

DEPARTMENT 1
RUGS – TRADITIONAL HOOKED, PUNCH NEEDLE DESIGN, BRAIDED

The 2025 Big E will be held September 12-28, 2025.

Exhibitor handbooks and schedules are subject to change.

Please be sure to join our email list, follow the department Facebook page, or check our website frequently for updates.

Email CreativeArts@TheBigE.com to request to be added to our email list.

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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 **copyright permission** when appropriate.

Entry Form Due	August 11	Online: https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/		
Entry Fee per Item	\$5			
Eligibility	Must be completed within past 3 years			
Classes	A: Adult Professional	B: Adult Non-Professional	C: Youth 13-18	D: Youth 5-12
Premiums	Best of Department: \$30	Blue: \$20	Red: \$17	White: \$14
Receiving	Tuesday, September 2: 8 am to 7 pm		New England Center	
Judging	Closed to the public	Wednesday, September 3 – Friday, September 5		
Pre Fair Release <small>(Entries NOT accepted for display)</small>	Saturday, September 6 9 am – 5 pm	Sunday, September 7 9 am – 5 pm	New England Center	
Post Fair Release <small>(Entries displayed during fair)</small>	Monday, September 29, 12 pm to 7 pm	Tuesday, September 30, 8 am to 1 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.				

Judging criteria may include but is not limited to:

Design	Creativity	Workmanship
Materials	Color	Finishing-As
Applies		

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



Traditional Hooked Rug by Andrea Singer

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



Traditional Hooked Rug by Karen Merker

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 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*



Braided Rug by Robert Betters