

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 22-Sept. 2, 2019

Creative Activities

Superintendent..... Curt Pederson, Shoreview, MN
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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 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 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 class (do not enter)
- 925 Sweepstakes, handcrafts; senior citizens

SP9500 Peterson Memorial Award

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).

SP9501 Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild

Will award a rosette, \$25 cash prize, and a 1-year membership to Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild to the first place winner of Basketry - any type (class 923).

Needlecrafts

- 926 Crocheted afghan
- 927 Crocheted baby afghan, no larger than 42 in. x 42 in.
- 928 Crocheted baby bonnet
- 929 Crocheted baby sweater
- 930 Crocheted baby booties
- 931 Crocheted adult vest or sweater
- 932 Crocheted scarf
- 933 Crocheted, not otherwise specified in above classes (928-934)
- 934 Knitted afghan
- 935 Knitted baby afghan, no larger 42 in. x 42 in.
- 936 Knitted baby bonnet
- 937 Knitted baby sweater
- 938 Knitted baby booties
- 939 Knitted slippers (no booties)
- 940 Knitted adult vest or sweater
- 941 Knitted scarf
- 942 Machine knitted article
- 943 Knitted, not otherwise specified in above classes (936-944)
- 944 Tatted item
- 945 Beadwork, necklace
- 946 Beadwork, any other
- 947 Counted thread picture, less than 150 sq. in.
- 948 Counted thread picture, greater than 151 sq. in.
- 949 Hardanger, picture
- 950 Hardanger, table runner, table topper
- 951 Needlepoint, picture
- 952 Needlepoint, any other (pillow, stocking, box top)
- 953 Hand embroidered item
- 954 Any other technique using hand and threaded needle, not listed above (long stitch, punch needle, etc.)
- 955 Not otherwise specified, (item must use techniques in classes 949-956)
- 956 Pillow, quilted
- 957 Quilted table runner or table topper, no larger than 36 in. x 36 in.
- 958 Quilted article of clothing
- 959 Quilted wall hanging, cotton, sleeve attached, max perimeter of 120 in.
- 960 Quilted wall hanging, cotton, with embroidery, sleeve attached, max perimeter of 120 in.
- 961 Quilted wall hanging, cotton, with appliqué, sleeve attached, max perimeter of 120 in.

- 962 Quilted wall hanging, mixed techniques, with sleeve, max perimeter of 120 in.
- 963 Crib quilt, baby theme, max perimeter of 249 in.
- 964 Quilt, cotton, pieced, max perimeter of 249 in.
- 965 Quilt, cotton, with embroidery, max perimeter of 249 in.
- 966 Quilt, cotton, appliqué, max perimeter of 249 in.
- 967 Quilt, material other than cotton, max perimeter of 249 in.
- 968 Quilt, cotton, pieced, perimeter greater than 250 in.
No embroidery or appliqué.
- 969 Quilt, cotton, with embroidery, perimeter greater than 250 in.
- 970 Quilt, cotton, appliqué, perimeter greater than 250 in.
- 971 Quilt, material other than cotton, must be quilted, perimeter greater than 250 in.
- 972 Quilt, pieced and quilted by group
- 973 Commemorative quilt in honor of milestone, subject featured on quilt top
- 974 Woven stole, scarf or shawl
- 975 Woven wall hanging, must have sleeve
- 976 Rug, loom woven
- 977 Rug, hooked
- 978 Rug, braided
- 979 Toy animal, fabric stuffed, large, 15 in. or over
- 980 Toy animal, fabric stuffed, small, under 15 in.
- 981 Doll, play type, made and dressed by exhibitor of fabric material
- 982 Doll dressed with clothes made by exhibitor
- 983 Doll clothes, set, mounted on foam or cardboard, made by exhibitor
- 984 Not otherwise specified, no crocheted, knitted, needlearts, woven, or quilted items
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- 985 Sweepstakes, crocheted items (classes 926-933)
- 986 Sweepstakes, knitted items (classes 934-943)
- 987 Sweepstakes, needlearts items (classes 944-955)
- 988 Sweepstakes, quilting items (classes 956-973)
- 989 Sweepstakes, woven items and rugs (classes 974-978)
- 990 Sweepstakes, dolls and toys (classes 979-984)
- SP9502 Minnesota Quilters Award
Will award \$20 to first place winner, and have matched State Fair premiums for second place and third place, in all Work of Senior Citizens quilt classes, listed above. Prize money is included in Fair check (classes 956-973).
- SP9503 Craft Camp Retreat Center
Will award a rosette, \$15 cash prize and \$150 gift certificate toward to a Craft Camp retreat for recipient and guest to second place Quilt, pieced and quilted by group (class 972).
- SP9504 Craft Camp Retreat Center
Will award a rosette, \$15 cash prize and \$150 gift certificate toward to a Craft Camp retreat for recipient and guest to second place Quilt, cotton, pieced, perimeter greater than 250 inches (class 968).