

**Arts  
Division 16**

**Non-Professional Artist  
Amateur Adult Artist  
Youth Artist  
Special Needs Artist**

**Art Director  
Ramona Vigil-Eastwood  
(505) 222-9738**

**New Mexico State Fair  
September 10 – 20, 2026**

**Art Preview Night  
Wednesday, September 9, 2026**

**\$1,740.00 in Premiums**

**Walk In Entries Accepted**

## **“NEW LOCATION”**

**Non-Pro/Youth, Photography & School Arts  
Building (Formally School Arts)**

**Friday, August 14, 2026  
Saturday, August 15, 2026**

**9:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

### **Entry Fee**

**Entry Fee is non-refundable**

**Adult Amateur: 19 years of age & older \$10.00 per  
item (limit of 4 items)**

**Youth Artists: 18 years of age & under \$5.00 per item  
(limit of 4 items)**

**Special Needs Artists \$5.00 per item (limit of 4 items)**

### **Special Rules – For All Classes**

1. An Amateur Adult Artist must be 19 years of age or older and is defined as one seeking public exposure for his or her work, with limited or no gallery experience, who has or would like to participate in exhibits and fairs, and who seeks to attain a level of professional proficiency.
2. Artist must be a New Mexico resident. **An exhibitor may submit up to four entries.** Artwork must have been completed after October 1, 2025. **Artists may not submit an entry in Section 245 if** their work is shown or has exhibited in past years in any of the professional shows (Fine Arts, Hispanic Arts, Native American Arts or African American Arts).

3. **Artist is 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, (parents completing form please write your children's name on the W-9 not yours). **Payment for sold items will be mailed within 30 days from the closing of the fair.**
4. Awards are given according to the artworks' merit. At the discretion of the judges, awards will not be given due to lack of competition in the class entered.
5. Work submitted must be original, not a copy.
6. The New Mexico State Fair is a family-oriented event. Fair officials reserve the right to remove any work that is proved to be a copy, offensive or in bad taste.
7. **ALL WALL ART, PRINTS & DRAWINGS MUST BE FRAMED AND WIRED** ready to be hung. Wire must extend two inches below the top edge of the frame. **Hanging brackets or loops will not be accepted.** **Hanging devices found on photography frames are not allowed. If photo-frames are used, they must be wired. Unframed gallery style canvas wrapped sides must be painted as part of the artwork.** Artwork may not be larger than 38" x 48" (framed).
8. Sculpture: Size limit 3' x 3' x 3'.
9. Photography items will not be accepted.
10. Artists are encouraged to visit our web site at [www.exponm.com](http://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 after June 25, 2026. Cards must be filled out and signed by the exhibitor.
11. 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 – Adult Amateur/Youth Art Exhibit  
300 San Pedro Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108**

12. **NEW PLEASE READ: Unsold** artwork must be claimed upon presentation of entry card receipt **Tuesday, September 22, 2026, between 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 funds were included with the entry.
13. Failure to comply with division rules will result in disqualification from the judging process.
14. Precaution 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 damage to any entry while in the Fair's possession. **Artists are encouraged to carry insurance.**

15. Artists recognize that marketing of the Fair and its grounds require use of photography and video. Artist hereby expressly grants 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 & artwork will not be used for profit.

### Section 245

**Adult Amateur Artists – 19 years & older**  
**Limit 4 entries per Artist**  
**(Non-Refundable \$10.00 Entry Fee)**

	<b>Premiums</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Honorable Mention</b>	
<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>	

#### Classes 1-6

1. Painting, oil or acrylic
2. Painting under Glass, watercolor/tempera
3. Sculpture
4. Mixed Media/Batik/Recycled Art
5. Hand pulled Prints and drawings, color or black & white (including charcoal), non-photographic
6. Pastels

**Best of Show.....\$75.00 & Rosette**  
**Popular Award.....\$30.00 & Rosette**

### Section 246 – 248

**Youth Art**  
**(46 years showcasing youth art)**  
**&**  
**Special Needs Artists**

**Entry Fee \$5.00**  
**Entry Fees are Non-Refundable**  
**Limit 4 entries per Artist**

- A. Artist must be 18 years of age and under and must be a resident of New Mexico. **Age exception: see Section 248, Class 21.**
- B. Except for the age and entry fee, all rules for the Youth & Special Needs Artists Art Exhibits are the same as those for the Adult Amateur Art Section 245.

### Section 246 - Ages 12 and Under

	<b>Premiums</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Honorable Mention</b>	
<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>	

#### Classes 7-12

7. Paintings, oil or acrylic, any subject
8. Watercolors
9. Hand-pulled Prints, Drawings - pen, pencil, charcoal, (non-photographic)
10. Sculpture
11. Pastels
12. Mixed media and batik

**Best of Show (12 years & Under) .....\$30.00**  
**Popular Award.....\$20.00**

### Section 247 - Ages 13-18

	<b>Premiums</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Honorable Mention</b>	
<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>	

#### Classes 13-18

13. Paintings, oil or acrylic, any subject
14. Watercolors
15. Hand pulled Prints, Drawings - pen, pencil or charcoal, (non-photographic)
16. Sculpture
17. Pastels
18. Mixed media & batik

**Best of Show (13 – 18 years of age) ..... \$40.00**  
**Popular Award .....\$25.00**

### Section 248 Special Needs Artists

	<b>Premiums</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Honorable Mention</b>	
<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>	

#### Classes 19 – 21: Any Medium

19. Ages: 12 & under
20. Ages: 13 – 18
21. Ages: 19 & older