

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 5: Work of Senior Citizens (65 and over)

Work of Senior Citizens Rules

1. **GENERAL RULES.** The scorecards for respective categories in which the following classes will fall will be used. Exhibits will be displayed in the Creative Activities Building.
2. **NEEDLECRAFT.** Afghans should be no larger than 50 in. x 76 in. No puff, cathedral window, yo-yo or crazy quilts. No commercially preprinted "cheater" fabric. No tied quilts. No aprons, towels, tree skirts, pot holders, plastic canvas, latch hook rugs, macramé, dish clothes, doilies or sewn garments. No handkerchiefs (except in class 946).

Premiums for Work of Senior Citizens (65 and over)

Work of Senior Citizens (anything not otherwise indicated)

\$8 \$6 \$4 \$0

Quilts (Work of Seniors)

\$28 \$12 \$8 \$0

Sweepstakes (unless otherwise indicated)

\$10

Class Listing for Work of Senior Citizens (65 and over)

Handcrafts

- 900 Article of furniture
- 901 Bird house or bird feeder
- 902 Clock
- 903 Carving, scale construction
- 904 Carving, whittling
- 905 Carving, small figure or animal
- 906 Carving, bird
- 907 Carving, chip
- 908 Wood burning
- 909 China painting
- 910 Folk painting on wood
- 911 Fretwork
- 912 General woodworking, indoor
- 913 General woodworking, outdoor
- 914 Inlay
- 915 Leather tooled item
- 916 Metal work item
- 917 Model construction, working model
- 918 Model construction, exhibition
- 919 Wood turning
- 920 Stained glass, under 1 ft.
- 921 Stained glass, 1 ft. and over
- 922 Wood toys
- 923 Basketry - any type

924 Judge's Choice

925 Sweepstakes, handcrafts; senior citizens

SP926 Peterson Memorial Award (winner lot 919)

Will award a rosette in memory of Ronald "Bud" Peterson, a past winner in wood craftsmanship, to the first prize winner of Wood turning (class 919).

Needlecrafts

928 Crocheted afghan

929 Crocheted baby afghan, no larger than 42 in. x 42 in.

930 Crocheted baby bonnet

931 Crocheted baby sweater

932 Crocheted baby booties

933 Crocheted adult vest or sweater

934 Crocheted scarf

935 Crocheted, not otherwise specified in above classes (928-934)

936 Knitted afghan

937 Knitted baby afghan, no larger 42 in. x 42 in.

938 Knitted baby bonnet

939 Knitted baby sweater

940 Knitted baby booties

941 Knitted slippers (no booties)

942 Knitted adult vest or sweater

943 Knitted scarf

944 Machine knitted article

945 Knitted, not otherwise specified in above classes (936-944)

946 Tatted item

947 Beadwork, necklace

948 Beadwork, any other

949 Counted thread picture, less than 150 sq. in.

950 Counted thread picture, greater than 151 sq. in.

951 Hardanger, picture

952 Hardanger, table runner, table topper

953 Needlepoint, picture

954 Needlepoint, any other (pillow, stocking, box top)

955 Hand embroidered item

956 Any other technique using hand and threaded needle, not listed above (long stitch, punch needle, etc.)

957 Not otherwise specified, (item must use techniques in classes 949-956)

958 Pillow, quilted

959 Quilted table runner or table topper, no larger than 136 sq. in

960 Quilted article of clothing

961 Quilted wall hanging, cotton, sleeve attached, max perimeter of 120 in.

- 962 Quilted wall hanging, cotton, with embroidery, sleeve attached, max perimeter of 120 in.
- 963 Quilted wall hanging, cotton, with appliqué, sleeve attached, max perimeter of 120 in.
- 964 Quilted wall hanging, mixed techniques, with sleeve, max perimeter of 120 in.
- 965 Crib quilt, baby theme, max perimeter of 249 in.
- 966 Quilt, cotton, pieced, max perimeter of 249 in
- 967 Quilt, cotton, with embroidery, max perimeter of 249 in
- 968 Quilt, cotton, appliqué, max perimeter of 249 in
- 969 Quilt, material other than cotton, max perimeter of 249 in
- 970 Quilt, cotton, pieced, perimeter greater than 250 in
- 971 Quilt, cotton, with embroidery, perimeter greater than 250 in
- 972 Quilt, cotton, appliqué, perimeter greater than 250 in
- 973 Quilt, material other than cotton, must be quilted, perimeter greater than 250 in
- 974 Quilt, pieced and quilted by group
- 975 Commemorative quilt in honor of milestone, subject featured on quilt top
- 976 Woven stole, scarf or shawl
- 977 Woven wall hanging, must have sleeve
- 978 Rug, loom woven
- 979 Rug, hooked
- 980 Rug, braided
- 981 Toy animal, fabric stuffed, large, 15 in. or over
- 982 Toy animal, fabric stuffed, small, under 15 in.
- 983 Doll, play type, made and dressed by exhibitor of fabric material
- 984 Doll dressed with clothes made by exhibitor
- 985 Doll clothes, set, mounted on foam or cardboard, made by exhibitor
- 986 Not otherwise specified, no crocheted, knitted or needlearts items
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- 990 Sweepstakes, crocheted items (classes 928-935)
- 991 Sweepstakes, knitted items (classes 936-945)
- 992 Sweepstakes, needlearts items (classes 946-957)
- 993 Sweepstakes, quilting items (classes 958-975)
- 994 Sweepstakes, woven items and rugs (classes 976-980)
- 995 Sweepstakes, dolls and toys (classes 981-986)
- SP996 Minnesota Quilters Award (first, second, and third place winners, classes 958-975)
Will award \$20 to first place winner, and have matched State Fair premiums for second place and third place, classes 958-975. Prize money is included in Fair check.
- SP997 Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild (winner class 923)
Will award a rosette, \$25 cash prize, and a 1-year membership to Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild to the first place winners of Basketry, any type (class 923).