

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 22-Sept. 2, 2024

Crop Art & Scarecrow

Superintendent..... Roger Wippler, Roseville, MN
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Crop Art & Scarecrow Rules.

1. **Eligibility.** Open to any resident of Minnesota (except classes 21 and 22). Any individual or group may show a single exhibit.
2. **Entries.**
 - A. **Entry deadline.** Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
 - B. Limited to one entry per individual or group per class.
3. **Exhibits.** Exhibit must be the work of the exhibitor(s). NO KITS.
4. **Exhibit delivery and pick-up.**
 - A. **Delivery dates and times.** Exhibit and exhibitor tag must be brought to the department superintendent in the Agriculture Horticulture Building.
 1. **Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024, between 2-7 p.m.**
 - B. **If sent through delivery service, exhibits must be delivered prepaid.** ONLY USPS, UPS or FedEx deliveries will be accepted. Directions for return shipment should be given and money or checks (payable to: Minnesota State Fair) must be enclosed to cover cost of returning entries to exhibitor. If no money is included, indicate if exhibit will be picked up.
 1. Exhibits by mail or express should be sent in ample time for receipt by the entry deadline. Addressed to: Crop Art Assistant Superintendent, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Avenue North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108.
 2. **Do not send stamps.**
 - C. **Pick-up dates and times.** Exhibitors should bring their entry receipt with them.
 1. **Labor Day, between 8-9 p.m.** For those exhibitors who are already on the fairgrounds.
 2. **Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024, between 4-6 p.m.**
 3. **Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, between 8-11:30 a.m.**
 - D. **Late pick-up.** Arrangements for pick-up outside of these dates and times must be made with the competition department at 651-288-4417. Exhibits will be held until Dec. 1.
 1. Exhibits unclaimed after Dec. 1 will be disposed of. Each person entering an item at the fair does so on the condition and with the understanding that they forfeit any and all legal rights and claims to their entered items not picked up by the deadlines described in this section.
5. **Reasons for disqualification.**
 - A. Any exhibit which does not conform with requirements or which has plant parts or kinds, or products, which are not in compliance with the rules of this class, will be disqualified or discounted by the Superintendent in advance of the judging of the exhibits. Reason(s) for disqualification will be noted on the exhibitor tag.
 - B. **Web addresses or QR codes.** Any exhibit incorporating web addresses or QR codes will be disqualified.
 - C. Seed and plant parts from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed list (mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list).
6. Repeated showing of the same exhibit is discouraged and shall place lower than a new exhibit of equal quality.
7. **Judging.** The judges may, at their discretion, withhold an award or award such exhibit any placing, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. when the exhibit is deemed unworthy of a higher placing.
8. The management of the Minnesota State Fair reserves the right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters.
9. The fair management will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss or damage done to any article on exhibition and the exhibitor shall indemnify the fair and the management thereof, against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.

Judging Criteria - Crop Art

Originality and distinctiveness.....	15
Composition.....	15
<i>Blended and arranged into an integrated work or whole, proper scale and dimensions and well adapted for seeds</i>	
Color.....	10
<i>Use and selection of natural and added (seed stains, paints) colors</i>	
Blending of textures.....	10
Neatness.....	15
<i>Articulation in planning and execution (Is it thrown together in a hurry?)</i>	
Condition and use of materials	10
<i>Seeds should be fresh. Sturdy construction and surface finished to hold seed well in place.</i>	
Suitable framing or other finishing	10
<i>Should look finished overall (raw edges distract)</i>	
Identification of seeds and other materials used.....	5
Should be within the proper dimension limits of the rules.....	5
Eligibility of the entrant.....	5
<i>Fulfilled according to rules and entered in correct classes</i>	
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Division 101: Crop Art

Crop Art Additional Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Crop Art and Scarecrow Department Rules.
2. **Exhibitor Definitions.**
 - A. **Advanced.** All exhibitors who have won a total of three or more first placings in the Crop Art division or won the Premier Crop Art Exhibitor award for classes 1-16. If more than one individual is exhibiting a single exhibit this applies to any individual within the group. Any number of family members can exhibit in a class.
 - B. **Amateur.** All other exhibitors in classes 1-16 shall be designated Amateur Exhibitors. Any number of family members can exhibit in a class.
3. **Materials. Only the following materials may be used:**
 - A. Seeds, stems, heads or panicles, and fruiting bodies or structures of oats, wheat, quinoa, barley, flax, rye, all corn types, amaranth, canola, lentils, soybeans, edible field beans, sunflowers, common buckwheat, field peas, millets, safflower, sorghum, sugar beet, sudan grass, common forage grasses (timothy, bluegrass, brome grass and grasses, etc.), clovers, alfalfa, wild rice and all poppy seeds, as well as yellow mustard seed. Crop plants shall be those specimens grown in Minnesota; white rice, sesame seeds and anise may not be used. Superintendent shall be the final authority regarding crops grown in Minnesota.
 1. **Crown vetch will be accepted in exhibits for 2024.** However, it will not be allowed in 2025.
 - B. Seeds and dried fruiting structures only of any horticultural crop (vegetable, flower plants and trees) which is suited or adapted for Minnesota are allowed in all classes. Forest, trees or shrub plant parts are allowed in classes 9-16 and 27-30 only. Common and noxious weed seeds or plant parts are not permitted in any class.
 1. This includes seeds (except crown vetch in 2024 only) and plant parts of plants listed on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture noxious weed list at <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list>.
 - C. Seeds can be in various forms such as whole, ground, rolled or cracked. If the seed display is either ground, cracked or rolled it cannot exceed 20% of the area of the artist work.
 - D. Permission to use materials other than the above must be obtained from the superintendent. The use of plant parts or seeds other than those enumerated or specifically approved by the superintendent will place this exhibit in the bottom of the class.
 - E. Suitable backgrounds may be plywood, canvas board, heavy mat board, paneling, burlap, linen and suitable other fabric. Backgrounds may not be painted in classes 1 and 2. Masonite/hardboard cannot be used as a backing, unless it is in a frame.
 - F. When exhibit is framed, suitable edging of seeds is permitted in lieu of metal, wooden, or synthetic frames. Selection of frames should be such as to blend with the work involved.
 - G. In classes 3, 4, 7 and 8, as indicated, 70% of the exposed area must be covered with seeds or plant parts. In classes 1 and 2, the entire background should be covered using seeds, stems, etc.
 - H. In classes 1, 2, and 7-10, all materials used shall be shown in their natural color (not dyed or otherwise colored).
 - I. In classes 3 and 4, at least some seeds, stems, etc. shall be painted, dyed or otherwise colored.
 - J. In classes 5, 6, and 11-16, it is optional whether the seed, stems, etc. are natural, dyed or otherwise colored.
4. **Legend Cards.** Exhibitor is required to list by name all items used on 4" x 6" card(s) with each exhibit and to glue on the legible legend card a few specimens of the seeds used, but need not provide a specimen of plant materials used due to difficulty of showing such materials on a 4" x 6" card. Place the legend card in plastic bag and tape to the back of the exhibit. Failure to provide a list will result in a penalty.
5. **Exhibits.**
 - A. Hanging or free standing exhibits are permitted. With hanging exhibits, if possible, the exhibitor must fit the exhibit with a metal hanging bracket (bent to allow a hook to fit behind it), or eye screws and wire adequate to support the work when hung.
 - B. Name and address must be placed on back of exhibit.
 - C. **Forms.**
 1. **Regular.** Regular forms include square, rectangle, circle, triangle, hexagon or octagon. Maximum dimensions of exhibits: 24" x 40", 30" in diameter.

2. **Irregular.** Irregular form is any form other than symmetrical (maximum size of 3D irregular forms shall not exceed 24" x 24" x 24").
- D. Unless specifically noted, framing is optional; but exhibit must appear finished overall.

Premiums for Crop Art

Crop Art; Amateur, Novice & Senior Citizen

\$25 \$20 \$15 \$10 \$5 \$3 \$3 \$3 \$3 \$3

Crop Art; Advanced & Junior Out of State Resident

\$30 \$25 \$20 \$15 \$10 \$5 \$5 \$5 \$5 \$5

Crop Art; Junior

\$25 \$20 \$15 \$10 \$5 \$3 \$3 \$3 \$3 \$3 \$3 \$3 \$3 \$3 \$3

Crop Art; Adult Out of State Resident

\$40 \$30 \$20 \$15 \$10 \$5 \$5 \$5 \$5 \$5

Crop Art; Best of Show Previous Years

\$20

Crops Arrangements, amateur

\$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6

Crops Arrangements, advanced

\$15 \$13 \$12 \$11 \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7

Bremer Blue Ribbon

\$100

Class Listing for Crop Art

Crop Art

- 1 Artistic, natural colors, amateur
Using seeds, stems, etc., in natural colors on supporting background. No paints and dyes of any kind. No irregular forms.
- 2 Artistic, natural colors, advanced
Using seeds, stems, etc., in natural colors on supporting background. No paints and dyes of any kind. No irregular forms.
- 3 Artistic, dyed or painted, amateur
Using seeds, stems, etc., in natural colors, painted, or dyed on supporting background (at least some seeds, stems, etc. shall be painted, dyed or otherwise colored). Up to 30% of background painted allowed. No irregular forms.
- 4 Artistic, dyed or painted, advanced
Using seeds, stems, etc., in natural colors, painted, or dyed on supporting background (at least some seeds, stems, etc. shall be painted, dyed or otherwise colored). Up to 30% of background painted allowed. No irregular forms.
- 5 Artistic, irregular forms, amateur
Using seeds, stems, etc., in natural colors, painted, dyed or combinations on supporting background. Forms other than rectangular, square, round, etc.; not limited to flat surfaces. Must not be framed. Maximum size of 3D irregular forms should not exceed 24" x 24" x 24".
- 6 Artistic, irregular forms, advanced
Using seeds, stems, etc., in natural colors, painted, dyed or combinations on supporting background. Forms other than rectangular, square, round, etc.; not limited to flat surfaces. Must not be framed. Maximum size of 3D irregular forms should not exceed 24" x 24" x 24".
- 7 Artistic, flat surface arrangements, amateur
Using dried plant materials in natural colors on supporting background. Up to 30% of background painted allowed. Any flat form.
- 8 Artistic, flat surface arrangements, advanced
Using dried plant materials in natural colors on supporting background. Up to 30% of background painted allowed. Any flat form.
- 9 Artistic, dried natural plant parts, amateur
Using dried plant materials such as tree or shrub seeds, fruiting structures, bark, pods, nuts, leaves, cones and at least three kinds of field crop seeds or plant parts, and seed and fruiting structures of any horticultural crop (optional) in natural colors on supporting background. Plant materials must be from plants that are adapted to growing in Minnesota. Any form.
- 10 Artistic, dried natural plant parts, advanced
Using dried plant materials such as tree or shrub seeds, fruiting structures, bark, pods, nuts, leaves, cones and at least three kinds of field crop seeds or plant parts, and seed and fruiting structures of any horticultural crop (optional) in natural colors on supporting background. Plant materials must be from plants that are adapted to growing in Minnesota. Any form.
- 11 Special occasion, amateur
Using materials, forms or techniques as allowed in any class listed, to depict one of the following: any national holiday (United States), anniversary (wedding, historical), birthday greeting, religious holiday or event, or any other special event (holiday, anniversary, or tradition). Caption or theme must be included. Any form; hanging or standing.

12 Special occasion, advanced

Using materials, forms or techniques as allowed in any class listed, to depict one of the following: any national holiday (United States), anniversary (wedding, historical), birthday greeting, religious holiday or event, or any other special event (holiday, anniversary, or tradition). Caption or theme must be included. Any form; hanging or standing.

13 Seed and plant craft objects, amateur

Objects made of or decorated with seeds, stems, etc. natural color, painted or dyed. Examples: corn shuck dolls, caricatures, straw or stem structures, straw basket, seed chains, key chains, etc.

14 Seed and plant craft objects, advanced

Objects made of or decorated with seeds, stems, etc. natural color, painted or dyed. Examples: corn shuck dolls, caricatures, straw or stem structures, straw basket, seed chains, key chains, etc.

15 Wearable crop art, amateur

Objects made of or decorated with seeds, stems, etc. natural color, painted or dyed. Examples: jewelry, clothing, hats, etc.

16 Wearable crop art, advanced

Objects made of or decorated with seeds, stems, etc. natural color, painted or dyed. Examples: jewelry, clothing, hats, etc.

17 Artistic, novice

Using materials, forms or techniques as permitted in classes 1-16. May not exhibit in classes 1-10; may show in classes 11-16, 27 and 28. First year exhibitors only. Any form.

18 Junior, through age 12

Using materials, forms or techniques as permitted in classes 1-16. Parent or guardian must vouch for age at time of entry. Failure to state age at time of entry will disqualify the exhibit. May also show in one other category from classes 1-16, and classes 27 and 28.

19 Junior, age 13-16

Using materials, forms or techniques as permitted in classes 1-16. Parent or guardian must vouch for age at time of entry. Failure to state age at time of entry will disqualify the exhibit. May also show in one other category from classes 1-16, and classes 27 and 28.

20 Senior citizen, age 60 and up

Using materials, forms or techniques as permitted in classes 1-16. Any form.

21 Out of state resident, age 17 and up

Using seeds, stems, etc. in natural colors, painted, or dyed on supporting background. Heavy textured paints up to 30% of area allowed. Any form.

Out-of-state residents may send exhibits prepaid to: Farm Crops Department, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108. Exhibits should arrive well in advance of the exhibit delivery deadline. A check for postage for the return of exhibits should be included. Do not send stamps.

22 Out of state resident, junior through age 16

Using seeds, stems, etc. in natural colors, painted, or dyed on supporting background. Heavy textured paints up to 30% of area allowed. Parent or guardian must vouch for age at time of entry. Failure to state age at time of entry will disqualify the exhibit. Any form.

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23 Premier Crop Art Exhibitor

Awarded to the exhibitor amassing the highest total of points in classes 1-16 and 20, based on the following: First place 30 points, second place 25 points, third place 20 points, fourth place 15 points, fifth place 10 points, merit award 5 points.

24 Best of Show and Reserve, Senior Crop Art

Selected from classes 1-17, 20 and 21 combined. Plaque to the winner; ribbon to the reserve.

25 Best of Show and Reserve, Junior Crop Art

Selected from classes 18, 19 and 22 combined. Plaque to the winner; ribbon to the reserve.

26 Best of Show of Previous Years

Open only to previous years Best of Show winners; not eligible for current year Best of Show competition.

Crops Arrangements

27 Crops arrangements, amateur decorative

Only dried plant materials of farm crops, vegetables, forest trees or shrubs allowed; in natural colors, painted, dyed or combination Exhibitor must furnish supporting suitable container (bowl, vase, dish, basket, etc.); exhibits will be shown on tables or shelves. Maximum height is 36 inches. Exhibit must be labeled either "Decorative" or "Interpretive"; with exhibit description on a small label. One decorative and one interpretive exhibit per exhibitor.

28 Crops arrangements, advanced decorative

Only dried plant materials of farm crops, vegetables, forest trees or shrubs allowed; in natural colors, painted, dyed or combination Exhibitor must furnish supporting suitable container (bowl, vase, dish, basket, etc.); exhibits will be shown on tables or shelves. Maximum height is 36 inches. Exhibit must be labeled either "Decorative" or "Interpretive"; with exhibit description on a small label. One decorative and one interpretive exhibit per exhibitor.

29 Crops arrangements, amateur interpretive

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30 Crops arrangements, advanced interpretive

Only dried plant materials of farm crops, vegetables, forest trees or shrubs allowed; in natural colors, painted, dyed or combination Exhibitor must furnish supporting suitable container (bowl, vase, dish, basket, etc.); exhibits will be shown on tables or shelves. Maximum height is 36 inches. Exhibit must be labeled either "Decorative" or "Interpretive"; with exhibit description on a small label. One decorative and one interpretive exhibit per exhibitor.

31 Champion, Crops Arrangements

Classes 27-30. Ribbons.

32 Kimberly A. Cope Memorial LIV2LAF Award

Kimberly A. Cope Memorial LIV2LAF Award - to recognize the funniest, punniest, quirkiest and/or timeliest work of art. All entries (classes 1-22) will be considered for this award, whether they are ribbon winners or not.

This award is being sponsored by the family of Kim to celebrate her love for the Minnesota State Fair and her past Crop Art entries. The winner will be recognized with a Kimberly A. Cope LIV2LAF ribbon and \$100.

33 Bremer "Blue Ribbon Choice Award"



As sponsor of the Agriculture Horticulture Building, **Bremer Bank** is also proud to support the natural beauty and artistry of the Crop Art Competitions by offering a "Blue Ribbon Choice Award" of \$100 to an entry of their choosing.

All entries (classes 1-30) will be considered for this award, whether they are ribbon winners or not.

Division 102: Scarecrow

Scarecrow Additional Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Crop Art and Scarecrow Department Rules.
2. Hand constructed of materials able to withstand outdoor elements.
3. Any plant material used must be from a farm crop and dry.
4. Free standing, between 3-8 feet tall and not more than 4 feet wide for total scarecrow display.

Judging Criteria - Scarecrows

Creativity and originality.....	20
Utility.....	20
<i>Practicality as a scarecrow (movements, noise)</i>	
Character.....	20
<i>Likeness as a person</i>	
How materials are utilized.....	20
Weather durable.....	20
<i>Able to withstand outdoor elements</i>	
	100

Premiums for Scarecrow

- Scarecrow; Adult & Senior Citizen
\$75 \$50 \$30 \$20 \$10
- Scarecrow; Junior & Youth
\$40 \$25 \$15 \$10 \$5
- Scarecrow; Organization or team
\$60 \$40 \$25 \$15 \$10

Class Listing for Scarecrow

Scarecrow Contest

- 1 Scarecrow, Adult
Ages 18-59 years old.
 - 2 Scarecrow, Senior Citizen
Ages 60 years and older.
 - 3 Scarecrow, Junior
Ages 13-18 years old.
 - 4 Scarecrow, Youth
Ages 12 years & younger.
 - 5 Scarecrow, Organization or team
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- 6 Champion, Scarecrow Contest
Ribbon.