

Arts Division 19 African American Art

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New Mexico State Fair
September 10 - 20, 2026

Art Preview Night
Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Professional Exhibits
Works of Art by Living Artists

\$3,875.00 in Premiums

Walk In Entries Accepted

Alice K. Hoppes African American Pavilion
Art Gallery located at
New Mexico State Fairgrounds

Saturday, August 15, 2026
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Entry Fee

\$10.00 per item (unlimited entries per Artist)
Fees are non-refundable

Special Rules

1. A Professional Artist is one that shows or has sold artwork. Artists must be New Mexico residents 18 years of age or older and must be at least one quarter (1/4) African American descendants.
2. Artists who enter Artwork in African American Art Gallery may not enter artwork in Fine Art, Hispanic Art, Native American Art Galleries or Non-Pro Art Center. See rules per art department.
3. The New Mexico State Fair is a family-oriented event. Any artwork found offensive or in bad taste will be removed by New Mexico State Fair officials.
4. All work submitted must be original. The New Mexico State Fair officials reserve the right to remove any work that is a copy.

5. Artists **are asked to complete a W-9 upon registration for the fair to process award premiums or art sales payable to artists.** Please use legal name, not artist name.
6. 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 responsible for the loss or damages to any entry while in the Fair's possession. **Artists are encouraged to carry their own insurance.**
7. Artists are encouraged to visit our website at www.exponm.com for entry information. Entry cards will be available at the time of entry or mailed to you by calling (505) 222-9738. Entry cards will be available after June 25, 2026.
8. Entry card must be completed, signed and dated by Artist. Use legal artist names on entry cards.
9. Out-of-town Artists may ship entries and arrive no later than August 13, 2026. Include 1 check payable to NM State Fair for entry fee along with completed entry cards and **postage in the form of postage stamps** for return shipping fee. Out-of-town entries must be shipped to:

Attn: Ramona Vigil-Eastwood
Expo New Mexico - African American Art Gallery
300 San Pedro Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
10. Artwork must be for sale. The artist must indicate price on the entry card. A 25% commission charge will be deducted from the price stated by artist at time of entry on all work sold during the Fair. **Payment for sold items will be mailed within 30 days from the closing of the fair.**
11. Awards given according to the artworks merit. At the discretion of the judges, awards may not be given due to lack of competition in class entered.
12. Artwork will be juried by, competent, non-competing artists, crafts people and/or qualified experts selected by the New Mexico State Fair Art Department.
13. Work needs to be completed after October 1, 2025 (except bronze sculptures completed after October 1, 2024, and not submitted previously).
14. All entries, except sculptures (Wrapped canvas and mural-sized paintings explained in rule #17), must be FRAMED and wired to qualify for the jury process. Gallery style canvas-wrapped sides need to be painted as part of the artwork. **The wire must extend two inches below the top edge of the frame and must not extend above the top of the frame. Hanging brackets or loops are not accepted.** Size limitation is 48"x60", framed (Glass or Plexiglas may be used).
15. Weavings typically displayed on the walls. The Gallery uses "S" hooks; therefore, artwork must have proper hardware for installation. Size limitation is 48"x60".

16. Photography entries must be original and entirely the work of the exhibitor except that commercial processing is allowed.
- (a) Photograph may be entered once and may not be submitted in subsequent years for competition.
- (b) Print image is limited in size to a maximum of 600 square inches (approximately 20"x30") and must be framed under glass or Plexiglas. Wire must extend two inches below the top edge of the frame.
17. Due to limited space, the jury may select three (3) qualified, mural sized paintings on canvas not to exceed 8'x4'. To qualify, the following rules apply:
- (a) Canvas sides must be painted as part of the art work to qualify.
- (b) The piece must have proper hardware for installation. The gauge of the wire must support the weight of the piece to prevent damage to the art or injury to the public.
18. Sculpture: Maximum size limit 8' height x 3' wide.
19. Multiple art entries such as clay, jewelry, small items, etc. entered as a set, must have one price on the entry card and sold as a set. **Multiple prices will not be allowed.** On entry day, these entries must be properly displayed (ex. enclosed plexiglas case, rigid base with velvet backing, jewelry box/stand, etc.) for judging. If possible, attach items to a base to prevent damage.
20. **Only 36 characters allowed** including spaces in artwork title.
21. Unsold artwork must be claimed upon presentation of entry card receipt, **Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.** Any artwork/items remaining on the Fairgrounds after this date will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the New Mexico State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion. Exhibitors are responsible for picking up their own work or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual, including those exhibits which were mailed. Mailed or shipped entries will be returned in the same container received, provided shipping funds are included with the entry.
22. Artist recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Artists hereby expressly grant to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish Artist images and property without the need for any other approval. Artist images and artwork will not be used for profit.
23. Failure to comply with the division rules will result in disqualification from the judging process.

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Premiums

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Honorable Mention Ribbon
\$150.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	

Classes 1-11

1. **Painting, oil or acrylic (including mural-sized entries, wrapped canvas sides must be painted as part of the painting to qualify)**
2. **Watercolor, Gouache, Tempera**
3. **Sculpture, Carvings**
4. **Mixed Media, including Batik, Recycled Found Object Art, Gourd Art, Folk Art**
5. **Hand pulled prints, Serigraphs, Mono-prints: color or black & white (non-photographic): Xerox copies are not allowed**
6. **Pastels, Drawings-color or black & white**
7. **Photography**
8. **Weaving, Textiles, Wearable Art**
9. **Fine Craft: Glass Art, Pottery/Ceramics handcrafted by Artist**
10. **Jewelry: Original Design Handcrafted by Artist.**
11. **Best NM State Fair Theme Painting: Any Medium**

BEST OF SHOW -----\$200.00 & Rosette
POPULAR VOTE AWARD -----\$100.00 & Rosette

PURCHASE PRIZE

The New Mexico State Fair Arts & Cultural Committee may select one or more Purchase Awards during the 2026 Fair from the artwork offered for sale in the Native American Art, Fine Art, Hispanic Art or the African American Arts Exhibits. Purchase Awards will become part of the State Fair Permanent Collection. The management reserves the right to postpone purchasing artwork until another Fair is scheduled. A 25% commission charge will be deducted from the purchase price stated by the artist at the time of entry.