

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 22-Sept. 2, 2019

Creative Activities

Superintendent..... Curt Pederson, Shoreview, MN
Secretary..... Arlene Restad, Eagan, MN
Board Member..... Joe Fox, North St. Paul, MN

Creative Activities Rules

1. **ENTRIES.** Opens Monday, May 6. Entries close for all divisions Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 4:30 p.m. No exceptions.
 - A. **ONLINE REGISTRATION.** All entries MUST be registered. Entries close at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6. 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. 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, a hard copy printed OR readily available to be viewed easily on a mobile device will be required at drop off.
 2. Refer to the "How To Enter Exhibits" document for detailed information and entry procedures. Visit the Minnesota State Fair website to begin the registration process: competition.mnstatefair.org
 - B. **MAIL-IN REGISTRATION.** Must be in our office (not postmarked) by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6. 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.
 - C. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE REGISTERED.**
2. **ELIGIBILITY.**
 - A. A single entrant may register for no more than 25 classes total in divisions 1-5 (Needlecraft, Garment Making, Handcrafts, Collections, and Senior Citizen). Baked products division and canning division are not included in this limit; baked and canning division limits are 20 entries per division, entries in Special Contests are not included in the limit.
 - B. 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.
 - C. Exhibits which have won a first prize at a previous Minnesota State Fair are not eligible for entry, except in baking and canning divisions.
 - D. Entries are open to any individual 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).
 - E. Exhibit represents a recreational hobby and is not used as any means of livelihood, directly or indirectly, as determined by the State Fair staff. In case of protest refer to State Statues document.
 - F. 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".
 - G. 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.
 - H. 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.
 - I. "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. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. All entries must be received by 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12. All entries must be registered PRIOR to delivery. Quilts and rugs entered in County Sweepstakes Contests will be received up to Thursday, Aug. 15.

- B. Entries in Canned and Preserved Foods will be received Saturday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; delivered to the Creative Activities Annex, on the west side of the building
 - C. Entries in Baked Products will be received Saturday, Aug. 17, 9:30 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. 6, to the Competition Department, 1312 Cosgrove Ave. on the fairgrounds from 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. All items MUST BE REGISTERED prior to being delivered.
 - 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. ONLY USPS, UPS, or FedEx deliveries will be accepted. Directions for return shipment should be given, and money or checks (to: Minnesota State Fair) must be enclosed to cover cost of returning entries to exhibitor. Do NOT send stamps. RETURN OF EXHIBIT: See #5, D.
 - 5. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO BEING SENT.**
4. **JUDGING.**
- A. Judging of all exhibits except baking will be conducted Monday to Saturday, Aug. 12-17. 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 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 displaying exhibitor's name must be 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 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.
5. **RETURN OF EXHIBITS.**
- A. Exhibits returned from the Creative Activities Building on Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 1-7 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 5. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. No exhibits returned before 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4. 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 1, 2019 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 and scorecards 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).

- D. **UPS or USPS boxes accepted for return of entries.** 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 (to: Minnesota State Fair) must be enclosed to cover cost of returning entries to exhibitor. STAMPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- 6. **2018 Supreme Baker Award:** Elaine Janas, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 7. **2018 Prestigious Processor of the Pantry:** Barb Schaller, Burnsville, Minn.
- 8. **American Craft Council Special Awards.** An organization committed to connecting and galvanizing diverse craft communities craft to cultivate and advance craft's impact in contemporary American life, the American Craft Council will honor two Creative Activities entries with Awards of Excellence in the following categories:
 - A. **Democracy Matters Award** \$100 and a commemorative ribbon, Peoples Choice award. Fairgoers vote for their favorite Creative Activities entry in divisions 1-5 (needlecraft, garment making, handcrafts, collections, or seniors) Ballot to be cast at the Creative Activities Office.
 - B. **Deep Roots Award** Selected by the American Craft Council, \$100 and ACC ribbon, awarded to a maker whose work is rooted in a sense of tradition, and demonstrating mastery of technique from divisions 1-5 (needlecraft, garment making, handcrafts, collections, or seniors).

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. MUST be mounted landscape format (horizontal, long dimensions). No portrait format (vertical displays); they will NOT fit in Creative Activities display frames and may not be displayed during Fair.
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. Classes 813, 816, 819 are antique competition only (pre-1920). Classes 812, 820, 821 are from specific era(s) be sure to abide by the specific era if entering these classes. Outside frame measure should NOT exceed 30" h x 36" w and 1 1/4" d. MUST be mounted landscape format (horizontal, long dimensions). No portrait format (vertical displays); they will NOT fit in Creative Activities display frames and may not be displayed during Fair.
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 for each class.
5. **NUMISMATICS** Exhibits in this division need not be the work of the exhibitor, except as otherwise specified, but must be owned by exhibitor. Items must be mounted in frames under glass. Brief explanation of the subject will add to the interest value. Outside frame measure should NOT exceed 20" x 30" x 1 1/4" deep, or 600 sq. in. MUST be mounted landscape format (horizontal, long dimensions). No portrait format (vertical displays); they will NOT fit in Creative Activities display frames and may not be displayed during fair.
6. **INSURANCE** Private insurance is required for collections whose value exceed \$200.

Judging Criteria - Stamp Collections and Numismatics

Quality.....	20
Material.....	20
Design and general appearance.....	20
Condition.....	20
Value in point of interest.....	20
	100

Judging Criteria - Post Card Frames

Quality of Material.....	30
Design and general appearance.....	30
Condition.....	20
Value in point of interest.....	20
	100

Judging Criteria - Creative Collections

Description.....	20
Material.....	20
Design and general appearance.....	40
Condition.....	20
	100

Judging Criteria - Scrapbooks

Photo.....	30
Effective Design.....	40
Journaling.....	30
	100

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.

811 Sweepstakes, stamp collections

SP9400 Charles Bauer Memorial Trophy

Bruce Bauer will award the Charles Bauer memorial trophy to the winner of Sweepstakes, stamp collections (class 811).

Post Card Frames

812 Mixed era: trace one subject using cards from more than one era, any years

Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Due to limited space, only top 4 submissions may be displayed.

813 Holiday

Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Cards to be antique (pre-1920). Due to limited space, only top 4 submissions may be displayed.

814 Minnesota post cards

Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Any years. Due to limited space, only top 4 submissions may be displayed.

815 Views, places or buildings, etc., scenic nature (non-Minnesota)

Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Any years. Due to limited space, only top 4 submissions may be displayed.

816 People: famous, occupational, etc.

Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Cards to be antique (pre-1920). Due to limited space, only top 4 submissions may be displayed.

817 Novelty cards

Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Any years. Due to limited space, only top 4 submissions may be displayed.

818 Transportation cards

Frame must contain at least 6 cards - no more than 24. Any years. Due to limited space, only top 4 submissions may be displayed.

819 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).

820 Linen era post cards

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

821 Chrome (slick finish) modern post cards

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

822 Sweepstakes, post card frames

SP9401 Twin City Post Card Club

Will award a plaque to winner of Sweepstakes, post card frames (class 822).

Creative Collections

823 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.

824 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.

825 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.

826 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.

827 Sweepstakes, creative collections

SP9402 Hennepin History Museum Award

Will award a 1-year membership (\$75 value) to the winner of Collection, history (class 826).

Scrapbooks

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

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

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

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

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

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

831 Sweepstakes, scrapbooks

Numismatics

832 Coins

U.S. or world denominations in a series. Must include short description informing what the collection is depicting, points deducted if no description included. Private insurance required for valuation over \$200. No larger than 20" x 30" x 1 1/4" deep, or 600 sq. in.

833 Currency

U.S. or world denominations in a series. Must include short description informing what the collection is depicting, points deducted if no description included. Private insurance required for valuation over \$200. No larger than 20" x 30" x 1 1/4" deep, or 600 sq. in.

834 Sweepstakes, numismatics