

Creative Arts Rules

Entries will be accepted online from **March 1 to July 1, 2023**. Fair officials realize that some exhibitors do not have access to a computer and a paper entry form is available. All entries should be entered online or by paper entry no later than **July 1**. Entry tags will be printed after the entry deadline and will be available on check-in day.

Creative Arts Exhibits will check in and be judged prior to the opening of the fair. Exhibits will be accepted on **Monday, July 17 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** If an exhibitor cannot check-in exhibits during this time because of a work schedule, please call our office at 870-895-5565, and we will work out an alternate check-in time for those exhibitors.

All exhibits will be judged and displayed for public viewing on Tuesday, July 18. The exhibit building will be closed to the public on judging day. The schedule for public viewing will be posted prior to the opening of the fair on Wednesday.

The Creative Arts Department has 3 age categories: Youth – age 12 and under; Junior – age 13 – 18; and Adult – 19 and over. A tabloid for each age category listing all divisions and classes is available on the fair website. Fair officials suggest reviewing the tabloids before making entries.

The exhibit must be made or grown by the person exhibiting it except in the collections division.

No article previously exhibited at the Fulton County Fair or any other county fair may be entered. **Exhibits may be entered in only one county fair.** Exhibits entered in the Vintage Quilt Division are exempt from this rule. However vintage quilts cannot be entered in two consecutive years.

Only one item per class may be entered by an exhibitor except for the wild card classes. Clothing exhibitors may enter 2 entries per class. Soiled and damaged articles will not be accepted.

All exhibits will be judged on the Danish system (unless noted otherwise) and will receive Blue, Red, and White ribbons. Best of Show awards will be awarded for each department for each age category. Cash awards will be awarded for points earned. Best of Show winners do not receive points but will receive a rosette. Judging of all exhibits will be by competent judges in their respective departments. Judges will be from outside Fulton County.

The individual earning the most points in the adult and junior or youth departments will be awarded the Shirley Black Award. In addition, a special cash award will be given to the club or organization in the junior/youth and adult divisions whose members have the most points. For club awards the club membership should be designated on the online entry. Club members who are members of two clubs, must designate only one club on the exhibitor information.

All disputes and misunderstandings shall be settled by the chairman of the department and fair officials.

Premium checks will be available by August 15. Checks should be picked up at the Fulton County Fair Office located in the Hickinbotham-Miller Building at the Fulton County Fairgrounds no later than October 1. Exhibits removed before the official check-out time without approval will forfeit all premium money. **All premium checks should be cashed before October 31, 2023 or they will be void.**

Creative Arts exhibits must be picked up on Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.