

**Arts  
Division 18  
Native American Indian Art  
Gallery**

Works of Art by Living Artists

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

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

**Art Director  
Ramona Vigil-Eastwood  
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**Premiums – \$7,765.00**

**Entry Forms available after June 25<sup>th</sup> by calling  
(505) 222-9738**

**ARTISTS ONLY**

**Non-Refundable Entry Fee for Individuals  
Adults - \$15.00 (Flat Fee)  
Youth - \$ 5.00 (Flat Fee)**

**Walk in Entries Accepted**

**Friday, August 14, 2026, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Saturday, August 15, 2026, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Entries will not be accepted after  
5:00 PM Saturday, August 15, 2026**

**The only exception is if Indian Market  
is the same weekend, those entries will be  
accepted Monday August 17, from 9am – 3pm,  
please call for arrangements.**

**Attention Dealers**

**Dealers Must Pre-Register: August 3 – 6, 2026  
(Call for Appointment)  
Non-Refundable Entry Fee for Dealers **\$100.00****

**All Dealers: August 13, 2026 – All items must be  
delivered from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. This will be the  
only day items will be accepted from dealers and  
must have pre-registered.**

**Special Rules**

**\*Please, make sure Artwork entered is not a conflict  
or offensive to any Tribe or Pueblo.**

1. Artwork must have been made by Native American Indians of federally regulated tribes. Entry forms must be signed by the Artist.
2. Artists entering Artwork in Native American Indian Art Gallery may not enter Artwork in Hispanic Art, Fine Art Galleries, African American Art or Non-Professional Art. See rules per art department.
3. **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.
4. The NM State Fair is a family-oriented event. Any artwork, found to be offensive or in bad taste will be removed by Fair officials.
5. Artwork will be juried by, competent, non-competing artists, crafts people and qualified experts selected by the New Mexico State Fair Art Department.
6. **For judging consideration, Artist may select up to four (4) pieces per class, upon entering artwork.**
7. Awards given according to the artworks merit. At the discretion of the judges, awards will not be given due to lack of competition in class entered.
8. Honorable mention ribbons are awarded for outstanding articles other than 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizewinners.
9. Precautions are taken for the safety of all entries, but in no case will the New Mexico State Fair, 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. **Dealers and Artists are encouraged to carry their own insurance.**
10. Authentic Native American items may be entered by the Artist or Dealer. The authenticity of items entered is the responsibility of the Artist or Dealer and must be labeled as such. Dealers must have the name and address of Artist to enter the artwork. Dealer's address is not allowed under maker's name.
11. Please, observe number of items permissible to enter in individual sections.
12. Dealers' names and addresses are not allowed on back of entry tags. You may not enter artwork from a **deceased** artist or a living artist that can no longer produce their work. **Work entered by dealers may not compete for awards.**
13. Artists may photograph their own entries if they desire to do so (Please let State Fair staff know of your intentions).
14. Artwork entered must be for sale. Price must be indicated on form & entry tag. A 25% commission charge will be deducted from price indicated by Artist/Dealer 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.**

15. Ribbons must remain with articles sold. A duplicate ribbon (if available) or a certificate will be furnished to the artist.
16. **NEW PLEASE READ:** Unsold Artwork must be picked up by presenting claim tags & form receipts given to them at time of entry.  
**Artists Only:** Artwork must be picked up on **Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**  
**Dealers:** Artwork must be picked up **Wednesday, September 23, 2026, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.**  
 Any artwork remaining on the Fairgrounds after September 23, 2026, will become the property of the State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion.
17. Artist & Dealers recognize that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Artist & Dealers hereby expressly grant to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish Artist & Dealers images and artwork without the need for any other approval. Artist images and artwork will not be used for profit.
18. Artists/Dealers are encouraged to visit our website at [www.exponm.com](http://www.exponm.com) for entry information. Entry forms and tags for artists will be available at time of entry. **Artist and Dealers:** Forms and entry tags available June 25, 2026, and may be mailed to you by calling (505) 222-9738. Forms must be filled out and signed by Artist and/or Dealer.

**Section 270 - Pottery  
Classes 1 – 5**

All pottery must be traditionally handmade by Native American Indians of Native American Federally Regulated Tribes. Pottery must be traditionally American Indian-made, fired, (exception being ceramics), and if paint-decorated, painted before firing.

**Premiums**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Honorable Mention</b>
<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>

**Best of Show.....\$150.00 & Rosette**

1. Handmade: Storage jar, Seed jars, Bowls (2" or more) any type, Canteen, Wedding Vase, Plate, any design: polished, painted, unpainted, carved, incised (scrimshaw). Fetish Pots, any size
2. Handmade Pottery Doll, any type or design, Nativity Set, Storyteller, Sculpture Type pottery Figurines
3. Pottery: Masks, wall hangings, etc.
4. Jewelry: Traditional Pottery and Ceramic Jewelry
5. Ceramics: Storyteller, Nativity Sets, Pot's mold poured, any type

**Section 271 – Jewelry and Accessories  
Classes 6 – 10**

**Sterling Silver:** Items not accepted that are made of German silver (nickel) or silver-plated. When chains are used as an accessory, they must be sterling silver.

**Gold:** must be 10K or finer (no gold plating or gold-filled accepted, except in chains when used as an accessory; this must be stated on ticket).

Must be handmade by Native American Indian silver/goldsmiths (except for minimum findings), otherwise the artwork is misrepresented and will be subject to disqualification by the judges. Turquoise items must be labeled as natural, stabilized, or treated.

**Premiums**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Honorable Mention</b>
<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>

**Best of Show.....\$130.00 & Rosette**

6. Jewelry: Bolo, Belt Buckles, Hatbands, Bracelets, Ankle bracelets, Brooch, Pendants, Crosses, Earrings, Ear cuffs, Rings, Choker-any type
7. Silver Beads – Silver Tubing: Heishi Necklace (any type, any material), Fetish necklace (any material, any type), Necklaces: Mixed beads, nugget or turquoise strands
8. Miscellaneous: Cuff links, Tie bar, Tie tack, Collar tips, Key rings, Money clips, Nail files, Eyeglass chains, Hair pieces, any type, any items not listed above
9. Concho belts, Watchbands, Watch Bracelets, Squash Blossom (includes sets 2 or more pieces), Large jewelry show piece.
10. **Gold Jewelry:** Women's, Men's or Gold and Silver combination jewelry

**Section 272: Youth – Miscellaneous  
Classes 11 – 16 (18 years of age or younger)**

**\* An Artist May Enter up to 3 Paintings \***

**Premiums**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Honorable Mention</b>
<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>

**Best of Show.....\$50.00 & Rosette**

11. Jewelry: Any type
12. Pottery: Any type or design
13. Rugs
14. Youth Painting: 13 years and under (**art must have a frame & wire for hanging to be accepted**)
15. Junior Painting: 14 – 18 years (**art must have a frame and wire for hanging to be accepted**)
16. Any other item not listed above, includes Pencil Drawings, Purses, Bookmarkers

**Section 273 – Rugs, Blankets or Saddle Blankets**

**Classes 17 – 18**

Miniature Rugs, not allowed for security reasons

**Premiums**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Honorable Mention</b>
<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>

**Best of Show.....\$100.00 & Rosette**

- 17. Traditional Rug Design
- 18. Rug: Other not listed

**Section 274**

**Painting – Adult Division**

**Classes 19 – 24**

**Artist May Enter up to 3 Paintings per class**

**Dealers may enter 2 paintings per Artist represented (but not more than 10)**

All paintings must have been completed from October 2025 - 2026. Artwork must be framed and wired. Paintings smaller than 9"x12" after framing or larger than 12 sq. ft. not accepted. No prints - only originals accepted, the exception being photography.

**Premiums**

<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>

**Best of Show.....\$80.00 & Rosette**

- 19. Paintings: Watercolor, Gouache or Tempura
- 20. Paintings: Oil / Acrylic
- 21. Pencil drawings, Pastels
- 22. Painting: Mixed Media
- 23. Sand Paintings: Traditional & Modern
- 24. Photography: (Framed under glass or Plexiglas)

**Section 275 – Sculptures**

**Classes 25 – 27**

Sculptures cannot be more than 5 feet tall.

**Premiums**

<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>

**Best of Show.....\$70.00 & Rosette**

- 25. Hand carvings: Wood
- 26. Hand carvings: Stone
- 27. Sculptures: Miniatures up to 6" in height (includes bats, dragons, etc.), any medium not listed above

**Section 276 – Fetishes**

**Classes 28 – 29**

Hand-carved fetishes should be 2" or larger

**Premiums**

<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>

**Best of Show.....\$70.00 & Rosette**

- 28. Hand carved Fetish: Traditional
- 29. Hand carved Fetish: Modern

**Section 277 – Kachinas**

**Classes 30 – 33**

**Kachinas cannot be larger than 3 ft. Accessories on Kachinas must be labeled, moveable and/or attached.**

**Premiums**

<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>

**Best of Show.....\$70.00 & Rosette**

- 30. Kachina: Non-action (Hopi)
- 31. Kachina: Action (Hopi)
- 32. Kachina: Other not listed
- 33. Kachina: Sculpture, any type

**Section 278 – Miscellaneous**

**Classes 34 – 55**

**Miniature baskets must be at least 3". Beadwork (beadwork on leather preferred) Artwork with illegal materials such as eagle feathers, claws, etc. are not allowed.**

**Premiums**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Honorable Mention</b>
<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>

**Best of Show.....\$70.00 & Rosette**

- 34. Beaded: Men's, Women's and Children's Accessories, Bolos
- 35. Beadwork: Not listed above
- 36. Combined beadwork & leather
- 37. Cradleboard

**Leatherwork**

- 38. Men's and Women's Accessories: Leather
- 39. Shields: Any type
- 40. Dream Catcher

## **Textiles**

Hand-woven wool, cotton or rayon garments & Textiles

41. Women's, Men's, Children's Garments: Any type
42. Textiles: Woven sashes, garters, etc.
43. Pillows, purses, table runner, & napkins
44. Any other item not mentioned above, such as framed needle point, wall hangings

## **Baskets**

45. Basket: Apache
46. Traditional Basket
47. Basket: Any other not listed

## **Other**

All artwork must be ready for display and ready to hang.

48. Gourds, rattles
49. Dolls: Any tribe
50. Drums: Any size
51. Feather work
52. Peace Pipes and Flutes
53. Spears, Bows & Arrows
54. Home Accessories: Lamps, tables, cabinets, etc.
55. Any other handmade Native American Indian craft

## **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.**