

**2026**  
**Jim Wells County Fair**  
**Home Economics Division Rules**  
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1. All general rules and regulations of the Jim Wells County Fair Association will apply.
2. No entry fee will be charged for placing exhibits in the fair; however, all youth entries must be a member of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA or an organized club and must sell one (1) fair membership. All adults (19-59) must be a member of the Jim Wells County Fair Association. The Senior Citizen division is open to any county resident 60 years of age or over.

AGE GROUPS:

GROUP 1:	Pee-Wee (age as of September 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Kinder – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
GROUP 2:	Junior (age as of September 1 <sup>st</sup> )	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
GROUP 3:	Intermediate (age as of September 1 <sup>st</sup> )	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
GROUP 4:	Senior (age as of September 1 <sup>st</sup> )	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
GROUP 5:	Adult	19 – 59 years
GROUP 6:	Senior Citizens	60 years or over

3. All entries MUST be the complete work of the exhibitor and completed within one (1) calendar year of the previous fair. All entries must be undamaged and clean. Unfinished entries will not be accepted.
4. Any entry which has been entered and judged previously in the Jim Wells County Fair cannot be exhibited or judged again.
5. Participants may enter as many entries in any given division, but only two items (2) per class, with the exception of photography. Only one photo per class will be accepted.
6. Entries that do not follow the Home Economics Division Rules will be disqualified. Disqualifications may occur during judging. Acceptance of an entry at check-in is not an acknowledgement that an entry meets all Home Economics Division rules. The superintendent of each department has the authority to reject unworthy exhibits or items not packaged according to division rules or reclassify any articles. Food items requiring refrigeration will be disqualified.

7. All entries must be pre-registered to be eligible for judging. Entry forms must be filled out completely and have a brief description of each entry. **Entry forms will be available on the Jim Wells County Fair Association website and must be turned in during Home Economics Entry Registration on the second Sunday of September between 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Home Economics building.** No late entries will be accepted.
8. Youth and adult entry check-in to the Jim Wells County Fair will take place in the Home Economics building on Monday of fair week between 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Senior citizen entries will be accepted from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. No late arrivals will be accepted. All 3x5 index cards for entries must be completed and placed with entry before checking in. Pre-registration description must match the item turned in. Food items must have a copy of the recipe without the participant's name included on the form.
9. Judge's orientation will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by judging of items at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday of fair week. Only the judges, superintendents, assistants and appointed tabulators will be allowed in the Home Economics building during judging. Superintendents will not be the final tabulators.
10. In each class, there must be at least three similar pre-registered entries to be eligible for a class winner ribbon. Items in classes with fewer than three entries may still be eligible for division winner if they have a blue ribbon.
11. Entries will be judged and given ribbons according to scores received. Ribbons are awarded based on scores with a 90-100 = Blue Ribbon and 80-89 = Red Ribbon. Any score below 80 will not receive a ribbon. There will be Class Winner Ribbons awarded in each class when there are three (3) or more similar pre-registered entries. A Blue Ribbon or Class Winner Ribbon is required for Division Winner Ribbon.
12. Only a portion of the cakes will be displayed, the remaining portion must be removed from the Home Economics Building after judging on Tuesday between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Any items not picked up by 7:00 p.m. will be thrown away. Other items which may be removed on Tuesday are entries that are rejected or disqualified.
13. Point System: Exhibitors may enter as many items as desired but only the top 25 high scoring entries will be used for determining Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age division. Exhibitors will still be awarded ribbons for all items. Points will be tabulated as follows: score from individual class, +5 points for Class Winner + 10 points for Division Winner.  
  
Ex. #1: 92 points (item score) +5 for Class Winner = 97 points.  
Ex. #2: 95 points (item score) +5 for Class Winner +10 for Division Winner = 110 points.
14. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Banner and Plaque will be awarded to the individuals with the most points in each age group: Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Adult and Senior Citizen. Points will be tabulated from their judging results. In case of a tie, the individual with the most class & division winner ribbons from the top 25 high scoring entries will be the winner. The Grand Champion Sweepstakes Award may only be awarded to the same individual two (2) consecutive years in any age group. **The Sweepstakes Awards will be presented at the Parade-of Champions on Saturday of fair week.**

15. Persons interested in buying items may contact the owner.
16. All entries are to be picked up on Saturday of fair week between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. After Sunday, unclaimed items with the exception of food entries will be donated to local charitable organizations. The Home Economics Division will not be responsible for unclaimed items.
17. Any protest must be lodged immediately, with a \$250.00 deposit to the Home Economics Division Chairmen. The \$250.00 will be forfeited if protest is not upheld. The protest committee will consist of Home Economics Division Chairmen and Fair Board Appointed Committee. The protest committee's decision will be final.

### HOME ECONOMICS ENTRY REGISTRATION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCHEDULED ITEM</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>END</u>
2nd Sunday; September	Entry Forms Due	2:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.

### HOME ECONOMICS BUILDING SCHEDULE

<u>FAIR WEEK DAY</u>	<u>SCHEDULED ITEM</u>	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>CLOSE</u>
Monday	Senior Citizen Entries Due	12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
	All Youth and Adult Entries Due	3:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Judging of Entries	8:30 a.m.	Late p.m.
	Pick up Cakes	5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Open to Public	10:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Open to Public	10:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Open to Public	10:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Open to Public	9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
	Pick Up All Items	5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

## ART DEPARTMENT

1. All General Rules of the Jim Wells County Fair apply to this department.
2. A 3x5 index card must be attached to the back of each entry with a thorough description of the item. A 5-point deduction will result if the card is not attached.
3. All pictures must be framed and ready to be hung with wire. Irregular shaped items not able to be framed must have the ability to be hung. A 5-point deduction will result if the item is not framed or have the ability to be hung.

### Drawing/Coloring Division

#### **Class 1: Charcoal**

Projects made with charcoals including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

#### **Class 2: Ink**

Projects made with ink including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

#### **Class 3: Marker**

Projects made with markers including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

#### **Class 4: Pastel**

Projects made with pastels including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

#### **Class 5: Pencil**

Projects made with pencils including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

### Mixed Media Division

#### **Class 6: Two Medias**

Projects made with two different materials or mediums in a single art piece including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

#### **Class 7: Three or More Medias**

Projects made with three or more different materials or mediums in a single art piece including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

### Painting Division

#### **Class 8: Acrylic**

Projects made with acrylic paint including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

#### **Class 9: Oil**

Projects made with oils including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

#### **Class 10: Watercolor**

Projects made with watercolors including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

**Pattern Assisted Division**

**Class 11: Diamond Art**

Projects made with diamonds affixed to a pre-printed canvas including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

**Class 12: Paint by Number**

Paint by Number projects including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

**Class 13: Pre-printed Canvas, Coloring Sheet, or Fuzzy Velvet Poster**

Projects that including, but not limited to, Abstract, Animal, Cartoon, Landscape, Portraits, Still Life, Etc.

## CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

1. All general rules of the Jim Wells County Fair apply to this department.
2. A copy of the instruction sheet must accompany each garment and/or a 3x5 index card describing the construction of your garment. A 5-point deduction will occur if the instruction sheet or index card is not attached.
3. All articles should be on a separate hanger and covered with clear plastic wrap such as a cleaner's bag.
4. Items will be judged only on construction of garment.

### Kids and Accessories Division

#### **Class 1: Accessories:**

Handmade or machine-sewn accessories including, but not limited to, Belts, Hats, Holiday Themed, Scarfs, Totes/Purses, Etc.

#### **Class 2: Kids**

Handmade or machine-sewn articles of kids clothing including, but not limited to, Infant Clothes, Toddler Clothes, Beachwear, Camisoles, Casual Shirts, Casual Pants, Casual Skirts, Dresses, Dressy Shirts, Dressy Skirts, Formals, Holiday Attire, Jumpers, Shorts, Slacks, Sleepwear, Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Vests, Coats, Jackets, and Blazers

### Adult Clothing Division

#### **Class 3: Ladies**

Handmade or machine-sewn articles of women's clothing including, but not limited to, Beachwear, Camisoles, Casual Shirts, Casual Pants, Casual Skirts, Culottes, Dresses, Dressy Shirts, Dressy Skirts, Formals, Holiday Attire, Jumpers, Shorts, Slacks, Sleepwear, Sundresses, Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Vests, Coats, Jackets, and Blazers

#### **Class 4: Menswear**

Handmade or machine-sewn articles of men's clothing including, but not limited to, Beachwear, Casual shirts, Pants, Dressy Shirts, Holiday Attire, Shorts, Slacks, Sleepwear, Sportswear, Sweat pants, Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Vests, Coats, Jackets, and Blazers

## CRAFT DEPARTMENT

1. All General rules of the Jim Wells County Fair apply to this department.
2. Small entries must be enclosed in a zip-lock bag accompanied by a 3x5 index card with description of item. Large entries not able to be placed in a bag must have an index card affixed to the back/bottom of the item. Entries that do not have an index card enclosed or attached will result in a 5-point deduction.
3. All jewelry shall be placed on a display card or tag board and in a zip-lock bag with index card. Failure to affix jewelry to a display card will result in a 5-point deduction.
4. All hanging items must have a loop or hanger attached so it may be displayed.

### Accessories Division

#### **Class 1: Beading**

Crafts made with beads including, but not limited to, Belts, Bracelets, Earrings, Hair Pieces, Holiday Items, Key Rings, Necklaces, Scarfs, Home Décor, Etc.

#### **Class 2: Jewelry**

Jewelry Crafts including, but not limited to, Accessories, Belt, Bracelets, Earrings, Friendly Plastics, Hair Pieces, Holiday Item, Necklace, Oven Baked Clay Dough, Pins

#### **Class 3: Hair**

Crafts made for use in your hair including, but not limited to, Barrettes, Bows, Decorated Headbands, Holiday Items, Scrunchies, Visors

### Creative Crafts Division

#### **Class 4: 3-D Art**

Crafts made with materials including, but not limited to, Buttons, Foam, Pasta, Puzzle 3-D, Rubber Bands, Sand Sculptures, Seeds/Beans, String 3-D, Styrofoam Beans, Yarn/Thread

#### **Class 5: Recycled**

Crafts made from recycled materials including, but not limited to, Aluminum, Bottles, Glass, Jars, Paper, Plastic, Rock, Tin Cans, Wood, Etc.

#### **Class 6: Shrink Art**

Crafts made using Shrink Art including, but not limited to, Holiday Items, Jewelry, Magnets, Key Chain, Etc.

#### **Class 7: Sun Catcher**

Suncatcher crafts including, but not limited to, Animal, Comic, Floral, Holiday, Key Chain, Landscape, Magnet, Mobile, Religious

### Home Decor Division

#### **Class 8: Country/Southwest Class:**

Country Southwest themed items that are constructed or decorated including, but not limited to, Baskets, Centerpieces, Chimes, Decorated Items, Dream Catchers, Hats, Hay Bales, Hoops, Skulls/Bones/Antlers, Swags, Wall Hangings, Wood

#### **Class 9: Decorated Candles Class:**

Decorated Candles that are Beaded, made for use as Center Pieces, Holiday Themed, Jeweled, Sequined

**Class 10: Decorated Clay Pot**

Decorated Clay Pots that have been Decoupaged, Mosaic tiled, Painted, Etc.

**Class 11: Decoupage**

Decoupaged items including, but not limited to, Boxes/Baskets, Home Accessories, Personal Accessories, Pictures, Reverse Collage, Etc.

**Class 12: Frame**

Frames that are constructed or decorated to represent Everyday Life, Holidays, Summertime, Special Occasions, Weddings, Etc.

**Class 13: Wall Hanging**

Wall hanging items including, but not limited to, Baskets, Chimes, Decorated Items, Hats, Holiday Items, Hoops, Swags, Wood, Shadow Boxes, Etc.

**Class 14: Wreath**

Wreaths that are constructed or decorated including, but not limited to, Cork, Everyday, Herbal, Holidays, Pinecones, Shells, Special Occasion, Sports, Seasonal

**Man-Made Media Division**

**Class 15: Ceramic**

Ceramic items including, but not limited to, Decal, Glazed, Holiday, Jewelry, Sculpture and Stained

**Class 16: Felt**

Felt items including, but not limited to, Accessories, Holiday, Home Accessories, Personal

**Class 17: Foam**

Foam items including, but not limited to, Animal, Door Hanger, Floral, Frame, Greeting Card, Holiday, Home Accessories, Jewelry, Magnet, Pencil Topper, Personal Accessories, Wall Hanging, Wreath

**Class 18: Magnet**

Magnet items including, but not limited to, Animals, Ceramic, Flowers, Foam, Frame, Holiday, Rainbow, Shell, Shrink Art, Stars, Wood

**Class 19: Paper Art**

Paper Art including, but not limited to, Greeting Cards, Holiday, Jewelry, Picture, Wreath, Puppet

**Class 20: Plastic Art**

Plastic Art including, but not limited to, Animals, Floral, Greeting Card, Holiday, Home Décor, Jars, Jewelry, Magnet, Pencil Topper, Personal Accessories, Religion, Sculpture, Wall Hanging, Wreath

**Class 21: Pom Pom**

Pom Pom items including, but not limited to, Accessories, Animals, Holiday, Jewelry, Pencil Topper

**Natural Media Division**

**Class 22: Clay**

Clay items including, but not limited to, Holiday Crafts, Jewelry, Sculptures,

**Class 23: Leather**

Leather items including, but not limited to, Belts, Hair Piece, Jewelry, Key Chain, Purse/Wallet, Quiver, Sheath

**Class 24: Metal**

Metal items including, but not limited to, Holiday Items, Home Accessories, Jewelry, Mobile, Personnel Accessories, Sculptures, Wind Chimes

**Class 25: Rock**

Rocks including, but not limited to, Decoupage, Door Stopper, Painted, Sculpture, Paper Weight

**Class 26: Sand**

Sand items including, but not limited to, Bottles, Holiday, Jars, Sculpture

**Class 27: Shell**

Shell items including, but not limited to Frames, Jewelry, Pictures, Wall Hanging, Wind Chimes

**Class 28: Wood**

Wood items including, but not limited to Baskets, Box, Bird Feeder, Bird House, Candle Holder, Center Piece, Chimes, Clock, Game, Holiday, Inlaid, Lawn Accessories, Puzzles, Toy, Walking Stick, Whirley Gig, Outdoor Gear

**Toy Division**

**Class 29: Doll**

Doll items including, but not limited to, Button, Ceramic/Porcelain, Corn Husk, Costume, Ethnic, Foam, Mop, Paper Twist, Spool, Wood

**Class 30: Miniature**

Miniature items including, but not limited to, Accessories, Dolls, Furniture, House, Shadow Boxes

**Class 31: Other Toys**

Craft Toys that do not fit in the other Toy classes.

## FOOD DEPARTMENT

1. All General Rules of the Jim Wells County Fair apply to this department.
2. A copy of your recipe must be attached to the bottom of your plate/food item when turning in, or it will result in a 5-point deduction.
3. The exhibitor's name must not be found on the recipe or anywhere on entry, or it will result in a 5-point deduction.
4. Canned products such as pickles, canned fruits and vegetables should be shown in standard pint or quart jars. (Example: Kerr, Ball, Etc.) All home canning products must contain a label. If canned item is not sealed, or spoiled in any manner the item will be disqualified by the superintendent.
5. Jelly, Jams, and Preserves can be entered in standard 4 or 8 ounce jars.
6. Cakes and Bread items will be whole when entered. Cakes should be placed on a foil covered cardboard and covered with CLEAR PLASTIC. Sheet cakes that are unable to be removed from the pan may be shown in a disposable pan. Cakes and Bread items that are precut will result in a 5-point deduction.
7. After judging, a portion of cakes and bread items will be cut and placed on display with ribbon(s). **The remaining portion must be picked up between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.** If not picked up, the item will be disposed of.
8. Display Cakes will be judged on creativity only. No taste testing.
9. Four (4) pieces of candy, cookies, cupcakes, muffins, or rolls will be required for one exhibit. Baked exhibits and candy must be packaged in a clear hinged container to be accepted. Bread should be placed in large zip-lock bags.
10. Containers will be available for purchase at the Home Economics Entry Registration on the second Sunday of September from 2:00 - 5:00 or on the Sunday before Check-In from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Home Economics building.
11. FOOD ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

## BAKED FOODS

### Cake Division

#### **Class 1: Cupcake**

Class includes Cake Balls, Creative Cupcakes, Fruit Cupcakes, Miscellaneous

#### **Class 2: Scratch Cake**

Class includes Angel Food, Cake Balls, Carrot Cake, Chiffon, Chocolate, Fruit, Cake Roll, Jelly Roll, Layer Cake, Pound Cake, Sponge Cake

#### **Class 3: Box Cake Mix + 3**

Class includes Angel Food, Cake Balls, Carrot Cake, Chiffon, Chocolate, Fruit, Cake Roll, Jelly Roll, Layer Cake, Pound Cake, Sponge Cake

### Display Cake Division

#### **Class 4. Special Occasion**

Class includes cakes decorated for any Special Occasion. Display cakes are judged on creativity only and can be made from an edible cake base or non-edible cake base. No taste testing.

#### **Class 5. Holiday Theme**

Class includes cakes decorated for a Holiday. Display cakes are judged on creativity only and can be made from an edible cake base or non-edible cake base. No taste testing.

### Cookie Division

#### **Class 6. Bar Cookie**

Class includes Brownies, Blondies, Cereal Bars, Fruit Bars, Nut Bars

#### **Class 7. Traditional Cookie**

Class includes Chocolate Chip, Cookie Cake, Creative Cookie, Decorated Cookie, Dropped, Oatmeal, Pan De Polvo, Peanut Butter, Sugar, Unbaked

### Bread Division

#### **Class 8. Quick Bread**

Class includes Banana Nut Bread, Biscuits, Coffee Cake, Cornbread, Creative, Loaf Bread, Muffin, Pan De Campo, Tortillas, Turnover-Fruit

#### **Class 9. Yeast Bread**

Class includes Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee Cake, Creative, Kolaches, Loaf Bread, Rolls

### Snack Food Division

#### **Class 10. Dried Foods**

Class includes Dried Fruit, Dried Vegetables, Jerky

#### **Class 11. Specialty Snacks**

Class includes Crackers, Popcorn Balls, Pretzels, Trail Mix, Coated Trail Mix

#### **Class 12. Candy**

Class includes Brittle, Dipped, Divinity, Dropped, Fruit, Fudge, Nuts, Pralines, Misc.

## CANNED FOOD

### Fruit & Vegetable Division

#### **Class 13. Canned Fruit**

Class includes all types of Canned Fruits

#### **Class 14. Canned Vegetables**

Class includes all types of Canned Vegetables

### Jam & Jelly Division

#### **Class 15. Jam**

Class includes all types of Canned Jams

#### **Class 16. Jelly**

Class includes all types of Canned Jellies

### Pickled Division

#### **Class 17. Pickled Cucumbers**

Class includes Bread & Butter, Dill, Garlic, Kosher, Sour, Sweet

#### **Class 18. Other Pickled Vegetables**

Class includes Beets, Carrots, Cauliflower, Green Beans, Jalapenos, Okra, Peppers, Squash, Watermelon Rind, Zucchini

### Condiment Division

#### **Class 19. Salsas**

Class includes all types of Canned Salsas

#### **Class 20. Miscellaneous Sauces and Relishes**

Class includes all types of Canned Sauces and Relishes

## PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

1. All General Rules of the Jim Wells County Fair apply to this department.
2. Participants may enter as many entries in any given division, but only one photo per class.
3. Attach a 3x5 index card explaining the location, season, and the desired effect. Failure to attach an index card will result in a 5-point deduction.
4. All photos must be 8x10 or 5x7 in size.
5. All prints must be permanently mounted solid on a photographic mount board (mount board is available at Hobby Lobby, Michael's or Photo Store). Framed photos or photos mounted on foam of any kind, poster board or sponge board will have a 5-point deduction.
6. Mount boards will be available for purchase at the Home Economics Entry Registration on the second Sunday of September from 2:00-5:00 or on the Sunday before Check-In from 2:00 p.m-5:00 p.m. in the Home Economics building.
7. All entries must have been taken on/after the Jim Wells County Fair of last year.
8. Read class descriptions carefully as pictures not entered in the correct class or following class descriptions may be reclassified or disqualified.

### Animal Division

#### **Class 1: Animals - Domestic**

Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations. *Examples: Chickens, Cows, Dogs, Cats, Hamsters, Horses, Pigs, Sheep, Goat, etc. All waterfowl (ducks and geese) should be entered in Animals-Wildlife.*

#### **Class 2: Animals - Wildlife**

Class focuses on animals not typically tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or the bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos. *Examples: Birds, Deer, Elephants, Snakes, Whales, etc.*

### Artistic Division

#### **Class 3: Details & Macro**

Getting in close is the name of the game for this class. The goal is to zoom in close on an object to see its finer details or to make small objects appear life-sized or larger than we normally get to see with the naked eye. *Examples: Insect eyes, veins on a leaf, a reflection in a water droplet, etc.*

#### **Class 4: Enhanced**

A single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite image. Other variations are allowed as well. *Example: Software edited composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic, etc.*

## Composition Division

### **Class 5: Elements of Design**

Images use graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. The photo can consist of any subject matter. Not Allowed: Digital creations or graphic designs made in software such as Photoshop, InDesign or Illustrator. *Examples: Line, pattern, perspective, shape, etc.*

### **Class 6: Leading Line**

This image composition technique features lines that draw the viewer's eye from point A to point B, which is the primary subject. *Example: A river that begins in the foreground and draws your attention to a photogenic bridge in the background.*

## Controlling Time Division

### **Class 7: Long Exposure**

Also known as time-exposure or slow-shutter, this technique involves using a long-duration shutter speed. It can be used to sharply capture stationary elements of an image while blurring, smearing, or obscuring the moving elements. It is also used in low-light conditions. *Example: Fireworks, moving water, light trails, Milky Way, light painting, night or low-light conditions, etc.*

### **Class 8: Motion Action**

The capture of movement within a single photo. The subject appears stopped or "frozen". *Example: Ferris Wheel Spinning, Sporting Events, Horse running across field, etc.*

### **Class 9: Shadow-Silhouette**

A silhouette is an outline that appears dark (typically a single color) with little or no details/features against a brighter background. Recording patterns of light and shade for a desired effect or emphasis is the definition of a shadow. The Silhouette or shadow must be the primary subject and focus of the image. Not allowed: Reflections. *Example: Shadows/Silhouettes of people, plants, animals, structures, architectures, or natural structures.*

## Everyday Life Division

### **Class 10: Catch All**

Photos that DO NOT FIT into one of the other categories. *Not allowed: A duplicate photo also entered in another category.*

### **Class 11: Food**

A still life specialization of photography aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks. Not allowed: A photo of alcohol beverages. *Examples: Cakes/pies, Easter Eggs, fruits and place settings, ingredients, sandwiches, Thanksgiving dinner, etc.*

### **Class 12: People**

Photo focus can be from all walks of life; parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. All individuals in the photos must have provided consent and permission as a subject. If requested, a release will be needed from the photographer and subject. *Example: Babies, Families, Kids, Portraits, Models/Fashion, etc.*

### **Field and Frame Division**

#### **Class 13: Landscape/Nature (Non-Animal)**

The focus of this class includes landscapes, outdoor scenes, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors. Not allowed: Primary subject is a person or wildlife. *Example: Gardens /Landscapes, Outdoors, Scenic, etc.*

#### **Class 14: Plant/Flora**

Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. The photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Landscape/ Nature category. *Example: A rose, an upward shot of a tree, etc.*

### **Picture Story Division**

#### **Class 15: Picture Story**

Digital entry (one photo) containing three (3) smaller images and minimal text that tells a story. *Example: A day in your life, progression of a project, evolution of nature, etc.*

## TEXTILE DEPARTMENT

1. All General Rules of the Jim Wells County Fair apply to this department.
2. All items must be completed front & back. Example: A crewel picture in a frame needs a proper backing.
3. Each entry must be accompanied by a 3x5 index card with a thorough description of the item. If the index card is not attached it will result in a 5-point deduction.

### Needlework Division

#### **Class 1: Cross Stitch**

Cross Stitched items including, but not limited to, Afghan, Apron, Baby item, Bedspread, Collar, Doilies, Holiday item, Pillow, Place Mat, Potholder, Purse/Tote, Shaw, Sweater, Tablecloth, Vest/Poncho, Wall Hanging

#### **Class 2: Embroidery**

Embroidered items including, but not limited to, Apron, Bedspread, Dish Towel, Doilies, Holiday item, Napkins, Pillow, Pillowcase, Pillowcase Doll, Place Mat, Potholder, Purse/Tote, Shawl, Sweater, Tablecloth, Table Runner, Vest/Poncho, Wall Hanging

#### **Class 3: Needlepoint**

Needlepoint items including, but not limited to, Doilies, Holiday item, Pillow, Place Mat, Purse/Tote, Toy, Vest/Poncho, Wall Hanging

#### **Class 4: Plastic Canvas**

Plastic canvas item including, but not limited to, Baby, Basket, Bath Accessories, Bird House, Coasters, Dolls, Doll Furniture, Eye Glass Holder, Frame, Holiday item, Jewelry Box, Kitchen Accessories, Pencil Holder, Personal Accessories, Planter Cover, Purse/Tote, Religion, Scissor Holder, Tissue Cover, Toy, Wall Hanging, Wreath

### Fiber Art Division

#### **Class 5: Crewel**

Crewel items including, but not limited to, Apron, Bedspread, Dish Towel, Doilies, Holiday items, Napkins, Pillow, Pillowcase, Place Mats, Potholder, Purse/Tote, Shawl, Sweater, Tablecloth, Vest/Poncho, Wall Hanging

#### **Class 6: Crochet**

Crochet items including, but not limited to, Afghan, Apron, Baby item, Bath Accessories, Bath Sets, Bedspread, Collars, Crochet Dolls, Doilies, Filet Crochet, Holiday Items, Home Decor, Kitchen Accessories, Pillow, Placemats, Potholder, Purse/Tote, Rug, Scarf, Shawl, Sweater, Tablecloth, Toy, Vest/Poncho, Wall Hanging

#### **Class 7: Knit**

Knit items including, but not limited to, Afghan, Apron, Baby items, Bath Accessories, Bath Set, Bedspread, Collars, Crochet Dolls, Doilies, Holiday, Kitchen Accessories, Pillow, Placemat, Potholder, Purse/Tote, Rug, Scarf, Shawl, Sweater, Tablecloth, Toy, Vest/Poncho, Wall Hanging

### Decorated Division

#### **Class 8: Jacket/ Vest**

Jacket/Vest items that have been decorated with one or more of the following:  
Applique, Beads, Buttons, Holiday Design, Jewels, Lace, Paint, Ribbon, Sequins, Etc.

**Class 9: Sweatshirt**

Decorated Sweatshirt items that have been decorated with one or more of the following: Applique, Beads, Buttons, Holiday Design, Jewels, Lace, Paint, Ribbon, Sequins, Etc.

**Class 10: T-Shirt**

Decorated T-shirt items that have been decorated with one or more of the following: Applique, Beads, Buttons, Holiday Design, Jewels, Lace, Paint, Ribbon, Sequins, Etc.

**Embellished Division**

**Class 11: Appliqued**

Appliqued textile items including, but are not limited to Apron, Baby items, Bedspread, Holiday Item, Pillow, Pillowcase, Placemats, Potholders, Purse/Tote, Quilt, Rug, Tablecloth, Vest/Poncho, Wall Hanging, Etc.

**Class 12: Decorated**

Decorated textile items including, but not limited to, Belts, Collars, Dresses, Hats, Holiday Item, Pants, Pant Set, Personal Accessories, Shirt, Shoes, Skirt, Etc.

**Class 13: Painted**

Painted textile items including, but not limited to, Dress, Holiday Item, Home Accessories, Pant Set, Personal Accessories, Shirt, Shoes, Skirt, Wall Hanging, Etc.

**Blanket Division**

**Class 14: No Sew**

Blankets that are constructed without sewing.

**Class 15: Hand Sewn**

Blankets that are entirely hand sewn.

**Class 16: Machine Sewn**

Blankets that are machine sewn.

**Doll Division**

**Class 17: Doll Clothes**

Doll Clothes including, but not limited to, Baby Doll Clothes, Barbie Doll Clothes, Costume Doll Clothes, Crocheted Clothes, Ethnic Clothes, Holiday Clothes, Native American, Pillowcase Dolls, Sewn Clothes

**Class 18: Creative Doll**

Creative Doll items including, but not limited to, Holiday item, Hand Sewn, Machine Sewn, Porcelain, Sock, Stuffed

**Sewn Division**

**Class 19: Machine Sewn**

Machine Sewn items including, but not limited to, Appliqued, Baby, Creative Design, Curtain, Holiday, Pieced, Pillow, Pillow Top Shirt, Pillow Top Dress, Pillow Quilt, Quilt, Stuffed Animal, Toy, Pillowcase, Etc.

**Class 20: Quilted**

Quilted items including, but not limited to, Apron, Baby item, Bedspread, Embroidery, Holiday item, Miniature, Pieced, Pillow, Pillow Quilt, Place Mat, Potholder, Pre-Printed item, Purse/Tote, Rug, Tablecloth, Toy, Vest/Poncho, Wall Hanging