

# 2026 CREATIVE ARTS FINE ARTS DIVISION



<b>SPONSORED BY:</b>	<u>Putnam County Fair Authority, Inc.</u>
<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	
<b>ENTRY DATE &amp; TIME:</b>	<b>Schools &amp; Groups ONLY</b> Monday March 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> from 2pm-6pm <b>General Public ONLY</b> Wednesday March 11 <sup>th</sup> from 1pm-6pm
<b>ENTRY LOCATION:</b>	Putnam County Fairgrounds Expo Hall
<b>JUDGING:</b>	Monday, <b>March 16, 2026</b> , 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. (judges only)
<b>REMOVAL:</b>	Monday, <b>March 30, 2026</b> , 2-6 p.m.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Art MUST be the original work of the Exhibitor and NOT previously shown at the Putnam County Fair. Art should be suitably framed with proper hooks and wire ready for hanging.
2. Professionals will be judged separately. A professional is someone who is paid to instruct or sells their items to the general public.
3. Matted only (without frame) pictures should have a protective clear covering and hanging device attached. **Art without hangers will NOT be displayed.**
4. Exhibitors must live or work in Putnam or St. Johns Counties or live within a 10-mile radius of the county line.
5. Claim check(s) will be issued when Art is entered and MUST be presented before it is released.
6. **Limit of three (3) items per Adult, per Category. Limit of three (3) items per Youth.**
7. Exhibitor must securely attach to the back of the of the entry a typewritten or legibly written form/label stating their name, age at time of the entry (if a youth artist), address, telephone number, title and medium to be judged. **All exhibits are for competition and are not for sale by the exhibitor during the fair.**
8. The Fair Authority will take every reasonable precaution for the safeguard of all exhibits. The Fair Authority is not liable for any loss or damaged property. **Entries may not be removed before conclusion of the fair.**
9. No winner will be allowed more than one (1) monetary premium in connection with the same article / item. Highest award premium will be paid.
10. All Premium money will be paid in cash and may be picked up when the exhibitor brings in their claim check on pickup date.
11. **The art show committee reserves the right to add or delete categories or lots as deemed necessary without prior notice.**

12. For further details, see GENERAL RULES.

## **DIVISIONS AND CLASSES**

**YOUTH DIVISION** – Exhibitors 17 years of age and younger; all art will be judged by AGE.

**CLASS 1** – Juniors, ages 5-9 Lot: Painting, Photography, Drawings, Mixed Media, & Sculptures

**CLASS 2** – Intermediate, ages 10-13

**CLASS 3** – Senior, ages 14-17 (18 if still in school)

**CLASS 4** – Exceptionally Challenged

**ADULT & PROFESSIONAL DIVISIONS** – exhibitors 18 years of age and older.

**CLASS 1 PAINTINGS (Category) A. Water Color B. Oils C. Acrylics**

**CLASS 2 GRAPHICS** – Any drawing, printing, etc.

**CLASS 3 PHOTOGRAPHY (Category) A. People (portraits & figures) B. Scene (Land, Sea, Sky-scapes)**

**C. Scene (Architecture & City-scapes) D. Flowers, Plants & Trees E. Animals (Wildlife)**

**F. Animals (Pets & Farm Animals) G. Others Not Listed**

**CLASS 4 SCULPTURES** – All sculptures of wood, stone, metals, clay

**CLASS 5 OTHER 3-D including MIXED MEDIA**

**EXCEPTIONALLY CHALLENGED-Adult All Art**

## **OPEN FINE ARTS AWARDS**

All entries will be judged on their own merit and may be awarded a **Blue, Red, White or Participant Ribbon**.

The following premiums will also be awarded:

Blue Ribbon = \$5.00

Red Ribbon = \$3.00

White Ribbon = \$2.00

**BEST OF CLASS** will be chosen from any Blue Ribbon winners in each class. If there are no blue ribbon winners in any lot in a particular class, there will not be a Best of Class awarded for that class. Winner will be awarded:

Blue Rosette and \$10.00

**BEST OF SHOW** will be chosen from the Best of Class winners and awarded:

Large Rosette and \$25.00