

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 24-Sept. 4, 2017

## Creative Activities

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### Creative Activities Rules

1. **ENTRIES.** Opens Monday, May 1. Entries close for all divisions Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 4:30 p.m. No exceptions.
  - A. **ONLINE REGISTRATION.** All entries MUST be registered. Entries close at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 8. No entries will be accepted after closing date. Errors or omissions must be registered within 10 days after fair closes. No entry fee required.
    1. Refer to the Online Entry Procedures for detailed information and entry procedures. A confirmation will be sent to your email within 24 hours. Visit the Minnesota State Fair website to begin the registration process. [www.mnstatefair.org/competition/creative\\_activities.html](http://www.mnstatefair.org/competition/creative_activities.html)
    2. Print a copy of your registration, a confirmation will be sent to your email within 24 hours. Exhibitors must bring their registration confirmation during specified drop off dates and times for verification purposes only.
  - B. **MAIL-IN REGISTRATION.** Must be in our hands (not postmarked) by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8. No entries will be accepted after closing date. All entries MUST be registered. Follow procedure below:
    1. On an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. Must include 1) first name, last name, address, and phone number; 2) list of class number(s) and description of entry, for each exhibit.
    2. Mail to: Competition Department - c/o: Creative Activities, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108.
    3. You will receive a paper confirmation of your entries via USPS mail.
    4. Exhibitors must bring their registration confirmation with their entry, this is used for verification purposes only.
2. **ELIGIBILITY.**
  - A. Entries in this department are limited to bona fide living residents of Minnesota and must be the work of the exhibitor, completed within three (3) years preceding the fair.
  - B. Exhibits which have won a first prize at a previous Minnesota State Fair are not eligible for entry.
  - C. Entries are open to anyone 14 years of age or older as of the first day of the fair (exception: some of the special contests have different age requirements; see individual special contest rules).
  - D. Exhibit represents a recreational hobby and is not used as a means of livelihood directly or indirectly; as determined by the State Fair staff. In case of protest refer to State Statues document.
  - E. No more than one entry will be permitted in any class by one exhibitor. No entry required for classes designated "Sweepstakes" or beginning with the letters "SP".
  - F. Management reserves the right to refuse entry to unusually large or heavy exhibits that are difficult to handle and display. Pre-approval by superintendent required for large exhibits.
  - G. No tree skirts, plastic needlepoint canvas, pillow cases, tied quilts, plastic milk cartons, cans, aprons, dish towels, dish cloths, pot holders, napkins, wedding gowns or baptismal gowns, yard art, photography, drawings on paper, wreaths, doilies, or any type of taxidermy will be accepted in any category.
  - H. "Not otherwise specified" (NOS) classes are only for such entries that have no regular classes listed. If there is an existing class where an entry fits, it cannot be entered in NOS.
3. **DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS.**
  - A. Entries in Needlecraft, Garment Making, Handcrafts, Collections, and Work of Senior Citizens will be received Saturday, Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. All entries must be received by 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14. All entries must be registered PRIOR to delivery. (Quilts and rugs entered in County Sweepstakes Contests will be received up to Thursday, Aug. 17).

- B. Entries in Canned and Preserved Foods will be received Saturday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- C. Entries in Baked Products will be received Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ALL baked products should be delivered to the Creative Activities Annex, on the west side of the building...
- D. Exhibitors unable to bring exhibits to the Creative Activities Building on entry days may bring them PRIOR to Tuesday, Aug. 8, to the Competition Department, 1312 Cosgrove Ave. on the fairgrounds between 8 a. m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Must include 1) first name, last name, address and phone number; 2) list of class number(s) and description of entry, for each exhibit.
- E. Competitors who send exhibits by mail or express should do so at least three weeks before the opening day of the fair. Addressed to: Superintendent of Creative Activities, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, Minnesota 55108.
  - 1. The sender's name and address must be plainly written upon the outside of the package and also placed upon a card inside.
  - 2. A LIST OF THE EXHIBITS BEING SENT MUST BE ENCLOSED. If entry is made by a person over the age of 65, special note should be made of that fact.
  - 3. Department clerks will classify entries, prepare entry tags, and attach them to each exhibit sent.
  - 4. All express and parcel post charges must be prepaid by the sender. No P.O. Box addresses will be accepted. Directions for return shipment should be given, and money or checks (made out to Minnesota State Fair) must be enclosed to cover cost of returning entries to exhibitor. DO NOT send stamps.

#### 4. JUDGING.

- A. Judging of all exhibits except baking will be conducted Monday to Saturday, Aug. 14-19. Should any exhibit be entered in the wrong class and the error be discovered before the judging, the superintendent may make proper correction in the entry.
- B. A duplicate of the judge's scorecard will be returned to the exhibitor for each entry in order that the reasons for decisions may be apparent. The sweepstakes winner is chosen from the first-place winners within a category.
- C. Judges are instructed not to award premiums unless entries are deemed worthy of merit. If no competition exists and an exhibit is not worthy of a first premium, the judge may award a second or a third premium, per his or her judgment. In large classes, ALL entries are evaluated, but only the top 25 will be scored.
- D. Only finished or mounted work will be accepted. Wall hangings and pictures must have a means of hanging them. Any exhibit having exhibitor's name displayed must have the name securely covered by stitched cloth or heavy tape.
- E. Soiled entries and entries not made within the last three years will not be judged.
- F. Every effort will be made to display entries in an attractive arrangement and per display space available. The State Fair reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered if it is objectionable in any way, if it requires an excessive amount of space, or if the capacity of the department has been reached. Results will be available near the office in the Creative Activities building during the fair and at [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org). No information on prizes will be given over the phone prior to the start of the fair. Due to the number of entries, all entries may not be displayed or judged. Due to vast number of entries, all entries may not be displayed.

#### 5. RETURN OF EXHIBITS.

- A. Exhibits returned at Creative Activities Building from 1-7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p. m., Thursday, Sept. 7. No exhibits returned before 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6. See Return of Exhibits Procedure for more information.
  - 1. When dropping off exhibit(s) you will receive a yellow confirmation sheet. Bring the yellow confirmation sheet when picking up your exhibit(s).
  - 2. If you are unable to pick up your exhibit(s) on these days, you must make arrangements with the Competition Department at (651) 288-4417.
- B. All entries must be picked up by December 31, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. AFTER such date, the Fair reserves the right to destroy or dispose of non-claimed items at its discretion. Each person who enters an item at the fair does so on the condition and with the understanding that he or she forfeits any and all legal rights and claims to his or her entered items that is not picked up by the deadlines described in this section.

- C. Premium checks will be distributed at the same time entries are available for return to exhibitors. Premium checks not picked up during those dates will be mailed to exhibitors at the address listed on their entry form. You may also donate any premiums won to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3) to support their mission of preserving and improving the historic Minnesota State Fairgrounds and buildings, and supporting State Fair agricultural, scientific and educational programs. Should you choose to donate your premiums, you may sign over your check when you pick up your exhibit(s).
- 6. **2016 Supreme Baker Award:** Elaine Janas, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 7. **2016 Prestigious Processor of the Pantry:** Barbara Schaller, Burnsville, Minn.

## Division 4: Collections

### Collections Rules

1. **STAMP COLLECTIONS** Exhibits in this division need not be the work of the exhibitor, except as otherwise specified, but must be owned by exhibitor. Stamps must be mounted in frames under glass. Brief explanation of the subject will add to the interest value. Outside frame measure should NOT exceed 30" h x 36" w and 1 1/4" d. Exhibit should be displayed in landscape format, vertical displays will NOT fit frames.
2. **POST CARDS** Read instructions carefully regarding information about linens, chromes and antique post cards. Cards must be mounted under glass or heavy plastic preferably with clear corner mounts. Brief explanation of the subject would add to the interest value. All categories except 815, 823, 824 are for antique (pre-1920) competition only. Outside frame measure should NOT exceed 30" h x 36" w and 1 1/4" d. Exhibit should be displayed in landscape format, vertical displays will NOT fit frames.
3. **CREATIVE COLLECTIONS** Collections must be framed or boxed, under glass or heavy plastic. Please label and title collection on the front if possible. No larger than 24" x 26" or 864 sq. in. Attach a short explanation with each entry describing the collection and the reason for collecting these items.
4. **SCRAPBOOKS** All entries must be two-page layout in plastic sleeves. Do not bring entire scrapbook. Entries must adhere to the theme listed or each class.

#### Judging Criteria - Stamp Collections

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Quality.....	20
Material.....	20
Design and general appearance.....	20
Condition.....	20
Value in point of interest.....	20
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#### Judging Criteria - Post Card Frames

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Quality of Material.....	30
Design and general appearance.....	30
Condition.....	20
Value in point of interest.....	20
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#### Judging Criteria - Creative Collections

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Description.....	20
Material.....	20
Design and general appearance.....	40
Condition.....	20
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	<b>100</b>

#### Judging Criteria - Scrapbooks

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Photo.....	30
Effective Design.....	40
Journaling.....	30
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### Premiums for Collections

Collections (unless otherwise indicated)

\$6 \$4 \$2 \$0

Sweepstakes (unless otherwise indicated)

\$10

### Class Listing for Collections

**Stamp Collections**

- 800 U.S. 19th century postage  
*Should contain at least 20 stamps or 10 covers, limited to one frame. Maximum size limit of frame should be 30"h x 36"w x 1 1/4"d. Stamps must be mounted horizontally.*
- 801 U.S. 20th century postage  
*Should contain at least 20 stamps or 10 covers, limited to one frame. Maximum size limit of frame should be 30"h x 36"w x 1 1/4"d. Stamps must be mounted horizontally.*
- 802 U.S. and foreign revenues; stationary, depts., postage due, special delivery  
*Should contain at least 20 stamps or 10 covers, limited to one frame. Maximum size limit of frame should be 30"h x 36"w x 1 1/4"d. Stamps must be mounted horizontally.*
- 803 First day covers; U.S. or foreign  
*Should contain at least 20 stamps or 10 covers, limited to one frame. Maximum size limit of frame should be 30"h x 36"w x 1 1/4"d. Stamps must be mounted horizontally.*
- 804 U.S. Covers; not first day  
*Should contain at least 20 stamps or 10 covers, limited to one frame. Maximum size limit of frame should be 30"h x 36"w x 1 1/4"d. Stamps must be mounted horizontally.*
- 805 Foreign covers; not first day  
*Should contain at least 20 stamps or 10 covers, limited to one frame. Maximum size limit of frame should be 30"h x 36"w x 1 1/4"d. Stamps must be mounted horizontally.*
- 806 Foreign; one country  
*Should contain at least 20 stamps or 10 covers, limited to one frame. Maximum size limit of frame should be 30"h x 36"w x 1 1/4"d. Stamps must be mounted horizontally.*
- 807 Topical; manufactured, from 2 countries (trains, boats, bridges, etc.)  
*Should contain at least 20 stamps or 10 covers, limited to one frame. Maximum size limit of frame should be 30"h x 36"w x 1 1/4"d. Stamps must be mounted horizontally. MUST have stamps from more than one country.*
- 808 Topical; natural, from 2 countries (birds, animals, flowers, etc.)  
*Should contain at least 20 stamps or 10 covers, limited to one frame. Maximum size limit of frame should be 30"h x 36"w x 1 1/4"d. Stamps must be mounted horizontally. MUST have stamps from more than one country.*
- 809 Topical; subject as art, from 2 countries (Red Cross, religion, space, etc.)  
*Should contain at least 20 stamps or 10 covers, limited to one frame. Maximum size limit of frame should be 30"h x 36"w x 1 1/4"d. Stamps must be mounted horizontally. MUST have stamps from more than one country.*
- 810 Labels; Christmas, TB, local stamps, charity, etc.  
*Should contain at least 20 stamps or 10 covers, limited to one frame. Maximum size limit of frame should be 30"h x 36"w x 1 1/4"d. Stamps must be mounted horizontally.*
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- 811 Sweepstakes, stamp collections
- SP812 Charles Bauer Memorial Trophy (winner class 811)  
*Bruce Bauer will award the Charles Bauer memorial trophy to the winner of Sweepstakes, stamp collections (class 811).*

**Post Card Frames**

- 815 Mixed era: trace one subject using cards from more than one era  
*Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24.*
- 816 Artist signed or greeting  
*Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Cards to be antique (pre-1920).*
- 817 Minnesota post cards  
*Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Cards to be antique (pre-1920).*
- 818 Views, places or buildings, etc., scenic nature (non-Minnesota)  
*Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Cards to be antique (pre-1920).*
- 819 People: famous, occupational, etc.  
*Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Cards to be antique (pre-1920).*
- 820 Novelty cards  
*Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Cards to be antique (pre-1920).*
- 821 Transportation cards  
*Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Cards to be antique (pre-1920).*
- 822 Topic: historical event, dogs, cats, mining, fishing, etc.  
*Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Cards to be antique (pre-1920).*
- 823 Linen era post cards  
*Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24.*

824 Chrome (slick finish) modern post cards

*Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24.*

825 Sweepstakes, post card frames

SP826 Twin City Post Card Club (winner class 825)

*Will award a plaque to winner of Sweepstakes, post card frames (class 825).*

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829 Collection, made entirely by exhibitor

*Must be framed or boxed, under glass or heavy plastic. Label and title collection on front. No larger than 24" x 36" or 864 sq. in. Short explanation describing the collection and the reason for collecting items.*

830 Collection, assembled or mounted by exhibitor

*Must be framed or boxed, under glass or heavy plastic. Label and title collection on front. No larger than 24" x 36" or 864 sq. in. Short explanation describing the collection and the reason for collecting items.*

831 Collection, nature

*Must be framed or boxed, under glass or heavy plastic. Label and title collection on front. No larger than 24" x 36" or 864 sq. in. Short explanation describing the collection and the reason for collecting items.*

832 Collection, history

*Must be framed or boxed, under glass or heavy plastic. Label and title collection on front. No larger than 24" x 36" or 864 sq. in. Short explanation describing the collection and the reason for collecting items.*

833 Sweepstakes, creative collections

SP834 Hennepin History Museum Award (winner class 832)

*Will award a 1-year membership (\$50 value) to the winner of Collection, history (class 832).*

### Scrapbooks

850 "Vacation", 8 1/2 in. x 11 in., two-page layout

*Do not bring entire scrapbook, entries must adhere to the theme listed.*

851 "Vacation", 12 in. x 12 in., two-page layout

*Do not bring entire scrapbook, entries must adhere to the theme listed.*

852 "Heritage", 8 1/2 in. x 11 in., two-page layout

*Do not bring entire scrapbook, entries must adhere to the theme listed.*

853 "Heritage", 12 in. x 12 in., two-page layout

*Do not bring entire scrapbook, entries must adhere to the theme listed.*

854 "Special Occasion", 8 1/2 in. x 11 in., two-page layout

*Do not bring entire scrapbook, entries must adhere to the theme listed.*

855 "Special Occasion", 12 in. x 12 in., two-page layout

*Do not bring entire scrapbook, entries must adhere to the theme listed.*

856 Sweepstakes, scrapbooks