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FAIR PARK - DALLAS



CREATIVE ARTS / SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

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2017 COMPETITION HANDBOOK

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS
September 29 – October 22, 2017
Dallas, Texas

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STATE FAIR OF TEXAS**

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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.**

2017 RULES AND ENTRY GUIDELINES
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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®.

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.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS
Presents

THE GLUE A SHOE CONTEST

Check-In Friday, Sept. 29, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Judging 11:30 a.m.
State Fair Contest Kitchen, Creative Arts Department

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 per entry

- Do not pre-register for this contest.
- Entry Form on the next page.
- Blank entry forms will be available at the door.
- **Contestants may enter all classes listed, however, only one entry (one decorated shoe) per class. (“No pairs”)**!
- Edible substances will not be accepted on items entered.
- Decorations may be purchased or handmade.
- No entry to exceed 24” x 24” x 24”.
- Winners will be displayed for duration of the State Fair.
- Contestants may pick up their entries **after the Fair closes – (Oct. 25, 26, 27 -- *See Entry Guidelines for times*)**.
- Judging will be based on creativity, originality and workmanship.

ADULTS

AWARDS OFFERED IN EACH CLASS			
1 st - \$10.00	2 nd - \$5.00	3 rd - \$3.00	HMs

CLASS:

- 11-01. Boot
- 11-02. High Heeled Shoe
- 11-03. Sandal or Flip Flop
- 11-04. Tennis Shoe
- 11-05. Slip On

JUNIORS

(17 years and under)

AWARDS OFFERED IN EACH CLASS			
1 st - \$10.00	2 nd - \$5.00	3 rd - \$3.00	HMs

CLASS:

- 11-06. Any Shoe

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS ENTRY FORM

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Do not pre-register for this contest.

Bring the completed entry form with you when you come to the contest.
Blank forms available at the door.

ONE ENTRY- ONE SHOE PER CLASS. NO PAIRS!

ADULTS - ALL CLASSES MAY BE ENTERED.

JUNIORS - ONE CLASS ONLY!

Print Name _____

Print Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Telephone No. _____

Email Address: _____

Did you enter Creative Arts in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 or previously this year?
(circle one) YES NO NEW

If YES, give your Exhibitor Number _____

ADULTS

Circle number(s) you are entering:

CLASS:

- 11-01. Boot
- 11-02. High Heeled Shoe
- 11-03. Sandal or Flip Flop
- 11-04. Tennis Shoe
- 11-05. Slip On

JUNIORS

Circle number(s) you are entering:

CLASS:

- 11-06. Any Shoe

Winners will be displayed for the duration of the State Fair. All shoes are to be picked up AFTER the FAIR on October 25, 26, 27, 2017.

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: _____	Please note! **Social Security Number is (required only for Fair Time Cooking Contests)** "Has address changed since last Fair?" Yes ____ No ____
ZIP _____	"Please provide if changed".
Very Important-Daytime Tele #: ()	Email Address: VERY IMPORTANT- NEED TO SEND RECEIPT.
JUNIORS & CHILDREN-PRINT AGE HERE: ()	

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.""""*