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2017 COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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CREATIVE ARTS / SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

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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!

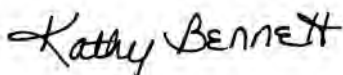
This Creative Arts Handbook is your ready reference guide to all of the State Fair of Texas' creative contests. The first half of this book is dedicated to Pre-Fair contests and the last half details our Fair-time contests, including cooking competitions, happening during the 24 days of the Fair. An 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'K' and 'B'.

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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Dallas, TX 75315

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1890	John S. Armstrong
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1906–1907	James Moroney
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1914–1915	William I. Yopp
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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
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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
1 st Place Blue Ribbon	3 points
2 nd Place Red Ribbon	2 points
3 rd 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 G HOLIDAY CORNER

ENTRY FEE: 5.00 per entry

(Note: SENIORS – Ages 70 + --- \$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 the front of this handbook on page 9 for submission dates.
- All articles entered in competition in the Holiday Corner Department must have been completed by the exhibitor within the last two years.
- No soiled articles will be accepted.
- **All classes are for single items. No multiples or pairs; unless otherwise stated.**
- No ceramics, plastic canvas or Polymer Clay will be accepted in this department.
- No item weighing more than 25 pounds will be accepted.
- No item larger than 42” x 38” x 24” will be accepted.
- No free standing item over 30” high.
- No Wreaths wider than 30” maximum/diameter.
- Articles for hanging must be properly equipped with hooks, wire and/or brackets. Pipe cleaners cannot be used for hangers.
- Edible substances not accepted on items entered.
- **Holiday Corner entries will be judged on originality of design, eye appeal and workmanship.**
- The State Fair will not be responsible for any damaged, broken and/or missing items.

BEST OF SHOW AWARDED

Awards Offered in Each Class

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

Class

- G100. Archway decoration, any material
- G101. Any Patriotic Decoration
- G102. Christmas boot, any fabric
- G103. Christmas card holder, any material
- G104. Christmas door decoration
- G105. Christmas stocking, felt
- G106. Christmas stocking, felt (not a kit - original design)
- G107. Christmas stocking, other fabric
- G108. Christmas tree, handmade of wood, tin, wire or other material- not to exceed 30” height
- G109. Christmas tree, handmade of felt, lace or other fabric - not to exceed 30” height
- G110. Christmas tree ornament
- G111. Christmas tree skirt, original design – not to exceed 42”
- G112. Christmas window decoration

- G113. Santa Claus, stuffed
- G114. Santa Claus, "Big Tex" style
- G115. Santa Claus other than stuffed or Big Tex
- G116. Handmade nativity scene (5 pieces max)
- G117. Handmade figures (3 pieces max), 17" high- max
- G118. Decorated wearing apparel
- G119. Decorated egg shell, (not artificial shell)
- G120. Easter decoration
- G121. Hanukkah decoration
- G122. Independence Day decoration
- G123. Mantel cover or decoration
- G124. New Year decoration
- G125. Pillow (16" x 16" maximum)
- G126. Place mat, handmade
- G127. Table decoration
- G128. Runner, handmade (not to exceed 48")
- G129. Thanksgiving decoration
- G130. Valentine decoration
- G131. Wall decoration, any material (no wreaths)
- G132. Wreaths, any material, any holiday theme, (no sports), not to exceed 30"

HALLOWEEN

Class

- G133. Archway decoration
- G134. Costumes, Child's (**up to size 12-NO ADULT**)
- G135. Door decoration, no wreaths
- G136. Mantle cover or decoration
- G137. Masks
- G138. Pillow (16" x 16" maximum)
- G139. Tablecloths
- G140. Table decoration
- G141. Wall decoration – (no wreaths)
- G142. Wearing apparel
- G143. Window decoration (no wreaths)

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: 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: ZIP	Please note! **Social Security Number is (required only for Fair Time Cooking Contests)** “Has address changed since last Fair?” Yes ___ No ___ “Please provide if changed”.
Very Important-Daytime Tele #: () 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.””””*