

2026 CREATIVE ARTS

YOUTH



*** This division is open to all Putnam & St. Johns County Youth *
that are not 4-H Members.**

SPONSORED BY: Putnam County Fair Authority, Inc.

CHAIRMAN: Vikki Miles

ENTRY DATE & TIME: **Schools & Groups ONLY** Monday March 9th & Tuesday March 10th from 2pm-6pm
General Public ONLY Wednesday March 11th from 1pm-6pm
(Bakery, Candy & Canning items **NOT** accepted at this time. See that Division for entry information)

ENTRY LOCATION: Putnam County Fair Grounds, Expo Hall

JUDGING: Monday, **March 16, 2026**, from 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

AGE DIVISIONS: **JUNIOR:** ages 5 - 9
INTERMEDIATE: ages 10 - 13
SENIOR: ages 14 - 17
EXCEPTIONALLY CHALLENGED: ages 5-17

REMOVAL: Monday, **March 30, 2026**, 2-6 p.m.

RULES & REGULATIONS YOUTH DIVISION:

1. Any Putnam or St. Johns County youth resident between the ages of five (5) through seventeen (17) that are not a 4-H member.
2. All exhibits must have been made by the exhibitor and not previously been exhibited in the Putnam County Fair.
3. Entries will be received at the designated time and place only. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 6:00 P.M., Wednesday 11, 2026.**
4. Each exhibit will be labeled with a claim check provided by the Home Division when entered. Please keep your copy of the claim check and present it when you claim your exhibit. If someone else is picking up your exhibits, they **must** present the claim check(s).
5. The Fair Authority will take every reasonable precaution for the safeguard of exhibits. The owner assumes all responsibility for any accident, loss, or damage.
6. Exhibitors will be limited to five (5) articles in each class, and one (1) in each lot. Each article must be a different technique (a knitted afghan and a crocheted afghan, but not two crocheted Afghanes.)

7. All Home Arts and Crafts will be judged according to beauty and originality of design, harmony of color and materials, suitability of articles to purpose, and workmanship.
8. All ceramics, sculpture, paintings (all mediums) and photography will be entered in the Fine Arts Division.
9. Judging will be done by the modified Danish System.
10. Entries may receive a blue, red, white, or participant ribbon. From the Blue Ribbon winners, a First place winner in each Class will be awarded. If there are no Blue ribbon winners in any lot in a particular class, there will not be a best of Class premium. A First place OVERALL winner will be selected from the Blue Rosettes winners. Premiums will be awarded according to the Judges' records only, and may be picked up when articles are claimed.

CLASS 1 SEWN ARTICLES (made with a needle or sewing machine)

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| LOT | A. | Quilted | C. | Accessories |
| | B. | Clothing – Children / Adult | D. | Miscellaneous Items |

CLASS 2 DECORATED ITEMS (articles do not need to be handmade)

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| LOT | A. | Clothing | D. | Holiday Items |
| | B. | Apparel Accessories | E. | Miscellaneous Items |
| | C. | Home Accessories - wall hangings, pillow cases, cloth napkins, place mats, etc. | | |

CLASS 3 NEEDLE WORK (made with any other type of needle: knitted, crocheted, etc.)

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| LOT | A. | Apparel | C. | Plastic Canvas |
| | B. | Home Accessories | D. | Miscellaneous Items |

CLASS 4 TOYS

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| LOT | A. | Wooden or Metal | B. | Dolls |
| | | 1. Small (under 15" x 15") | | 1. Dolls, Handmade |
| | | 2. Large (over 15" x 15") | | 2. Doll Clothing only |
| | | | | 3. Doll AND Clothing |
| | | | | 4. Miscellaneous |

CLASS 5 TABLE SETTINGS: 4 available open to individuals and groups

YOU must pre-register for this event by March 1, 2026! Email Vikki Miles at putfair@gmail.com

All judging will be done according to Emilypost.com/advice/table-setting-guides

- Standard square card tables will be provided. Participants can take as long as necessary to set up their tables as long as it is finished by 2pm. Help is allowed to bring items into Expo Hall but not set up. You will have 30 minutes to bring your items to the table. Once you start setting your table, you may not leave until you are finished. If you leave the table, you may not return to bring additional items or adjust anything. Your table will remain set up for the duration of the fair. Pick up will be Sunday March 29 from 2pm-4pm.
- The participant must bring linens, dishes, utensils, glassware, decorations, and centerpieces appropriate for their chosen theme. Each table must be covered with a tablecloth or other decorative covering. **No Candles** may be lit. Battery operated LED lighting only permitted. **No perishable food** or plants are allowed as décor. The participant must use the correct place settings for two (2) places only. All items must be clean. Chairs are not to be included in the display. All items for the display must be on the table.
- Participants will bring a written plan of the occasion and a menu that is printed and framed and styled for the table. Menu must be part of the Table Setting Display. Food and drinks on the menu should fit with the chosen theme. Use only dishes, utensils and glassware that is needed for your menu. Example: If your menu does not include wine-do not use wine glasses. All carrying containers and packing materials must be taken with you at the end of set up.
- The Fair reserves the right to reject any table setting that is objectionable or unsuitable.
- **Table Settings Fair Arrival day is March 11th from 1pm-6pm**
- Judging criteria will include the following: 1. Total visual impact 2. Creativity and originality as related to the theme chosen. 3. Correct placement of tableware and dishes. 4. Menu appropriate for the theme and dishes used.
- All judging will be done according to Emilypost.com/advice/table-setting-guides

- CLASS 22** **2026 Fair Theme “Stars, Stripes & Fairground Lights”, Celebrating USA 250 years**
- CLASS 23** **“On Safari” Celebrating Africa**
- CLASS 24** **“Valentine’s Day”**
- CLASS 25** **“Boho Chic”**

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 = \$3.00
- Red Ribbon = \$2.00
- White Ribbon = \$1.00

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 \$5.00

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

- Large Blue Rosette and \$10.00