



RAINS COUNTY FAIR CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITS

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GENERAL RULES

1. The Creative Arts Exhibits are open to residents of Rains County and surrounding counties.
2. All exhibits are to be brought to the Rains County Fairgrounds on:

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| Tuesday, September 5, 2023 | 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. |
| Wednesday, September 6, 2023 | 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. |

(Horticulture will be brought in on Wednesday ONLY)
3. Judging for all exhibits will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2023. Judging is closed to the public. The Creative Arts Exhibits will be open on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
4. You may exhibit as many entries per division, but only one entry per class.
5. Adult ribbon awards will be given to the 1st through 5th place entries in each class. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion rosettes will be awarded in each division. Grand and Reserve rosettes will be selected from all the blue ribbon winners of each class of the same division.
6. Youth Divisions will be judged on their own merit. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes will be awarded to each of the three age groups. Grand and Reserve rosettes will be selected from all the blue ribbon winners of each age group.
7. **Each exhibitor must complete an “Exhibitor’s Log Sheet” with name, phone number, address and a list of each item being entered.** No item may be left until officially registered with Creative Arts Division personnel. (Complete “Exhibitor’s Log Sheet” can be found at the end of the Creative Arts Section).
8. Items will be on exhibit throughout the Fair.
9. Professionals will be allowed to exhibit against other professionals in each division. A professional is classified as one who has sold \$200.00 or more per year in that division. **Please make sure that “Professional” is selected on the entry form.**



10. Each division has its own respective rules.
11. **The Chairpersons of each division will have the final say of placement of entries and all judging will be final.**
12. The Creative Arts Chairpersons and volunteers will exercise all due diligence to prevent damage or loss of articles. Articles will be entered at the owner's risk and the Rains Fair Association, volunteers working at the Creative Arts Building, or the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will not be held liable.
13. Articles must have been **completed** within last year (except Antiques and Collections).
14. If two or more entries of the same type are entered in a division and there is not a class listed for them, then a class will be provided. If the class is not listed and there is only one entry, then it will be placed in the open class and judged on its own merit.

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**** Entry Pickup ****

All items must be picked up on Sunday, September 17, 2023 between
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Items not picked up will be discarded.



ANTIQUES DIVISION

Rules

1. Check general rules.
2. All items **must be** at least **50 years old**.
3. **Name of article, origin, approximate age, use, and any pertinent facts about the item must be legible on a 3 X 5 card attached to the article.**
4. Any items that could be soiled should be covered with see-through wrap.
5. Judging will be based on age, condition, unusualness, and uniqueness.

Classes

1. Books
2. Ceramics, Figurines and Porcelain
3. Clothing and Accessories
4. Dishes
5. Dolls
6. Documents
7. Glassware
8. Hardware and Tools
9. Holiday
10. Home and Household Accessories (quilts, bedspreads, tablecloths)
11. Jewelry
12. Photography
13. Toys
14. Open



CANNED FOODS DIVISION

Rules

1. Check general rules.
2. Entries **must** be labeled with product name and processing method. (Water bath or pressure).
3. Food **must** be in standard canning jars such as Mason, Ball, or Kerr. Can be 1/2 pint or quart jars. Jelly must be in standard canning jars or standard/fancy canning jelly jars. **No colored/tinted jars allowed.**
4. An entry will consist of one jar and it will not be opened.
5. Jars and lids should be clean and no rust. Lids must be standard and **must have rings**. We will remove rings to check seals.
6. Entries will be judged on the pack, color, head space, and texture.

Classes

Canned Fruit

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| 1. Berries | 3. Peaches | 5. Plums |
| 2. Figs | 4. Pears | 6. Open |

Canned Vegetables

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|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 7. Beans - Whole | 11. Carrots | 15. Onions |
| 8. Beans - Snap | 12. Corn | 16. Peas |
| 9. Beans - Shelled | 13. Mixed Vegetables | 17. Potatoes |
| 10. Beets | 14. Okra | 18. Squash |
| | | 19. Open |



Tomatoes

- 20. Sliced/Halved
- 21. Stewed
- 22. Tomato Juice
- 23. Mixed (okra/squash, etc.)
- 24. Whole
- 25. Open

Meat Mixtures/Soups

- 26. Meat Stew/Soup Mixture
- 27. Vegetable Soup

Pickled Foods

- 28. Beans
- 29. Beets
- 30. Bread & Butter
- 31. Cucumber Sliced
- 32. Cucumber Spears
- 33. Cucumber Whole
- 34. Green Tomato
- 35. Mixed Vegetables/Fruits
- 36. Okra
- 37. Peaches
- 38. Pears
- 39. Peppers
- 40. Squash
- 41. Watermelon Rind
- 42. Open

Relishes and Sauces

- 43. Chow-Chow
- 44. Corn Relish
- 45. Fruit Relish
- 46. Green Tomato Relish
- 47. Squash Relish
- 48. Vegetable Relish
- 49. Open Relish
- 50. Apple Sauce
- 51. Barbecue Sauce
- 52. Chili Sauce
- 53. Hot Sauce
- 54. Picante Sauce
- 55. Taco Sauce
- 56. Tomato Ketchup
- 57. Tomato Sauce
- 58. Open

Jellies

- 59. Apple
- 60. Berry
- 61. Grape
- 62. Mint
- 63. Muscadine
- 64. Peach
- 65. Pepper
- 66. Plum
- 67. Watermelon Rind
- 68. Open



Jams

69. Apple

70. Berry

71. Grape

72. Mint

73. Muscadine

74. Peach

75. Plums

76. Strawberry

77. Open

Preserves

78. Berry

79. Fig

80. Marmalade

81. Peach

82. Pear

83. Pineapple

84. Strawberry

85. Watermelon

86. Open

Miscellaneous

87. Butters and Soft Spreads

88. Raw Honey

89. Open



COLLECTIONS DIVISION

Rules

1. Check general rules.
2. Each entry should consist of **three (3) items** which best represent the collection.
3. Any items that may soil should be covered with clear wrap.

Classes

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|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Angels | 10. Dolls | 18. Salt/Pepper Shakers |
| 2. Animals | 11. Glass | 19. Spoons |
| 3. Bells | 12. Holiday | 20. Statues |
| 4. Birds | 13. Housewares | 21. Tea Sets |
| 5. Books | 14. Jewelry | 22. Thimbles |
| 6. Ceramics | 15. Music Boxes | 23. Toys |
| 7. Cookie Jars | 16. Paper | 24. Trading Cards |
| 8. Collectible Series* | 17. Pitchers | 25. Open |
| 9. Crosses | | |

* Precious Moments, Hummel, etc.



FINE ARTS DIVISION

Rules

1. Check general rules.
2. Pictures must be framed (except in youth division) and have wire hangers. Artists are responsible for any special props for display of their work.
3. The Rains County Fair Association will not be responsible for theft, loss, or damage of artwork or props.
4. Cover items that may soil in protective see-through cover.

Classes

Oil, Acrylic & Watercolor

1. Animals/Critters/Wildlife
2. Abstract
3. Character
4. Landscape/Seascape
5. Portrait (person)
6. Still Life
7. Open

Miscellaneous Mediums

15. Animals/Critters/Wildlife
16. Abstract
17. Character
18. Landscape/Seascape
19. Portrait (person)
20. Still Life
21. Open

Pastels, Pencils, Charcoal, Pen & Ink

8. Animals/Critters/Wildlife
9. Abstract
10. Character
11. Landscape/Seascape
12. Portrait (person)
13. Still Life
14. Open

Sculptures

22. Animals/Critters/Wildlife
23. Abstract
24. Character
25. Landscape/Seascape
26. Portrait (person)
27. Still Life
28. Open



HANDCRAFTS DIVISION

Rules

1. Check general rules.
2. Articles made from kits are acceptable, but must be made by exhibitor and **not** bought from the store already made. **Specify on entry form** if made from a kit.
3. Judging will be based on workmanship, degree of difficulty, and originality.
4. Small items (jewelry, etc.) must be mounted on an 8" X 10" black covered board for display.

Classes

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| 1. Basket Weaving | 16. Leatherwork |
| 2. Beads and Stones | 17. Macrame |
| 3. Candles | 18. Metal Art |
| 4. Card Making | 19. Mosaics |
| 5. Carving (not wood) | 20. Painted Rocks |
| 6. Ceramics (made) | 21. Paper Art and Quilling |
| 7. Ceramics (painted) | 22. Recyclables |
| 8. China Painting | 23. Scrapbooking (Digital) |
| 9. Clothing Art | 24. Scrapbooking (Traditional) (album or pages) |
| 10. Diamond Dots | 25. Stained Glass |
| 11. Doll Making | 26. String Art |
| 12. Foam Art | 27. Tole Painting |
| 13. Folk Art Painting | 28. Weaving |
| 14. Holiday | 29. Woodworking |
| 15. Jewelry | 30. Open |



HORTICULTURE DIVISION

Rules

1. Check general rules.
2. Horticulture entries will be brought in on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 from 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
3. Flowering plants must have flowers on them at the time of judging.
4. Each plant will be judged on appearance (shape, color, and health).
5. Classes 8 - 12 will consist of a basket or large bowl of items (example: basket of pecans, basket of peaches, etc.)
6. Each exhibitor is responsible for watering their plants throughout the week. The Rains County Fair Association, Creative Arts Chairmen, and volunteers are not responsible for loss or damage to plants.
7. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be awarded in both Plants and Fruits and Vegetables.

Classes

Plants

1. Cut Flower Arrangements
2. Potted Plants with Flowers
3. Potted Plants without Flowers
4. Hanging Baskets with Flowers
5. Hanging Baskets without Flowers
6. Succulents/Cactus
7. Terrariums and Gardenscapes
8. Open

Fruits and Vegetables

8. Fruit
9. Gourds
10. Nuts
11. Vegetables
12. Open



NEEDLEWORK DIVISION

Rules

1. Check general rules.
2. Articles made from kits are acceptable, but must be made by exhibitor and **not** bought from the store already made. **Specify on entry form** if made from a kit.
3. No soiled or unfinished articles will be accepted for exhibit. Cover delicate, non-washable entries with a clear, see-through cover.
4. Articles must be **completed** in last year.
5. Judging will be based on workmanship, color coordination, degree of difficulty, and originality.

Classes

1. Applique'
2. Candle wicking
3. Clothing Construction and Accessories (Any Medium)
4. Crewel
5. Crochet - Large Items
6. Crochet - Small Items
7. Cross Stitch
8. Embroidery - by hand
9. Embroidery - by machine
10. Knitting - Large Items (blankets, etc.)
11. Knitting - Small Items (clothes and smaller)
12. Latch Hook
13. Needlepoint
14. Sewing (all items other than Clothing and Accessories)
15. Tatting
16. Open



PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

Rules

1. Check general rules. A person who generates \$200.00 or more per year in photography sales should note **Professional** on entry form.
2. Each entry must be labeled with exhibitor's name on the **back** of photo.
3. Prints must be 8" X 10" or smaller. Each entry must be a single photo except for Classes 14 and 30, Story.
4. Prints must be mounted on poster board or cardstock, one (1) inch larger than the print on all sides.
5. Photos that are matted or framed will not be acceptable.

Classes

Black and White

1. Action
2. Animals
3. Buildings/Architecture
4. Critters (birds/insects/snakes, etc.)
5. Flowers and Trees
6. Historical Sites and Events
7. Humorous
8. Landscape
9. People
10. Portraits (people posed)
11. Seascapes
12. Skies and Weather
13. Still Life (inanimate objects)
14. Story *
15. Sunsets/Sunrise
16. Open (Black and White)

Color

17. Action
18. Animals
19. Building/Architecture
20. Critters (birds/insects/snakes, etc.)
21. Flowers and Trees
22. Historical Sites and Events
23. Humorous
24. Landscape
25. People
26. Portraits (people posed)
27. Seascapes
28. Skies and Weather
29. Still Life (inanimate objects)
30. Story *
31. Sunsets/Sunrise
32. Open (Color)

* Pictures must tell a story - 3 to 6 pictures in story, **mounted** on one piece with 1 inch between prints and 1 inch on all sides.



QUILTING DIVISION

Rules

1. Check general rules.
2. Soiled articles will not be accepted for exhibit.
3. Judging will be based on workmanship, color, coordination, degree of difficulty, and originality.
4. All articles must be quilted by hand or machine to be entered.

Classes

| <u>Hand Quilted</u> | <u>Machine Quilted</u> | <u>Co-Entered*</u> | <u>Professional</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Applique' | 7. Applique' | 13. Applique' | 19. Applique' |
| 2. Combo** | 8. Combo** | 14. Combo** | 20. Combo** |
| 3. Embroidered | 9. Embroidered | 15. Embroidered | 21. Embroidered |
| 4. Pieced | 10. Pieced | 16. Pieced | 22. Pieced |
| 5. T-Shirt | 11. T-Shirt | 17. T-Shirt | 23. T-Shirt |
| 6. Open | 12. Open | 18. Open | 24. Open |

Miscellaneous

Above quilt classes are for twin, full, queen, king and others larger than crib size.

In Classes 1-12 same person must do both piecing and quilting.

*Co-Entered Quilts are made by more than 1 person, pieced and/or quilted.

**Combo/Combination Quilt is a quilt combining 2 or more mediums (example: piecing and applique').

Other Quilt Classes

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| 25. Crib/Lap Quilt | 28. Table Runner/Tree Skirt |
| 26. First Quilt | 29. Wall Hanging |
| 27. Miniature Quilt (up to 24" on 1 side) | 30. Panel Quilts |



SENIOR CITIZENS DIVISION

Rules

1. Exhibitors must be Senior Citizens age 62 or older and/or Nursing Home Residents.
2. General rules and other division rules apply to the Senior Citizens Division.
3. Entries will be judged on workmanship, originality, design, and use of materials.
4. Entries must be made by exhibitor and completed in the past year
5. A Grand and Reserve Champion rosette will be awarded to the Division winner. Rosettes are selected from the blue ribbon winners in the division.

Classes

1. Clothing Construction
2. Handcrafts
3. Needlework
4. Fine Arts
5. Photography
6. Quilts



YOUTH DIVISION

Rules

1. Check general rules.
2. Check adult divisions for further rules applying to each of the youth divisions where available.
3. Cover items that may soil in a see-through cover.
4. Exhibitors or parents are responsible for delivering and picking up items entered.
5. Entries will be judged on their own merit rather than against other entries.
6. Grand and Reserve Champion rosettes will be awarded to each of the three age groups. Rosettes are selected from blue ribbon winner of that age group.

Classification of Age

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Pre-Junior | Up to 7 years |
| Junior | 8 to 13 years |
| Senior | 14 to 17 years |

Classes

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Antiques | 6. Paintings/Drawings |
| 2. Canned Food | 7. Photography |
| 3. Collection | 8. Quilts |
| 4. Handcraft | 9. Open |
| 5. Needlework | |



CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITS EXHIBITOR'S LOG SHEET

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Check One: Adult Entries: _____ Professional * _____ Senior ** _____ Adult
 Youth Entries: _____ Pre-Jr. - 7 yr. _____ 8-13 yr. _____ 14-17 yr.

| Division | Class # | Description of Item | Tag # |
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Picked Up By: _____
 Signature
 Print Name

* Professional - Generates \$200.00+ per year - 47 -
 ** Senior - Senior Citizens Center or Nursing Facility Resident