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# 38th Annual

# Colorado County Fair

## Creative Homemaking

## Department Catalog

**Needlework**

**Handicrafts**

**Clothing & Textiles**

**Canned Goods**

**Baked Confections**

**King Arthur Baking Contest**

**Decorated Confections**

**Horticulture**

**Collectibles**

**Country-Style Quilt Contest**

**Quilters of the Future**

**Go-Texan Quilt Contest**

**Colorado County Ag Complex**

**1146 Crossroads Blvd.**

**Columbus, Texas**

**September 21 – 24, 2016**

**Mission Statement**

To educate and involve the community in the Creative Homemaking Department through competitive events, demonstrations, displays and handouts**.**

**Goals and Objectives**

✓Support the youth in Colorado County.

✓Meet the needs/interests of Colorado County residents.

✓Provide opportunities to attract non-traditional Colorado County Fair audiences.

✓Entertain fair-goers by creating an energetic and stimulating traditional arts environment within the Creative Homemaking Department.

✓Provide a competition avenue for all ages to exhibit their creative and artistic talents.

✓Recognize the cultural richness that we have in Colorado County.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, September 9, 2016**

* Entry forms and fees due at Colorado County Extension Office

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

* Accept all entries – 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**

* Creative Homemaking Department Closed to Public
* Accept Baked Goods & Horticulture Specimen Entries – 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
* Judging - 9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, September 22, 2016**

* Creative Homemaking Dept. Open to Public–12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

**Friday, September 23, 2016**

* Creative Homemaking Dept. Open to Public–9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

* Creative Homemaking Depart. Open to Public–9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
* Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Committee – 12:30-5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

* Grand & Reserve Champion pictures taken – 3:00 p.m.

**Thank you to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and office personnel for their continued support of the Colorado County Fair and the Homemaking Department**

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**HOMEMAKING DEPARTMENT**

**Chairman: Wendy Herman, 979-758-4113**

**Advisor: Hannah Krebs**

**Colorado County Extension Agent -FCS**

**General Rules**

1. Please read all the rules and regulations carefully. Take note of the special rules listed under each division.
2. All entries in the various divisions of the Homemaking Department will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations as set forth by the Board of Directors of the Fair Association. The management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.
3. Exhibitors must be a Colorado County resident or a property owner in Colorado County to enter items in the Homemaking Department. All items entered must have been crafted by the exhibitor. Items not complying with this qualification will constitute fraud. The individual will be disqualified and will forfeit all privileges and awards. Please note, youth **do not** need to be a member of 4-H, FFA or FCCLA and adults do not need to be a member of any organization to participate in the Homemaking Department competition.
4. All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a fee of $50.00, which will be refunded if protest is sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be presented to the Department chairperson immediately after the occasion for such protest.
5. All entries must have been completed/constructed/grown since the 2015 fair. **Exception** to the rule is Division 9 – Collectibles, Division 8 – Horticulture, Division 10 –Country Style Quilt Contest, and Division 12 – Go Texan Quilt Contest.
6. All entries must be clean and in good condition.
7. Unacceptable entries will be disqualified by the Department Chairperson and the Division Chairperson.

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1. Age Divisions are as follows:

**NOTE**: Each age division will compete separately unless specified otherwise.

Youth – Junior – Ages 4 – 8

Youth – Intermediate – Ages 9 – 13

Youth – Senior – Ages 14 – 19

Adult – Ages 20 and Older

1. There will be no limit in the number of entries allowed per individual. Please read the special rules for each division.
2. Each person entering items in the Homemaking Department **MUST** complete and sign an entry form. Signing the entry form constitutes an agreement by the exhibitor to follow all the rules of the Homemaking Department. **ANY EXHIBITOR NOT ADHERING TO ANY RULE(S) OF THE DIVISION MAY BE BANNED FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN THE HOMEMAKING DEPARTMENT**.
3. The entry fee for all exhibits is $1 per item with the exception of Division 9 – Collectibles, which is $2. Please note the special rules in each division.
4. The deadline to enter is September 9, 2016. There is NO refund on entry fees. NO substitutions allowed. (Paid entry forms will be accepted September 1 – September 9, 2016.) **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
5. Please make checks payable to the **Colorado County Fair Association**. Returned checks will be assessed a $50 fee.
6. Exhibitor tags will be issued when entry forms are returned to the Colorado County Extension Office. Each exhibitor must complete his or her own tag. Extension

Office is located at 316 Spring Street in Columbus, Texas. (Entry forms/entry fees

may be mailed to the Extension office at 316 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas 78934. Every effort will be made to mail the exhibitor tags to exhibitors but the right is reserved to distribute exhibitor tags at check-in.)

1. NO substitutions will be allowed.
2. Pictures of all the Homemaking Department Grand and Reserve Champion winners will be taken at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2016.
3. Exhibits must be removed Sunday, September 25, 2016 from the hall between 4:00 and 5:00 PM. **Please Note** - All exhibitors MUST sign out their entry with the proper division chairman. **NO** early release of exhibits.

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1. The Homemaking Department will not be responsible for any item(s) or awards not picked up by 5 PM.
2. All entries will be awarded blue, red or white ribbons. A Best of Section rosette will be awarded to the best blue ribbon entry in each section. The Best of Sections will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes in each age division.
3. Exhibitors are not given free entrance to the Colorado County Fair to check on their entries. For gate fees, please check the Fair website at [www.coloradocountyfair.org](http://www.coloradocountyfair.org). Exhibitors are asked to support the Fair queen candidates by purchasing season passes from their favorite candidate.

**DIVISION 1 - NEEDLEWORK**

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Judging will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits. **No entries will be accepted on Wednesday morning.**

Techniques include knitting, crocheting, appliqué, hand-stitching, tatting, etc.

**NOTE** - Items will be judged on individuality of design, color and texture harmony, technique appropriate for design, workmanship on finish of article (includes back), and suitability of article for purpose.

Section A Bedspreads & Afghans

Section B Table Cloths, Table Runners, Napkins, Etc.

Section C Baby Articles

Section D Pillows

Section E Pictures (needlepoint, crewel, cross-stitch)

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**DIVISION 2 – HANDICRAFTS**

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Judging will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits. **No entries will be accepted on Wednesday morning.**

**NOTE** - Items will be judged on general appearance, originality & creativity, structural and decorative design, total design/effect, workmanship, and readiness for use.

Section A Ceramics

Section B Plaster Craft

Section C Clay Craft

Section D Wood Craft

Section E Leather Craft

Section F Metal Craft

Section G Fabric Craft

Section H Bead Craft

Section I Thread Craft

Section J Plastic Canvas Craft

Section K Novelty items (Example: toys, Christmas decorations, doll clothes & accessories, etc.)

Section L Paint Craft

Section M Paper Craft

**DIVISION 3 – CLOTHING & TEXTILES**

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Judging will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits. **No entries will be accepted on Wednesday morning.**

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. All entries must be clean and pressed.

1. Sections A & B - entries must be on a coat hanger. The use of hangers is optional for Sections C – E

**NOTE** – Garment will be judged on the basis of general appearance, accurate cutting, and quality of construction techniques, suitability of fabric and relationship of color, texture and style.

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Section A Constructed Apparel

Section B Decorated Apparel (Items that have been altered in one manner or another. This includes needlework, crewel, cross-stitched, embellished, etc.)

Section C Constructed Accessories

Section D Decorated Accessories

Section E Constructed Home Décor Items

##### DIVISION 5 – Canned Goods

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Judging will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits. **No entries will be accepted on Wednesday morning.**

### SPECIAL RULES

1. There will be **NO** junior age division in Canned Goods.
2. ALL canned products must be exhibited in standard type quart, pint,

or half-pint jars. Standard jars are those with the brand name tempered on the side or bottom of jar.

1. Vegetables, fruits and pickles must be in quart or pint jars. Jams and jellies must be in pint or half-pint jars.
2. Mayonnaise and odd-shaped jars will not be accepted.
3. Jars must be clean, unchipped and have good, rust-free lids and rings.
4. Do not use paraffin.
5. Jars that are not sealed will be disqualified.
6. Vegetables and fruits will be judged on general appearance, uniformity of size, clarity, etc. and will not be opened.
7. Headspace: the top of the finished recipe or liquid covering must provide adequate headspace.
8. Air bubbles must be kept to a minimum.
9. Band should remain in place. It may be removed by judges to check headspace and then replaced on jar.
10. Jars with mold in them will be disqualified.
11. Entries not meeting any of the above stated standards will be disqualified by the division chairperson BEFORE judging.
12. Write name of item on entry tag (Example: Preserves – Fig.)

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**Ball Fresh Preserving Award**

Jarden Home Brands will recognize first and second place adult and first place youth exhibitors for Fruits, Vegetables, Pickles, and Soft Spreads categories. Entries must be preserved in Ball® Classic, Collection Elite®, or Heritage Collection or Kerr® Jars sealed with Ball® or Kerr® Lids and Bands. In addition, soft spread entries must be prepared using Ball® Pectin: Classic, Low or No-Sugar or Liquid. Rules listed above will govern these entries also.

**Adult Awards:** First place adult from each category will receive two (2) $5 coupons for Ball® or Kerr® Fresh Preserving products and one (1) free (up to $5) coupon for Ball® pectin. Second place adult from each category will receive one (1) $5 coupon for Ball® or Kerr® Fresh Preserving products and one (1) free (up to $5) coupon for Ball® pectin.

**Youth Awards:** The best entry from each category will receive one (1) $5 coupon for Ball® or Kerr® Fresh Preserving products and one (1) free (up to $5) coupon for Ball® pectin.

**NOTE** – Canned entries will be judged on general appearance, seal, headspace, pack, size, maturity, liquid, color and jars.

Section A Jams

Section B Jellies

Section C Fruit

Section D Vegetables

Section E Pickled Vegetables

Section F Pickled Fruit

Section G Relish

Section H Picante Sauce

Section I Salsa

Section J Diabetic (Items listed in A-I prepared with sugar

substitute or no sugar. Please follow the Section

A – I guidelines.)

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**DIVISION 5 – BAKED CONFECTIONS**

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 21, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Judging will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits.

**NOTE: Plans are being made for the Senior Grand and Reserve Champion to sale their baked confection in the Livestock Auction on Saturday, September 24, 2016. This will require them to make the item exhibited fresh for the auction.**

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. All pies must be at least 9 inches in diameter.
2. All loaves of bread must be in a plastic bag and must be a minimum of 4”x8” in size.
3. All other entries must be on a disposable firm base such as foil-covered cardboard, aluminum pie pan, paper plate, etc. and covered with a transparent plastic wrap or zip lock bag where appropriate.
4. All cookies, candies, rolls, biscuits, doughnuts, etc. entered must consist of 15 items with three of the *items wrapped separately and attached to the top of the entry by exhibitor.)*
5. No entry should be cut prior to judging. After judging, one slice must remain on display. The remainder will be sold as a donation to the fair.
6. NO baked goods will be accepted that require refrigeration.

**NOTE:** Items will be judged on appearance (uniformity, color, shape), texture (appropriate for each item), and taste.

Section A Cakes (Made from scratch. If frosted, frosting also must be made from scratch.)

Section B Cakes (Made from “altered” cake mix.)

Section C Cookies (Made from scratch.)

Section D Pies (No pies that require refrigeration.)

Section E Quick Breads (Made from scratch.)

Section F Yeast Breads (Made from scratch.)

Section G Yeast Breads (Bread machine from scratch.)

Section H Yeast Breads (Bread machine altered mix.)

Section I Candies

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Section J Diabetic (Items listed Section A – I with no sugar, low sugar or sugar substitute. Please follow the guidelines listed for Sections A-I)



RED STAR will provide merchandise items to the winners in all Yeast Bread classes.

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**DIVISION 6**

**KING ARTHUR BAKING CONTEST**

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 21, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Judging will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits.

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. Items in this Division must be made with King Arthur Flour.
2. Exhibitors must bring the opened bag King Arthur Flour with them or the UPC label from the flour bag when he/she submits the entry.
3. All pies must be at least 9 inches in diameter.
4. All loaves of bread must be in a plastic bag and must be a minimum of 4”x8” in size.
5. All other entries must be on a disposable firm base such as foil-covered cardboard, aluminum pie pan, paper plate, etc. and

covered with a transparent plastic wrap or zip lock bag where appropriate.

1. All cookies, candies, rolls, biscuits, doughnuts, etc. entered must consist of 15 items with three of the *items wrapped separately and attached to the top of the entry by exhibitor.)*
2. No entry should be cut prior to judging. After judging, one slice must remain on display. The remainder will be sold as a donation to the fair.
3. NO baked goods will be accepted that require refrigeration.

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**NOTE:** Items will be judged on appearance (uniformity, color, shape), texture (appropriate for each item), and taste.

Section A Cakes

Section B Cookies

Section C Pies

Section D Quick Breads

Section E Yeast Breads

Section F Yeast Breads (Bread machine from scratch.)

Section G Diabetic (Items listed Section A –F) with no sugar, low sugar or sugar substitute. Please follow the guidelines listed for Sections A-F)

**KING ARTHUR FLOUR AWARDS**

**The King Arthur Flour® Company** has donated awards for the 1st through 3rd place overall exhibitors in the adult division and also the youth division. All youth exhibitors will be judged together for this youth division.

Adult Awards Include:

1st Place - $75 Gift Certificate to the Baker’s Catalogue

2nd Place – $50 Gift Certificate to the Baker’s Catalogue

3rd Place – A 9”X13” Cake and Brownie Pan

Youth Awards Include:

1st Place - $50 Gift Certificate to the Baker’s Catalogue

2nd Place – $25 Gift Certificate to the Baker’s Catalogue

3rd Place – 8” Square Brownie Pan

**DIVISION 7**

**DECORATED CONFECTIONS**

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 21, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Judging will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits.

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. Decorated baked confections will be judged on **appearance only**.

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1. Artificial cake forms will be permitted. There is **no need** for an individually wrapped item (cookies/cupcakes) as required in Division 5 – Baked Confections.
2. Grand and Reserve Champion will be awarded in the youth divisions.

**NOTE:** Items will be judged on appearance (balance, color, harmony, consistency of pattern), neatness (texture of icing, uniformity of repeat

pattern) and artistic quality (over-all eye appeal and originality).

**Youth Division:**

Section A Decorated Wedding Cake (Two tiers or more)

Section B Special Occasion Cakes (Birthday, shower, holiday, other)

Section C Decorated Cookies (5)

Section D Decorated Cupcakes (5)

**Adult Division:**

Section E Decorated Wedding Cake (Two tiers or more)

Section F Special Occasion Cakes (Birthday, shower, holiday, other)

Section G Decorated Cookies (5)

Section H Decorated Cupcakes (5)

##### DIVISION 8

##### HORTICULTURE

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Specimen entries will be accepted Wednesday, September 21, 2016 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. **Specimens must be entered and fees paid by the September 9th entry deadline.** Judging will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits.

**NOTE** – **Specimens** will be judged on cultural perfection (form, color substance, abundance of bloom, size according to species or variety, foliage and stems). **Potted Plants** will be judged on cultural perfection, size according to variety, color, form, substance or texture of bloom and/or foliage and grooming. **Floral Design** will be judged on outline of design, smooth lines, focal point, size and types of plant materials, visual balance/stability, color, construction and workmanship and size, shape, color and material of container. **Plants in Unusual Containers** will be judged on general appearance, size according to variety (balance), color, form, substance or texture appropriate and uniqueness of container.

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### SPECIAL RULES

1. All plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor at least 90 days or more prior to the Fair.
2. Cut specimens must be displayed in a clear bottle.
3. All entries must have the common name of the plant on the exhibitor tag.
4. Only amateur growers will be eligible to exhibit.
5. Any plant deemed unworthy of an award will be disqualified by the chairperson of the division.
6. Each exhibitor is responsible for the grooming/care and watering of his/her plants.
7. **ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE FREE OF DIRT, DISEASE AND INSECTS.** Exhibits not complying will be disqualified.

**SPECIMENS**

Section A Roses

Section B Annuals

Section C Perennials

Section D Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes, and Tubers

Section E Trees, Shrubs, & Vines (branch 18” -24”)

Section F Decorative Cut foliage (specimen 18” – 24”)

**POTTED PLANTS**

Section G Ferns

Section H Potted Foliage Plants

Section I Potted Blooming Plants

Section J Succulents & Cacti

Section K Bromeliads

Section L Herbs

**FLORAL DESIGN**

Section M Fresh Floral Arrangement

Section N Dried (Natural)

Section O Artificial Arrangements

**PLANTS IN UNUSUAL CONTAINERS\***

Section P Plants

Section Q Flowers

Section R Artificial

\*Plants or flowers planted in containers other than standard flowerpots. (No artificial plants accepted.)

**NOTE** – All possible care will be exercised in protecting the exhibits during show time. The Fair Association, however, cannot be responsible for any damage that may be incurred.

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**DIVISION 9 – COLLECTIBLES**

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Judging will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits. **No entries will be accepted on Wednesday morning.**

### SPECIAL RULES

1. There is an entry fee of $2.00 per collection.
2. There can only be one (1) entry per exhibitor.
3. Collectible exhibits cannot be entered in consecutive years.
4. Each exhibit will be given a maximum of **36 inches** in which to set up a display. The collection MUST have been collected and

entered by said exhibitor.

**NOTE** – Displays will be judged on attractiveness of display and originality. (Please limit your items to avoid overcrowding.)

 **DIVISION 10**

#### COUNTRY-STYLE QUILT CONTEST

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Judging will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits. **No entries will be accepted on Wednesday morning.**

**NOTE:** Stitches should be even, neat and have appropriate tensions, knots or thread ends should be hidden and no loose threads, quilts should be attractive, clean and creative, no obvious signs of stretching or

distortion of design shape, batting should be even and corners should be smooth and must be standard bed sizes (crib, twin, full, queen or king).

###### SPECIAL RULES

1. Competition is open to the adult age division only.
2. Competition is open to quilters in Colorado County only.
3. Quilts must have been constructed in the last three years.
4. Each quilter/group/club may enter as many categories as desired.
5. Wall quilts must be at least 24” wide and 24” in length.
6. Quilts must be clean and in show condition.

Section A Pieced quilts- hand quilted- bed or crib or wall

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Section B Pieced quilts- machine quilted- bed or crib or wall

Section C Appliqué quilts- hand quilted- bed or crib or wall

Section D Appliqué quilts- machine quilted- bed or crib or wall

Section E Pieced quilts-commercially machine quilted-bed, crib

or wall

Section F Appliqué quilts-commercially machine quilted-bed, crib

or wall

Section G Professional quilter-pieced- hand quilted-any size

Section H Professional quilter-pieced- machine quilted-any size

Section I Professional quilter-appliqué-hand quilted-any size

Section J Professional quilter-appliqué-machine quilted-any size

Section K    Art quilt (or pictorial) - any size

Section L    Pre-printed ("cheater") - quilted- any size

Section M    Other - any size and includes any technique not covered

in other specific categories

Section N    Group project

###### NOTE: *Professional is defined as an exhibitor who has done any of the following for profit: pieced, quilted, published a book or pattern, or taught any quilt-making technique.*

**DIVISION 11**

**QUILTERS OF THE FUTURE**

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Judging will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits. **No entries will be accepted on Wednesday morning.**

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. Competition is open to youth ages 9 to 18 only.
2. Competition is open to quilters in Colorado County only.
3. Quilts must have been constructed in the last three years.
4. Quilts may be crib, twin or full size.
5. Wall quilts must be at least 24” wide and 24” in length.
6. Quilts must be clean and in show condition.

Section A Pieced quilts- hand quilted- bed or crib or wall

Section B Pieced quilts- machine quilted- bed or crib or wall

Section C Appliqué quilts- hand quilted- bed or crib or wall

Section D Appliqué quilts- machine quilted- bed or crib or wall

Section E Pieced quilts-commercially machine quilted-bed or crib

or wall

Section F Appliqué quilts-commercially machine quilted-bed or crib

or wall

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Section G    Art quilt (or pictorial) - any size

Section H   Pre-printed ("cheater") - quilted- any size

Section I    Other - any size and includes any technique not covered

in other specific categories

Section J    Group project

**DIVISION 12**

**GO-TEXAN QUILT CONTEST**

**Chairperson: Connie Herman (979) 758-4114**

Entries will be accepted Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Judging will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Entries will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4 p.m. NO early release of exhibits. **No entries will be accepted on Wednesday morning.**

**Note:** If Go-Texan quilts are entered in Division 10 – Country Style Quilts, there will be no entry fee. However, if the Go-Texan quilts are not entered in Division 10, there will be a $1 entry fee.

Beginning in 1985, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo held a contest to determine which of the area Go-Texan Counties has the best quilters. The 2016 Colorado County Fair is sponsoring a quilt contest again this year so that the county will have an entry in the ***2017 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo*. Quilt exhibitors must live in Colorado County to be eligible for the Go-Texan Quilt Contest.**

Eligibility will be determined by Area Go Texan Committee officials. Each quilt entry must be constructed within the geographical boundaries

of the Go Texan Committee it represents within the past two years. Only one quilt entry per county or subcommittee will be allowed.

The following rules apply to the Colorado County Fair Go-Texan Quilt Contest and to the Houston Livestock Show Contest:

1. Only colorfast fabrics that have been pre-shrunk are to be used in the

quilts entered in the contest. Fabrics should contain no more than 50% of any synthetic fiber, including backing, except for crazy quilts. A quilt

must consist of three layers: a backing, a batting and a top. *Note rule 9 for machine quilted.*

1. Double knits may not be used. No pre-printed quilt cloth (cheater cloth) may be used. Quilter’s ink WILL be acceptable.
2. Quilts may be made either by an individual or by a group of quilters.
3. **Manufactured quilts will not be accepted.**
4. Quilts may not be entered in this contest more than one time.

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1. Maximum size permitted: 108” x 108”. Smaller quilts and wall hangings will be accepted (see rule #10 for wall hanging division size requirements). When measuring quilts, a metal tape measure should be used.
2. Quilts must be **clean and in good condition**. Soiled quilts will be rejected.
3. Each quilt entry must have a 4 in. finished double casing sewn in across the full width of the back of the top edge for hanging on a rod in the display. This is called a sleeve and needs to be stitched on the top and bottom.
4. A label must be sewn on the back of each quilt. The label must be embroidered or typed on muslin. DO NOT use ballpoint pen. Label must include the name of the quilt, quilt owner’s name and the county name for Area Go Texan contestants.
5. Quilts may be appliquéd, pieced, or any combination of quilting

techniques. Quilting and piecing of the quilt may be done by machine or hand. Machine quilted and each block must be 2/3 quilted (but no quilting through appliqué design. There are 10 divisions in the quilt contest.

**Machine Quilting** -

Section A Appliqué

Section B Piecework

Section C Pictorial (theme quilt)

Section D Wall Hanging Minimum size 18”x 18”, Max size 60”X60”

Section E Mixed Media (includes any technique not covered in other specific categories)

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.**Hand Quilting**

Section F Appliqué

Section G Piecework

Section H Pictorial (theme quilt)

Section I Wall Hanging Minimum size 18”x 18”, Max size 60”X60”

Section J Mixed Media (includes any technique not covered in other specific categories)

**NOTE:** For complete list of rules (including sleeve/casing instructions) for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Quilt competition, *please contact Go-Texan Quilt chairperson Connie Herman.*

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**DIVISION 13**

**THE COUNTRY STORE**

Hand crafted items will be accepted at the Country Store on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. (Please note baked confections special rules.) Sale items will be released Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. NO early release of sale items.

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. To sell items in the Country Store, sellers must enter at least one item in the Homemaking Department of the Fair. All items must be hand crafted. Items may be original creations or crafted from kits. (Clubs/organizations with an EIN number may sell items through the Country Store.) Business cards cannot be attached to or stamped on sales tags. Business cards may not be distributed in the Country Store. **Youth ages 8-18 may sell hand crafted items in the Country Store.**
2. Items listed in the Homemaking catalog may be sold in the Country Store with the exception of plants.
3. Preserved items must meet the specifications of the Canned Goods Division. Sale items not meeting the division standards will not be accepted by the Country Store chairperson(s) and the chairperson decision is final.
4. Sale items must have a sale tag (Provided by the Fair) attached with the following information:
5. Seller’s number and name
6. Sale price
7. Name of item
8. Sales inventory sheets are available from the County Extension Office.
9. Sale items must be entered on the sale sheet in numeric order for use by Country Store chairman. The numbers of the sale item and the sales sheet must correspond.
10. A uniform pricing procedure will be strictly enforced. Items are to be priced in increments of 50 cents. Items not in compliance with this rule will be rejected.
11. **Check-in procedures are as follows:**
12. Items MUST be tagged and priced BEFORE presented at check-in table.
13. Items must be boxed. A list of sale items in the box must be visible on the outside of the box.
14. Twenty percent (20%) of the sale price of all items (including Champion entries) sold in the Country Store will go to the Colorado County Fair Association. The remaining eighty-percent (80%) will go to the seller.

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1. Payment will be made only on those items which stubs have been collected.
2. The money derived from the sold items will be paid to the sellers by check from the Fair Association within 45 days of the close of the 2016 Fair. Any checks not cashed within 30 days after issuance will be void.
3. Items not sold MUST be picked up on Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **NO** early release of items.
4. **Check-out Procedure:** Items MUST be checked out through the required procedures or payment may be delayed. If sellers cannot pick up the unsold items at the designated time, SELLERS must designate someone to pick up the items. The Country Store chairman must be notified in writing the name of the designee who has been designated by the seller to pick up said items. The Fair will not be responsible for items not picked up.

**NOTE:** Baked confections may be entered each day prior to the opening of the Country Store. No refrigerated items will be accepted. (This includes meats and cheese based products.) All precautions will be taken but the Colorado County Fair Association Will not be responsible for items lost, stolen or damaged.

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**YOUTH HIGH POINT CONTEST**

1. A High Point Awards Contest will be held for youth in the Homemaking Department.
2. First, second and third place high point awards will be awarded to youth in each age division: junior, intermediate and senior.
3. Awards include:

First Place – TBD and $25

Second Place – TBD and $15

Third Place – TBD and $10

1. Youth must enter at least 5 **QUALITY** items in the Homemaking Department to qualify for points.
2. Winners will be selected on a point system. Points will be awarded as follows:

Grand Champion - 6 points

Reserve Champion - 5 points

Best of Section - 4 points

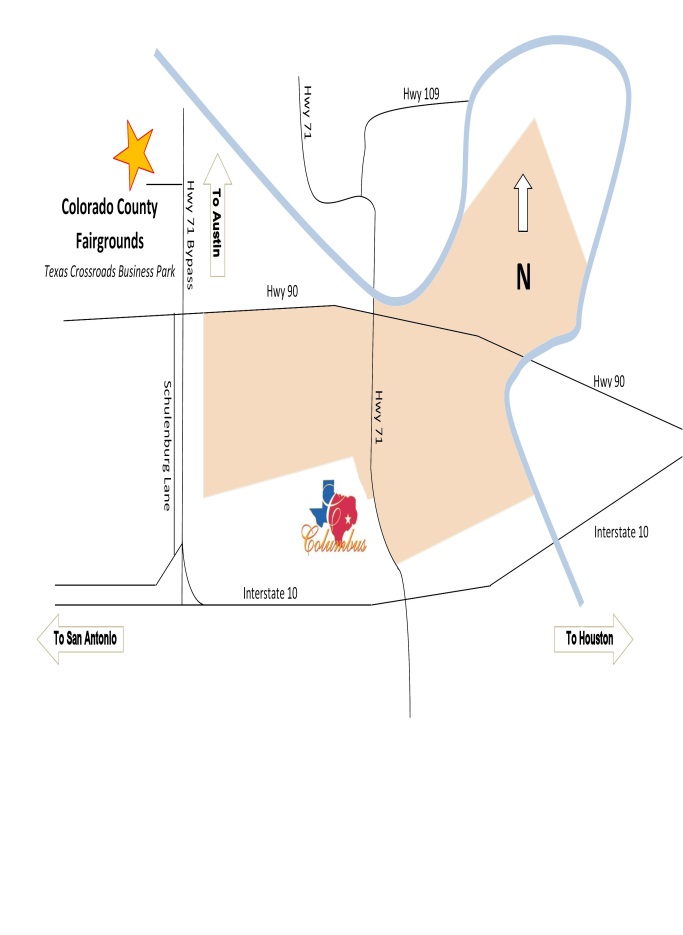
Blue Ribbon - 3 points

Red Ribbon - 2 points

White Ribbon - 1 point

Youth High Point Awards donated by San Bernard Electric Cooperative

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