

2020

STILL EXHIBITS

COMPETITION HANDBOOK



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

JULY 22-AUGUST 2

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Digital Delight...Covid19 cannot stop the California Mid-State Fair! We are ready for exhibitors to enter their talents in a NEW and exciting way! These Digital Delights will be showcased, judged and awarded! Be a part of our online adventure at “The Biggest Little Fair Anywhere” by showcasing your talents! #FairStrong #COVID19

HOW TO ENTER

Being an exhibitor is easy, it is exciting, and it is a fun way to experience the Fair digitally. So, gather your goods and make your dreams a reality at THE CALIFORNIA MID-STATE FAIR.

To Enter Please Click [HERE](#)

Follow the fields one by one and you'll have your items entered in no time.

- Names, titles, addresses, etc. will be used **exactly** as entered for tags.

Please pay special attention to proper spelling, capitalization, full names of cities/counties, no abbreviations and the correct mailing address.

- “Descriptions” may not contain personally identifying information. List any kits, materials, and techniques used only.

- Use a Visa, MasterCard or American Express to pay entry fees.

All photos of entries must be uploaded during registration in the proper format.

*Items entered in the 2020 Virtual Still Exhibit Show cannot be entered in the 2021 Fair.

STILL EXHIBIT KEY DATES

DEPARTMENT	REGISTRATION DEADLINE for ENTRY	ENTRIES JUDGED (ONLINE)	RESULTS AND SHOWS PUBLICIZED (ONLINE)
All Departments	Must be submitted Online by: Tuesday, June 30	Between Monday, July 6 and Friday, July 10	Wednesday, July 22



DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to the California Mid-State Fair Competition Handbook.

Adult Exhibitor: An exhibitor who is no longer eligible to be a Youth Exhibitor or enter in Youth divisions or classes.

Youth Exhibitor: A junior exhibitor who is not a member of 4-H or FFA. May enter the Youth competitions provided they meet age and/or grade requirements for junior exhibitors in the competition they are entering. These Juniors are considered Youth and must enter Youth classes or divisions when the classes or divisions are designated as such in Still Exhibit Competitions. Exhibitors who enter Youth categories must not be older than 18 years of age as of January 1, 2020.

4-H Exhibitor: The levels of membership for 4-H are age based. Each level is defined as follows: a. Primary Level: Must be 5 years old or in kindergarten as of December 31, 2019 to exhibit at fair. Primary membership ends when members qualify as junior members. Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age on or before December 31, 2019 are not eligible to compete in large animal competitions at California Fairs. b. Junior, Intermediate, & Senior: Must be 9 years old or in 4th Grade on or before December 31, 2019. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Primary, Ages 5 TO 8, Junior, Ages 9 TO 10, Intermediate, Ages 11 TO 13, Senior, Ages 14 TO 19

FFA Exhibitor: FFA members who are in good standing may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school. (For example, a graduate this year is eligible until December 31 of next year.)

Primary Member: (4-H Only) Fairs are open to 4-H primary members for exhibit only. The use of Danish and American systems of A youth exhibitor based on their age by December 31, 2019. 4-H primary members will only receive recognition for their participation. Primary, Ages 5 TO 8.

Still Exhibits: All competitive exhibits which are typically indoor and not involving animals. Examples include photography, horticulture art, quilts, foods, crafts, sewing, metalwork, jewelry, graphics, drafting, sciences, etc.

Online Entry: Commitment to enter and abide by rules.

Entry Fees: A fee charged per item entered into the fair. All entry fees must be paid online when entries are submitted.

Entry/Exhibit: Terms used to define the item entered in the competition or contest.

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Entrant/Exhibitor: Terms used to define the person entering the competition.

Premium: A cash award is given to winners of the competition. NO Premiums will be given out in 2020.

Department: Competition you wish to enter, i.e., Farm Art, Ag Horticulture, Arts & Crafts, Home Arts, Fine Art, Photography, Floriculture, Special Stars.

Division: A generalized category of exhibits or a group of classes.

Class: A group of like exhibits that are judged together; a subcategory of a division.

American System of Judging: Each entry in a class is judged in comparison to the other entries in the class. Entries are placed first, second, third, etc. according to relative merit. There will be no more than one first, second, third, etc. per class. Used in Adult divisions and classes.

LOCAL RULES

1. All entries and payments are required to be registered and entered in full On-Line at
2. Local Divisions are open only to residents of the 16th District Agricultural Association, which is the county of San Luis Obispo, including those departments of Farm Art, Agriculture Horticulture, Arts & Crafts, Home Arts, Fine Arts, Photography and Floriculture.
3. The Fair Management reserves the right to close a division before the entry closing date if all available space has been allotted.
4. No articles or entries shall be submitted through mail.
5. State Rules and Health Rules are applicable to all Departments. For those click [HERE](#)
6. Reasonable precaution will be taken in protection of exhibits. The 16th District Agricultural Association (California Mid-State Fair) will not be responsible for loss or damage, whatsoever the cause. The exhibitor must arrange for insurance if it is desired. Furthermore, the California Mid-State Fair will not be responsible for accidents or loss that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the show and the exhibitors shall hold the management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.
7. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the junior exhibitor. Therefore, it is suggested that junior exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy covering themselves and their exhibits. Liability insurance may be purchased through CFSA. Contact the California Mid-State Fair Main Office for additional information.
8. Primary Members: Still Exhibit Departments - Fairs are open to 4-H primary members for exhibit only. The use of Danish and American systems of A youth exhibitor based on their age by December 31, 2019. 4-H primary members will only receive recognition for their participation. Primary, Ages 5 TO 8.
9. Exhibitors must be legal owners of all entries.

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- ENTER ONLINE: [CLICK HERE](#) BY: TUESDAY, JUNE 30
EXHIBITOR CAN ENTER UP TO 5 (FIVE) TOTAL ITEMS
ENTRY FEE \$2.00 Per Entry (Covers program costs)
 - ENTRIES JUDGED: JULY 6 – JULY 10
- RESULTS AND SHOWS PUBLICIZED: JULY 22

Awards

Commemorative 75th Anniversary Ribbon to each Exhibitor (one ribbon per exhibitor)
American System of Judging for Adult
Danish System of Judging for Youth, 4-H/FFA and Special Stars
NO PREMIUMS

FARM ART

Class

1. Garden Marker
2. Birdhouse
3. Kite
4. Lawn Flamingo
5. Mailbox
6. Scarecrow

AG HORTICULTURE

Class

7. Grains, Dry Beans & Garden
8. Leafy & Stem
9. Nuts
10. Vegetables
11. Fruits
12. Largest Produce

ARTS & CRAFTS

Class

13. Ceramics
14. Leather
15. China & Porcelain
16. Woodcrafts
17. Jewelry
18. Tole & Decorative Painting
19. Wreaths & Baskets
20. Textile Painting
21. Paper Crafts
22. Holiday Items
23. Collections

HOME ARTS

Class

24. Crochet
25. Handknitting
26. Sewing
27. Needlework
28. Quilting
29. COVID-19 Mask
30. Baked Goods & Confections
31. Decorated Cakes
32. Preserved Foods
33. Table Settings

FINE ART

Class

34. Oil
35. Acrylic
36. Watercolor
37. Pastel
38. Pencil/Charcoal & Ink

PHOTOGRAPHY

Class

39. Black & White
40. Color
41. Digitally Processed

FLORICULTURE

Class

42. Potted Plants
43. Arrangements
44. Containers
45. Cut Flowers
46. Dahlias

SPECIAL STARS

Class

47. Farm Art
48. Ag Horticulture
49. Arts & Crafts
50. Home Arts
51. Fine Arts
52. Photography
53. Floriculture



CALIFORNIA MID-STATE FAIR STILL EXHIBIT AWARD DONOR

NAME OF BUSINESS/PERSON:	
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CASH DONATION:	YES or NO	\$250	\$500	OTHER:
IN-KIND DONATION:	YES or NO	AMOUNT:		
WHAT STILL EXHIBIT DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION IS THIS A DONATION FOR?				
NOTES:				

SIGNATURE:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW	
DATE RECEIVED:	DATE PAYMENT RECEIVED:

For questions or further information please contact the Fair
exhibits@midstatefair.com

Return form to:
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