

CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS

Cultural Center - Second Level, South Side
Superintendent - Kris Jones, Eldora

Premiums\$7, 5, 3

Creative Arts and Crafts exhibits will be open to the public during building hours each day of the Fair.

Woodworking, woodcarving and woodturning entries are included in the Wood Projects Department.

For questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 243 or entryintern1@iowastatefair.org.

RULES

1. Iowa Family Living general rules and regulations apply in this department. In case general rules conflict with Creative Arts and Crafts Department general or special rules, the latter shall govern.
2. **SUBMITTING ENTRIES.** Entries may be submitted **online** or by **mail**. Online entry and a printable Iowa Family Living entry form are available at: <https://www.iowastatefair.org/>. If entering online, payment will be collected at time of entry. If entering by mail, complete entry form and return it with **full payment** of all fees to: Iowa State Fair, Iowa Family Living Entry Department, PO Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317-0003.
3. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 1.** Entries must be submitted online or postmarked on or before July 1.
4. **ENTRY FEES.** Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, will pay a \$10 department fee plus \$.50 per entry. One tag will be issued for each entry.
5. **LATE ENTRIES.** An additional late fee of \$10 will be charged for all entries submitted online or postmarked July 2 - July 8. No entries will be accepted after July 8.

ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

6. Entries in this department are limited to living residents of Iowa.
7. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in each class.
8. All persons, professional and amateur, are encouraged to enter. All articles must be strictly the work of the exhibitor. Articles may be completed from a pattern, but the work thereon must be the work of the exhibitor. If, in the opinion of the judge, any portion of the item has been done by anyone other than the exhibitor, it will be disqualified from judging. **Computer generated articles are not accepted.**
9. Articles must have been completed since the 2025 Iowa State Fair.
10. Classes designated as professional may only be entered by a professional (one who teaches or has taught classes or has had work published). All undesignated classes are open to both.
11. Youth classes are open to ages 16 and under unless specified. **Youth entries do not include drawings or paintings. Drawings and paintings should be entered in the Fine Art Department.** A youth (exhibitors age 16 and under) can enter an adult class; however, the entry will be judged as adult.
12. No advertisements (products, events, websites, QR codes, etc.) are allowed to be placed with entries.

ENTRY TAGS

13. Entry tags will be mailed to you to be completed and placed on articles by you before shipment or delivery.

DELIVERY OF ENTRIES

14. Articles with entry tags will be received in the display area in the Cultural Center from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8. You will need a Pre-Fair permit to bring your vehicle onto the Fairgrounds to drop off your exhibit(s). This will be sent with your tags.
15. Articles entered may be sent by mail. For standard mail, send to: Iowa State Fair, Creative Arts & Crafts Department, PO Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317. For UPS or FedEx, send to: Iowa State Fair, Creative Arts & Crafts Department, 3000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317. Articles must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7. In no case will packages be received and articles placed on exhibition unless all charges are prepaid.

JUDGING

16. Where there is only one exhibitor in a class, the first prize, if merited, will be awarded. Where there is competition, all prizes may be awarded so far as there are worthy entries. Where articles are not worthy of first prize, the judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the articles deserve. If an article is not deemed worthy of display by the judge, it will not be displayed.

RECLAIMING ENTRIES

17. **NO ARTICLES WILL BE RELEASED FROM THIS DEPARTMENT UNTIL 7:15 P.M. ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23.** Articles may be picked up at the exhibit area on Sunday, August 23 from 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. or Monday, August 24 from Noon - 6:00 p.m. Admission will be charged at the gate on Sunday, August 23 with no on-site ticket sales and no entry/re-entry allowed after 7:00 p.m. You must be on the Fairgrounds by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23. **A vehicle permit is required for admittance of vehicle on the inner Fairgrounds, August 13-23.**
Articles will be returned by mail or UPS providing return postage (please provide prepaid shipping label) is furnished to the Superintendent.
18. Beginning Wednesday, August 26 and until Friday, September 4, entries can be picked up in the Entry Department located on the lower east side of the Administration Building. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30. (Please note: Entries are not available for pick up on Tuesday, August 25.) **After September 4, all unclaimed items become the property of the Iowa State Fair and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.**

LIABILITY

19. The Management will use diligence in caring for the safety of entries after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

AMERICA 250 AWARD

All entries that showcase the patriotic spirit of America 250 (i.e. flags, Red, White, and Blue, etc.) will be eligible for a special America 250 premium of \$25 in addition to regular premiums. Awards will be selected by a panel of judges from blue ribbon recipients. Entries will be designated as America 250 award eligible by exhibitors at check in. Departments eligible for the America 250 Award include: Creative Arts & Crafts, Doll Houses & Miniature Rooms, Fabric & Threads, Fine Art, Floriculture, Food, Photography and Wood Projects.

SPECIAL AWARDS

People's Choice: 1st place - \$50, 2nd place - \$30 and 3rd place - \$20 from **Liz Sweeney**

Basketry: 1st place in each class - \$25, 2nd place in each class - \$15, 3rd place in each class - \$10 from **Tom & Sally Reavely**

Basketry: Best of Show - \$100 from **Tom & Sally Reavely**

Building Blocks: 1st place in each Youth class - Lego set from **Jay's CD and Hobby**

China & Porcelain Painting: Best of Show China Painting - \$20 from **Iowa Chapter of the World Association of China Painters**

Jewelry: 1st place in each class - \$20 from **Scott Catron in memory of Christina Catron**

Jewelry - Polymer Clay: 1st place - \$50 from **Lydia Miller**

Stained Glass - Original Design: 1st place - \$25, 2nd place - \$15 and 3rd place - \$10 from **The Hand Stampers**

Tole & Decorative Painting - Household Item: 1st place - \$25, 2nd place - \$15 and 3rd place - \$10 from **Shawn Palek**

Tole & Decorative Painting - Paint by Number: 1st place - \$25, 2nd place - \$15 and 3rd place - \$10 from **Shawn Palek**

Tole & Decorative Painting - Portrait, traditional brush: 1st place - \$25, 2nd place - \$15 and 3rd place - \$10 from **Shawn Palek**

Other Creative Arts & Crafts - Decorated Wreath or Swag: 1st place - \$25 from **Jan Robinson**

Other Creative Arts & Crafts - Iowa Theme Art: 1st place - \$50 from **Perfect Fit Jewelry**

Other Creative Arts & Crafts - Leather Craft: 1st place - \$100 gift card, 2nd place - \$50 gift card and 3rd place - \$25 gift card from **Tandy Leather**

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

1. **Do not enter this division in advance.**
2. Any media entered may be chosen by the Creative Arts Staff to be placed in this division.
3. Prizes will be awarded by a People's Choice vote during the Fair.

BASKETRY - DIVISION 301

CLASS

- 301 Coiled
- 302 Historical Basketry *new!*
- 303 Naturals
- 304 Reed or Splint
- 305 Twill
- 306 Other than named/multi media
- 307 Youth Class - Basketry

BEADWORK - DIVISION 302

CLASS

- 308 Beadwork - handmade beads/pendants
- 309 Beadwork - needle constructed jewelry
- 310 Beadwork - non jewelry
- 311 Beadwork - stringing

BUILDING BLOCKS - DIVISION 303

1. This division includes Legos, Mega Blocks, Lincoln Logs, etc.
2. Size limit on all Building Blocks entries is 15" wide by 15" deep by 20" high.

CLASS

- 312 Building / Structure
- 313 Celebrate America (build only using red, white and/or blue blocks) *new!*
- 314 Vehicles (planes, trains, automobiles)
- 315 Original Design
- 316 Youth Class (12 & under) - Building / Structure
- 317 Youth Class (12 & under) - Original Design
- 318 Youth Class (12 & under) - Celebrate America (build only using red, white and/or blue blocks) *new!*

CHINA & PORCELAIN PAINTING - DIVISION 304

1. Please use masking tape to cover signature on items. The masking tape will be removed after judging.
2. China must have tagged easels. If the easel is not needed for display, it will be held in safe keeping until you pick up your china.

CLASS

- 319 Animal / Bird / Fish
- 320 Box
- 321 Christmas Decoration or Other Holiday
- 322 Coffee, Tea or Chocolate Set - 3 pieces only
- 323 Dresden
- 324 Egg
- 325 Enamel, Paste, Gold or Luster
- 326 Floral Design
- 327 Framed Porcelain Tile
- 328 Jewelry or Miniature
- 329 Mug or Cup & Saucer
- 330 Pen Work
- 331 Portrait / Famous Faces of America *new!*

- 332 Scenic Design
- 333 Tray
- 334 Vase, Pitcher or Bowl
- 335 Novice
- 336 Youth Class - China Painting

JEWELRY - DIVISION 305

- 337 Metal / Wire Work Jewelry
- 338 Polymer Clay Jewelry
- 339 Jewelry - other than beadwork

PAPER CRAFTS - DIVISION 306

1. Scrapbooking entries must be in a protective plastic cover and mounted on mat board or other material to keep it from bending on the display racks.
2. **No computer generated articles accepted.**
3. Rubber Stamp Art must be framed or mounted for display not to exceed 12x18 inches. Stamp Art may be one article or mounted articles related to one theme. Two page layout **must** be attached.

CLASS

- 340 3-D Paper Craft
- 341 Card - any occasion
- 342 Hand Made Gift Tag
- 343 Holiday Gift Tag
- 344 Mini Book / Junk Journal
- 345 Paper Craft - cutting / folding / decoupage
- 346 Paper Mache - Famous American Places & Faces *new!*
- 347 Patriotic Cards *new!*
- 348 Photo Scrap Book Page - Fair theme (two page layout)
- 349 Photo Scrap Book Page - Famous Places in the USA *new!*
- 350 Quilling
- 351 Stamping - any medium
- 352 Youth Class - Paper Craft

STAINED GLASS - DIVISION 307

1. Stained glass entries must be ready to display (chains or easel).

CLASS

- 353 Stained Glass - 3-D (lamps, etc.)
- 354 Stained Glass - copper foil
- 355 Stained Glass - lead
- 356 Stained Glass - mosaic and fused glass
- 357 Stained Glass - original design

TOLE & DECORATIVE PAINTING - DIVISION 308

1. Canvases are limited to 24 x 36 inches or square inches equal to or less than that size.
2. Canvases must be framed, or gallery framed (canvas sides painted), **and ready to hang**.
3. All framed canvas pieces must meet one of the following requirements: 1) made from a pattern 2) made from a published work or picture or 3) completed in a class. Painting on other items is not limited by these restrictions.
4. Attach the entry tag to hang on the front, right corner.
5. Please cover the signature with masking tape, which will be removed following judging.
6. **Original artistic expression and any drawing will not be accepted and should be entered in the Fine Art Department.**

CLASS

- 358 Professional
- 359 American Folk Art Painting *new!*
- 360 Christmas Decoration
- 361 Famous Places in America (Red Wood Forest, Mt. Rushmore, Statue of Liberty, etc.) *new!*
- 362 Household Item
- 363 Linework/Strokework
- 364 Mini Canvas painting (3 inch by 3 inch)
- 365 Paint by Number
- 366 Pastels
- 367 Pen & Ink Painting Technique
- 368 Seasonal Decoration (other than Christmas)
- 369 Tinware or Metal
- 370 Traditional Brush - Animal
- 371 Traditional Brush - Floral
- 372 Traditional Brush - Landscape
- 373 Traditional Brush - Portrait
- 374 Traditional Brush - Seascape
- 375 Traditional Brush - Still Life
- 376 Up-cycled Painting (use old thrift store pictures to create a one of a kind project)
- 377 Watercolor
- 378 Technique not mentioned - list technique
- 379 Youth Class - Toile & Decorative Painting

OTHER CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS - DIVISION 309

1. No item will be accepted in this division if it can be entered in another area (i.e. Fabric and Threads).
2. Any small parts must be firmly attached.
3. Adult Free Style Coloring Class - Colorings must be framed or mounted for display. Not to exceed 24 x 36 inches.
4. All ceramics must be **incised** with the year. Small sets will be accepted only if display space is available. Large sets will not be accepted. Lids must be taped on and small pieces must be firmly attached.
5. Miscellaneous Class - May include a 3 x 5 inch index card explaining the process or technique used. This card must be attached to the item, but must not include the exhibitor's name.

CLASS

- 380 Adult Free Style Coloring (ages 17 and older, may use existing coloring sheet)
- 381 Carved Items - other than wood (antlers, bone, golf balls, etc.)
- 382 Ceramics
- 383 Christmas Decoration
- 384 Creative Clocks (decorated wall clock)
- 385 Color of the Year: Red, White & Blue (your art must feature the color of the year prominently) **updated!**
- 386 Decorated Mini Artificial Trees - Christmas or Holiday (not to exceed 4 feet tall)
- 387 Decorated Wreath or Swag
- 388 Diamond Art
- 389 DIY Wood Sign
- 390 Flower Arrangement - dried or silk
- 391 Found Art/Repurposed Art
- 392 Gourds
- 393 Holiday Decoration - other than Christmas
- 394 Iowa Theme Art
- 395 Kentucky Derby Hat
- 396 Leather Apparel
- 397 Leather Craft
- 398 Macrame
- 399 Metal Work / Metal Smithing
- 400 Nature Art **new!**
- 401 Needle Felting
- 402 Shard Art (made from broken glass) **new!**
- 403 Steam Punk Art Decor
- 404 Vehicles (planes, trains, cars, trucks, etc.) (models)
- 405 Miscellaneous - other than mentioned
- 406 Youth Class - Miscellaneous