

2023  
**DEPARTMENT 1**  
**RUGS- TRADITIONAL HOOKED, PUNCH NEEDLE DESIGN, BRAIDED**

As we continue to plan for The Big E fair to be held September 15 through October 1 of 2023 our **exhibitor handbooks and schedules are subject to change**, and we suggest you request to be added to the email lists of the departments you are entering, follow the department Facebook page, or check our website frequently for updates.

Email [CreativeArts@TheBigE.com](mailto:CreativeArts@TheBigE.com) to request to be added to be added to our email list.

Follow us on Facebook @bigcreativearts

All exhibitors are required to read and comply with the GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS of the Creative Arts Department and to acknowledge with entry submission that they have obtained <b>copyright permission</b> when appropriate.				
<b>Entry Form Due</b>	August 14	Online: <a href="https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/">https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/</a>		
<b>Entry Fee per Item</b>	\$5			
<b>Entry Limit</b>	Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-13			
<b>Classes</b>	A: Adult Professional	B: Adult Non-Professional	C: Youth 13-18	D: Youth 5-12
<b>Premiums</b>	Best of Department: \$20	Blue: \$20	Red: \$17	White: \$14
<b>Receiving</b>	Tuesday, September 5: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm		New England Center	
<b>Judging</b>	Closed to the public	Wednesday, September 6 – Saturday, September 9		
<b>Release</b>	Monday, October 2, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Tuesday, October 3, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm	New England Center	
After November 1, all unclaimed items become the property of Eastern States Exposition and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.				
For additional information, contact Creative Arts at <a href="mailto:Creativearts@TheBigE.com">Creativearts@TheBigE.com</a> or call (413) 205-5015.				

**Please note: There should be no backing used on the reverse side of any rugs.**

**TRADITIONAL HOOKED**

- Division 101** Any rug under 8'x10'
- Division 102** Any rug over 8'x10'
- Division 103** Household Décor
- Division 104** Other than classified

**PUNCH NEEDLE DESIGN**

- Division 105** Flat Surface Rugs - Sheared
- Division 106** Sculptured Surface Rugs
- Division 107** Original Design
- Division 108** Punch Needle Designs Using Yarn – uncut loops, non-sculptured, non-sheared
- Division 109** Other than classified



*Hooked Rug by Susan Beckman*

**BRAIDED**

**Division 110** Any rug up to 6' x 9' or 7' diameter

**Division 111** Rugs less than 2' x 4', mats, and miscellaneous items

**Division 112** Other than classified

**LATCH HOOK**

**Division 113** YOUTH ONLY- Any Latch Hook Rug

**SPECIAL AWARDS FOR RUGS**

Selection of award recipient is based on "judge's choice" using criteria set by the donor of the award.

**COX ENTERPRISES, VERONA, ME;** known for "Rug Braiding with Verna"

One gift package for *Best Use of Color, Clarity or Use of Traditional Design in a Hooked Rug*

One gift package for *Best Youth or First Time Entry in Rug Hooking*

One gift package for *a youth or first time entry in Braiding*

One gift package for *exceptional craftsmanship or most innovative use of braiding*