least 8" x 8".**

**Overall dimensions of the exhibit, including mat and/or frame shall not exceed 20" x 24".**

**All FRAMES**  
**Wires on the back of photography exhibits are no longer required.** However having a wire on the back is acceptable. If the exhibit is hung on a wall and has no wire, one will be added by department volunteers.

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If you processed your own film, or digitally enhanced or altered the photo, please note the method on your exhibitor tag and entry sheet. Removing "red-eye", adjusting brightness or cropping is not considered altered or enhanced - but changing the sky to green is!

**DIVISIONS**

**Division 64 • All photography**  
*Additional information about the photograph must be included on the entry sheet and also on the exhibit tag. Example: film photography, self developed, major digital enhancement.*