

**Watonwan County Fair
Creative Arts Building
Open Class
Premium Book**



JULY 16-19, 2026

CREATIVE ARTS BUILDING OPEN CLASS



Important Dates & Times

Entry Day: **Wednesday, July 15th, 8:00 am - 11:00 am & 5:00-7:00 pm**

Judging Day: **Thursday July 16th, starting @ 1:30pm**

Release/Pick-Up: **Sunday July 19th, 4pm-5pm**

The Watonwan County Fair is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits on display during the four fair days.

Entry Fee: \$.50 per item, please bring the correct cash amount to the Creative Arts building during entry. Entry form can be found on our website or at the end of listing.

Premiums: Blue \$3.00, Red-2.00, White-\$1.00

You may enter **3 items** in any Division/Class.

- ❖ Class: (A) Youth under 12 - Class:(B) Teen 13-18- Class: (C) Adult Class: (D) Senior (over 60)
- ❖ The building will be closed during judging.
- ❖ Judges' decisions are final.
- ❖ Conference judging will be available for those so desiring if arrangements are made at time of entry.

The judge is instructed not to award premiums unless the articles are worthy of merit, not to articles borrowed or purchased for competition, not to those incorrectly entered. Articles not listed in the premium book will receive a ribbon placing but no cash premium. This is to conform with state regulations as to reimbursement.

- ❖ Articles must have been made during the present year by the exhibitor.
- ❖ No items may enter that have been entered at any previous Watonwan County Fair.
- ❖ Soiled or unfinished articles will not be accepted or entered for premiums by the superintendent in charge.
- ❖ No article or exhibits may be removed early.
Premiums will be paid when entries are picked up on the last day of the fair or at the discretion of the board. Premiums will be forfeited for any entries removed prior to Sunday, July 19th before 4:00

Yes, the raffle is back!! Each project entered will give you a single raffle ticket in a drawing for a CASEY'S Gift Card! Yes, more entries = more tickets.



UNDERSTANDING RIBBON PLACING AT THE WATONWAN COUNTY FAIR

Blue Ribbon (1st Place): Indicates superior quality, exceeding minimum standards, and potentially representing the best in its class.

Red Ribbon (2nd Place): Signifies above average quality. It represents a commendable achievement, demonstrating significant effort and skill.

White Ribbon (3rd Place): A third-place ribbon acknowledges that the recipient performed well and demonstrated potential for growth and future success.

Honorable Mention: Signifies that a participant's work or performance was recognized for its merit. It acknowledges exceptional effort or quality that, while not winning, still stands out as noteworthy.

Purple Ribbon (Champion): This ribbon signifies the overall best exhibit in a particular division or class, chosen from the first-place (blue ribbon) entries.

Reserved (Champion): This ribbon signifies the second best exhibit in a particular division or class, chosen from the first-place (blue ribbon) entries.

CREATIVE ARTS BUILDING: OPEN CLASS

Divisions & More

Antiques: Division 1	Categories	<i>(Items will be kept in a locked cabinet when possible)</i>
Lot 1 - Collectibles Lot 2 - Garments Lot 3 - Accessories Ex. Milk glass Depression glass Carnival Glass	Lot 4 - Dishes Lot 5 - Glassware Lot 6 - Furniture Camera Vase Pitcher	Lot 7 - Toys Lot 8 - Machinery Lot 9 - Other Old caning jars Lefton Fenton
Arts: Division 2	Categories	(Original work) No loose sheets/ready to display
Lot 1- Oil Painting Lot 2 - Acrylic	Lot 3 - Water Color Lot 4- Drawings	Lot 5 - Other Ready to hang or in a stand up frame
Crafts: Division 3	Categories	<i>(Hobbycrafts may be entered in this division)</i>
Lot 1 - Kits Lot 2 - Diamond Art Lot 3 - Ceramics	Lot 4 - Stained Glass Lot 5 - Legos Lot 5 - Paper Crafts	Lot 6 - Holiday/Seasonal Lot 7 - Wreaths Lot 9 - Other
Collections: Division 4	Categories	(collection a group of items 3 or more)
Lot 1 - Post Cards Lot 2 - Trinkets Lot 3 - Toys, cars, stuffed animals	Lot 4 - Coins Lot 5 - Buttons Lot 6 - Shells	Lot 7 - Dolls Lot 8 - Magnets Lot 9 - Other
Flowers: (Cut) Division 5 - A	Categories	(Fresh)
Lot 1- Cut flowers <u>any type of flower</u> only one stem per container The exhibit should be placed in a clean, clear, Container There should be NO FOLIAGE BELOW THE WATER LEVEL		
Flowers: (Cut NON-Flowering) Division 5 B	Categories	(Fresh)
Lot 1- Hosta Leaf Small, leaf (3 leaves) Lot 2 -Hosta Leaf Medium, leaf (3 leaves) Lot 3 -Hosta Leaf Large -Giant, leaf (1 leaf)	Lot 4 - Coleus Solid (1 Stem) Lot 5 - Coleus Bi-color (1 Stem) Lot 6 - Coleus Tri-color (1 Stem)	Lot 7 - Dusty Miller (2 Stems) Lot 8 - Fern (2 Stems) Lot 9 - Other

Flowers: (Arrangement) Division 5 - C Categories

Lot 1 - Wild flower arrangement Lot 2 - Coffee table arrangement
Lot 3 - Luncheon table arrangement Lot 4 - One type of flower arrangement
Lot 5 - Other (Arrangement a collection of blooms and greenery in vase/container)

Flowers: Arrangement (Mini) Division 5 - D Categories

Lot 1 - Wild flower arrangement Lot 3 - Other (Miniature not over 6" in height)
Lot 2 - One type of flower arrangement (Arrangement a collection of blooms and greenery in vase/container)

Foods: (Bars & Cakes) Division 6 A Categories (One entry is three small bars)

Lot 1 - Brownies Lot 3- Special K Bars Lot 5 - Rice Krispie Bars
Lot 2 - Carrot bars Lot 4- Lemon Bars Lot 6 - Other

Cakes (Bring 4x5 inches and recipe)

Lot 1 - Angel Food Cake Lot 3 - Marble Cake Lot 5 - Cupcakes
Lot 2 - Chocolate Cake Lot 4 - White Cake Lot 6- Other

All entries must be in a small paper plate covered with plastic wrap and recipe

Foods: (Breads Yeast & Quick Breads) Division 6 B Categories (Minimum Half of Loaf)

Lot 1 - White Bread Lot 3 - Bread Machine White Bread Lot 5 - Sourdough Bread
Lot 2 - Whole Wheat Bread Lot 4 - Bread Machine Wheat Bread Lot 6 - Other

Quick Breads (Minimum half of loaf and recipe)

Lot 1- Pumpkin Bread Lot 3 - Zucchini Bread Lot 5 - Cinnamon Rolls
Lot 2- Banana Bread Lot 4 - Poppy Seed Bread Lot 6 - Other

All entries must be in a small paper plate covered with plastic wrap/ziploc bag

Foods: (Candies & Cookies) Division 6 C (Bring 4 Cookies and Recipe)

Lot 1- Chocolate chip Lot 4 - Rosettes Lot 7 - Filled Cookies
Lot 2 - Peanut Butter Cookies Lot 5 - Krum Kake Lot 8 - Other
Lot 3 - Sugar Cookies Lot 6 - Oatmeal Cookies

Candies Bring 4 pieces on a plate and recipe covered/plastic wrap

Lot 1 - Caramels Lot 3 - Mints Lot 5 - Peanut Clusters
Lot 2 - Fudge Lot 4 - Almond Bark Lot 6 - Other

Foods: Pie Division 6 D Categories (Bring at least ¼ of pie or a 5 inch pie tin)

Lot 1 - Apple Lot 3 - Berry Lot 5 - Pecan Lot 7 - Rhubarb
Lot 2 - Cherry Lot 4 - Peach Lot 6 - Cheesecake Lot 8 - Other

All entries must be covered with plastic wrap/ziploc bag

Food Preservation Division 7 Categories (Canning, Drying, Freezing, other)

Standard pint or quart jars are acceptable judges may open jar if they so wish

Lot 1 - Fruits Lot 3 - Jelly Lot 5 - Pickles Lot 7 - Dried Meat
Lot 2 - Vegetables Lot 4 - Jam Preserves Lot 6 - Relishes Lot 8 - Other

Horticulture Division 8 Categories (Locally grown)

Lot 1- Fruit Ex. apples, pears, grapes, plums etc. (Bring 3 of each)
Strawberries, raspberries, mulberries etc. Bring one cup of each **(Any fruit not listed)**

Lot 2 - Corn Ex. Tallest stalk (one stalk). **Field Corn** (3 ears silk removed). Sweet corn (3 ears)
Popcorn any variety (3 ears). Ornamental corn (3 ears).
Shelled corn and Shelled Popcorn must be in a 2 quart glass jar. **(Any other not listed)**

Lot 3 Grain & Seed Ex. Spring wheat, Winter wheat, Barley, oats, Soybeans
must be in a 2 quart glass jar. **(Any other not listed)** must be in a 2 quart glass jar

Lot 3 - Vegetables Ex. (onions, cucumbers, carrots, zucchini, peppers, potatoes etc.) Bring (3)
(Any other not listed) Must be ready to display in a small plate or basket

Lot 4 - Herbs Ex. Basil, Cilantro, Mint, Oregano, Parsley, Sage, Thyme (Bring 3 Stems)
Exhibit in clear glass with water **(Any other not listed)**

Lot 5 - Large Vegetable Crop (Bring One)

Plants: Indoor Potted Division 9 A

Lot 1 - Flowering Plant
Lot 2 - Foliage Plant

Plants: Outdoor Potted Division 9 B

Lot 1 -Combination flowering & foliage **Lot 4** - Annuals of different varieties
Lot 2 - Foliage plant **Lot 5** - Hanging basket mix varieties
Lot 3 - Hanging basket single flower **Lot 6** - Any other

Photography: Division 10 (must be mounted, framed, or matted). Ready to display

PLEASE NOTE: **A maximum of 3 pictures per lot**

DEFINITION OF LOTS:

Abstract: An abstract photo must include shape, form, color, texture or a pattern.

Cityscape: A cityscape photo is a photo of a city or a section of a city.

Collage: A collage includes two or more photos that relate to one another.

Digital Manipulation: A photo that has been digitally enhanced.

Elements: Air, water, earth, fire, weather-based and space.

Landscape: A landscape photo is an expanse or view of natural outdoor scenery.

Portrait: A portrait concentrates on the face of a person or persons.

Still Life: A still life includes one or more inanimate objects.

Division/Categories (A) COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Lot 1- (Abstract Shape/Form)

Lot 2- Action

Lot 3- Animal/Insect

Lot 4 - City scape

Lot 5- Collage (3)

Lot 6- Digital Manipulation

Lot 7 - Elements

Lot 8 - Floral

Lot 9- Humorous

Lot 10- Landscape

Lot 11- Portrait

Lot 12 - Still life

Lot 13- Other

Division/Categories (B) BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY

Lot 1- (Abstract Shape/Form)

Lot 2- Action

Lot 3- Animal/Insect

Lot 4 - City scape

Lot 5- Collage (3)

Lot 6- Digital Manipulation

Lot 7 - Elements

Lot 8 - Floral

Lot 9- Humorous

Lot 10- Landscape

Lot 11- Portrait

Lot 12 - Still life

Lot 13- Other

Division/Categories (C) CELL PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

Lot 1 - Celebrity sighting

Lot 2 - Family fun

Lot 3 - Panoramic

Lot 4 - Pet

Lot 5 - Photo bomb

Lot 6 - Selfie – in a group

Lot 7- Individual Selfie

Lot 8- Other

Needle Arts Quilting & Sewing Division 11

(bring finished clean items)

Needle Arts Division 11 (A)

Lot 1-Embroidery

Lot 2-Cross-stitch

Lot 3-Hardanger

Lot 4-Needlepoint

Lot 5-Knitted

Lot 6-Crochet

Lot 7-Other

Quilting Division 11 (B) Categories (Quilts will be put in garment bags for display)

Lot 1- Hand tied

Lot 4- Scrap quilt

Lot 2- Machine quilted
Lot 3- Quilt as You Go

Lot 5-T-Shirt quilt
Lot 6- Other not listed

Quilting Division 11 (C) Categories (Small quilted items) (bring finished clean items)

Lot 1-Miniature quilt
Lot 2-Pillow

Lot 3- Place mat
Lot 4- Table runner

Lot 5- Wall Hanging
Lot 6- Other

Sewing Division 11 (D) Categories

Lot 1- Doll clothing
Lot 2- Garment

Lot 3- Pillow
Lot 4- Table runner

Lot 5- Wall Hanging
Lot 6- Other

Shop: Division 12 Categories

Lot 1 - Wood
Lot 2 -Metal
Lot 3- Electric

Lot 4-Refinished
Lot 5-Upholstery
Lot 6-Other

Examples:

Bird feeder
Doll house
Furniture

Bird house
Wood carving
Holiday

Wood box
Wood Burning
Metal /welding items

Special Entries/Contests

These entries are extra opportunities to express your creativity and do not count towards regular entries. Only Listed awards will be given, no additional premiums will be given. Bring items to the Creative Arts Building on Entry Day. Entries will be on display during the fair

<p style="text-align: center;">Youth Coloring Contest</p> <p>Color the picture on the last page of this book and bring it on entry day. One winner will be chosen in the following categories and will receive one free malt ticket. Champion Ribbons will be awarded.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Age Brackets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages 3 to 6 • Ages 7 to 9 • Ages 10 to 12 <p style="text-align: center;">Be Creative! (Enter under arts/special entry)</p> <p>Make sure your name and age is listed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3-D craft Contest</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Teens 13-18</p> <p>Create a 3-D craft using plastic, clay, beads, paper, metal, etc. Ex: animal, windchime, wreath, etc. Bring it to the fair on entry day for a chance to win.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First • Second • Third place ribbons will be awarded. <p style="text-align: center;">The grand champion will receive \$10.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Be Creative! (Enter under crafts/special entry)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dried Flower Arrangement Contest Adult & Senior Categories</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Calling all creative minds!</p> <p>Create an arrangement using dried flowers. May use a vase or a different container</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First • Second • Third place ribbons will be awarded. <p style="text-align: center;">The grand champion will received \$10.00 Be Creative! Enter under flower gardening /special entry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wicker basket Artificial Display/Arrangement</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Holiday Theme Only) Christmas, Easter, Fall, 4th of July, and Valentines</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adult & Senior Categories</p> <p>Did you make or can you make a special centerpiece or a nice arrangement using a wicker basket? Bring it to the fair to show us your creativity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First • Second • Third place ribbons will be awarded. <p style="text-align: center;">The grand champion will received \$10.00 Be Creative! (Enter under crafts/special entry)</p>



Name _____ Age _____

