

**Arts
Division 15**

Hispanic Arts Center

Works of Art by Living Artists

Art Director

**Ramona Vigil-Eastwood
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New Mexico State Fair

September 10 - 20, 2026

Art Preview Night

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

\$9,300.00 in Premiums

Walk In Entries Accepted

Friday, August 7, 2026

Saturday, August 8, 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, a resident of New Mexico, and at least 1/4 Hispanic descent.
2. Artists who enter artwork in Hispanic Art Gallery may not enter artwork in African American Art, Fine 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. Precaution is 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 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 for entry information. Entry cards will be available at time of entry or may be mailed to you by calling (505) 222-9738. Cards available after June 25, 2026. Cards must be filled out and signed by Artist. 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 August 6, 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 - Hispanic Arts Gallery
300 San Pedro Blvd NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108**

9. Each artist may submit up to four (4) original works of art. Work must be completed after October 1, 2025, except bronze sculptures completed after October 1, 2024 (and not submitted previously).
10. Artwork must be for sale. Artist must indicate price on the entry card. A 25% commission charge will be deducted from 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 are given according to the artworks merit. At the discretion of the judges, award will not be given due to lack of completion 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 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 - 4:00 PM at the Hispanic 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 are not allowed on paintings, photography, drawings, etc. Leather Loops are allowed on Retablos. (Glass or Plexiglas may be used.)
14. The gallery uses "S" hooks; all Art work, Tinwork, Weavings and Retablos must have proper hanging hardware for proper installation; Size limit is 48"x60".
15. **Photography entries** must be original and entirely the work of the Artist. Commercial processing is allowed.
(a) Each photograph may be entered once and not submitted in subsequent years for competition.
(b) Photography size limited to a maximum of 600 square inches without frame (approximately 20" x 30"). Photographs must be under glass or Plexiglas and ready to hang. Wire must extend two inches below top edge of frame.

- Due to limited space, the jury may select three (3) qualified, mural sized paintings on canvas not to exceed 8' x 4'. To qualify, the following rules apply:

(a) Canvas sides must be painted as part of the art work to be considered.

(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.

- Sculpture: Maximum size limit 10' x 4' x 4' wide.
- Multiple art entries entered as a set (clay, wood nativity sets, jewelry, small items, etc. must have one price on the entry card and sold as a set. 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.
- Unsold artwork must be claimed upon presentation of entry card receipt Tuesday September 22, 2026, from 9:00 AM - 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.
- Artists are responsible for picking up their own artwork or provide 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.
- 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.
- Failure to comply with division rules will result in disqualification from judging process.
- Artists recognize 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 artwork without the need for any other approval. Artist images and artwork will not be used for profit.

Section 240 - Contemporary Exhibits

Premiums			
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Honorable Mention
\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	Ribbon

Classes 1-9

- Painting, oil or acrylic (including mural-sized)
- Paintings under Glass, Watercolor, Gouache, Tempera
- Sculpture
- Mixed media/Batik/Recycled Found Object Art

- Hand pulled Prints, Serigraphs, Mono-prints: color or black & white (not allowed: photography or digital)
- Drawings, color or black & white
- Pastels
- Photography
- Best NM State Fair Theme Painting: Any Medium

Section 241 - Traditional Arts Exhibits

Premiums			
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Honorable Mention
\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	Ribbon

Classes 10-19

- Tinwork
- Weaving
- Retablos (natural pigments, oil & water media)
- Bultos (natural pigments, oils and water-media)
- Straw Appliqué
- Folk Art, Traditional
- Bas-Relief, Painted, Unpainted
- Iron Work
- Colcha Work, Traditional
- Furniture, Traditional

Section 242 - Fine Crafts Exhibits

Premiums			
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Honorable Mention
\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	Ribbon

Classes 20-24

- Fine Craft, Pottery, Glass Art, Etc.
- Jewelry/Gold & Silver - Handcrafted by Artist
- Textile Art, Wearable Art, Non-Precious Jewelry
- Woodworking
- Furniture, Contemporary

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.