

CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS

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

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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.

If you have 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/participate/competition/enter-iowa-family-living>. 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.** A \$20 department fee plus class fees 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 2023 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.

ENTRY TAGS

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

DELIVERY OF ENTRIES

13. 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 3. You will need a Pre-Fair permit to bring your vehicle onto the Fairgrounds to drop off your exhibit(s). Request this permit at time of entry and it will be mailed with your entry tag(s).
14. 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 2. In no case will packages be received and articles placed on exhibition unless all charges are prepaid.

JUDGING

15. 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

16. **NO ARTICLES WILL BE RELEASED FROM THIS DEPARTMENT UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 18.** Articles may be picked up at the exhibit area on Sunday, August 18 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. or Monday, August 19 from Noon - 6:00 p.m. Admission will be charged at the gate on Sunday, August 18 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 18. **A vehicle permit is required for admittance of vehicle on the inner Fairgrounds, August 8-18.** Articles will be returned by mail or UPS providing return postage is furnished to the Superintendent.
17. Beginning Wednesday, August 21 and until Friday, August 30, 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 24 and Sunday, August 25. (Please note: Entries are not available for pick up on Tuesday, August 20.) **After August 30, all unclaimed items become the property of the Iowa State Fair and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.**

LIABILITY

18. 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.

DIVISION RULES

See all General Rules first

1. **CERAMICS.** 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.
2. **BUILDING BLOCKS.** Entries shall not exceed 15 inches in width or depth nor 20 inches in height.
3. **CHINA PAINTING.** Please use masking tape to cover signature on items. The masking tape will be removed after judging. 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.

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4. **PAPER CRAFTS.** 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. **No computer generated articles accepted.** 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.
5. **STAINED GLASS.** Stained glass entries must be ready to display (chains or easel).
6. **TOLE AND DECORATIVE PAINTING.** Canvases are limited to 24x36 inches or square inches equal to or less than that size. Canvases must be framed, or gallery framed (canvas sides painted), **and ready to hang.** 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. Attach the entry tag to hang on the front, right corner. Please cover the signature with masking tape, which will be removed following judging. **Original artistic expression and any drawing will not be accepted and should be entered in the Fine Art Department.**
7. **OTHER CREATIVE ARTS.** No item will be accepted if it can be entered in another area (i.e. Fabric and Threads). Any small parts must be firmly attached.
 - Adult Free Style Coloring Class.** Colorings must be framed or mounted for display. Not to exceed 24x36 inches.
 - Miscellaneous Class.** May include a 3x5 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.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstrations will be held each day of the Fair in the Cultural Center.

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 Adult class - Lego set from **Bricks & Minifigs**
- 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 **Moms Candles**
- Tole & Decorative Painting - Airbrush: 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**

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Do not enter this division in advance.

Any media entered may be chosen by the Creative Arts Staff to be placed in this division.
Prizes will be awarded by a People's Choice vote during the Fair.

BASKETRY - DIVISION 301

CLASS

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

BEADWORK - DIVISION 302

CLASS

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

BUILDING BLOCKS - DIVISION 303

(Legos, Mega Blocks, Lincoln Logs, etc.)

CLASS

- 311 Building / Structure
- 312 Iowa State Fair Theme
- 313 Mosaic Design *new!*
- 314 Original Design - Small Scale (no larger than 6" in width or depth and 12" in height)
- 315 Youth Class (12 & under) - Building / Structure
- 316 Youth Class (12 & under) - Original Design
- 317 Youth Class (12 & under) - Vehicles (planes, trains, automobiles)

CHINA & PORCELAIN PAINTING - DIVISION 304

CLASS

- 318 Animal / Bird / Fish
- 319 Box
- 320 Christmas Decoration or Other Holiday
- 321 Coffee, Tea or Chocolate Set - 3 pieces only
- 322 Decal Enhancement
- 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
- 332 Scenic Design
- 333 Still Life or Full Body Figure
- 334 Tray
- 335 Vase, Pitcher or Bowl
- 336 Youth Class - China Painting

JEWELRY - DIVISION 305

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

PAPER CRAFTS - DIVISION 306

CLASS

- 340 3-D Paper Craft *new!*
- 341 Card - any occasion
- 342 Hand Made Gift Tags
- 343 Junk Journal *new!*
- 344 Mini Book
- 345 Paper Craft - cutting / folding / decoupage
- 346 Photo Scrap Book Page - Fair theme (two page layout)
- 347 Photo Scrap Book Page - Holiday *new!*
- 348 Quilling
- 349 Rubber Stamp Art - paper
- 350 Rubber Stamp Art - other than paper
- 351 Youth Class - Paper Craft

STAINED GLASS - DIVISION 307

CLASS

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

TOLE & DECORATIVE PAINTING - DIVISION 308

CLASS

- 357 Professional
- 358 Airbrush
- 359 Christmas Decoration
- 360 Fabric Painting
- 361 Household Item
- 362 Linework/Strokework
- 363 Paint by Number *new!*
- 364 Pastels
- 365 Pen & Ink Painting Technique
- 366 Seasonal Decoration (other than Christmas)
- 367 Tinware or Metal
- 368 Traditional Brush - Animal
- 369 Traditional Brush - Floral
- 370 Traditional Brush - Landscape
- 371 Traditional Brush - Portrait
- 372 Traditional Brush - Seascape
- 373 Traditional Brush - Still Life
- 374 Watercolor
- 375 Technique not mentioned - list technique
- 376 Youth Class - Toile & Decorative Painting

OTHER CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS - DIVISION 309

CLASS

- 377 Adult Free Style Coloring (ages 17 and older, may use existing coloring sheet)
- 378 Carved Items - other than wood (antlers, bone, golf balls, etc.) *new!*
- 379 Ceramics
- 380 Christmas Decoration
- 381 Color of the Year: Yellow (your art must feature the color of the year prominently) *new!*
- 382 Decorated Wreath or Swag
- 383 Diamond Art
- 384 DIY Wood Sign
- 385 Duct Tape
- 386 Flower Arrangement - dried or silk
- 387 Found Art/Repurposed Art
- 388 Gourds
- 389 Holiday Decoration - other than Christmas
- 390 Iowa Theme Art
- 391 Leather Craft
- 392 Macrame *new!*
- 393 Metal Work / Metal Smithing
- 394 Model Cars / Trucks *new!*
- 395 Needle Felting
- 396 Steam Punk Art Decor
- 397 Miscellaneous - other than mentioned
- 398 Youth Class - Miscellaneous