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Howdy, Folks!

Big Tex is excited to welcome you back to the 2021 State Fair of Texas! He sure has missed y'all and is asking us quite often what special treats you have up your sleeves for the 2021 Creative Arts Cooking Contests.

During the pandemic, folks all across the nation have tapped into their inner chef. Home-cooked meals are dominating the dinner table, and chefs of all skill levels are branching out by whipping up a favorite childhood dish or trying out a brand-new recipe. Whether you've been cooking your whole life, or you just picked up the spatula, the 2021 Creative Arts Cooking Contests are the perfect place to tap into your creativity, and even win some blue ribbons.

Little Lone Stars can also get in on the fun with age-specific brackets. Mark your calendar now for Saturday, October 16, for "Youth Cooking Day." This day is set aside just for up-and-coming youth chefs to show off their cooking skills! We hope to see more participation than ever, thanks to the growing number of cooks honing their skills during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are so excited and looking forward to reuniting with fellow cooks, both new and returning.

Best Dishes!



KATHY BENNETT
DIRECTOR – CREATIVE ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS





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CREATIVE ARTS

★ COMPETITION KITCHEN CALENDAR ★

Find all rules, entry guidelines, and online registration for contests at [BIGTEX.COM/CREATIVEARTS](https://www.bigtex.com/creativearts)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					9/24	9/25 Cake Contest
9/26	9/27 Chocolate Contest Speedy Dishes Contest	9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1	10/2
10/3 Texas Pecan Challenge	10/4 Farm-to-Fork Contest Honey Contest Black Jar / Polished Jar Honey Contest	10/5	10/6	10/7	10/8 Bread Contest	10/9
10/10 Pie Contest	10/11	10/12 Cookie Contest	10/13	10/14 Cooking with Cheese Tex-Mex Contest	10/15	10/16 Youth Cooking
10/17 Candy Contest	10/18	10/19	10/20 RETURN ENTRIES Noon - 5 p.m.	10/21 RETURN ENTRIES 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	10/22 RETURN ENTRIES 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	10/23

COOKING

★ **CONTESTS** ★

{DURING FAIR}

2021 COOKING CONTESTS {DURING FAIR}

RULES & PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- Cooking Contests during the Fair are open to amateurs only. No professional cooks or culinary teachers may enter. Please see Definition of Terms section for amateur qualifications.
- The Best of Show winner from 2019 is not eligible to enter the same contest in 2021.
- Contestants cannot enter the same recipe twice in any 2021 contest.
- Mixes or prepared foods may not be used in recipes, unless otherwise specified.
- Due to limited space, only one item per contestant may be refrigerated.
- Read individual contest rules for contest-specific requirements and changes from last year.
- No covers are allowed on containers (i.e., lids, plastic wrap, etc.). The Fair is not responsible for contestant's containers.
- Decisions of the Director of Creative Arts will be final. No person is allowed to interfere with judges or Fair staff assisting judges during the judging process. Violators will be disqualified and asked to leave the judging area.

BEST COMPETITOR AWARD

1ST PLACE - \$1,000
2ND PLACE - \$750
3RD PLACE - \$500

AWARDED TO THE TOP THREE DURING-FAIR CONTESTANTS WHO ACCUMULATE
THE MOST PARTICIPATION POINTS FROM DURING-FAIR CONTESTS.

Points are calculated as follows:

- *Best of Show Ribbon* = 4 points each
- *1st Place Ribbon* = 3 points each
- *2nd Place Ribbon* = 2 points each
- *3rd Place Ribbon* = 1 point each

A Best Competitor Award Ceremony will be held following the final contest on Sunday, October 17, 2021, in the Creative Arts Competition Kitchen.

The 2019 1st Place-Best Competitor is not eligible to compete for this award in 2021.



RECIPE SUBMISSION



- Contestants are required to include the recipe for each entry typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the back side of recipe.
- All recipes must list all ingredients with instructions on preparation in the order of ingredient usage. Incomplete recipes will not be used in the cookbook.
- Any recipe that has been precisely copied or photo-copied from any magazine, letter, newspaper, cookbook, or other publication will not be accepted.
- All recipes entered in the State Fair of Texas' contest(s) become the property of State Fair and/or its contest sponsor(s). Recipes may be republished in the official State Fair of Texas Cookbook or on the State Fair's or sponsor's website and other communication channels.
- Must use U.S. standard rules of measurement, use of metric system measurements are not accepted.



REGISTRATION AND ENTRY



- Pre-registration is requested and available online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts.
- **Contestants may also register on the day of the contest by bringing a completed during-Fair contest entry form located at the back of the handbook.** Blank entry forms will also be available in the contest area on contest day.
- Contestants must register and turn in completed entries by 10:30 a.m. on contest day as specified.
- No preparation of entry will be allowed after 10:30 a.m. unless approved by the Director of Creative Arts.
- Blank forms available in the Competition Kitchen.

CAKE CONTEST

COLLIN STREET BAKERY

ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this handbook and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six classes.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, texture, and moistness.

CONTEST RULES

- No mixes or sauces allowed.
- No chocolate allowed.

- Cakes cannot be cut before serving.
- Classes under “Layered Cake” must have more than one layer.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on back side of recipe.
- All recipes entered in the State Fair of Texas' contest(s) become the property of State Fair and/or its contest sponsor(s). Recipes may be republished in the official State Fair of Texas Cookbook or on the State Fair's or sponsor's website and other communication channels.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in recipe, use of metric system measurements are not acceptable.

★ ——— CLASSES ——— ★

LAYERED CAKE

- CA01. CARROT
- CA02. SPICE
- CA03. WHITE (NO YOLKS)
- CA04. YELLOW

LOAF, BUNDT, OR SHEET CAKE

- CA05. ANGEL FOOD
- CA06. CARROT
- CA07. NUT
- CA08. POUND
- CA09. SPICE

CA10. SWEET ROULADE (CAKE ROLL)

- CA11. UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE
- CA12. FRUITCAKE
- CA13. CUPCAKES (12 CUPCAKES)
- CA14. GLUTEN-FREE, ANY

CHOCOLATE CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this handbook and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six classes. One entry per class.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, texture, and originality of recipes.

CONTEST RULES

- Entries must include at least 12 servings of the class category chosen (brownies, bars, tarts, etc.).
- No mixes allowed.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on back side of recipe.
- All recipes entered in the State Fair of Texas' contest(s) become the property of State Fair and/or its contest sponsor(s). Recipes may be republished in the official State Fair of Texas Cookbook or on the State Fair's or sponsor's website and other communication channels.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in recipe, use of metric system measurements are not acceptable.

★ ——— CLASSES ——— ★

CB01. BROWNIE

CB02. CHOCOLATE BARS

CB03. CHOCOLATE LAYER CAKE

CB04. CHOCOLATE MOUSSE OR PUDDING

CB05. CHOCOLATE ANGEL FOOD

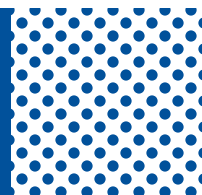
CB06. CHOCOLATE SHEET CAKE

CB07. CHOCOLATE TART

CB08. FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE CAKE

CB09. SPECTACULAR CHOCOLATE DESSERT

SPEEDY DISHES CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this handbook and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six classes.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, appearance, and ease of preparation.

CONTEST RULES

- Your dish may have a maximum of six ingredients, excluding salt, pepper and water. Any or all of the ingredients may be convenience products (e.g., canned soup, cake mix, salad dressing, etc.).
- The total number of convenience ingredients may not exceed six products.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on back side of recipe.
- All recipes entered in the State Fair of Texas' contest(s) become the property of State Fair and/or its contest sponsor(s). Recipes may be republished in the official State Fair of Texas Cookbook or on the State Fair's or sponsor's website and other communication channels.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in recipe, use of metric system measurements are not acceptable.

★ ————— CLASSES ————— ★

CC01. APPETIZER
CC02. MAIN DISH
CC03. VEGETABLE SIDE DISH
CC04. SALAD

CC05. BARK (PEPPERMINT, NUT, ETC.)
CC06. ANY OTHER DESSERT
CC07. SNACK

TEXAS PECAN CHALLENGE



ENTRY FEE		ADULT DIVISION		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY		18 & UP		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES					
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$300	\$100	\$50	\$25	RIBBON	
BONUS PRIZE: THE HIGHEST SCORING DISH IN ANY CATEGORY THAT IS PAIRED WITH A TEXAS WINE AS PART OF THE RECIPE WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL BASKET OF TEXAS PECANS AND TEXAS WINE. BE SURE TO INCLUDE A PICTURE OF YOUR CHOSEN WINE ON THE RECIPE.					

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this handbook and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter all classes. One entry per class.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste (40%); texture (30%); and presentation (30%).

CONTEST RULES

- Must use Texas Pecans.
- No mixes allowed.
- No refrigeration.
- Recipes must be typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper and accompany each entry. Contestant's name, address and phone number printed on back side of recipe.
- All recipes entered in the State Fair of Texas' contest(s) become the property of State Fair and/or its contest sponsor(s). Recipes may be republished in the official State Fair of Texas Cookbook or on the State Fair's or sponsor's website and other communication channels.
- Must use U.S. standard measuring system, use of metric system measurements are not accepted.

★ ——— CLASSES ——— ★

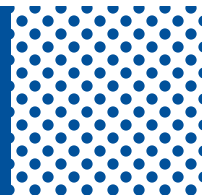
CD01. APPETIZER / SNACK

CD02. SALAD / SIDE

CD03. ENTRÉE

CD04. DESSERT

FARM-TO-FORK CONTEST



ENTRY FEE		ADULT DIVISION		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY		18 & UP		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS. SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON	

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this handbook and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six classes. One entry per class.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste and appearance.

CONTEST RULES

- Contestants must make a sweet or savory dish using fresh produce.

- **NO FROZEN OR CANNED VEGETABLES ALLOWED.**
- No mixes allowed.
- The recipes for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on back side of recipe.
- All recipes entered in the State Fair of Texas' contest(s) become the property of State Fair and/or its contest sponsor(s). Recipes may be republished in the official State Fair of Texas Cookbook or on the State Fair's or sponsor's website and other communication channels.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in recipe, use of metric system measurements are not acceptable.

★ ——— CLASSES ——— ★

VEGETABLES

- CE01.** CARROTS
- CE02.** CORN
- CE03.** EGGPLANT
- CE04.** POTATOES

CE05. SQUASH

- CE06.** TOMATOES
- CE07.** BRUSSEL SPROUTS
- CE08.** GREEN BEANS

EGGS

- CE09.** BREAKFAST CASSEROLE
- CE10.** DESSERT

HONEY, THE MAGIC INGREDIENT



ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP	AMATEURS
RIBBONS AND PRIZES 1ST PLACE, 2ND PLACE AND 3RD PLACE AWARDED.		
1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
\$200	\$100	\$50

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this handbook and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, creativity, and presentation.
- This contest does not award Best of Show.

CONTEST RULES

- No mixes allowed.
- Recipe must contain honey. May use half honey and half sugar or other sweetener.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on back side of recipe.
- All recipes entered in the State Fair of Texas' contest(s) become the property of State Fair and/or its contest sponsor(s). Recipes may be republished in the official State Fair of Texas Cookbook or on the State Fair's or sponsor's website and other communication channels.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in recipe, use of metric system measurements are not acceptable.

★ ——— CLASSES ——— ★

CF01. ANY DISH USING HONEY – THE MAGIC INGREDIENT

BLACK JAR / POLISHED JAR HONEY



ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	SKILL LEVEL
NONE	ALL	AMATEURS
RIBBONS AND PRIZES RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.		
1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021
ENTRY DEADLINE 10:30 A.M.

The Texas Beekeepers Association will conduct the black jar/polished jar honey contest during the State Fair of Texas located in the Competition Kitchen of the Creative Arts building inside Fair Park on **Monday, October 4, 2021**.

Judging will take place beginning Monday morning with results presented on that afternoon.

Thanks goes out to the participants for their hard work with the finest entries in Texas.

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

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Bring honey contest entry form with each entry to the registration table. Blank forms will be available. **Online entry is not available.**
- Photocopies accepted.
- Only one entry per category allowed per contestant.
- All honey must be produced by honey bees owned or managed by the contestant.
- There should be no identifying label or markers on the entry(s).
- Contest administrators will affix coded tabs to entries upon submission.
- **Disposition of entries: All entries will be donated to Happy Hill Children's Farm with the other honey from the Texas Beekeepers Association Honey Booth in the Food & Fiber Pavilion.**

"BLACK JAR HONEY" ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be submitted by a beekeeper and be pure unadulterated honey produced by his or her own bees.
- An "Entry" consists of one container of any style (8 ounces or more).
- Submit entry sample in a container without any identifying marks.
- None of the entries will be returned, but will be donated.

"POLISHED JAR HONEY" ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Submit extracted honey entries in one-pound Queenline glass jars.
- Contestants may only submit honey entries produced in their own apiary or by bees that they manage for honey production or pollination.



JUDGING



CONTEST JUDGING

- Contest judges will evaluate and score entries on day of the contest.
- Contest Committee Chairman will announce awards at the end of judging in the Creative Arts / State Fair Competition Kitchen area.
- This contest does not award Best of Show.

POLISH JAR HONEY JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judges will award **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons** to entries based on total points received.
- Judges may award points to entries in the following categories for a possible 100 points.

POLISHED JAR HONEY

CONTAINER APPEARANCE	5
LEVEL OF FILL	5
DENSITY	10
FREE OF CRYSTALS	10
FREE OF AIR BUBBLES & FOAM	10
FREE OF WAX	10
FREE OF LINT	10
FREE OF OTHER FOREIGN MATTER	10
FLAVOR	15
BRIGHTNESS	15
TOTAL POINTS	100

BLACK JAR HONEY JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judges will award **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons** to entries based on blind tastings.
- Judges will not see the color, clarity or any visual appeal of the honey.
- It is a contest based on flavor profile and taste alone.
- A panel of judges will taste, test and rank all the honey entries until the top three honey entries are determined.

Black Jar Honey judges are normally local chefs. In describing what they are looking for in honey entries, they typically mention things such as:

FLORAL OR FRUITY NOTES

NUTTY OR SPICY

COMPLEXITY OF FLAVOR

LONG, SMOOTH FINISH

SWEETNESS AND BALANCE

IS THE HONEY:

A. BITTER

B. SMOKEY

C. FLAT

D. SINGLE NOTE

E. SOUR

F. ONE-DIMENSIONAL



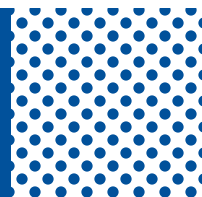
CLASSES



CG01. HONEY (POLISHED HONEY)

CG02. HONEY (BLACK JAR)

BREAD CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY BIG TEX				

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this handbook and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six classes. One entry per class.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, symmetry of shape, uniform browning, and texture.

CONTEST RULES

- Dough may be prepared traditionally or in a bread machine.
- No mixes, sauces, or heating allowed.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on back side of recipe.
- All recipes entered in the State Fair of Texas' contest(s) become the property of State Fair and/or its contest sponsor(s). Recipes may be republished in the official State Fair of Texas Cookbook or on the State Fair's or sponsor's website and other communication channels.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in recipe, use of metric system measurements are not acceptable.



CLASSES



YEAST BREAD

CH01. LOAF BREAD, WHITE (EXHIBIT WHOLE LOAF)

CH02. LOAF BREAD, OTHER (EXHIBIT WHOLE LOAF)

CH03. ROLLS, DINNER (8 OR 12 ROLLS MINIMUM)

CH04. SWEET BREAD, SWEET ROLLS
(CINNAMON, FRUIT, ETC.)

CH05. SWEET BREAD, LOAVES AND COFFEE CAKES
(EXHIBIT WHOLE LOAF)

CH06. BREAD (CHEESE, HERB, ONION, ETC.)

CH07. ANY GLUTEN-FREE BREAD

QUICK BREAD

No added sauces or whipped cream on quick breads

CH08. MUFFINS (6 MINIMUM)

CH09. GINGERBREAD

CH10. ANY GLUTEN-FREE BREAD

CH11. FRUIT BREAD (APPLE, BANANA, ETC.)

CH12. VEGETABLE BREAD (PUMPKIN, ZUCCHINI, ETC.)

CH13. COFFEE CAKE

CH14. NUT BREAD

CH15. CORNBREAD

PIE CONTEST



ENTRY FEE		AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY		18 AND UP		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS. SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY NORMA'S.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON	
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY NORMA'S					

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this handbook and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six classes. One entry per class.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, consistency, and appearance.

CONTEST RULES

- Pie crusts must be made by the exhibitor and recipe must be included.

- No mixes or sauces allowed.
- Use traditional pie plates only – no tart or springform pans.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on back side of recipe.
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★ ——— CLASSES ——— ★

CI01. BERRY PIE

CI02. BUTTERMILK PIE

CI03. CHESS PIE

CI04. CHOCOLATE PIE

CI05. CITRUS PIE

CI06. CREAM PIE

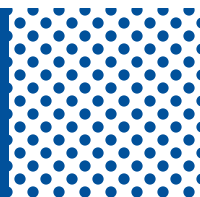
(NO CHOCOLATE,
NO FRUIT)

CI07. FRUIT PIE

CI08. NUT PIE

CI09. SUGAR-FREE PIE

COOKIE CONTEST



ENTRY FEE		AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY		ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS. SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY BIG TEX.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON	
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY BIG TEX					

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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

ENTRY RULES

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- Participants may enter up to six classes. One entry per class.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on: appearance (40%); taste (40%); and texture (20%).

CONTEST RULES

- Entries must have at least 1½ dozen cookies in any kind of container.
- No mixes allowed.
- No refrigeration.
- Recipes must be typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper and accompany each entry. Contestant's name, address and phone number printed on back side of recipe.
- All recipes entered in the State Fair of Texas' contest(s) become the property of State Fair and/or its contest sponsor(s). Recipes may be republished in the official State Fair of Texas Cookbook or on the State Fair's or sponsor's website and other communication channels.
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★ ————— CLASSES ————— ★

CJ01. DROP

CJ02. ICE BOX, SLICED

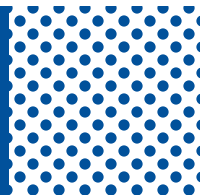
CJ03. BARS

CJ04. HOLIDAY / PARTY

CJ05. SANDWICH

CJ06. HAND ROLLED (BALL) / PRESSED

COOKING WITH CHEESE



ENTRY FEE		AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY		18 & UP		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES					
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON	

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this handbook and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter all classes. One entry per class.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste and creativity.

CONTEST RULES

- No mixes allowed.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on back side of recipe.
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★ ————— CLASSES ————— ★

CK01. CHEESE APPETIZER

CK02. PIMENTO CHEESE

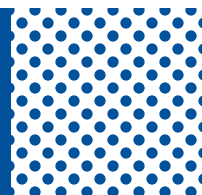
CK03. MAC AND CHEESE

CK04. VEGETABLE CHEESE SOUP

CK05. CHEESE DESSERT (EXCEPT CHEESECAKE)

CK06. CHEESECAKE

TEX-MEX CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY BIG TEX				

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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

ENTRY RULES

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- Participants may enter up to six classes. One entry per class.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste.

CONTEST RULES

- No mixes allowed.
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★ ——— CLASSES ——— ★

CL01. SALSA

CL02. PARTY FOODS

CL03. SALAD

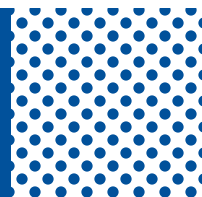
CL04. SOUP

CL05. CHILI

CL06. ENTRÉE

CL07. DESSERT

YOUTH COOKING CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	CHILDREN DIVISION		JUNIOR DIVISION	
NONE	12 AND YOUNGER		13-17	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES BEST OF SHOW AWARDED TO JUNIOR AND CHILDREN DIVISIONS. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY BIG TEX				

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.



COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES



ENTRY RULES

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- Participants may enter up to six classes. One entry per class.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste and texture.

CONTEST RULES

- Each entry must include at least 1½ dozen cookies, candies or cupcakes.
- No mixes or alcohol allowed.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on back side of recipe.
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CLASSES



JUNIOR DIVISION

CANDY

CM01. FUDGE, ANY KIND**

CM02. DIVINITY

CM03. MINTS

CM04. HAND-DIPPED CHOCOLATES
(CRÈME FILLING)

CM05. BARK (PEPPERMINT, NUT, ETC.)

CAKE BAKING

LAYER, LOAF, BUNDT OR SHEET

CM06. CHOCOLATE

CM07. WHITE / YELLOW

CM08. POUND

CM09. SPICE

CM10. CUPCAKES

COOKIES

CM11. DROP

CM12. BARS

CM13. ANY COOKIE ON A STICK

CHILDREN DIVISION

COOKIES

CM14. DROP

CM15. BARS

CM16. BROWNIES

CM17. HOLIDAY OR PARTY

CM18. ANY COOKIE ON A STICK

CANDY

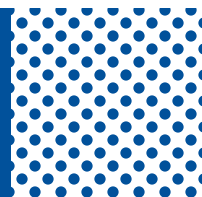
CM19. FUDGE, ANY KIND**

CM20. BARK (PEPPERMINT, NUT, ETC.)

CM21. ANY OTHER CANDY

** Specialty Award to 1st Place Winner by Wolf City Fudge

CANDY CONTEST



ENTRY FEE		AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY		ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES					
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CLASS.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON	

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

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

ENTRY RULES

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- Participants may enter up to six classes. One entry per class.
- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste and texture.

CONTEST RULES

- Entry must include at least 1½ dozen candies in any kind of container.

- No mixes allowed.
- No refrigeration and no sauces allowed.
- Recipes must be typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper and accompany each entry with contestant's name, address and phone number printed on back side of recipe.
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★ ————— CLASSES ————— ★

CN01. CARAMELS

CN02. DIVINITY

CN03. FUDGE, CHOCOLATE**

CN04. FUDGE, NO CHOCOLATE**

CN05. HAND-DIPPED CHOCOLATES

CN06. HARD CANDY

CN07. MINTS

CN08. NUT BRITTLES

CN09. NUT ROLL

CN10. PRALINES

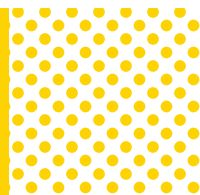
CN11. TOFFEE

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DEFINITIONS OF TERMS



Amateur: A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession.

Professional: A person who has or has had a website or listing(s) on a global marketing place platform, a social media account offering items for sale, or promotes their art, craft or food item for sale, who teaches and/or instructs a particular craft or skill for compensation (sewing, needlework, photography, baking, canning, etc.); a person who has edited, produced, printed and published a cookbook for individual gain; is considered a professional and will not be eligible to compete as an amateur in our contests. Money earned per year is inconsequential. If this person enters an amateur category and wins, ribbon and prize will be forfeited.

Class: A group of like entry items that are judged together in a sub-category of a department. Each class is assigned a unique class number.

Class Number: The number assigned to a class. Class numbers begin with a letter that correlates to the specific contest department it is under, i.e., classes in "Art – Department A" will have class numbers that begin with the letter "A."

Department: A group of different classes that all pertain to one subject in Creative Arts.

Entry Item: An eligible exhibit or submission by an exhibitor that is entered in a class to be judged.

Exhibitor: The owner of an exhibit (entry item) as shown on the entry form.

Exhibitor Number: A permanent number that is assigned to a person (exhibitor) who enters a Creative Arts Department contest at the Fair.

COOKING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

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NAME OF CONTEST			
DATE OF CONTEST		ENTRY FEE	

CLASS NUMBER(S) YOU ARE ENTERING:

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

DID YOU ENTER IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS?: ☐ YES ☐ NO

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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