

**ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR
OPEN CLASS COMPETITION
CRAFTS, FINE ARTS, & PHOTOGRAPHY
August 14-20, 2023**

For more information call the Otero County Extension Office, 254-7608 or Sally Cope, 254-7483 or 254-7723

SUPERINTENDENTS:

ENTRY DATE & TIME: Sunday, August 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Monday, August 14, 2023, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ENTRY LOCATION: Exposition Building, Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds, Rocky Ford, CO

ENTRY FEES: \$1.00 per item

EXHIBIT MONITOR: If you are interested in helping monitor the exhibit during the fair, please contact a superintendent.

DEPARTMENTS: **Crafts**
 Fine Arts
 Photography

DIVISIONS: **Junior** – Age group includes preschool through age 11. Exhibitors in this age group may choose to enter in the amateur division, if preferred.
 Intermediate – Age group includes ages 12-17. Exhibitors in this age group may choose to enter in the amateur division, if preferred.
 Amateur – Not a professional. (See definition of professional below.)
 Senior – Exhibitor must be 65 years of age or over. Exhibitors in this age group may choose to enter in the amateur division, if preferred.
 Professional – Professionals must compete against professionals. A professional is defined as someone who meets one or more of the following:

- Has taught a class for a fee in the area of entry (does not include demonstrations),
- Has a degree in the area of entry,
- Receives a major source (more than half) of personal income from work in the area of entry, or
- Is a qualified judge for work in the area of entry.

CHECK-OUT OF ITEMS: Sunday, August 20, 2023 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- ❖ Exhibitors must bring the entry receipt and sign for each item and any prize money awarded.
- ❖ Under no circumstances will the Arkansas Valley Fair or superintendents be responsible for any article left after check-out time.

RULES & REGULATIONS: Please carefully read all rules and regulations before completing your entry form.

- ❖ Because this is a family-oriented art show, superintendents reserve the right to reject or refuse any exhibit that does not reflect a subject matter conducive to display in an area frequented by young children and families.
- ❖ Superintendents will take every precaution for the safekeeping of all exhibits but assume no responsibility for loss or damage. All entries are entered at the owner's risk.
- ❖ Competition is open to all persons.
- ❖ All articles must be accompanied by a completed official entry blank.
- ❖ All articles must have been completed within the last year and may not have been entered in the Arkansas Valley Fair in previous years.
- ❖ No exhibitor will be allowed to enter more than one item in each class.
- ❖ If a participant chooses to enter an item in the Junior, Intermediate, or Senior Division, he or she may not enter an item in the same class in other divisions.
- ❖ Jewelry and all small entries must be securely mounted to a display.
- ❖ Graphic arts and pastels must be protected.
- ❖ An item entered in the "Create Your Own Pattern" class must be an original design and will be judged higher on originality and creativeness.
- ❖ The "Miscellaneous" class in each division is to include only entries that do not qualify for any other class in the division.
- ❖ All work must be ready to hang for display. Artwork is to be properly framed and secured with wire hanging apparatus on the back. (See "Preparing Your Art for Exhibit.") Sawtooth hangers are unacceptable. Please use picture wire only. NO TAPE should be used to support wires on back of work as it will not always hold because of the heat and humidity in the building. **Note: Items will not be accepted for display if they do not have acceptable hooks and wire.**
- ❖ Items may not exceed 36 x 48 inches (inside mat measurement).
- ❖ Artists are responsible for pedestal and set-up of work over 30 lbs.
- ❖ No wet items will be accepted.
- ❖ All articles must be finished.
- ❖ Any soiled or defaced article is not eligible for exhibit or judging.
- ❖ Fine Arts must be original composition, amateur or professional.
- ❖ Artists wishing to sell work can complete an information card during entry registration. The card will be kept on file with the exhibit superintendent and a "For Sale" card will be placed on the item after judging.
- ❖ In order to make judging fair to all, exhibitor's name is not to be visible on the artwork or photograph.

JUDGING & AWARDS:

- ❖ In judging, the general appearance, suitability to purpose, beauty, style, color, design, and material used in the article will be considered as well as the finish and workmanship.
- ❖ In classes in which no competition exists or, if in the opinion of the judge, an article exhibited is not worthy of a first award, the judge may award second, third, or no award.
- ❖ If there are enough similar items in any miscellaneous category to make a class, they will be judged separately. The decision is up to the judge and superintendents.
- ❖ A Champion and Reserve Champion will be designated in each division if, in the opinion of the judge, entries are worthy. Prize money in the amount of \$5.00 will be awarded to each Champion and Reserve Champion.
- ❖ A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be designated in the Crafts, Fine Arts, and Photography Departments from division champions. Prize money in the amount of \$25.00 will be awarded to the Grand Champions and \$15.00 to the Reserve Grand Champions.
- ❖ A special ribbon will be awarded for the best original entry depicting (any aspect of) Southeast Colorado.

CRAFTS, FINE ARTS, & PHOTOGRAPHY

CRAFTS DEPARTMENT (Kits & handmade judged separately)

DIVISIONS: JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, AMATEUR, SENIOR, & PROFESSIONAL

Class Medium / Description

1. Ceramics
Earthenware
2. Ceramics / Wheel Thrown
3. Ceramics / Hand Built
4. Ceramics / Hand-Molded Clay
5. Wearable Art / Embellished Purchased Clothing
(purchased clothing that has been decorated or painted by artist)
6. Wearable Art / Jewelry
7. Wearable Art / Necklace
8. Wearable Art / Ring
9. Wearable Art / Tie-Dye
10. Fabrics / Liquid Embroidery
11. Fabrics / Macramé
12. Fabrics / Jewelry Cases
13. Fabrics / Basketry
14. Fabrics / Batik
15. Dolls / China/Porcelain

Class Medium / Description

16. Dolls / Dress-up
17. Dolls / Baby Dolls
18. Dolls / Character Dolls
19. Dolls / Composition Dolls

20. Glass / Stained Glass
21. Glass / Etching
22. Glass / Painting on glass
23. Metal
24. Dollhouse Design
25. Candles
26. Leather Craft
27. Decoupage
28. Recycled Items
29. Original Lego Model
30. Nature Crafts - Leaves, feathers, driftwood, grapevine
31. Taxidermy
32. Diamond Painting
33. Paper Silhouette, Origami, Quilling
34. Wreaths
35. Diorama
36. Woodworking
37. Woodcarving
38. Resin Art
39. Create Your Own Pattern
40. Miscellaneous (for items that do not qualify for any other class)

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

DIVISIONS: JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, AMATEUR, SENIOR, & PROFESSIONAL

Class Medium / Description

41. Digital Art – People Portrait
42. Digital Art – Landscape
43. Digital Art – Waterscape
44. Digital Art – Urban
45. Digital Art – Domestic Animal
46. Digital Art – Wildlife
47. Digital Art – Plant Life
48. Digital Art – Still Life
49. Digital Art - Abstract
50. Painting - Oil - People/Portrait
51. Painting - Oil - Landscape
52. Painting - Oil - Waterscape
53. Painting - Oil - Urban
54. Painting - Oil - Domestic Animal
55. Painting - Oil - Wildlife
56. Painting - Oil - Plant Life

57. Painting - Oil - Still Life

Class Medium / Description

58. Painting - Oil - Abstract
59. Painting - Watercolor - People/Portrait
60. Painting - Watercolor - Landscape
61. Painting - Watercolor - Waterscape
62. Painting - Watercolor - Urban
63. Painting - Watercolor - Domestic Animal
64. Painting - Watercolor - Wildlife
65. Painting - Watercolor - Plant Life
66. Painting - Watercolor - Still Life
67. Painting - Watercolor - Abstract

Class Medium / Description

68. Mixed Media - People/Portrait
69. Mixed Media - Landscape
70. Mixed Media - Waterscape

- 71. Mixed Media - Urban
- 72. Mixed Media - Domestic Animal
- 73. Mixed Media - Wildlife
- 74. Mixed Media - Plant Life
- 75. Mixed Media - Still Life
- 76. Mixed Media – Abstract
- 77. Mixed Media – 3D Art
- 78. Mixed Media – Spray Paint Mural
- 79. Painting - Acrylics - People/Portrait
- 80. Painting - Acrylics - Landscape
- 81. Painting - Acrylics - Waterscape
- 82. Painting - Acrylics - Urban
- 83. Painting - Acrylics - Domestic Animal
- 84. Painting - Acrylics - Wildlife
- 85. Painting - Acrylics - Plant Life
- 86. Painting - Acrylics - Still Life
- 87. Painting - Acrylics – Abstract
- 88. Painting – Acrylics – Paint Pour
- 89. Graphic Arts - People/Portrait (pencil, ink, madison, charcoal, etc.)
- 90. Graphic Arts – Landscape

- 91. Graphic Arts – Waterscape
- 92. Graphic Arts – Urban
- 93. Graphic Arts - Domestic Animal
- 94. Graphic Arts - Wildlife
- 95. Graphic Arts - Plant Life
- 96. Graphic Arts - Still Life
- 97. Graphic Arts - Abstract
- 98. Pastels - People/Portrait
- 99. Pastels - Landscape
- 100. Pastels - Waterscape
- 101. Pastels - Urban
- 102. Pastels - Domestic Animal
- 103. Pastels - Wildlife
- 104. Pastels - Plant Life
- 105. Pastels - Still Life
- 106. Pastels - Abstract
- 107. Pottery - Any item (hand thrown or slab)
- 108. Sculpture - Bronze, Wood, Other
- 109. Wood Art
- 110. Coloring Pages
- 111. Miscellaneous (for items that do not qualify for any other class)

Class Medium / Description

PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

DIVISIONS: JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, AMATEUR, SENIOR, & PROFESSIONAL

Class Medium / Description

- 112. Color - Sports Action - People
- 113. Color - Sports Action - Animal
- 114. Color - People/Portrait
- 115. Color - Landscape
- 116. Color - Waterscape
- 117. Color - Urban
- 118. Color - Domestic Animal
- 119. Color - Wildlife
- 120. Color - Plant Life
- 121. Color - Still Life
- 122. Color – Macro
- 123. Color – Weather
- 124. Color – Composite
- 125. Color – Astrophotography
- 126. Color – Underwater
- 127. Color - Drone / Aerial
- 128. Color – Themed Fantasy
- 129. B/White - Sports Action - People
- 130. B/White - Sports Action - Animal
- 131. B/White - People/Portrait

Class Medium / Description

- 132. B/White - Landscape
- 133. B/White - Waterscape
- 134. B/White - Urban
- 135. B/White - Domestic Animal
- 136. B/White - Wildlife
- 137. B/White - Plant Life
- 138. B/White - Still Life
- 139. B/White – Macro
- 140. B/White – Avian
- 141. B/White – Weather
- 142. B/White – Composite
- 143. B/White – Drone / Aerial
- 144. B/White – Themed Fantasy
- 145. Sepia
- 146. Monochromatic
- 147. Bi-color
- 148. Three or more pictures in framework
- 149. Photo with Art Effects
- 150. Miscellaneous (for items that do not qualify for any other class)

Preparing Your Art for Exhibit

Framing Your Artwork

1. Selecting a Frame...You do not need to spend a fortune to have nice, professionally framed artwork!

- Consider creating work that will fit in standard-sized mats and frames; custom frames can be expensive.
- Make sure to shop around if you plan on having your work professionally framed.
- Frames do not need to be fancy, expensive or ornate to look professional. Remember: you are showcasing your artwork and not the frame! Simple mats and frames are just fine!
- Canvases can be displayed with or without frames.

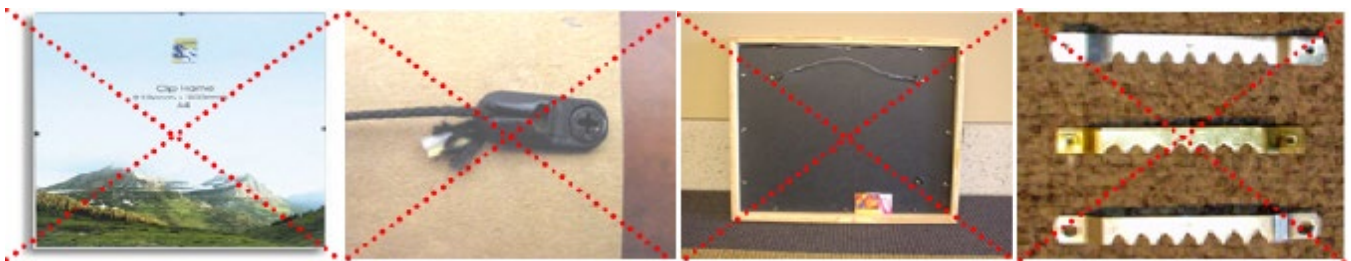
2. Choosing hardware for the back of your work...This is an important one!

- Please use good D-rings, larger screw eyes, metal-frame D-rings, all securely installed.

Examples of *Acceptable Hooks*:



- Please **DO NOT** use clip-frames, saw-tooth hangers, a single triangle hanger at the center, back of frame, triangle hangers/wires that are not attached to the sides of frames, very small screw eyes or corded backs.



Clip Frame

Wire Not Attached
to Frame

Hanger Not Attached
to Frame

Saw-Tooth Hangers

3. Hanging wire...

- For the safety of your artwork, please **use quality picture hanging wire**.
- Please **refrain from using fishing line, electric wire and mesh cord**.



Quality Picture Hanging Wire



Fishing Line



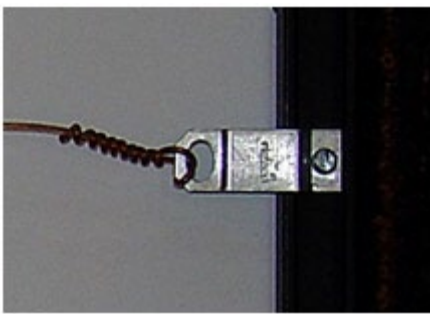
Electrical Wire



Corded Wire

4. Attaching hardware and hanging wire to the backs of frames:

- When adjusting your hanging wire, make sure to leave plenty of lead to wrap around the wire after looping your D-Ring or screw eye—it is more secure that way.
- We recommend looping your D-Ring or screw eye hardware twice for increased safety of your artwork.



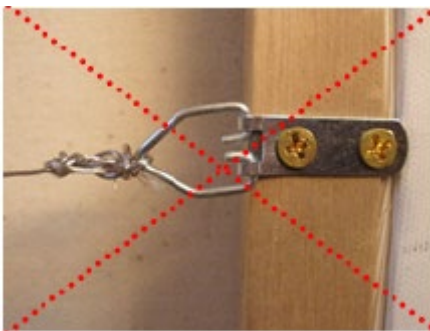
Lead wire securely wound around D-Ring



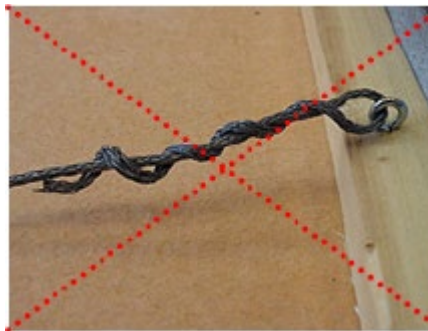
Double Loop through D-Ring



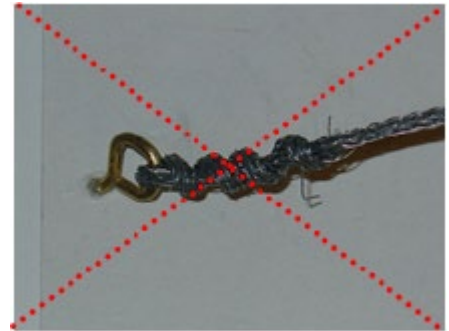
Secure lead through ring tightly wound



Short lead wire can come apart



Loose wrap can unravel



Short wire not cleanly wound and fraying

- Ideally, your hanging wire should be long enough so that, when pulled up tight, the top of the wire is at least 2" from the top of the frame.

- Please make sure that your D-rings and large screw eyes are attached at least 2” down from the top of your frame.



5. Labeling your work...even if you sign the front!

- Please attach a small card that displays your full contact information and the title of each work securely to the back of your artwork.

6. Clean your artwork before your exhibit—this will be the first time that many viewers are introduced to your work and to you as the artist. Make a good first impression!

- Dust off your work, remove fingerprints from the glass, clean out any dirt and repair any damage on the outside AND inside of your work.
- Make sure any mats are pressed snugly to the glass or Plexiglas and are not crooked in the frame, “bubbling” out or loose in the frame.

7. Preparing 3-D artwork for exhibit:

- Clean your artwork and make sure that items are sturdy and free of flaws.

Information adapted from Clackamas County Arts Alliance, Oregon City, OR, material.

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Last Name _____ First Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

(PLEASE LEAVE BLANK)	DEPT.	DIVISION	CLASS	MEDIUM / DESCRIPTION (Use information listed after Class number.)	TITLE (The name you have given for the item.)

Additional items may be listed on a second entry form.

I understand that superintendents will take every precaution for the safekeeping of exhibits but assume no responsibility for loss or damage and all entries are entered at the owner's risk.

(Signature) – AMATEUR

(Signature) - PROFESSIONAL

This form must be submitted Sunday, August 13, 2023 from 1 – 3:00 p.m. or Monday, August 14, 2023 from 5 – 8:00 p.m.

Entries can be picked up Sunday, August 20, 2023 from 12 – 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise discussed with directors!