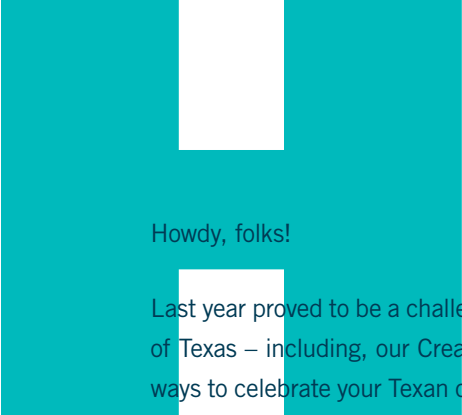




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VIRTUAL CREATIVE ARTS CONTESTS





Howdy, folks!

Last year proved to be a challenging year, not only for the world, but also for the State Fair of Texas – including, our Creative Arts Department. Last year, our department tried new ways to celebrate your Texan creativity safely – one of which was introducing our first ever Virtual Contests, which turned out to be a huge success! We are so happy to announce that we are continuing the new tradition again in 2021. This year, we are offering four different contests, which will be held throughout the year, leading up to the State Fair of Texas. You are invited to enter as many as you wish, but we ask that you limit your entries to only one entry per person per category. The deadlines vary, giving you plenty of opportunities to get those creative juices flowing.

Here at the State Fair of Texas, we celebrate all things Texan and what is more Texan than decorating Texas-themed cookies or Big Tex-themed cakes or cupcakes? You can show us your patriotic spirit by decorating a table, mantel, or shelf to celebrate Independence Day. With a holiday theme, you can pick any holiday that is special to you and submit your holiday table décor or prepare a decorated holiday-themed food item. The hardest part is deciding on your favorite holiday!

Since these contests are virtual, you will need to submit a photographic entry that is well lit and shows off your creation well. We are excited to be able to offer these contests throughout the year in 2021. You will find all the information you will need on the next few pages.

We look forward to seeing all the creativity you pour into these contests!



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2021 CREATIVE ARTS VIRTUAL CONTESTS



We're excited to bring back Virtual Creative Arts contests for 2021. There are a total of four contests throughout the entire year; cookie decorating, mantel, shelf, or tablescape décor, cake or cupcake decorating, and holiday! Registration for all virtual contests opens Wednesday, January 27, but be sure to check the calendar as each contest will have a different deadline throughout the year.

Did we mention, all you have to do to enter is submit a photo of your masterpiece through the online registration system? It's as simple as chowin' down on a slice of grandma's pie!

★ CONTEST DATES & INFORMATION ★

ENTRY SUBMISSION OPENS JANUARY 27

- Texas Theme Cookie Decorating - **DEADLINE 2/24**
- Patriotic Celebration - **DEADLINE 6/23**
- Big Tex Cake Decorating - **DEADLINE 9/1**
- Holiday! - **DEADLINE 12/5**

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

- Texas Theme Cookie Decorating - **3/2**
- Patriotic Celebration - **6/28**
- Big Tex Cake Decorating - **9/9**
- Holiday! - **12/14**

- 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
- You do not have to be a Texan to enter!

★ 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

TEXAS THEME COOKIE DECORATING



State Fair of Texas 2021 Virtual Creative Arts Contests

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION	
\$2	18 & UP	17 & UNDER	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.			
BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
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. Let your Texas spirit be your inspiration to create the best lookin' cookie in Texas! Who says cookies can't taste good AND look good? Our mouth is already watering thinking of the fabulous designs y'all will come up with! Don't forget to title your cookie!

- Deadline To Enter February 24, 2021
- Winners Announced March 2, 2021

CONTEST RULES

- Must decorate at least 6 cookies
- Mixes allowed
- Edible materials and inedible decorations may be used
- May use purchased or handmade decorations
- Title the cookies
- Judging will be based on creativity and visual impact

★ ——— CLASSES ——— ★

ADULT DIVISION

AGES 18 & UP

V110. TEXAS THEME

JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION

AGES 17 & UNDER

V120. TEXAS THEME

PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION



State Fair of Texas 2021 Virtual Creative Arts Contests

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION	
\$2	18 & UP	17 & UNDER	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.			
BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	YELLOW RIBBON

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ABOUT

It's time to showcase your stars and stripes to celebrate America's Independence Day! Decorate a mantel, a shelf, or even a tablescape to show us your spirit.

- Deadline To Enter June 23, 2021
- Winners Announced June 28, 2021

CONTEST RULES

- Decorate your mantel, shelf, or table in your home using any materials, purchased or handmade
- Judging will be based on originality, creativity, design, and visual impact

★ ——— CLASSES ——— ★

ADULT DIVISION

AGES 18 & UP

V210. PATRIOTIC THEME

JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION

AGES 17 & UNDER

V220. PATRIOTIC THEME

BIG TEX[®] CAKE DECORATING



State Fair of Texas 2021 Virtual Creative Arts Contests

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION	
\$2	18 & UP	17 & UNDER	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.			
BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	YELLOW RIBBON

★ ————— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ————— ★

ABOUT

Using your sugar art skills, design, embellish, and decorate any cake or cupcake of your choosing. With a Big Tex theme you will be able to showcase that Lone Star State spirit! Cakes can celebrate any spirit around Big Tex!

- Deadline To Enter September 1, 2021
- Winners Announced September 9, 2021

CONTEST RULES

- Submit one cake, any type (one layer, two layers, loaf, etc.)
- Mixes allowed
- Edible materials and inedible decorations may be used
- May use purchased or handmade decorations
- Title the cakes or cupcakes
- Judging will be based on creativity and visual impact
- If you make cupcakes, you must decorate at least 6 cupcakes.

★ ————— CLASSES ————— ★

ADULT DIVISION

AGES 18 & UP

V310. BIG TEX THEME

JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION

AGES 17 & UNDER

V320. BIG TEX THEME

HOLIDAY! DECORATED FOOD OR DÉCOR



State Fair of Texas 2021 Virtual Creative Arts Contests

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION	
\$2	18 & UP	17 & UNDER	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.			
BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	YELLOW RIBBON

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ABOUT

Get into the spirit and choose your favorite holiday to decorate any food item or mantel, shelf, or tablescape. Let your imagination run wild! While this contest is around the holiday season, celebrate any holiday of your choosing — Valentine's Day in December is certainly not frowned upon.

- Deadline To Enter December 5, 2021
- Winners Announced December 14, 2021

CONTEST RULES

- Any holiday decorated food item
- Any holiday décor
- Mixes allowed
- Edible materials and inedible decorations may be used
- May use purchased or handmade decorations
- Judging will be based on creativity and visual impact

★ ——— CLASSES ——— ★

ADULT DIVISION

AGES 18 & UP

- V410. HOLIDAY DECORATED FOOD ITEM
- V411. HOLIDAY DÉCOR

JUNIOR/CHILD DIVISION

AGES 17 & UNDER

- V420. HOLIDAY DECORATED FOOD ITEM
- V421. HOLIDAY DÉCOR