

<b>2017 RULES AND ENTRY GUIDELINES</b>
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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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$25**

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

Best of Show Purple Ribbon	4 points
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbon	3 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Red Ribbon	2 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 A  
ART  
DRAWINGS AND PAINTINGS  
ENTRY FEES**

**ADULTS --- \$5.00 per entry**  
 (Note: SENIORS – AGES 70+ ---\$2.00 per entry)  
**JUNIORS --- \$4.00 per entry**  
**CHILDREN --- \$3.00 per entry**

- **All drawings and / or paintings MUST BE FRAMED. Only exception: IS wrapped canvas.**
- **NO GLASS of any kind! – WE WILL ACCEPT: Plexiglas, clear plastic or no covering.**
- Nothing larger than 36" x 36" or 25 lbs.
- All entries **MUST** have a wire or saw tooth hanger.
- Please write artist's last name on back of artwork.
- **No** 3D or embellishments will be accepted (i.e. beads, ribbon, glitter, etc.).
- 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.
- Entries from amateurs only. Teachers or Professionals are acceptable if earnings from Art sales are under \$2,000.00.
- All artwork must be completed within the year prior to entry. No repeat entries accepted.
- The State Fair of Texas is not responsible for damaged, broken and/or missing items.

<b>BEST OF SHOW AWARDED</b>			
<b>ADULTS- JUNIORS- CHILDREN</b>			
<b>Awards Offered Each Class</b>			
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>HMs</b>

- **Contestants are permitted to enter five (5) classes - with only one entry per class.**

**ADULTS**

**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 / Abstract
- A105. Seascape
- A106. Town or Cityscape; Building/ Architecture
- A107. Nostalgia
- A108. Any Subject

## **ANY MEDIA**

A109. State Fair Theme—any Media, current year

## **WATER COLOR**

### **Class**

A110. Landscape / Seascape

A111. Animal / Bird

A112. Portraits

A113. Still Life, i.e. food, flowers

A114. Any subject

## **INK**

A115. Any Subject

## **CHARCOAL OR PENCIL / SCRATCH ART**

### **Class**

A116. Landscape with or without people,  
fowl or animals

A117. Animal

A118. Portrait

A119. Still Life, i.e. food &  
vegetables, flower(s)

A120. Any Subject

## **MIXED MEDIA**

### **Class**

A121. Two mediums combined to complete artwork (Example: charcoal- pencil;  
or ink-acrylic)

## **PRINTMAKING**

A122. Printmaking

## **COLLAGE**

A123. Collage

## **JUNIORS**

(Ages 13 through 18)

## **OIL / ACRYLIC / PASTEL**

### **Class**

A124. Animal / Bird

A125. Still Life, i.e. food & vegs, flower (s)

A126. Landscape / Seascape

A127. Portrait

A128. Any Subject

## **WATERCOLOR**

### **Class**

A129. Animal / Bird

A130. Portrait

A131. Any Subject