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# 2017
# COMPETITION HANDBOOK

## STATE FAIR OF TEXAS
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**Dallas, Texas**

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# CREATIVE ARTS / SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

## Kathy Bennett, Director

We're "**Celebrating Texans**" at the 2017 State Fair, which of course includes you! So it's time to show us what you've got!

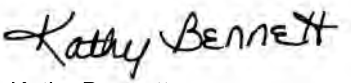
This Creative Arts Handbook is your ready reference guide to all of the State Fair of Texas' creative contests. The first half of this book is dedicated to Pre-Fair contests and the last half details our Fair-time contests, including cooking competitions, happening during the 24 days of the Fair. An entry form, comprehensive contest calendar and Fair map may be found in the handbook.

With more than 1000 categories of pre-Fair Creative Arts contests and approximately 200 cooking competitions taking place daily during the Fair, you have ample opportunities to showcase your uniquely Texan talents. In a state filled with the most innovative and original people our nation has to offer, the competition may be stiff, but we look forward to being awed and inspired by your efforts.

We are very excited to offer **online entry registration for the first time**! Please visit our website at www.bigtex.com.

With more than 27 million people in 254 counties in Texas, we've got a lot of celebrating to do! We're excited that you'll be sharing your creativity with us, and we can't wait to celebrate with you soon!

Best wishes,



Kathy Bennett
Director

## CREATIVE ARTS SHOWPLACE THEATRE

**Performances Daily:**

**BACKYARD CIRCUS**

**WORLD OF MAGIC SHOW**

## 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)

**2017 Cookbooks for sale, "Featuring Winning Recipes" from Contests held during 2016.**
**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**

# 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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**PO BOX 150009**
**Dallas, TX 75315**

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| 1886 | James B. Simpson |
| 1887 | James Moroney |
| 1888 | John S. Armstrong |
| 1889 | Henry Exall |
| 1890 | John S. Armstrong |
| 1891 | W. C. Connor |
| 1892 | Jules Schneider |
| 1893 | John N. Simpson |
| 1894 | Alex Sanger |
| 1895 –1896 | John T. Trezevant |
| 1897 | Lawrence Knepfly |
| 1898 –1903 | W. H. “Billy” Gaston |
| 1904 –1905 | C. A. Keating |
| 1906 –1907 | James Moroney |
| 1908 –1911 | Edwin J. Kiest |
| 1912 –1913 | James J. Eckford |
| 1914 –1915 | William I. Yopp |
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| 1919 | John N. Simpson |
| 1920 –1921 | Edwin J. Kiest |
| 1922 –1924 | Harry Olmstead |
| 1925 –1926 | A. A. Jackson |
| 1927 | Louis Lipsitz |
| 1927 –1928 | Harry Olmsted |
| 1929 –1931 | T. E. Jackson |
| 1932 –1933 | Otto Herold |
| 1934 | Rosser J. Coke |
| 1935 –1938 | Otto Herold |
| 1939 –1944 | Harry L. Seay |
| 1945 –1963 | Robert L. Thornton |
| 1964 –1965 | C. A. Tatum |
| 1966 –1978 | Robert “Bob” Cullum |
| 1979 –1982 | Alfred I. Davies |
| 1983 –1987 | Joe M. Dealey |
| 1988 –1993 | David G. Fox |
| 1993 –1995 | Joe Boyd Neuhoff |
| 1995 –1998 | John P. Thompson |
| 1999 – 2002 | Pete Schenkel |
| 2003 –2006 | George Shafer |
| 2007 –2010 | Ruben Esquivel |
| 2011 –2014 | Alan Walne |
| 2015 –Present | Richard Knight, Jr. |

**GENERAL MANAGERS/PRESIDENTS**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1946 – 1949 | W. H. Hiltzelberger |
| 1950 – 1965 | James H. Stewart |
| 1966 – 1972 | Joseph B. Rucker,Jr |
| 1973 – 1988 | Wayne H. Gallagher |
| 1988 – 2014 | Errol McKoy * |
| 2014 – Present | Mitchell Glieber * |

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

## 2017 RULES AND ENTRY GUIDELINES

We invite all **amateurs** to enter items for competition and awards in any department or contest listed in this Handbook. We invite **Teachers and Professionals** to enter Photography only in the appropriate categories. Children and juniors are invited to enter designated classes according to their age, as listed below.

| | |
|---|---|
| Children | 6 - 11 years of age |
| Junior | 12 – 17 years of age |
| Adult | 18+ years of age |
| Seniors | 70+ years of age |

- **PRE-FAIR CONTESTS**
  Arts, crafts and canning competitions are listed in the first half of the Handbook. These are entered early to be judged, with winning items used to decorate our showcases.
  - Previous ribbon winning items displayed at the State Fair of Texas cannot be entered a second time.
  - All handmade articles must be made by one individual, with the exception of: **a 2 person quilt or a group quilt.**

- **FAIR-TIME CONTESTS**
  Contests are listed in the second half of the Handbook, which includes cooking contests conducted during the Fair.
  - Bring your prepared item(s) ready for judging on the morning of the contest to the Home Depot® Contest Kitchen, located inside the Creative Arts Building.
  - Contestants may register the morning of the contest with an absolute deadline of 10:30am.
  - Doors open by 9am every day except Opening Day, 9-29-17, which opens at 10am.
  - **5 Cook-Offs** include 16 contestants only and require advance registration to participate. Participants are chosen by lotto drawing. See each cook-off contest page for rules.

- **SECURITY**
  Security is provided during building hours. Every precaution is taken to protect all articles.
  - Any insurance deemed necessary by an exhibitor must be provided by that individual.
  - 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 Department at the State Fair of Texas®.

## PRE-FAIR REGISTRATION AND TAKE-IN OF ITEMS

We now offer ON-LINE registration, which can be found on our website: www.bigtex.com. Deadline for pre-fair registration, along with payment, is Friday, July 21, 2017.

**There are two different ways to register your item(s).**

- **ON-LINE REGISTRATION** – complete entry form & submit payment.
  - Items can then be mailed in and received by July 21, 2017. Include entry receipt.
  - OR bring your items in to Creative Arts on August 11, 12, 13, 2017.

- **MAIL-IN REGISTRATION** – use entry form located at the back of this handbook or you can use the entry form located on our website.
  - Include entry form and entry fees.

**There are two different ways to submit your actual item(s) to Creative Arts.**

- **MAIL ITEM(S)** – July 21, 2017 deadline for items mailed in.
  - Include a copy of your registration form and return postage either in the form of prepaid postage, stamps, check or money order. Your item will then be returned by mail at the conclusion of the fair.
    - **NOTE:** If mailing by post office, you must use our P.O. Box, listed on the entry form.
    - **NOTE:** If mailing by FEDEX or UPS, you must use our physical address, listed on the entry form.
- **HAND DELIVER ITEMS – August 11, 12, 13, 2017, 9am to 5pm.**
  - Bring entry item(s), along with your registration receipt to the Creative Arts building on the dates specified above.
  - If you have not received your registration receipt, bring the items in anyway, as we will have you in our computer.

**Checks or money orders should be made out to State Fair of Texas. All returned or NSF checks will be subject to a $40.00 fee.**

**Senior Citizens (age 70+) pay a lesser fee of $2.00 per entry in any contest.**

**Please include a phone number and email address on registration form in case we need to call or email.**

- **JUDGING – PRE-FAIR**

  Judging will begin after August 13th, which is the final day that hand delivered items will be accepted.

  - Entries are judged on individual merit and will place as judges deem fitting.
  - Exhibitors will be notified by email or post office mail, as to the status of their entry.
  - Winning entries will be displayed in our building until the fair is over.
  - Non-winning entries can be picked up before the Fair begins on designated days. (See below)
  - Mailed in entries will be stored and returned after the Fair is over, which may take as long as 3 weeks.
  - We prefer not to return packages COD because costs are too high. We use your prepaid postage or stamps to return your items.
    - Exception: **Mailed in photos** do not require postage and will be returned at no extra charge.
    - **Hand delivered photos must** be picked up.

- **PICK UP SCHEDULE FOR ENTRIES**

  - **PRE-FAIR NON WINNING ENTRIES**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wednesday | September 6 | Noon - 5pm |
| Thursday | September 7 | 9 am - 5pm |
| Friday | September 8 | 9 am - 5pm |

Note: If you have winners and non-winners, you may prefer to pick up all after the Fair. We will store any non-winners for you.

  - **POST FAIR ALL REMAINING ENTRIES**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wednesday | October 25 | Noon - 5pm |
| Thursday | October 26 | 9 am - 5pm |
| Friday | October 27 | 9 am - 7pm |

Note: If items are not picked up at these designated times, you will need to make arrangement to pick up items on Monday, October 30. Anything remaining after that will incur a $10 late fee.

## BEST COMPETITOR AWARD

**This is awarded to the Fair-Time Competitors who accumulate the most points earned during Fair Time.**

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

Points are awarded for Fair-Time contests only and are calculated as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Best of Show Purple Ribbon | 4 points |
| 1st Place Blue Ribbon | 3 points |
| 2nd Place Red Ribbon | 2 points |
| 3rd Place White Ribbon | 1 point |

**Award Ceremony will be held following the final contest on Sunday, October 23, 2017.**

Note: The 2017 First Place-Best Competitor will not be eligible to compete for this award in 2018.

## DIRECTOR'S AWARD

**The Director of Creative Arts / Special Events will select one Pre-Fair entry representing the outstanding creativity of all 2017 exhibitors. A special ribbon will be awarded and displayed on the item during the Fair.**

# DEFINITIONS

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

**CLASS: A group of like exhibits (ENTRY ITEMS) 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 (ENTRY ITEMS) or a group of classes / lots.**

**ENTRY ITEM: An eligible exhibit which is entered and judged.**

**EXHIBITOR: The owner of the exhibit (ENTRY ITEM) 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 entered the previous year will receive a handbook free of charge.

If you did not enter and would like to receive the handbook, send $5.00 to:

**State Fair of Texas**
**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 mid-May each year at http://www.bigtex.com (Creative Arts Competitions),

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

**Please send the 2017 or 2018 Handbook to the following: (please specify the year needed).**

**Print Name:**_____

**Print Address:**_____

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

# DEPARTMENT I
# NEEDLEWORK AND SEWING

## ENTRY FEES

### ADULTS --- $5.00 per entry

**(Note: SENIORS – AGES 70+ --- $2.00 per entry)**

### JUNIORS --- $4.00 per entry

- Please read **"A" Pre-Fair Entries** on **page 9** for entry form completion.
- Please read **"B" Delivery/Take-In** on page 9 for submission dates.
- No glued items will be accepted in this department.
- All items entered must have been completed by the exhibitor within the last two (2) years.
- **No soiled articles will be accepted.**
- Framed doilies will not be accepted.
- No wall hanging item can exceed 36" x 36".
- All knit and crochet items must be blocked.
- An original item is one **TOTALLY** conceived and executed by the exhibitor. A kit is a commercially prepared package with pieces to be assembled.
- The State Fair of Texas is not responsible for any damaged, broken and/or missing items.
- **Knit & Crochet: Baby Blankets & Wall Hangings have moved to Dept J.**

| Awards Offered In Each Class | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1ST | 2ND | 3RD | HMs |

- **Contestants may enter all classes listed, one entry per class.**

## ADULTS

## CROCHET

- **Thread, Yarn, Ribbon, Work Cotton**

**Class**

I100. Poncho, shawl, stole
I101. Christening Dress
I102. Doilies up to 12"
I103. Doilies up to 18"
I104. Doilies up to 24"
I105. Runner
I106. Toddler dress/suit
I107. Stuffed animal or toy, pattern
I108. Stuffed animal or toy, original design
I109. Sweater
I110. Toddler sweater
I111. Hat
I112. Filet Crochet
I113. Purse / Tote
I114. Tablecloth
I115. Hat & Mittens
I116. Article with crochet trim
I117. Wearing apparel that does not fit another category
I118. Pillow- 24" x 24" (max) crocheted front & back
I119. Vest
I120. Infant sweater set (2 r+ pcs)
I121. Original design, any article
I122. Neck Scarf/Neck Scarf Infinity
I123. Baby dress / suit
I124. Recycled / reused
I125. Any article of crochet not mentioned above

## KNITTING

I126. Poncho, shawl, stole
I127. Coat, dress or suit
I128. Child's sweater
I129. Cardigan sweater
I130. Slipover sweater
I131. Original design, (any article)
I132. Baby dress / suit
I133. Stuffed animal or toy, original design
I134. Stuffed animal or toy, pattern
I135. Hat, cloche
I136. Neck Scarf, Neck Scarf / Infinity
I137. Toddler sweater
I138. Christening Dress
I139. Hat – no brim
I140. Socks / gloves
I141. Hand Bag or Tote
I142. Infant sweater (2 or more pieces)
I143. Vest
I144. Knitted Lace

## MISCELLANEOUS HANDWORK (NEEDLEWORK)

I145. Beadwork, statement necklace
I146. Beadwork, wearing apparel
I147. Beadwork, jewelry, other
I148. Beadwork, any article other than above
I149. Beadwork, framed (max 18"x18")
I150. Felt craft, using purchased felt
I151. Any article of tatting
I152. Hand knitted or crochet felting
I153. Any article of applique
I154. Pull thread
I155. Soft sculpture

## NEEDLE FELTING

I156. 3 Dimensional
I157. 2 Dimensional (flat)

## BOBBIN LACE

I158. Original design-pattern developed and worked by lacemaker
I159. Adapted design-pattern interpreted by lacemaker

## SMOCKING

I160. Child's dress, size 1 to 3
I161. Child's dress, size 4 to 7
I162. Child's dress, size 8 to 12
I163. Any article other than above

## HARDANGER

I164. Household item

## SEWING MACHINE ARTICLES

I165. Wedding dress
I166. Children's wearing apparel
I167. Infant's wearing apparel
I168. Christening dress
I169. Patchwork pillow- 18" x 18" max)
I170. Applique
I171. Apron
I172. Computerized applique
I173. Adult wearing apparel (1 or + pieces)
I174. Recycled / reused
I175. Patchwork, other than pillow or quilt
I176. Any other article (no wall hanging or quilt)
I177. Tablet cover
I178. Original digitized design
I179. Computerized embroidery
I180. Motion embroidery
I181. Wearable art-vests / jackets
I182. Hand bag
I183. Tote bag
I184. Baby blanket (34"x36" or 39" x 41")
I185. Stuffed toy or animal
I186. Laptop bag

## DOLL CLOTHES

- **Doll clothes MUST BE removable.**
- **(Clothes may be entered without dolls)**

I187. Doll Clothes - Crochet
I188. Doll Clothes - Knit
I189. Doll Clothes - Sewn

## JUNIORS

### (17 years of age and under)

I190. Applique, any article
I191. Beadwork, any article
I192. Crochet, hat
I193. Crochet, any article
I194. Knit hat
I195. Knitting, any article
I196. Patchwork, any article
I197. Pillow-12” x 12” max
I198. Felting, any article
I199. Back packs
I200. Recycled / reused
I201. Sewing Machine work, any article
I202. Stuffed animal
I203. Bobbin lace-original design
I204. Bobbin lace-adapted design
I205. Hand sewn, any article

# 2017 ENTRY FORM

**IF MAILING ENTRY FORM VIA US POST OFFICE– PLEASE USE OUR PO BOX ADDRESS. Will Not be delivered to our physical!**
**State Fair of Texas, ATTN: Creative Arts Dept., PO BOX 150009, Dallas, TX 75315**
**(IF MAILING VIA UPS & FEDEX – USE PHYSICAL ONLY!) (State Fair of Texas, ATTN: Creative Arts Dept., 1327 ADMIRAL NIMITZ CIR, FAIR PARK, DALLAS, TX 75210**

| TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION | |
|---|---|
| **Exhibitor Name:** | **IMPORTANT – Please answer:**<br>**Did you enter in '13, '14, '15 or '16 YES ____ NO ____** |
| **Address:** | **If yes, give your exhibitor number (from mailing label on book:)** |
| **City: State:**<br>**ZIP** | **Please note! **Social Security Number is (required only for Fair Time Cooking Contests)*****<br>**"Has address changed since last Fair?" Yes____ No____**<br>**"Please provide if changed".** |
| **Very Important-Daytime Tele #: ( )**<br>***JUNIORS & CHILDREN-PRINT AGE HERE: ( )*** | **Email Address: VERY IMPORTANT- NEED TO SEND RECEIPT.** |
| **Have you previously been covered by the press/media? If so, by whom and when?** | |

| | Class No. | DESCRIPTION-Use the Same Description Wording as "Class" in Handbook | Entry Fee |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | $ |
| 2 | | | $ |
| 3 | | | $ |
| 4 | | | $ |
| 5 | | | $ |
| 6 | | | $ |
| 7 | | | $ |
| 8 | | | $ |
| 9 | | | $ |
| 10 | | | $ |
| 11 | | | $ |
| 12 | | | $ |
| | | **TOTAL OF ENTRY FEES INCLUDED =** | $ |

**By signing this Entry Form & as a condition of entry in the State Fair of Texas contest, I certify that I have read, understand & will abide by the rules & regulations in the 2017 State Fair of Texas Creative Arts Handbook & as promulgated by State Fair's Creative Arts Dept. I acknowledge that all of the above-stated information & representations are true & correct. I understand that all recipes submitted hereunder will become the property of the State Fair of Texas & the State Fair of Texas reserves the right to edit, adapt, publish, publicize, assign &/or use any or all of such recipes or photographs or images, including my name, in its business, promotion & advertising, without any compensation to me. I acknowledge that the State Fair of Texas reserves the right to publish recipes, photograph entries or images of me taken during the contest events and use such recipes, photographs or images in its business, promotion & advertising without any compensation due to me. By signing below, I voluntarily agree to these terms.**

**Signature of Exhibitor _____ Date_____**

**Entry fees will not be refunded or transferred, but categories may be changed after entry form is delivered by Mail to above address. Form must be complete. Payment of entry fees must be included. Make payment to State Fair of Texas.** ***"""This form may be duplicated."""***