

Creative Arts Division 13 Philately

**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. Area Society's will select judges.
2. All displays must have the exhibitor's personal information concealed.
3. Judges may not enter a competitive display.
4. Exhibits that win awards may not be entered into competition the following year, except if display was changed with a minimum of 50%, by removing and adding different items.
5. Display must fit in a 15-page frame. Frames hold 3 rows of 5 pages, pages are 8 1/2" x 11".
6. Space is on a first come, first serve basis: 12 total frames, limit of two frames per class.
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.

Instructions

No restrictions on non-competitive displays. Space is on a first come, first serve basis. Security is provided by the State Fair. Competitive judging will be on original material. Display must contain at least 90% original material, no photo copies. Judging and award placement will be completed prior to the Fair's opening. Judges' decisions are final. Displays must be removed at the end of the Fair as directed by the State Fair.

Judging Criteria

Maximum 100 points possible for each display. Disclaimer: 90% of the display must be original material. Judges' decisions are final.

- 1. Philatelic Information: Total points = 40**
 - 10 points: **Title**, does title reflect display?
 - 25 points: **Display**, does information match & is it understood?
 - 5 points: **Non-Philatelic**, does it match & is it understood?
- 2. Presentation: Total points = 35**
 - 20 points: **Creativity & Originality**
 - 10 points: **Tastefulness & Balance**, uncluttered.
 - 5 points: **Specimens & Description**
- 3. Completeness: Total points = 25**
 - 25 points: **Story**, from start to finish.

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Sections 479 – 480

Ribbon Awards

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place

Best of Show – Rosette

Note: Best of Show will be awarded only in sections where there are three (3) or more entries.

Special Grand Award

Note: This award will consist of a ribbon and \$25.00 for outstanding display in each Youth and Adult Section. To be eligible for this award, the display must receive a 1st place ribbon in its section. In the judge's opinion, the award will not be given if display does not warrant it, judges' decisions are final.

Section 479:

Youth, 17 years and under

Section 480:

Adult, 18 years and over

Class 1-4

1. United States: Possessions and/or Territories.
2. All Foreign: Including United Nations.
3. Other: Revenues, Christmas Seals or any other philatelic item.
4. Combination of the above classes: No more than 75% of one class.