

The
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along with all the members of the
Board of Directors
would like to thank our
Sponsors, Buyers,
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to make
our Fair a success!

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COLORADO COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

All exhibitors should carefully read the following rules and regulations, as they will be strictly enforced.

- The 2016 Colorado County Fair dates are Thursday, September 22 through Saturday, September 24, 2016 (3 days).
- The Colorado County Fair Association, Inc. reserves the right to postpone or extend the Fair, in part or whole, for any reason which may be deemed necessary. No refunds.
- Official opening and closing times for the Fair will be posted.
- Members of the press are invited to attend the Fair. Proper credentials must be presented at the Main Fair Gate.
- Presidents and Secretaries/Managers of adjacent Fairs are sent invitations by mail. Fairs not currently on the Colorado County Fair courtesy list may request admittance by contacting the Colorado County Fair President. Tickets will be sent to the mailing address of the Fair requesting admission.
- Exhibitors must be Colorado County residents or property owners in Colorado County to enter items in the Art and Special Events Departments. Exception to the rule is the Fair Parade.
- Ample security will be kept day and night. Anyone not cooperating with security personnel or Fair officials in all matters of policy may be removed from the grounds.
- The Colorado County Fair Association, Inc. will not be responsible for any loss or damage to animals or articles of any kind while on the grounds or in transit to or from the fairgrounds for any cause whatsoever. (No pet or animal on leash is allowed on the grounds unless the animal is registered for one of the programs in the Fair or to assist the disabled).
- The Colorado County Fair Association, Inc. reserves the right to change rules if deemed necessary.
- Any case not provided for in the foregoing rules or in the several department rules will be referred to the Fair Association for a decision.

ART DEPARTMENT

Department Chairperson: Melissa Kilpatrick
Home (979) 732-8781 Cell (713) 444-9059

Although all precautions will be taken, the Colorado County Fair will not be responsible for items lost, stolen or damaged.

FINE ARTS CONTEST

Chairperson: Deborah Petrosky (979) 732-3564 or (979) 733-2802

RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Rules: All entries in the various Divisions of the Fine Art Contest will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations as set forth by the Board of Directors of the Fair Association.

Eligibility: The Fine Art Contest of the Colorado County Fair is open to Colorado County residents and youth attending school within the county.

Divisions

Division I	Preschool
Division II	Elementary
Division III	Junior High
Division IV	Senior High
Division V	Adult Amateur

Each Division will be judged separately. Sculpture will be judged separately from paintings and drawings. Refer to Special Rules for each division.

FINE ARTS CONTEST ENTRY RULES

Entry Forms: Entry forms may be obtained from the Chairperson or from: the Colorado County Extension Office, Potter's Western Store (Columbus), Heinsohn's Store (Frelsburg), Sandy Creek Drive-In (Sheridan), Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply, Nada Grocery, The First National Bank (Eagle Lake), Larry's Super

Service (Garwood) and Weimar City Hall. Entry forms must be turned in to the Fine Arts Contest Chairperson or to the County Extension Office at 316 Spring St. (Columbus) no later than Friday, September 16, 2016. **Late entries will not be accepted.**

Entry Fees:

Adult Fees - \$2.00 for single entry; \$5.00 for three entries plus \$1.00 for each additional entry.

Youth Fees – 50 cents for single entry; \$1.50 for three entries plus 25 cents for each additional entry.

Preschool – there is no entry fee.

Checks should be made out to the Colorado County Fair Association, Inc.

Number of Entries: There is no limit to the number of entries.

Eligibility of Entries: Entries must be the original work of the artist. Work exhibited in previous years will not be eligible to compete.

The exhibitor's name, address and phone number must be written clearly on the back of the art work.

Size Limitations: Paintings and Drawings – No work is to exceed 40" x 40" including the mat or frame. No work is to be smaller than 11" x 14" including mat or frame.

Sculpture or Construction Art – No work is to exceed 20" horizontally or vertically, including base.

Matting: All work must be matted or mounted on rigid poster board or on mat board. The mat should be no larger than 2"-3" on all four sides. (Pre-School and youth work should be mounted (glued) on regular poster board, sized as per previous sentence.) Entry tags will be securely placed on the upper left-hand corner of the mat by the committee at the time of check-in.

Hanging Apparatus: All Adult Amateur work must be ready for hanging with wire, cord (not string) or hook, securely attached to the back. Do not affix hanger

with any type of tape. (Preschool and Youth work does not need hanging apparatus.)

Sculpture Display: All sculpture or construction work must stand alone on a sturdy base, which supports the weight and size of the work.

Special Rules: Charcoal and pastels should be sprayed to protect work from smearing. No glitter on any entry. All work must be dry. On sculpture or construction there must be no plastic figures, commercial objects or lettering as part of the work. Clay should be fired for stability.

SECTIONS

Section A – Paintings and Drawings – Oils, acrylics, alkyds, tempera, water color, gouache, mixed media, casein, collage, crayon, felt markers, pastels, charcoal, pen & ink or pencil.

Section B – Sculpture and Construction - Bronze, wood, wire, papier mache, metal, cloth, leather, paper, soap, clay, dough, cardboard, macramé, plaster, or mixed media.

DIVISION RULES

Division I – Pre-School: This division is open to all children ages 3 to 5, who are residents of Colorado County.

Division II – Elementary School: (Grades K - 5) This division is open to any child attending kindergarten through fifth grade who attends school in Colorado County. The art work can be done at school or at home but must be original and completed without the help of the teacher or other persons.

Division III – Junior High: (Grades 6 – 8) This division is open to any youth attending Junior High School who attends school in Colorado County. The art work can be done at school or at home but must be original and completed without the help of the teacher or other persons.

Division IV – Senior High: (Grades 9 – 12) This division is open to any youth attending High School who attends school in Colorado County. The art work can be done at school or at home but must be original and completed without the help of the teacher or other persons.

Division V – Adult Amateur: This division is open to any resident of Colorado County age 20 years or older. This exhibitor may be a student, hobbyist, or beginner artist, who has received little or no money from the sale of his or her art.

ARRIVAL AND REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

Entries will be accepted in the Home Ec./Fine Arts Exhibit Hall at the Fairgrounds Tuesday, September 20, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All work must remain on exhibit until Sunday, September 25, at 3 p.m. All entries may be removed from the exhibit hall between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2016. Pictures of Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be taken at 3:00 p.m. in the Home Ec./Fine Arts Exhibit Hall on Sunday.

NO EARLY RELEASE OF EXHIBITS.

JUDGING

Time: Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2016. The exhibit building will be closed to the public until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Awards: Each Division will be judged separately. Paintings will be judged separately from sculpture. All work will be judged on individual merit. The decision of the judges is final.

Pre-School Division entries will be awarded blue or red ribbons. Green rosette ribbons will be awarded to those entries considered finalists for the top awards. A Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be selected from the finalists.

Divisions II, III, IV and V entries will be presented blue, red or white ribbons. Green rosette ribbons will be awarded to those entries considered finalists for the top awards. A Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be selected from the finalists.

WESTERN ART CONTEST

Chairperson: Melissa Kilpatrick

Home (979) 732-8781 Cell (713) 444-9059

Vice Chairperson: Tammy Ruether

Committee: Jenna Leopold, Carolyn Walla

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. **General Rules and Eligibility:** All Elementary, Junior High and Senior High school students attending school in Colorado County are eligible to enter the Western Art Contest of the Colorado County Fair. Inspired by and in conjunction with the Go-Texan activities of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, eligible students are invited to make entries of drawings, paintings, sculptures, and/or constructions. The purpose of this event is to encourage students to study the history of Texas heritage and the culture of the Southwest, which has played such an important role in the development of the agricultural & livestock industries of this state.

2. **Divisions:** Elementary (Grades PreK-5), Junior (Grades 6-8) and Senior (Grades 9-12) level work will be judged separately. Qualifying entries will receive a blue ribbon for first, red ribbon for second, or white ribbon for third place.

A Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be selected from the blue ribbon award winners from each of the Elementary, Junior and Senior divisions, and top award rosettes will be presented to the entries selected as Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show from each of those divisions. At the discretion of the judges, finalist rosettes will be awarded to those entries considered for the top awards.

3. **Classifications:**

Section A – Illustrations

These illustrations may be realistic or abstract pictures of Texas livestock development, ranch life, trail rides, cowboy episodes, or imaginative western

scenes. Students may use pencil, tempera, watercolor, oil, crayon, ink, cut or torn paper, collage, acrylics, charcoals, or pastels.

Section B – Cartoons

Cowboys, clowns, animals, or other humorous characters associated with the Fair Parade, or a western scene.

Section C – Sculptures and Constructions

Figures may be sculpted or constructed of clay, plaster, chicken wire, papier mache, macramé, or other materials. They must be well made, durable and able to stand alone. Wire sculptures must have a base. Figures should be delivered in separate boxes and be well padded to prevent damage.

4. Size Limitations:

Illustrations-

Minimum: 11" x 14" (including mat)

Maximum: 22" x 28" (including mat)

Maximum size for Grades PreK-5: 11" x 14" (including mat)

NOTE: All illustrations **must** be matted or mounted on rigid poster board (*not foam board*) which extends no further than 2"–3" from the artwork on all four sides. **Entry tags must be securely placed on the upper left-hand corner of the mat.** Unmounted or un-matted pieces will not be accepted for judging. **No** framed pieces will be accepted. Painting on canvas stretcher frames and work done on wood must have a hook or wire on the back to allow for hanging.

Sculptures and Constructions

Not to exceed 20" Horizontally or Vertically, and **must** be able to stand alone.

- 5. Special Rules:** No plastic figures or commercial objects or lettering may be used as part of any picture or construction. All work must be dry. Charcoals and pastels should be sprayed. No glitter on any entry. Clay should be fired.

Each entry must be the student's original idea and work. This must be verified on the Entry Tag by the signature of the student's teacher (or by a parent on the Registration Form, if the work is done at home and entered privately). Student's name, grade, school or town, and parent's phone number **MUST** be written on the back of each entry.

6. **Number of Entries:** An individual may enter each of the three Sections, but will be limited to only one work per Section. If the number of entries exceeds the amount of display space, the chairperson reserves the right to randomly select the pieces put on display for judging.

7. **Entry and Entry Fees:** For the Western Art contest, there is no entry fee. Also, there is no need to preregister except for private entries not submitted via a school. For those preregistering, the deadline is Friday, September 16, 2016. Preregistration forms may be obtained from the Colorado County Extension Office/Family and Consumer Sciences Dept. at 316 Spring Street, Columbus, TX 78934, (979) 732-2530, or at these locations: Potter's Western Store (Columbus), Heinsohn's Store (Frelsburg), Sandy Creek Drive-In (Sheridan), Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply, Nada Grocery, The First National Bank (Eagle Lake), Larry's Super Service (Garwood) and Weimar City Hall. Forms should be mailed to the Colorado County Fair at P.O. Box 506, Columbus, TX 78934, or mailed or delivered by hand to the County Extension Office.

All entries will be accepted in the H.E./Fine Arts Exhibit Hall at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, September 20 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. **Late exhibits will not be eligible for judging.**

8. **Judging and Removal:** Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 21, 2016. All work will be judged on individual merit. The decision of the judges is final.

All artwork must remain on exhibit until 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25, 2016. Entries must be removed between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, September 25, 2016. **No Early Release of Exhibits.** Pictures of Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show winners will be taken in the Home Ec./Exhibit Hall at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2016.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Chairperson: Susan Glithero (979) 732-1051

Committee: Patsy Warschak, Christine Girndt

SPECIAL RULES:

1. An entry fee of \$2.00 will be charged for each adult photograph entered. The entry fee for youth is \$1.00 per photograph. There will be a limit of five (5) photographs per person. There are 4 sections:

Section A – Youth – Those who take photographs for their own pleasure and have not received money for their photography who are age 19 or younger. Married persons age 19 or younger must enter an adult section.

Section B – Amateur – Those who take photographs for their own pleasure and have not received money for their photography and who are age 20 or older.

Section C – Professional – Those who derive the majority of their personal income from professional photography or photographic services such as teaching, processing, printing or print finishing.

Section D – Amateur, Pro-Enhanced/Altered/Special Effects

Consult rules below for specific criteria and guidelines on photographs that require they be entered in this section.

2. The Photography Contest is open to residents and property owners of Colorado County and to youth attending school within the county.

3. Photographs exhibited in previous years are not eligible to be entered.

4. Entries will be limited to color or black and white prints only. Prints from film or digital cameras will be accepted.

5. Entries should be printed on regular standard quality photo paper. The use of specialized photography paper which enhances the print requires such an entry to be entered in Section D.

6. It is recommended that adult contestants use lab processing rather than making prints on a home computer. Judges take into account the overall quality of the print. It is also recommended that in the three adult sections, photos with a date printed on them be cropped or matted to eliminate or conceal the date.

7. Cropping for effect is permitted in all 4 sections. **Minimal** light adjustments (lightening or darkening) of the original photo are permitted in Sections A through C.

8. Any photo digitally or computer enhanced or altered by dropping or adding elements, intensification of colors, removal of shadows or any other alteration or enhancement other than those permitted in rule #7, must be entered in Section D. Any photo taken to create a special effect by the use of special techniques such as antiquing, sepia-tone, hand tinting or any other special effect, enhancement or alteration, other than those permitted in rule #7, must be entered in Section D.

9. Frames are not permitted except in Section C- Professional.

10. Youth entries must not be altered or enhanced other than those changes permitted in rule #7. Prints should be no larger than 4" x 6". They must be mounted (glued) on white or colored poster board to a size of 5" x 7". No hanging apparatus is needed.

11. Amateur entries should be 8" x 10" and must be matted to a finished size of 11" x 14". No hanging apparatus is needed.

12. Professional entries should be no larger than 16" x 20" before matting or framing. Matted entries do not need hanging apparatus. Framed entries need a secure hook or wire affixed to the back for hanging.

13. Amateur and Professional entries in Section D should be no larger than 8" x 10" and must be matted to a finished size of 11" x 14". No frames permitted. No hanging apparatus is needed.

14. Each entry must be accompanied by a 2” x 3” card (business card size) with the photo title and class number clearly printed on it. This card must be attached to the bottom right hand corner of the mat or frame. Entry tags will be attached to the upper left-hand corner of the mat or frame by the committee at the time of check-in.

Sample card:

Write Photo Title Here	
Put Class No. Here	Youth Age Here

15. Special rule for all photographs entered in “Spirit of the Fair” class: the exhibitor must agree to allow the Colorado County Fair Association, Inc. to use his or her photo for publicity on posters or in fair programs, catalogues, newspaper articles and the like, without compensation, if the Fair Association so desires. Photographer’s name would be acknowledged in the publication.

16. All entries will be judged and awarded blue, red or white ribbons. At the discretion of the judges, a Best of Class will be chosen from among the blue ribbons in Sections A and B. A Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be chosen from among the Best of Class winners in Sections A and B. In Sections C and D, a Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be chosen from among the blue ribbon winners. The contest chairman has the right to re-categorize photographs where no competition exists.

17. Each youth age division will compete separately. These age divisions are:

Youth Primary – 4 to 8 years

Youth Junior – 9 to 13 years

Youth Senior – 14 to 19 years

18. Photography Contest Entry Forms (peach colored card) may be obtained from the Colorado County Extension Office/Family and Consumer Sciences Dept. at 316 Spring Street, (979) 732-2530, or at these locations: Potter’s Western Store (Columbus), Heinsohn’s Store (Frelsburg), Sandy Creek Drive-In (Sheridan), Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply, Nada Grocery, The First National Bank (Eagle Lake), Larry’s Super Service (Garwood) and Weimar City

Hall. Forms should be mailed or delivered by hand to the chairperson or to the County Extension Office @ 316 Spring St. (Columbus) or mailed to the Colorado County Fair, P.O. Box 506, Columbus, TX 78934. **All entries must be preregistered** by Friday, September 16, 2016. Checks are to be made payable to the Colorado County Fair Association, Inc. **Late entries will not be accepted.**

19. Entries will be accepted in the Exhibit Hall at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

20. **Judging and Removal:** Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 21, 2016. The Exhibit Hall will be closed to the public until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday. All work must remain on exhibit until 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25, 2016. Entries must be removed between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, September 25, 2016. Pictures of Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show winners in all 4 sections will be taken at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2016. **No early release of exhibits.**

CLASSES

Section A – Youth

Class 1 – Scenic/Nature’s Wonders

Class 2 – Animals

Class 3 – People/Family

Class 4 – Sports

Class 5 – Spirit of the Fair

Class 6 – Miscellaneous

Section B – Amateur

Class 7 – Portrait: people, child/children, family, pets

Class 8 – Scenic: landscape, waterscape, skyscape (sunsets, clouds, etc.)

Class 9 – Nature: plants, flowers, non-farm animals, wildlife, insects, fish, birds, reptiles, other nature.

Class 10 – Farm & Ranch/Western Heritage: barns, farm implements, farm houses, farm & ranch scenes, farm animals (cattle, horses, sheep, etc.) rodeo scenes and events.

Class 11 – Spirit of the Fair: Any Colorado County Fair scene, event or activity from previous years’ fairs.

Class 12 – Miscellaneous: Sports action, architecture, building, part of a building, landmark, monument, still life, transportation, photojournalism (photos that tell a story), special events (wedding, parade, etc.) and other photos that do not fit one of the above classes.

Section C – Professional

Class 13 – All subject matter

Section D – Amateur, Pro-Enhanced/Altered/Special Effects

Class 14 – All subject matter

NOTE

Each Youth age division will compete separately in the contest. It is very important for the Youth divisions to put their age in the lower right hand corner of the title card.

POSTER CONTEST

Chairperson: Deborah Petrosky (979) 732-3564 or (979) 733-2802

CONTEST RULES:

1. Any student from grades K through High School (2016-2017 school year) attending any Colorado County school is eligible.
2. Size: poster should be full size (22” x 28”) or half size (14” x 22”).
3. Posters should be done in color, using crayon, felt tip markers, tempura, etc.
4. No tracing, computer generated graphics or lettering allowed. Stencils may be used for lettering but no other tracing allowed.

5. At a minimum, these three things must appear on the front of the poster:

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September 22 – 24, 2016
Columbus, TX**

6. Subject matter to choose from can be any of the following: livestock, art, queen's contest, children's barnyard, parade, carnival, rodeo, contests, or any Fair activity.
7. Put your name, address, phone number, and school grade as of September 1, 2016, on the back of your poster. No name may appear on the front.
8. Posters are due at the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, 425 Spring Street, Columbus, TX by 12:00 noon on Friday, September 9, 2016.
9. Categories will be divided into Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Junior High (Grades 7-8) and Senior High School.
10. A rosette will be presented to the poster selected Best of Show in each category. Others will receive blue, red and white ribbons.
11. Posters winning Best of Show rosettes will be kept through the Fair and can be picked up at the Exhibit Hall on Sunday, September 25 between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Other posters may either be picked up between September 16 and 20 during business hours at the Columbus Chamber of Commerce (call ahead to check – 732-8385), or on Sunday, September 25 at the Exhibit Hall between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.
12. The purpose of the contest is to promote the Colorado County Fair. Students are asked to display their posters with a local business until the end of the Fair. Students are responsible for picking up their own posters from the local business at which they are displayed.

The Poster Committee reserves the right to display the winning posters together.

SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

Department Chairperson: Melissa Kilpatrick Cell – (713) 444-9059

2016 COLORADO COUNTY FAIR PARADE

Chairpersons: Melissa Kilpatrick (713) 444-9059 Jackie Valenta (979) 732-1506

The 2016 Colorado County Fair Parade will be held in downtown Columbus on **Saturday, September 24, 2016**. Line-up starts at 8:00 a.m. with check-in taking place at the Columbus Elementary School tennis courts on Milam Street. Judging starts at 9:00 a.m. The parade is to begin at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

Registration forms must be turned in by Wednesday, September 21, 2016. Fax completed entries to (979) 732-2016 or (979)732-5881, or bring them by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce at 425 Spring Street, or mail them to the Fair at P.O. Box 506, Columbus, TX 78934.

Parade entry forms are available at: www.coloradocountyfair.org and:

Columbus Chamber of Commerce
425 Spring Street
Columbus, TX 78934

Potter's Western Store
2106 Highway 71 South
Columbus, TX 78934

Vehicles of Elected Officials not decorated need not be judged.

**** 2016 Theme – “BOOTS, CHAPS AND COWBOY HATS” ****

A rosette will be awarded to the Most Outstanding Entry (Best Overall) and the Best Themed Entry.

First, Second and Third Place rosettes will be awarded in the following categories:

Marching & Twirling	Educational	Service Organization	Floats
Commercial	Equestrian	Antique Vehicle	

The parade will terminate at the Veterans Community Center near the Columbus Community Golf Course. For additional information or to register an entry, contact either parade chairperson.

CHILDREN'S PET SHOW

Chairperson: Kathie Ridlen (979) 732-9981

Committee: Dr. Michael Ridlen

Sponsored by: Colorado Valley Veterinary Services

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Any child living in Colorado County or attending school in the county and who is between three (3) years and fourteen (14) years of age is eligible to enter a pet.
2. All children participating in the Pet Show must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
3. Animals must be owned by the exhibitor or by a member of the immediate family.
4. All pets must be on a leash or under other physical means of control. It will be at the discretion of the judges to excuse from the premises all difficult-to-control and/or vicious animals.
5. Female animals in season will not be allowed in the Pet Show.
6. All animals must be clean and well groomed. All cats and dogs should have a current rabies vaccination.
7. First, second and third place winners in each category will be presented ribbons.
8. All pets must be checked in at the Pavilion at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, September 22, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Judging will begin at 6:30 p.m.

9. No pre-registration required.

Section A – Dogs

Class 1	Longest Tail
Class 2	Shortest Tail
Class 3	Biggest Dog
Class 4	Smallest Dog
Class 5	Best Dressed
Class 6	Cutest Dog

Class 7	Longest Hair
Class 8	Curliest Coat
Class 9	Dog Tricks
Class 10	Friendliest
Class 11	Longest Ears
Class 12	Shortest Ears

Section B – Cats

Class 1	Biggest Cat
Class 2	Smallest Cat
Class 3	Longest Hair
Class 4	Best Dressed

Class 5	Cutest Cat
Class 6	Longest Tail
Class 7	Shortest Tail
Class 8	Most Stripes

Section C – Other Pets

Class 1	Biggest
Class 2	Smallest
Class 3	Ugliest

Class 4	Cutest
Class 5	Most Unusual

LET’S HAVE A GREAT FAIR, Y’ALL!