Creative Activities Rules

1. **ENTRIES.** Open Monday, May 2. Entries close for all divisions Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 4:30 p.m. No exceptions.
   A. **ONLINE REGISTRATION.** All entries MUST be registered. Entries close on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 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. 9, 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 (selected from the registered 30 classes) for division 6 and division 7 separately. Entries in special contests are not included in these limits; classes 1088-1094, and 1279.
   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 State 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, diamond art or art made from kits, 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 is not responsible for any lost or damaged entries, this is an at-will exhibit and the staff takes every precaution possible to ensure each exhibit is treated with care. 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. 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. All entries must be received by Monday, Aug. 15, 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. 18 at noon.

B. Entries in canned and preserved foods will be received Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 14, 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. 20, 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 up to ONE WEEK PRIOR (no earlier) until Tuesday, Aug. 9, 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. 15 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 ribbons unless entries are deemed worthy of merit. If no competition exists and an exhibit is not worthy of a first place ribbon, the judge may award a second or a third place ribbon 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. 7, from 1-7 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. No exhibits returned before Wednesday, Sept. 7, 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 to store any oversized exhibits. If you are unable to pick up your canoe, boat or oversized exhibit during the specified return dates they will be left in the building and at risk of damage.

   **B.** All entries must be picked up by Dec. 1, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. AFTER such date, the State Fair reserves the right to destroy or dispose of non-claimed items at its discretion. Each person who enters an item at the State 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. **2021 Supreme Baker Award:** Karen Cope, Minneapolis, Minn.

7. **2021 Prestigious Processor of the Pantry:** Barb 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 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 944, Tatted item).

Premiums for Work of Senior Citizens (65 and over)

- 2022 First Place Premium
  - $8
- Sweepstakes (unless otherwise indicated)
  - $10

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

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925 Sweepstakes, handcrafts; senior citizens
(classes 900-924)
2022 Minnesota State Fair - August 25 through Labor Day

Creative Activities Rules and Premiums

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). Prize money included in fair check.

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 926-932)
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 934-942)
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 theaded needle, not listed above (long stitch, punch needle, etc.)
955 Not otherwise specified (item must use techniques in classes 947-954)
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.

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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.
   *No embroidery or appliqué.*
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
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, $6 to second place and $4 to third place, in all Work of Senior Citizens quilt classes, listed above. Prize money is included in fair check (classes 956-973).*

**SP9503 Midwest Machine Knitters’ Collaborative**
*Will award a rosette and $25 to the first place winner of Machine knitted article (class 942).*