Creative Activities Rules

1. **ENTRIES.** Opens Monday, May 4. Entries close for all divisions Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 4:30 p.m. No exceptions.
   
   A. **ONLINE REGISTRATION.** All entries MUST be registered. Entries close on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 4:30 p.m. 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 Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 4:30 p.m. 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 exhibitor may register for no more than 25 classes total in divisions 1-5 (needlecraft, garment making, handcrafts, collections and senior citizen). Entry limits for division 6 (baked products) and division 7 (canning): no more than 30 classes registered for division 6 and 7 respectively; each exhibitor may submit up to 20 exhibits (from the registered 30 classes) for division 6 and division 7 separately. Entries in special contests are not included in these limits.
   
   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 baked products 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 statutes 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 is 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.
   
   J. The Minnesota State Fair does not insure any exhibit entered in the Creative Activities Building. If an exhibitor feels it is necessary, they must purchase insurance at their own expense.

3. **DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS.**
A. Entries in needlecraft, garment making, handcrafts, collections and work of senior citizens will be received Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. All entries must be received by Monday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. All entries must be registered PRIOR to delivery. Quilts and rugs entered in County Sweepstakes Contests will be received up to Thursday, Aug. 20 at noon.

B. Entries in canned and preserved foods will be received Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 16, from 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. 22, from 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. 11, to the competition department located at 1312 Cosgrove Avenue on the fairgrounds, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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.

F. Do NOT bring in props. They will not be used and are at risk of being misplaced.

4. JUDGING.

A. All judge's decisions are final.

B. Judging of all exhibits (except entries in the baked products division) will be conducted Monday, Aug. 17 to Saturday, Aug. 20. 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.

C. 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.

D. 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.

E. 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.

F. Soiled entries and entries not made within the last three years will not be judged.

G. 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. 9, from 1-7 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. No exhibits returned before Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. 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.
   3. CANOES and BOATS cannot be left behind. We do not have space. If you are unable to pick up your canoe, boat or oversized item during the specified return dates they will be left in the building to be picked up the following year.
B. All entries must be picked up by Dec. 1, 2020 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 are 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. **2019 Supreme Baker Award**: Karen Cope, Minneapolis, Minn.

7. **2019 Prestigious Processor of the Pantry**: Barb 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. Garments to be judged on smocking should be entered under embroidery.
      1. No baptismal, wedding or formal gowns.

**Judging Criteria - Garments**

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**Premiums for Garment Making**

- Garment Making (unless otherwise indicated)
  - $8 $6 $4 $0
- Sweepstakes (unless otherwise indicated)
  - $10

**Class Listing for Garment Making**

**Adult Garments**

- 400 Purses
- 401 Other bags
- 402 Hats
- 403 Blouse (needlecraft not eligible)
- 404 Coat, lined
- 405 Dress, knit fabric
- 406 Dress, not knit
- 407 Ensemble (dress & jacket/coat or skirt & jacket/coat)
- 408 Sleepwear
- 409 Ethnic or native attire
- 410 Shirt, man's sport
- 411 Skirt
- 412 Slacks
- 413 Sleeveless shift or jumper
- 414 Sportswear
- 415 Sport, outerwear jacket
- 416 Blazer, lined or unlined
- 417 Jacket, unlined
- 418 Jacket, lined
- 419 Suit, woman's, tailored, wool
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- Suit, woman's, tailored, other fabric
- Vest
- Vintage patterns prior to 1970
- Historic reproduction clothing, documentation of historic pattern must be included
- Repurposed Outfit: woman's or man's from repurposed articles/fabrics (such as tablecloths, curtains, bedspreads, etc.)

425 Sweepstakes, adult garments  
(classes 400-424)

SP9200 American Sewing Guild
Will award a rosette and a 1-year membership ($50 value) in adult garments 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) appliqué, fabric manipulation, beading or use of trims. Embellishments already in/on fabric are not considered original. The embellishment(s) on the entry garment must be made by the person entering the garment into competition. Judging criteria will include construction technique; adult garments, classes 400-424 (combined).

SP9201 Treadle Yard Goods
Will award a rosette and a $50 gift certificate to winner of Sweepstakes, adult garment (class 425).

Junior Group (Sewn by Juniors 14 - 18 years)

- Blouse
- Coat
- Dress
- Skirt or slacks
- Sleeveless shift or jumper
- Suit, two or three pieces
- Sportswear

433 Sweepstakes, junior group  
(classes 426-432)

SP9202 American Sewing Guild
Will award a rosette and a 1-year membership ($50 value) in junior garments 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) appliqué, fabric manipulation, beading or use of trims. Embellishments already in/on fabric are not considered original. The embellishment(s) on the entry garment must be made by the person entering the garment into competition. Judging criteria will include construction technique; junior group, classes 426-432 (combined).

SP9203 Dick and Juanita Boniface
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 400-432 (combined).

SP9204 Treadle Yard Goods
Will award a rosette and a $50 gift certificate to winner of Sweepstakes, junior group (class 433).

Children's Garments

- Coat
- Dress, cotton or cotton blend
- Dress with pinafore
- Dress, any other fabric
- Jumper
- Ethnic or folk attire
- Pajamas, nightgown or robe
- Sportswear, summer
- Two piece jogging suit
- Shirt or blouse, boy's
- Knit T-shirt or T-shirt dress
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Blouse, girl's
445
Skirt
446
Suit
447
Trousers, slacks or overalls
448
Winter sportswear, outerwear and jackets
449

Sweepstakes, children's garments
450
(classes 434-449)

Treadle Yard Goods
SP9205
Will award a rosette and a $50 gift certificate to winner of Sweepstakes, children's garment (class 450).

Infant and Toddler Garments

Bib
451
Bonnet or cap, crocheted
452
Bonnet or cap, knitted
453
Booties
454
Dress, sewn
455
Dress, hand knit
456
Dress, crocheted
457
Playsuit
458
Afghan, knit, no larger than 42 in. x 42 in.
459
Afghan, crocheted, no larger than 42 in. x 42 in.
460
Embroidered crib quilt or spread
461
Sleepwear
462
Sweater or jacket, crocheted
463
Sweater or jacket, knitted
464
Jacket, sewn
465
3-piece ensemble, knitted
466
3-piece ensemble, crocheted
467
3-piece ensemble, sewn
468
Not otherwise specified
469

Sweepstakes, infant and toddler garments
470
(classes 451-469)