

2022 Creative Arts Handbook And Dates to Remember

Arkansas State Fair
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Please print and read complete rules, entry details, premiums, schedule, and procedures. Events are subject to change without notice. Arkansas State Fair Complex 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 in State 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 a 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 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 help.

Entries

ENTER NOW!

ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE ENTERED ONLINE

If your fair is held after Sept 28, 2022 you must enter on-line what you plan to bring to the fair before Sept 28, 2022. There will be no late entries or on-site entries. 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 and Wine. 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 only be taken on Entry Dates

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

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



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

THE FOLLOWING ARE FOR 100s WHICH IS ADULT DIVISION
DIVISIONS

EXAMPLES ARE PREFIX 1 (ADULT)

NEEDLEWORK	101-121
CRAFTS	125-146
ART	155-166
WRITING	167-168
FOOD PRESERVATION	173-185
BAKING	190-198
DISABILITIES	500's
SPECIAL CONTEST	900's

2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME
July 1	Friday	Online Entry Starts	8:00 am
September 28	Wednesday	Online Entry Stops	8:00 pm
October 1	Saturday	Entry Day	10:00 am to 7:00 pm
October 2	Sunday	Entry Day	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
October 3	Monday	Entry Day	10:00 am to 7:00 pm

October 4	Tuesday	Entry Day	10:00 am to 7:00 pm
October 14	Friday	Viewing Opens	11:00 am to 10 pm
October 14, 15, 16	Friday to Sunday	Arkansas Made Open	11:00 am to 10 pm
October 17, 18, 19, 20		Arkansas Made Open	11:00 am to 8 pm
October 21,22	Friday to Saturday	Arkansas Made Open	11:00 am to 10 pm
October 23	Sunday	Arkansas Made Open	11:00 am to 5 pm
October 28	Friday	Pick up Exhibits	10:00 am to 7:00 pm
October 29	Saturday	Pick up Exhibits	10:00 am to 5:00 pm



LIMITED AMOUNT OF ENTRIES

ART DIVISIONS

Painting limited to 5

Drawing limited to 5

Canvas limited to 5

Photos limited to 5

No more than a total of 10 Art pieces per exhibitor 1 per class

No duplicates of the same Art

NEW THIS YEAR All other Divisions are
limited

to a total of **20** exhibits per exhibitor, 1 per class. This does

not include Special Contest

Tags



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

Food preservation string should be put under the ring.
You will be required to attach ASF tags to your exhibits.

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

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.

Individual Tags will not be mailed, Groups, Schools etc. can contact

Arts and Crafts Director *Gina Clement*

to arrange mailing or pick up of your tags prior to Entry Days.

NEW THIS YEAR 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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**WE DEAL WITH HUNDREDS OF ITEMS
AND THIS WILL HELP IF YOUR TAGS FALL OFF**

LOST AND FOUND

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).



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.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Conditions, Interpretation and Conduct

Entry to competition constitutes exhibitor/guardian permission to release basic information and or photos for publicity purposes.

Exhibitor assumes 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.



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

SPECIAL AWARDS



Arkansas Farm Bureau will award
\$25.00
To the Adult Overall
Best of Show in Canning and Honey

Arkansas State Fair will award
\$25.00
To the Adult Overall
Best in Show Craft

New this Year

The Avie Tester Memorial Award
Joan Warrens Mother loved to make quilts and has made hundreds over the years. Mrs. Tester died this year, and we would like to honor her memory for her love of making Quilts

\$50.00
To the Adult Overall
Best of Show Quilt



CREATIVE STITCHERY

Mounted Pieces must be no larger than a 20 x 24
and must be on wire for hanging.

PHOTOGRAPHY

LIMIT 1 PER CLASS AND NO MORE THAN 5

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.

Any color mat is acceptable.

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 20 x 24

**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.**

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



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 winning 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 entries in an individual box, tote or bag labeled with their name. This will allow exhibits not 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 you need one.

Please make sure you are aware of pick-up dates before you leave your exhibits at the Arts and Crafts Department.

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

Arkansas Farm Bureau Arts and Crafts Department

**Stay left up the hill when coming through front office gate
Special Contest Handbook**

ALL EXHIBITORS SHOULD REFER TO THIS INFORMATION BEFORE ENTERING

ANY SPECIAL CONTEST COMPETITION, AND YOU MUST ENTER ONLINE. FOR COMPLETE RULES PLEASE PRINT THE ARTS AND CRAFTS HANDBOOK FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION SEE WWW.ARKANSASSTATEFAIR.COM.

SPECIAL CONTESTS ARE LIVE COMPETITIONS HELD IN THE ARTS & CRAFTS BUILDING THROUGHOUT THE FAIR DURING OPEN HOURS OF THE FAIR. ALL CONTEST ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THESE CONTEST ARE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, ENTRIES ARE PREPARED AT HOME, PRESENTED, AND PUBLICLY JUDGED. MANY SPONSORS SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO HOST, DEMONSTRATE, PROMOTE PRODUCTS, AND JUDGE THE CONTEST.

ARKANSAS STATE FAIR WILL PROVIDE ROSETTES, SPONSORS PROVIDE LARGER AMOUNTS OF PRIZE MONEY OR GIFTS.

If you are only entering in the Special Contest, you must come on one of the Entry Days to pick up a pass and parking pass or you can come in Monday thur Friday between 11:00am and 1:00pm and not be charged to pick up your pass at that time.

No passes will be mailed.

ALL DISHES MUST BE HOMEMADE WITH OTHER BOUGHT INGREDIENTS

You may exhibit in one or more of the contests included in this portion of the Handbook but only one dish per class. Some are restricted to certain age groups, and the awards vary. Each event has very specific requirements, check in dates, and other criteria as outlined in the description for each.

All taxes on prize money will be the responsibility of the winner.

Only one recipe is needed for the table only

**SPECIAL CONTESTS TO BE POSTED FOR ENTRY
ON JULY 1st**

SPECIAL CONTESTS – GENERAL RULE

All entries are required by the online method, no late entries will be allowed unless deemed by the Director. Your entry number will be placed on the set-up tables. You will find your entry number, division, and class and set up. **Please be sure to have only one recipe on the table only, we do not need a recipe for our files. We no longer have a recipe form.**

Contestants and recipes are subject to pictures and publicity by the Arkansas State Fair without compensation.

All taxes are the responsibility of the winner.

STANDARD CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION RULES APPLY, unless stated otherwise on individual contest description pages. Many sponsors have very specific requirements. Avoid complications, correction, or disqualification by reading and following directions. If you have questions, please contact me at 870-917-9252

Or email me Gina Clement @ Artscrafts@asfg.net

All exhibits are to be prepared at home and brought to the fairgrounds at specified times, except for Flora and Pumpkin Painting contest, see Dates to Remember.

When entering grounds please let security know you are in the cooking contest to allow you to park close to the Arts and Crafts Building. All non perishables are to be checked in prior to the opening of the State Fair. Food exhibitors may create a display (dish, place mat, silverware, etc.) no larger than 12 x 24 in. at the discretion of staff.

Exhibitors must bring their own serving utensils and accessories. Stoves and cook tops are available to warm up for final presentation or small prep due to travel or recipes with perishable items and can be prepared onsite.

PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR AREA OF THE KITCHEN THAT WAS USED.

Entry Tags should be attached and visible,
without exhibitor identification showing.

Exhibitors should stay for judging as ribbons

and other awards are presented. You will be called to stand by your dish as awards are presented. Photo opportunities may be requested of our sponsors. **Please make sure the sign in desk has all your information if you are a winner.**

Do not leave the area unless you designate someone to represent you, accept your award and clean your area

The judging area is restricted to authorized persons only. Exhibitors and their families must avoid contact with judges until after the contest. Sampling of food entries is limited to other exhibitors in the contest or by Fair workers of the contest.

Only Exhibitors are allowed in the ring before and after contest

All times are subject to change if a problem arises

DECISION OF JUDGE IS FINAL

Perishable foods and presentation materials will be released to exhibitors immediately following judging. Food, tableware, or other accessories remaining after the contest will be disposed of without further notice.

Arkansas State Fair is not responsible for exhibitor property left behind without prior arrangement of pick up.

PROFESSIONALS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ENTER ANY COOKING CONTEST.

ALL EXHIBITORS COMPETE TOGETHER

MONETARY AWARDS CAN BE PICKED UP OR WILL BE MAILED BY STATE FAIR OFFICE OR THE SPONSOR AFTER THE FAIR