

Creative Arts Division 13 Paper Tole

New Mexico State Fair
September 10 – 20, 2026

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Entry Dates

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00
Fees are Non-Refundable

Special Rules

1. Artist may submit one entry per category and must be completed within the past year. Size limit 24"x 36", before framing.
2. **Three or more** entrants in each Section, to qualify for "Best of Show". Exception being 6–12 year olds.
3. Exhibits must be display ready, framed and wired. Wire not to extend above frame. Hanging brackets or loops not allowed.
4. Judging of entries are based on the following criteria:
 - Technical execution.
 - Appeal to the observer.
 - Observance of the Paper Tole Institute Standards.
5. Paper Tole Work Standards:
 - Precision Cutting.
 - Creative and realistic shaping without cracked edges.
 - Nicely rounded and colored edges (no blunt, white edges or bleed marks).
 - Each piece to be separated, shaped & reassembled, (ex: a hand separated from a sleeve, a shoe separated from a leg).
 - All glue and other means of elevation hidden from view.
 - No gaps visible.
 - Background, middle & foreground should be kept in perspective. Less emphasis on background than foreground.
 - Free from debris inside the frame.
 - Feathering and furring technique mastered for birds and animals.
 - It is expected that finished work be done well. It must look coordinated and all elements must be in perspective in relationship to each other.
 - Complimentary mats and frames with a professional looking finish.

6. It is the responsibility of the artist to obtain copyright permission for any work containing copyrighted material.
7. Precautions are taken for the safety of all entries, but in no case, will the New Mexico State Fair, the state of New Mexico, employees, contractors or volunteers be held liable for the loss or damages to any entry while in the Fair's possession. Participants are encouraged to carry their own insurance.
8. Participant recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Participant hereby expressly grants to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish participant images and work without the need for any other approval. Images and work will not be used for profit.
9. Participants are responsible for picking up their own work or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
10. Work must be picked up Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Any work remaining on the Fairgrounds after this date will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the NM State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion.

Paper Toile

Sections 380 – 382

Ribbon Awards

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place

Best of Show – Rosette

Note: Three or more entrants in each Section, to qualify for "Best of Show".
Except 6 -12 year olds

Each Section will compete in the Following Classes:

Section 380:

Youth, 6-12 years old

Section 381:

Senior Youth, 13-17 years old

Section 382:

Adult, 18 years and older

Class 1-10

1. Animals
2. Birds
3. Landscape,
4. Waterscapes
5. People
6. Southwest
7. Still Life,
8. Florals
9. Transportation,
10. Other not listed