

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
 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. 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 2: Garment Making

Garment Making Rules

1. **GARMENTS.** No crocheted garments, wedding gowns, wedding attire, First Communion, full length dresses, or costumes. Only street length dresses accepted. Garments must be new and clean. This pertains to adult, junior, and children's garments.
 - A. Junior Group - Sewn by juniors 14 - 18 years old.
 - B. Children's Garments - Sizes 3 to 12 (2-12 years old).
 - C. Infant and Toddler Garments - Sizes 0-2. No baptismal, wedding or formal gowns. Garments to be judged on smocking should be entered under embroider.

Judging Criteria - Garments

General Appearance.....	40
<i>Character or Style; Design, Color and Texture, Trimming, Condition of Garment</i>	
Materials Used.....	10
<i>Fabric and Findings, Cleaning Qualities</i>	
Workmanship.....	50
<i>Cut, Stitching, Seams, Hems, Finishes, Etc.</i>	
	100

Premiums for Garment Making

- Garment Making (anything not otherwise indicated)
\$8 \$6 \$4 \$0
- Sweepstakes (unless otherwise indicated)
\$10

Class Listing for Garment Making

Adult Garments

- 423 Purses
- 424 Other bags
- 425 Hats
- 426 Blouse (needlecraft not eligible)
- 427 Coat, lined
- 428 Dress, knit fabric
- 429 Dress, not knit
- 430 Ensemble (dress & jacket/coat or skirt & jacket/coat)
- 431 Sleepwear
- 432 Ethnic or native attire
- 433 Shirt, man's sport
- 434 Skirt
- 435 Slacks
- 436 Sleeveless shift or jumper
- 437 Sportswear
- 438 Sport, outerwear jacket
- 439 Blazer, lined or unlined
- 440 Jacket, unlined
- 441 Jacket, lined
- 442 Suit, woman's, tailored, wool
- 443 Suit, woman's, tailored, other fabric

- 444 Vest
- 445 Historic reproduction clothing, documentation of historic pattern must be included
- 446 Sweepstakes, adult garments

Junior Group (Sewn by Juniors 14 - 18 years)

- 447 Blouse
- 448 Coat
- 449 Dress
- 450 Skirt or slacks
- 451 Sleeveless shift or jumper
- 452 Suit, two or three pieces
- 453 Sportswear
- 454 Sweepstakes, junior group
- SP455 American Sewing Guild (embellished garment, junior group, classes 447-453)
Will award a rosette and a 1-year membership (\$50 value) to the junior group classes, 447-453 (combined). To the self-constructed wearable garment demonstrating quality construction and application of techniques; which has been embellished by hand or machine stitching. The embellishment may include (but is not limited to applique, fabric manipulation, beading or use of trims. Judging criteria will include construction technique.
- SP456 American Sewing Guild (embellished garment, adult garment, classes 426-444)
Will award a rosette and a 1-year membership (\$50 value) to the adult garment classes, 426-444 (combined). To the self-constructed wearable garment demonstrating quality construction and application of techniques; which has been embellished by hand or machine stitching. The embellishment may include (but is not limited to applique, fabric manipulation, beading or use of trims. Judging criteria will include construction technique.
- SP457 Dick and Juanita Boniface (best article made of wool, Adult garment and Junior group classes combined)
Will award a \$30 cash prize to first place and a \$20 cash prize to second place to the best articles made of all wool from the adult and junior garment classes.

Children's Garments

- 459 Coat
- 460 Dress, cotton or cotton blend
- 461 Dress with pinafore
- 462 Dress, any other fabric
- 463 Jumper
- 464 Ethnic or folk attire
- 465 Pajamas, nightgown or robe
- 466 Sportswear, summer
- 467 Two piece jogging suit
- 468 Shirt or blouse, boy's
- 469 Knit T-shirt or T-shirt dress
- 470 Blouse, girl's
- 471 Skirt
- 472 Suit
- 473 Trousers, slacks or overalls
- 474 Winter sportswear, outerwear and jackets
- 475 Sweepstakes, children's garments
- SP476 Treadle Yard Goods (winner class 446)
Will award a rosette and a \$50 gift certificate to winner of Sweepstakes, adult garment (class 446).
- SP477 Treadle Yard Goods (winner class 454)
Will award a rosette and a \$50 gift certificate to winner of Sweepstakes, junior group (class 454).
- SP478 Treadle Yard Goods (winner class 475)
Will award a rosette and a \$50 gift certificate to winner of Sweepstakes, children's garment (class 475).

Infant and Toddler Garments

- 479 Bib
- 480 Bonnet or cap, crocheted
- 481 Bonnet or cap, knitted
- 482 Booties
- 483 Dress, sewn
- 484 Dress, hand knit
- 485 Dress, crocheted
- 486 Playsuit
- 487 Afghan, knit, no larger than 42 in. x 42 in.
- 488 Afghan, crocheted, no larger than 42 in. x 42 in.
- 489 Embroidered crib quilt or spread
- 490 Sleepwear
- 491 Sweater or jacket, crocheted
- 492 Sweater or jacket, knitted
- 493 Jacket, sewn
- 494 3-piece ensemble, knitted
- 495 3-piece ensemble, crocheted
- 496 3-piece ensemble, sewn
- 497 Not otherwise specified

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- 498 Sweepstakes, infant and toddler garments

Adult Garments

- 499 Repurposed Outfit: woman's or man's from repurposed articles/fabrics (such as tablecloths, curtains, bedspreads, etc.)