CREATIVE ARTS / SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

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The 2016 Creative Arts Handbook is your ready reference guide to all of the State Fair of Texas' creative contests. We've added some great new competitions this year to accompany your favorites, so you'll have more opportunities than ever to flex your creative muscle. Along with the 950 plus categories of pre-Fair art and craft challenges, we offer approximately 200 cooking contests that take place every day of the Fair as well. Whether this is your first year or 25th year competing, make this your year to explore your wildly creative side.

There are two ways to enter:

IN PERSON:

- Deadline to mail your entry form and fee is Friday, July 22, 2016.
- An entry receipt will be mailed or emailed to you.
- Bring this receipt and your entry item to the Creative Arts Building on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, Aug. 12, 13, 14, from 9am to 5pm. If your receipt does not arrive in time to bring with you, bring entries in anyway.

BY MAIL:

- Deadline to mail in your entry form, fee, item and **return-mail postage*** is Friday, July 22, 2016.

After judging, all exhibitors will be notified of their entry's status via mail or email. Also, keep an eye on www.bigtex.com, where we'll post all the judging results. Entries that are awarded ribbons will be on display in the Creative Arts Building during the entire run of the Fair.

Please read the following pages for details on contest rules and guidelines. Note that only one entry per person per category is allowed.

The Creative Arts staff is delighted that you'll be sharing your creations in this year's contests. We can't wait to see y'all soon!

Best wishes,
Kathy Bennett

*** We ask that you include return-mail postage on items other than photographs to avoid C.O.D. charges.**

CREATIVE ARTS SHOWPLACE THEATRE

Performances Daily

"WORLD ON A STRING"

CUTCO'S CELEBRITY CHEF PROGRAM

DAILY DEMOS

11:00 am * 12:30 pm * 2:30 pm * 4:30 pm

HOME DEPOT'S STATE FAIR COMPETITION KITCHEN (CONTESTS DAILY)

2016 Cookbooks for sale, "featuring winning recipes" from contests held during 2015.

Big Tex® Cookie Cutters & Linens – for sale!!!

BUTTER SCULPTURE

By: Ken Robison

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS WEB PAGE

http://www.bigtex.com

Look for Creative Arts Competitions, complete listing of Contest Dates, Rules and Categories. Judging Results will be listed for all Departments and Contests.

FAIR TIME BUILDING HOURS

Friday and Saturday – 10 am to 10 pm

Sunday thru Thursday – 10 am to 9 pm

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS®

OUR MISSION

The State Fair of Texas celebrates all things Texan by promoting agriculture, education, and community involvement through quality entertainment in a family-friendly environment.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO

- **Education and agriculture as our foundation.**
- **Operating in a fiscally conscious manner.**
- **Providing excellent customer service.**
- **Investing in the Fair product, our Fair Park home, and our community.**
- **Responsible stewardship to ensure that the State Fair of Texas will thrive for future generations.**
- **Preserving the traditions of our historic institution.**
- **Constant innovation for future Fairs' success.**

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS®

The State Fair of Texas® is a unique company, in that it is a tax exempt, non-profit corporation that operates in a publicly owned park.

Fair Park is managed and operated by the Park and Recreation Department of the City of Dallas.

Our take-in dates, give-back dates and hours are often difficult to set because of the numerous events taking place in Fair Park during the months before the fair starts. Last minute schedule changes are not uncommon. We work hard to make participating in our department enjoyable for all.

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*** Title Change in 1988 from General Manager to President**

2016 RULES AND ENTRY GUIDELINES

We invite you to enter exhibits for competition and awards in any department or contest. Children and teenagers are invited to enter open classes or special sections, according to their age. Age designations for entries shall be consistent throughout all departments and contests and, unless otherwise stated, are as follows:

Children	**(up to 11 years of age)**
Junior	**(12 to 17 years of age)**
Adult	**(18+ years of age)**
Honorary	**(70+ years of age, or persons in rest homes or hospitals)**

Articles which have been displayed at any previous exhibition of the State Fair of Texas will not be accepted a second time.

All handmade articles for competition must be made by one individual, and entries cannot be accepted from two or more persons, nor from groups or organizations, unless otherwise specified! **(Exception: a Two-person quilt) and (a Group Quilt - 3 persons or more).**
Security is provided during building hours. Every precaution is taken to protect all articles, **but it is distinctly understood that in no case shall the State Fair of Texas®, its directors, officers or employees be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury of any character to any person, animal, vehicle, art work, exhibit or article, while participating in the Creative Arts / Special Events Department at the State Fair of Texas®.** Any insurance deemed necessary by an exhibitor must be provided by that exhibitor.
Employees of the Creative Arts / Special Events Department of the State Fair of Texas® may not exhibit in any department.
Any complaints or grievances not settled before the end of the fair should be sent in writing to the Director of Creative Arts / Special Events, State Fair of Texas®. Include all pertinent information. After a full review, the decision of the Director and staff shall be final.
The entry guidelines, as well as rules and instructions, are listed below. All entries and awards in this department shall be subject to the rules and instructions published in this handbook and should be read by each participant.
The first half of this book is dedicated to the items that are entered into the fair for display in our numerous showcases. These items must be entered pre-Fair in order to give time for judging and decorating.
The second half of this book is dedicated to the many contests, including cooking contests, which Creative Arts conducts during the Fair.

A. PRE-FAIR ENTRIES

1. Each person desiring to enter articles in the Creative Arts Department Competition ***must first register their "entry item's information" using the Entry Form (located in the back of this handbook and mailing to us by Friday, July 22, 2016 - which is the closing date for registration.) This form may be duplicated*** and must be used to register in all departments that you are entering except Food Contests held during the Fair. **(See # 9 below)**.

2. Each entry item's information must be typed or printed on the Entry Form (12 items per page) and must include the following:

- Name of exhibitor
- Complete mailing & email address
- **Daytime telephone number**
- Department letter (A, B, C, etc.)
- Class number & (description of class used in handbook)
- Entry fee applicable to the article (fees vary)
- Payment for all entry fees.

3. Entry fees vary and are listed under each department or contest. Entry fees must accompany all registrations. Checks or money orders should be made out to State Fair of Texas. All returned or insufficient funds checks will be subject to a $40.00 fee. Entry fees will not be refunded or transferred.

4. There is no entry fee charge for senior citizens, age 70+, or those in hospitals or nursing homes, who then become **Honorary** entrants.

5. Entry items may be transferred to another class prior to judging if the Director and Department Manager decide it would fit better in another category. However, exhibitors **are** responsible for their own entry errors and those of their agents filling out entry blanks.

6. Only **one** entry is allowed in a class number.

7. Entry items not classified in the handbook will not be accepted for competition.

8. Confirmation receipts for all registrations will be sent via email or by US Post Office mail. If you do not receive your receipt in time for take-in, please bring your items anyway. We will have you in our system.

9. To register for food contests held during the Fair, use the **"food contest entry form"** which is located in the handbook on back of the contest information. **Only the food contests that are cooked in the building require advance registration to reserve an oven.** Participants will be chosen by lottery drawing. See each cook off contest for rules.

B. DELIVERY of ENTRIES - (ENTRY ITEMS CAN BE DELIVERED IN PERSON or "MAILED IN" – see description below:)

1. **Entry items DELIVERED IN PERSON should be brought, along with your registration confirmation receipt which we email or mail to you after we receive your entry form, to the Creative Arts Building on August 12, 13 or 14, 2016, from 9 am to 5 pm. Please bring items in even if your receipt does not reach you in time.**

- **Entry items that are DELIVERED IN PERSON must be picked up in person,** unless you have requested in writing that the entry item be returned by mail and have provided packaging and prepaid postage.

2. **Entry items "MAILED IN" must ACCOMPANY entry form and entry fees and must be received by Friday, July 22, 2016.** Packages should be sent prepaid to our address on page 1.

- **Entry items that are MAILED IN will be returned at the close of the fair and "PREPAID POSTAGE IS NOW REQUIRED". Please include with your entry form and entry fee adequate postage or a prepaid return mailing label to return mail the package**. Note: COD costs have become too expensive for all concerned. No money orders, checks or cash will be accepted from exhibitors for return of packages. It usually requires three + weeks to prepare shipments after the fair closes.
- **Exception: Mailed-in Photographs do not require a prepaid return mailing label because the return postage fee is included in the entry fee.**

C. JUDGING

1. **Judging will begin after August 14th, which is the last day pre-fair "delivered in person" entries are accepted.**
2. **Only winning entries will be exhibited during the Fair and they must remain on display for the entire period of the Fair.**
3. **An entry will be judged on its individual merit and will place as the judges deem fitting. It is possible that a ribbon will not be awarded.**
4. **After judging, exhibitors will be notified by mail, as to the status of their entry. Non-winning items MUST be picked up as follows:**

"PRE FAIR - NON-WINNING" ENTRY ITEM PICK UP:

Wednesday,	**September 07**	**(Noon to 5 pm)**
Thursday,	**September 08**	**(9 am to 5 pm)**
Friday,	**September 09**	**(9 am to 5 pm)**

Note: Entries items not picked up will be stored in the attic until after the Fair, but MUST BE picked up by Friday, October 28th, 2016, or a LATE FEE OF $10 WILL BE CHARGED.

POST FAIR PICK UP "PLEASE NOTE NEW HOURS"

Wednesday,	**October 26**	**Noon – 5pm**
Thursday,	**October 27**	**9am – 5pm**
Friday,	**October 28**	**9am – 7pm**

Note: All entries items ""*MUST*"" be picked up at this time, or a $10 LATE FEE will incur. If items are NOT picked up, they may be disposed of or donated to a local charity.

BEST COMPETITOR AWARD

For Cooking Contests during Fair Time

1st place - $100 2nd Place - $50 3rd Place - $25

Awarded to contestants with the most purple, blue, red and white ribbons won in **cooking contests during the Fair**. Points are calculated as follows:

Best of Show Purple Ribbon	**- 4 points**
Blue Ribbon	**- 3 points**
Red Ribbon	**- 2 points**
White Ribbon	**- 1 point**

Best Competitor Award Ribbons will be awarded following the last contest on Sunday, October 23, 2016.

Note: 2015 First Place winner will not be eligible to compete for this award in 2016

THE DIRECTOR'S AWARD

The Director of Creative Arts / Special Events **will select one entry that best represents** the current year's theme of the State Fair of Texas®. A special ribbon will be awarded.

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GATE 1
CHEVROLET MAINSTAGE
GATE 2
GATE 3
PARKING
WASHINGTON ST
HASKELL
ESPLANADE
AUTO SHOW
LONE STAR BLVD
HALL OF STATE
HIMITZ CIR
KEATING
FRONT GATE DART
1ST AVE
PARRY AVE
GATE 4
TRUCK ZONE
MAGNOLIA BEER GARDEN
GRAND AVE
GATE 5
2ND AVE
ROBERT B. CULLUM BLVD.
TO WILL CALL
REGISTER AND PICK-UP ENTRIES BEFORE AND AFTER THE STATE FAIR AT THE CREATIVE ARTS BUILDING.

THE 2016 CHILI, BBQ, AND DUTCH OVEN CONTESTS WILL BE HELD IN THE GATE 5/6 PARKING LOT.

DEFINITIONS

AMATEUR: A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession.

CLASS: A group of like exhibits that are judged together, a sub-category of a department, same as lot.

CLASS NUMBER: The number assigned to each class or lot.

DEPARTMENT: A generalized category of exhibits or a group of classes / lots.

ENTRY: An eligible exhibit which is entered and judged.

EXHIBITOR: The owner of the exhibit as shown on the entry form.

EXHIBITOR NUMBER: A permanent number that is assigned each person entering the Creative Arts Department of the fair.

HANDBOOK: A book that contains rules and regulations regarding entry in the Creative Arts Department of the fair.

LOT: Same as a class.

RULE BOOK: Same as handbook.

PROFESSIONAL: A person who engages in an event or activity for monetary profit (& earns more than $2,000 per year), a person who teaches and / or instructs a particular craft or skill (i.e. sewing, needlework, baking, and so on). In Photography, a professional photographer uses photography to earn money; amateur photographers take photographs for pleasure and to record an event, emotion, place or person.

Any person who has edited, produced, printed and published a cookbook for individual gain will not be eligible to compete.

Creative Arts Department
State Fair of Texas®

Entry Information and Mailing List Policy

Each year we mail our HANDBOOK in May. Those who have entered the previous year will receive a handbook free of charge.

If you have not entered and would like to receive the book, send $5.00 to:

Creative Arts Mailing List
P. O. Box 150009
Dallas, TX 75315

Please send in your request as soon as possible. Use the form below.

The same information is available on our web page starting in June each year at http://www.bigtex.com

Clip out and mail this form with $5.00. Make payment to State Fair of Texas

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Please send the 2016 or the 2017 Handbook to the following:

Print Name:_____

Print Address:_____

Print City:_____ **State**_____ **Zip**_____

DEPARTMENT A
ART

FOUR (4) ENTRIES ONLY

ENTRY FEES:
ADULT SECTION -- $5.00 per entry
JUNIOR SECTION -- $4.00 per entry
CHILDREN'S SECTION-- $2.00 per entry

- Please read **# A "PRE-FAIR ENTRIES"** in the front of this handbook on **page 9** to find out how the entry form should be completed.
- Please read **# B "DELIVERY/TAKE-IN OF ENTRY ITEMS"** in front of this handbook on **page 10** for submission dates.
- The Art Department is open to amateurs only and all art must have been completed within the year prior to entry.
- **Works from teachers and professional artists are acceptable if they do not earn $2,000 of their income per year from the sale of their art.**
- No picture larger than 3' x 3' (including frame) will be accepted.
- **MAXIMUM WEIGHT 25 LBS., WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF OVER.**
- **Breakable glass on pictures is not allowed!! (You may use Plexi-glass, non-breakable glass or plastic!)**
- Entries must be sturdily framed and equipped with **proper hangers, screws and wire**. If in the judgment of the Director of Creative Arts this is not properly done, **the art piece will not be considered for judging**.
- Works which have been exhibited in the State Fair of Texas Art Department will not be accepted a second time.
- The State Fair of Texas is not responsible for damaged, broken and/or missing items.
- ***Edible substances will not be accepted on items entered.***

ADULT SECTION

Contestants are permitted to enter **FOUR (4)** classes only, and only one entry per class.

BEST OF SHOW AWARDED			
Awards Offered in Each Class			
1ST	2ND	3RD	HMs

ADULT - OIL / ACRYLIC/ PASTEL

A100. Still Life,i.e. food & vegs,flower(s)
A101. Landscape with or without people; fowl or animals; summer or winter scene
A102. Animal / Bird
A103. Portrait
A104. Fantasy
A105. Abstract
A106. Seascape
A107. Town or Cityscape
A108. Building / Architecture
A109. Nostalgia
A110. State Fair Theme-Current Yr
A111. Any Subject

ADULT- WATER COLOR

Class

A112. Any Subject

ADULT- INK

A113. Any Subject

ADULT- CHARCOAL OR PENCIL

A114. Landscape with or without /people, fowl or animals
A115. Animal
A116. Portrait
A117. Still life,i.e. food & vegetables
A118. Any subject

ADULT-MIXED MEDIA

A119. Two mediums combined to complete art work (Example: charcoal-pencil, or ink-acrylic)

ADULT-PRINTMAKING

A120. Printmaking

JUNIOR SECTION

(Twelve Years through Seventeen Years)

Contestants are permitted to enter FOUR (4) classes only, and only one entry per class.

The age of each exhibitor should be written on entry form sheet. Juniors may enter the Adult Art Section but will be in competition with Adults. Juniors will not be able to enter both Junior & Adult Divisions in Art.

BEST OF SHOW AWARDED			
Awards Offered in Each Class			
1ST	2ND	3RD	HMs

JUNIOR - OIL / ACRYLIC / PASTEL

Class

A121. Animal/bird
A122. Still Life, i.e. food & vegs, flower (s)
A123. Landscape
A124. Portrait
A125. Seascape
A126. Any Subject

JUNIOR - WATERCOLOR

A127. Any Subject

JUNIOR- INK

A128. Any Subject

JUNIOR- CHARCOAL OR PENCIL

A129. Animal/bird
A130. Landscape/Seascape
A131. Portrait
A132. Still life,i.e.food & vegetables flower or flowers
A133. Any subject

JUNIOR- MIXED MEDIA

A134. Two mediums combined to complete art work. (Example: charcoal-pencil, ink-acrylic)

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Any Media - Any Subject

Age 6 Years – 11 Years Only

ENTRY FEE $2.00

Each exhibitor is permitted **only one entry** in this section. Choose **one** from the following media – oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, ink, charcoal, pencil, finger painting, crayola. Artwork must have been completed within the last year. Entries must be sturdily framed and equipped with **proper hangers, screws and wire**. If in the judgment of the Director of Creative Arts this is not properly done, the art piece will not be considered for judging. No picture over 3' x 3' (including frame) will be accepted. **Contestant, by entering, understands and accepts without recourse of any kind that damage may occur.**

BEST OF SHOW AWARDED – FROM ALL 1ST PLACE RIBBONS CHILDREN'S SECTION			
Awards Offered in Age Group			
1ST	2ND	3RD	HMs

Class

A135. Any Subject – any media Age: 6 years
A136. Animals – any media Age: 6 years
A137. State Fair Theme- any media Age: 6 years
A138. Any Subject – any media Age: 7 years
A139. Animals – any media Age: 7 years
A140. State Fair Theme- any media Age: 7 years
A141. Any Subject – any media Age: 8 years
A142. Animals – any media Age: 8 years
A143. State Fair Theme- any media Age: 8 years
A144. Any Subject – any media Age: 9 years
A145. Animals – any media Age: 9 years
A146. State Fair Theme- any media Age: 9 years
A147. Any Subject – any media Age: 10 years
A148. Animals – any media Age: 10 years
A149. State Fair Theme- any media Age: 10 years
A150 Any Subject – any media Age: 11 years
A151. Animals – any media Age: 11 years
A152. State Fair Theme – any media Age: 11 years