

2024 Creative Arts Handbook And Dates to Remember

Arkansas State Fair
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Please print or read complete rules, entry details, premiums, schedule, and procedures. Events are subject to change without notice. Arkansas State Fair Staff reserves the right to change or alter any rules as needed.

Eligibility

All Arkansas residents are welcome to participate as individuals. **You do not have to win or attend your County or District fair to enter your exhibits in the Arkansas State Fair.**

Group projects are not allowed in single classes. There will be **special** classes for 4H booths (must be pre-entered by contacting the Arts and Crafts Director prior to the fair due to limited space). Exhibitors must be Amateurs and not sell their exhibits for income only. Hobby exhibitors are allowed but must not receive more than 25% as their sole income.

Staff and Volunteers

Please be aware that most of the people signing in your exhibits are Volunteers instructed and trained by the Arts and Crafts Director.

Please be kind and polite, as they try to help you in the fastest and best way possible. We reward our volunteers in many special ways, such as meals, Fair admission, parking, and other gifts. If you would like to be part of the fun, Please contact the Arts and Crafts Director, *Gina Clement*, and sign up as a volunteer. We also encourage 4H/FFA students to help.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2024

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME
July 1	Monday	Online Entry Starts	8:00 am
September 22	Sunday	Online Entry Stops	12:01 pm
September 26	Thursday	Walk Ins Entries & Bring Online Entries	10:00 am to 6:00pm
September 27	Friday	Bring Online Entries	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
September 28	Saturday	Bring Online Entries	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
September 26-28	Tues-Wed	Volunteer Workdays	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
October 3-8	Thurs-Tues	Volunteer Workdays	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
October 24	Thursday	Pick up Exhibits	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
October 25	Friday	Pick Up Exhibits	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
October 26	Saturday	Pick Up Exhibits	10:00 am to 3:00 pm

ENTER NOW!

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED ONLINE. UNLESS YOU ARE UNABLE TO GET ONLINE, I WILL TAKE THEM THURSDAY 26TH
ALL NONPERISHABLE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN IN ONLY ON ENTRY DAYS.

If your fair is held after the deadline, you must enter online what you plan to bring to the fair before deadline. When you enter, please be sure that your County is entered in the correct place and spelled correctly. Entries will be printed and sorted by each County entered on-line. If you bring your entry yourself, your tags may be filed with your County. Please be aware some Divisions and Classes have changed and are not the same for all ages.

The Arkansas State Fair does not accept any exhibits by mail, except for Creative Writing. All entries must be brought to the Arkansas Farm Bureau Arts and Crafts Building at the Arkansas State Fair on days of entry only.

Please make sure your exhibit is in the correct Division, Class, age group, and County or it will result in being disqualified.

Exhibits will be taken in and given out by the guidance of the Arkansas State Fair Staff Director or Volunteers.

NO TAGS WILL BE CHANGED OR ADDED
WE WILL ONLY TAKE WHAT YOU ENTERED ONLINE PLEASE REVIEW YOUR ENTRY BEFORE SENDING

Age Groups

Divisions	Type	Age
100's	Adults	19 years and older
200's	Senior Youth	14 to 18 years
300's	Junior Youth	9 to 13 years
400's	Youth	5 to 8 years
500's	Disabilities	All ages

If your name is long, you should use your initials or a shorter version.

We will provide supplies for tagging, prep space, and help if needed.

Please verify the first number of the Division you are entering is your correct age group, if incorrect you will be disqualified.

LIMITED AMOUNT OF ENTRIES

ART DIVISIONS

Painting limited to 5.

Drawing limited to 5.

Canvas limited to 5.

NEW: PHOTOS LIMITED TO 10

other Divisions are limited to a total of

20 exhibits per exhibitor, 1 per class.

This does not include Special Contest

**ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE CLEAN AND NOT SMELL
OR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**

TAGS

When entering be sure to print 2 (two) confirmation sheets and bring both with you on the day of entry. We will have your tags ready to pick up the day you bring your entry.

Place a tag on the left-hand side of your exhibit.

Food preservation string should be put under the ring.

If your name isn't printed entirely on your tag please write in the missing letters, the online system has a limited amount of space.

If an exhibitor or group has more than 20 items, please ask for specialty strings. We will give you special-colored strings to place on your items. It will be easy to identify all your

colored strings when items are sorted for pick up.

NO Tags will be mailed, if you would like to print your own tags you may do so by attaching them with white string only.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR NAME ON ALL EXHIBITS

USE SAFETY PENS TO SECURE NAME ON CLOTH

OR WRITE ON THE BACK OR BOTTOM OF YOUR EXHIBIT.

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Premiums, Prizes and Ribbons

Adult Divisions will be awarded 1st to 3rd place ribbons.
Youth Divisions are awarded 1st to 5th place ribbons.
Each Division will be awarded Best of Show if deemed by the Judges, except for Special Awards and Special Contest

Premiums

Age	1st	2nd	3rd	Best of Show
Adults	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$6.00

Age	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Best of Show
Youth	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	Ribbon	Ribbon	\$6.00

Judging

The Arkansas State Fair Judges are selected from a Qualified Judges list in their expert field. We do everything possible to make sure that no Judge has any knowledge or any contact with the exhibitor, their family, or friends. Items are grouped by Division and Class and compared by an accepted standard of perfection and ranked accordingly. In some cases, due to the number of entries in a class, not all will be awarded a placing.

The decision of the Judge is final.

We reward potential places with a premium scale.

Non-perishables in standard classes will be privately judged and arranged on display (as space permits).

**Please do not call and ask for your placement during Fair hours.
Placing will be on the Arkansasstatefair.com website near the end of the fair.
However, you can come visit the fair and see your place.
If you have trouble finding your placement, see me. Gina**

Viewing of Exhibits, Removal or Problems

All entries will be displayed unless they are disqualified.

All entries can only be viewed on opening day of the Fair.

All exhibits must remain on display throughout the open days of the Fair. Items and prizes must be picked up at the same place as dropped off at the Arkansas State Fair Arts and Crafts Building

SPECIAL PICK UP DATES MUST BE ARRANGED BY THE ARTS AND CRAFTS DIRECTOR GINA CLEMENT. HOWEVER, ALL ARTICLES REMAINING AFTER NOVEMBER 15TH BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE ARKANSAS STATE FAIR. ANY PROBLEMS WITH MONETARY AWARDS, PLACING, RIBBONS ETC. MUST BE REPORTED BY NOVEMBER 15TH BY EMAIL TO

Artscrafts@asfg.net

Conditions, Interpretation and Conduct

Entry to the competition constitutes exhibitor/guardian permission to release basic information and or photos for publicity purposes. Exhibitors assume all tax liability on monetary awards. We make every effort to protect and care for property in our possession and on display but will not be held responsible for accidental loss or damage to your articles.

Participants and its Visitors are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner.

There will be no running, playing, yelling, horseplay, arguing, stealing, or any improper conduct in or around the Farm Bureau Arts and Crafts Building

Those deemed in violation of these rules or inappropriate behavior will forfeit all privileges of entering exhibits, prizes, monetary awards and subject to not returning/visiting and be subject to such penalty as management may order at the Arkansas State Fair.

Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Arkansas State Fair and its staff and buildings, and the right to amend rules at any time as its judgment may determine.

Professionals are not allowed to compete in any Division or Class, We consider a Professional as anyone that earns, 25% of their income by selling their products. Hobby exhibitors and Arkansas Made Exhibitors are allowed to enter if they meet these guidelines as not being a Professional.

NEW THIS YEAR

- 1. AMATEUR WINE Division 186**
- 2. Youth Art does not need to be framed unless its charcoal or bleeds on other items**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Arkansas Farm Bureau will award.

\$50.00

To the Overall

Best of Show in Canning

QUILTS

The Avie Tester Memorial Award

Joan Warrens Mother loved to make quilts and has made hundreds over the years. Mrs. Tester died in 2022 and Joan would like to award the overall best in show.

\$100.00

to honor her mother's memory for her love of making Quilts.

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Fair Queen 2023 Mrs. Tammy Pope will award Senior, Junior, Youth and Disability

\$25.00

To each of the Overall Best in Show Craft

CREATIVE STITCHERY

Mounted Pieces must be no larger than a 24 x 48 and must be on wire for hanging.

PHOTOGRAPHY

LIMIT 1 PER CLASS AND NO MORE THAN 10

Photos must be original work of the Exhibitor, taken since our last fair and not previously shown at the Arkansas State Fair.

Photographs must be 8 x 10 matted within an 11 x 14 mat.

Must have a stiff backing no thicker than mat board.

No identifying permitted on the front of the mat or photo.

Name must be on the back of the photo.

NO FRAMES OR GLASS AND NO FOAM BOARD

ART

LIMIT 1 PER CLASS AND NO MORE THAN 5

Judging will be based on workmanship, creativity, appearance, and difficulty of the Artwork. All Pastel and Charcoal Artwork must be in a frame with glass so that the Pastels and Charcoal will not bleed on any other item, if not the entry will be disqualified.

Must not be larger than a 24 x 48.

Any Art that bleeds on other materials will be disqualified.

It must be under glass.

CRAFTS

No Puzzles or Lego's are allowed! Please make sure all pieces are attached to your exhibit and will not fall off if moved.

Arkansas State Fair will not be responsible for any damage.

CREATIVE WRITING

Judging will be based on creativity and difficulty.

Must be typed on 8 x 10 white plain paper and nothing attached or will be disqualified. Please place Name on back of your entry.

Poetry limit of 24 lines,

Short Story must use up to 1000 words

No Frames or Mats

Creative Writing can be mailed into the Fair if you have no other entries to bring. **After entering online attach a copy of your confirmation sheet with your writing**

IF NOT ATTACHED IT WILL NOT BE JUDGED.

Creative Writing will not be returned so make sure to keep a copy. **Only**

Creative Writing CAN BE MAILED IN

Ribbons will not be attached to Creative Writing; your placing will be written in the top right corner after judged.

If you pick up your check on pick up days, you will receive your winnings, Ribbon and check if applicable, if not picked up your check will be mailed.

Ribbons will not be mailed.

MAIL TO THE ATTENTION OF:

ARTS AND CRAFT DIRECTOR, GINA CLEMENT

ARKANSAS STATE FAIR

2600 HOWARD STREET

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72206

FOOD PRESERVATION

JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON THE LATEST USDA RECOMMENDATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE. JARS MUST BE CLEAR WITH MINIMAL DECORATION AND LESS THAN 50% OBSCURED BY EMBOSsing.

ANY SIZE JAR IS ALLOWED FOR JELLIES AND JAMS,

OTHER DIVISIONS MUST BE QUARTS OR PINTS.

HONEY CAN BE IN ANY OFFICIAL HONEY JARS, QUARTS OR PINTS

Please initial the top of your lids

PLEASE REMOVE ALL COUNTY AND DISTRICT FAIR NAME LABELS OR OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS PRIOR TO CHECK IN. FOOD PRESERVATION LABELS CAN BE LEFT ON THE LIDS.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL JARS ARE SEALED AND NOT LEAKING OR THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME CLASSES HAVE CHANGED WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF OUR FOOD PRESERVATION JUDGES.

HELPFUL TIPS

It's helpful if you bring each exhibitor's entries in an individual box, tote or bag labeled with their name. This will allow things to get mixed up and the entry process will go much faster. Make sure you take all your containers with you when you leave.

If you have large items, we have a large overhead door in the back of the Arts and Crafts Building, please come in the front door

and you will be instructed where to load/unload.

You may pull to the front glass door parking spaces to unload your exhibits.

Please do not block the glass entry doors.

We have carts that can be used if needed, please let our staff at the entry table know.

The day of Entry please come in Gate 5, (the front office gate)

Arkansas Farm Bureau Arts and Crafts Department

Stay left up the hill when coming through front office gate!

Any Exhibit larger than a 4 x 4 or weighing more than 50lbs must be approved by the Arts and Crafts Director. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email. I want everyone to understand the process to enter The Arkansas State Fair. We have a wonderful time and would love to have you enter your exhibit.

Don't forget to look at the Special Contest Handbook these are live cooking events where your dish is cooked at home and judged live by Qualified judges while you watch and if you place a monetary prize will be award.