

# Arts Division 14 Fine Arts Gallery

Art Director  
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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  
\$4,800.00 in Premiums

Walk In Entries Accepted

Friday, July 31, 2026  
Saturday, August 1, 2026

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Entry Fee  
\$10.00 per item (limit of 4 items)  
Fees are non-refundable

## Special Rules

1. A Professional Artist is one that shows or has sold artwork. Artists must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of New Mexico.
2. Artists, entering artwork in Fine Art Gallery, may not enter artwork in African American Art, Hispanic Art, Native American Art Galleries or Non-Professional Art. See rules per art department.
3. All work submitted must be original. The New Mexico State Fair officials reserve the right to remove any work that is proved to be a copy.
4. **Artists are asked to complete a W-9 upon registration in order for the Fair to process award premiums or art sales payable to artists. Please use legal name not artist name.**
5. 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. **Artists are encouraged to carry their own insurance.**
6. Artists are encouraged to visit our website at [www.exponm.com](http://www.exponm.com) for entry information. Entry cards will be available at the time of entry or may be mailed to you by calling (505) 222-9738. Entry cards are available June 25, 2026. Cards must be filled out and signed by the exhibitor. **Use legal Artist name on entry cards, business name is not allowed.**
7. **Only 36 characters allowed** including spaces in artwork title.
8. Out-of-town Artists may ship entries and arrive no later than July 30, 2026. Include 1 check payable to NM State Fair for entry fee along with completed entry cards and correct 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 - Fine Arts Gallery  
300 San Pedro Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108**
9. Each artist may submit up to four (4) original works of art. Artwork must have been completed after October 1, 2025, except bronze sculptures completed after October 1, 2024 (and not submitted previously).

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 the 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 are given according to the artworks merit. At the discretion of the judges, award will 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. Artists whose work is not accepted will be notified by mail and those entries must be picked up on Saturday, August 15, 2026, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM at the Fine Arts Gallery.
13. All wall art prints and drawings must be framed and wired for hanging to qualify for the jury process. Wire must extend two inches below top edge of frame. Artwork may not be larger than 48" x 60", framed. Gallery style canvas-wrapped sides must be painted as part of the artwork to be considered. **Hanging brackets or loops will not be accepted** (Glass or Plexiglas may be used).
14. Sculpture: Size limit 8' high x 4' length x 3' wide maximum.
15. Unsold artwork must be claimed upon presentation of entry card receipt, Tuesday September 22, 2026, between 9:00 AM and 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.
16. Artists are responsible for picking up their own artwork or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual, including entries which were mailed. Mailed entries will be returned in the same container received, provided shipping (postage stamps) was included with the entry.
17. The New Mexico State Fair is a family-oriented event. Any artwork found to be offensive or in bad taste shall be removed by New Mexico State Fair officials.
18. Failure to comply with division rules will result in disqualification from the judging process.
19. Artists recognize that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires the 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 artwork without the need for any other approval. Artist images and artwork will not be used for profit.

## Section 236

### Premiums

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Honorable Mention Ribbon
\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	

### Classes 1-12

1. Painting, oil or acrylic
2. Painting, Watercolor, Gouache or Tempera
3. Sculpture
4. Mixed Media, Batik
5. Hand pulled Prints, Serigraphs, Mono-prints: color or black & white (photography or digital not allowed).
6. Drawings, color or black & white
7. Pastels
8. Fine Art Jewelry: Gold & Silver Metal Work Original Design Handcrafted by Artist
9. Fine Craft
10. Glass Art
11. China Painting
12. Best NM State Fair Theme painting: Any Medium

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

## 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.**