

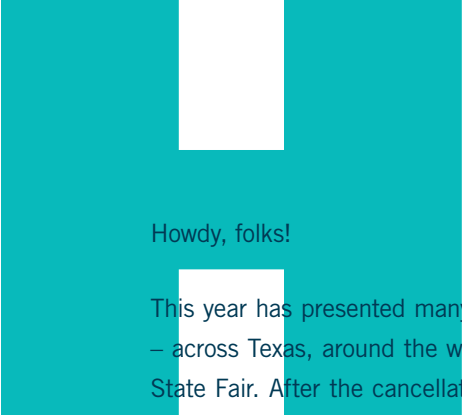
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VIRTUAL

CREATIVE ARTS CONTESTS



Howdy, folks!

This year has presented many challenges, but it has also inspired a wealth of creativity – across Texas, around the world, and right here in the creative arts department at the State Fair. After the cancellation of the 2020 State Fair of Texas due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain committed to providing as many participation opportunities as possible, which has involved using a whole lot of said creativity. We're excited to announce seven brand-new contests – four arts and crafts contests and three cooking contests. In addition to being new contests, this will be the first time that the State Fair has held virtual contests. Whether you have competed in creative arts contests since you were in the child's division, or this is your first time entering, these new contests provide contemporary ways to express yourself and your creativity.

This handbook is specific to the new virtual contests and will provide you with everything you need to know about the new contests, including the calendar, available contests, deadlines, submission information, and frequently asked questions. For information on the more than 900 arts and crafts contests that were announced in July, please download the revised 2020 Creative Arts Handbook, which is also available on BigTex.com.

Here at the State Fair of Texas, we celebrate all things Texan – and what is more Texan than decorating a flashy new face mask? Perhaps, carving a sculpture out of butter? Well, let's just say each of these new contests are totally unique and full of Texan-ality! Although we are heartbroken that we will not gather together this year in typical fashion, we are excited to provide new opportunities for us to continue to grow as a creative community.

Don't waste any time – there are blue ribbons at stake. We can't wait to see all the creativity you pour into these new contests!



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↓↓↓↓↓↓↓↓ KEY DATES ↓↓↓↓↓↓ FOR VIRTUAL CREATIVE ARTS CONTESTS

ENTRY SUBMISSION

SEPTEMBER 21
to **OCTOBER 4**



WINNERS ANNOUNCED

OCTOBER 9
on **BIGTEX.COM and STATE FAIR**
SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS



2020 CREATIVE ARTS VIRTUAL CONTESTS

Celebrate creativity right from your own home! In addition to our traditional Arts & Crafts contests, the Creative Arts department is offering virtual contests this fall. These contests include four arts and crafts contests and three cooking contests, all of which can be entered by an online photo submission!

..... CONTEST DATES & INFORMATION

September 21 – October 4

Online submission open

October 9

Winners announced

- All ages are welcome
- All entries must be the work of the contestant
- Entries MUST be submitted online at:
BigTex.com/VirtualContests
- Entry fees will be **\$2 per item**
- Contestants may enter all contests listed with only one entry per class
- 2020 State Fair of Texas theme is “Celebrating Texas Icons”

..... JUDGING

Judges will award ribbons based on individual merit and will place as they deem fitting. Ribbons will be awarded in each class. Winners will be shared on State Fair website, emails, and social media channels. Each class will be awarded the following ribbons to the winning entry:

- **Blue** - 1st Place
- **Red** - 2nd Place
- **White** - 3rd Place
- **Yellow** - Honorable Mention

*Contestants may enter all contests listed with only one entry per class.

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★ FACE MASKS ★

State Fair of Texas 2020 Virtual Creative Arts Contests

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION	
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP	17 AND YOUNGER	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES			
OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.			
BLUE <i>1st Place</i>	RED <i>2nd Place</i>	WHITE <i>3rd Place</i>	YELLOW <i>Honorable Mention</i>
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	YELLOW RIBBON

..... COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES

ABOUT

No one could've ever imagined face masks would be the newest fashion trend for 2020, but here we are! Let's make the best of it and see what you can come up with. Create or decorate a face mask that showcases either Texas spirit or the theme of the 2020 State Fair of Texas, "Celebrating Texas Icons" characteristics.

CONTEST RULES

- Mask can be handmade or purchased and decorated
- Face mask must cover your nose and mouth
- Masks will be judged on originality and creativity

..... CLASSES

ADULT DIVISION

Ages 18+ and up

45-01. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
45-02. TEXAS-THEMED

JUNIOR DIVISION

Ages 13-17

45-03. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
45-04. TEXAS-THEMED

CHILD DIVISION

Ages 12 and under

45-05. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
45-06. TEXAS-THEMED

★ SIDEWALK CHALK ART ★

State Fair of Texas 2020 Virtual Creative Arts Contests

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION	
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP	17 AND YOUNGER	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES			
OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.			
BLUE <i>1st Place</i>	RED <i>2nd Place</i>	WHITE <i>3rd Place</i>	YELLOW <i>Honorable Mention</i>
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	YELLOW RIBBON

..... COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES

ABOUT

Though it may be a little warm outside, it's still important to grab a bit of sunshine. Take this contest outside, grab some chalk, and see what you can come up with. From a Texas twang or spirit to Texas Icons and State Fair-themed, we can't wait to see how awesome y'all's driveways and sidewalks will look after this contest. Artwork may display fantastic designs or words with chalk on pavement. It's time to sport that Lone Star state spirit.

CONTEST RULES

- Must use chalk
- Must have been made between March 2020 and the registration deadline
- Judging will be on originality, creativity, and artistic ability

..... CLASSES

ADULT DIVISION

Ages 18+ and up

- 45-07. TEXAS TWANG / SPIRIT
45-08. TEXAS ICONS
45-09. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED

JUNIOR DIVISION

Ages 13-17

- 45-10. TEXAS TWANG / SPIRIT
45-11. TEXAS ICONS
45-12. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED

CHILD DIVISION

Ages 12 and under

- 45-13. TEXAS TWANG / SPIRIT
45-14. TEXAS ICONS
45-15. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED

★ NAIL ART ★

State Fair of Texas 2020 Virtual Creative Arts Contests

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION	
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP	17 AND YOUNGER	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES			
OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.			
BLUE <i>1st Place</i>	RED <i>2nd Place</i>	WHITE <i>3rd Place</i>	YELLOW <i>Honorable Mention</i>
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	YELLOW RIBBON

..... COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES

ABOUT

We've seen your social media posts, and nail art is something y'all love! Adorn your fingernails using paint, glitter, jewels, and other decorations to display your best Big Tex, State Fair-Themed or Texas artwork right at the tip of your fingers.

CONTEST RULES

- Judging will be on originality, color, and overall impression

..... CLASSES

ADULT DIVISION

Ages 18+ and up

- 45-16. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
45-17. TEXAS-THEMED
45-18. BIG TEX

JUNIOR DIVISION

Ages 13-17

- 45-19. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
45-20. TEXAS-THEMED
45-21. BIG TEX

CHILD DIVISION

Ages 12 and under

- 45-22. BIG TEX
45-23. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
45-24. TEXAS-THEMED

★ THEMED/DECORATED ★ MANTEL OR SHELF

State Fair of Texas 2020 Virtual Creative Arts Contests

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION	
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP	17 AND YOUNGER	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES			
OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.			
BLUE <i>1st Place</i>	RED <i>2nd Place</i>	WHITE <i>3rd Place</i>	YELLOW <i>Honorable Mention</i>
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	YELLOW RIBBON

..... COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES

ABOUT

Time to bring the Texas pride indoors. Creatively decorate a fireplace mantle or shelf to celebrate the State Fair, Big Tex, or your Lone Star State spirit. Think anything and everything from Texas Icons to Texas towns and Texas foods and traditions. As you know – everything is bigger and BETTER in Texas – we can't wait to see what y'all come up with!

CONTEST RULES

- Decorate mantel or shelf in your home using any materials, purchased or handmade
- Judging will be on originality, creativity of design, overall attraction, and appeal

..... CLASSES

ADULT DIVISION

Ages 18+ and up

45-25. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
45-26. TEXAS-THEMED
45-27. BIG TEX

JUNIOR DIVISION

Ages 13-17

45-28. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
45-29. TEXAS-THEMED
45-30. BIG TEX

CHILD DIVISION

Ages 12 and under

45-31. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
45-32. TEXAS-THEMED
45-33. BIG TEX

★ CAKE DECORATING ★

State Fair of Texas 2020 Virtual Creative Arts Contests

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION	
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP	17 AND YOUNGER	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES			
OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.			
BLUE <i>1st Place</i>	RED <i>2nd Place</i>	WHITE <i>3rd Place</i>	YELLOW <i>Honorable Mention</i>
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	YELLOW RIBBON

..... COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES

ABOUT

Normally we're taste-testing your cakes, but this year it's all about your design! Using your sugar art skills, design, embellish, and decorate any cake of your choosing. Continuing our Texas categories, these cakes should either be Big Tex-themed, State Fair-themed, or showcase your Texas spirit.

CONTEST RULES

- Use one cake, any type (one layer, two layers, loaf, etc.)
- Mixes allowed
- Edible materials & non-edible decorations may be used
- May use purchased or handmade decorations
- Judging will be on creativity, originality, and visual impact

..... CLASSES

ADULT DIVISION

Ages 18+ and up

46-01. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
46-02. TEXAS-THEMED
46-03. BIG TEX

JUNIOR DIVISION

Ages 13-17

46-04. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
46-05. TEXAS-THEMED
46-06. BIG TEX

CHILD DIVISION

Ages 12 and under

46-07. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
46-08. TEXAS-THEMED
46-09. BIG TEX

★ COOKIE DECORATING ★

State Fair of Texas 2020 Virtual Creative Arts Contests

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION	
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP	17 AND YOUNGER	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES			
OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.			
BLUE <i>1st Place</i>	RED <i>2nd Place</i>	WHITE <i>3rd Place</i>	YELLOW <i>Honorable Mention</i>
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	YELLOW RIBBON

..... COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES

ABOUT

You know those cookies that are almost too pretty to eat? We want to see yours! It's time to mix it up and show your cookie decorating skills. Decorate a minimum of six cookies inspired by either Big Tex, the State Fair, or your Texas spirit. Who says cookies can't taste AND look good? Our mouth is already watering thinking of the beautiful designs y'all will come up with!

CONTEST RULES

- Must decorate at least six cookies
- Mixes allowed
- Edible materials & non-edible decorations may be used
- May use purchased or handmade decorations
- Judging will be on creativity and overall appearance

..... CLASSES

ADULT DIVISION

Ages 18+ and up

- 46-10. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
46-11. TEXAS-THEMED
46-12. BIG TEX

JUNIOR DIVISION

Ages 13-17

- 46-13. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
46-14. TEXAS-THEMED
46-15. BIG TEX

CHILD DIVISION

Ages 12 and under

- 46-16. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
46-17. TEXAS-THEMED
46-18. BIG TEX

★ MINI BUTTER SCULPTURE ★

State Fair of Texas 2020 Virtual Creative Arts Contests

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION	
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP	17 AND YOUNGER	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES			
OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.			
BLUE <i>1st Place</i>	RED <i>2nd Place</i>	WHITE <i>3rd Place</i>	YELLOW <i>Honorable Mention</i>
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	YELLOW RIBBON

..... COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES

ABOUT

In honor of a State Fair tradition and a darn-right fairgoer favorite, it's your turn to grab a stick of butter and carve your own mini butter sculpture. No, it doesn't have to be as big as Big Tex, but your creativity should definitely show Big Tex inspiration, Lone Star state spirit, or State Fair fun! Get those ideas churning and get to sculpting, y'all!!

CONTEST RULES

- Must use one pound of butter or less
- May use handmade or purchased props
- Judging will be based on originality, creativity, and design

..... CLASSES

ADULT DIVISION

Ages 18+ and up

- 46-19. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
46-20. TEXAS-THEMED
46-21. BIG TEX

JUNIOR DIVISION

Ages 13-17

- 46-22. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
46-23. TEXAS-THEMED
46-24. BIG TEX

CHILD DIVISION

Ages 12 and under

- 46-25. 2020 STATE FAIR-THEMED
46-26. TEXAS-THEMED
46-27. BIG TEX