

Verde Valley Fair

Where Traditions Grow

April 30 - May 4, 2025



To Enter: Online: <http://vvac.fairwire.com>
 Paper Entries: pick up at Fair Office or print form from www.vvfair.com

Last Day to Enter:
 Paper Entries (form only) to Fair Office by **4:00pm April 4.**
or bring it with your exhibits. Paper Entries received by April 4 will have less wait time during check in.
 Online Entries Close **April 17, 2024 at 10:00 pm.**
 Except: Culinary and Floriculture – April 28 at 12:00 noon.

Exhibit Check In Dates:
 All Departments except perishable Culinary and Floriculture:
 Bring your items:
Friday, April 18 or Saturday, April 19: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Culinary & Floriculture:
 Monday, April 28 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm.

Pick Up: Tuesday, May 6: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

When you bring your items to the Fair, you will be asked to assist our volunteers in tagging your exhibits. This will ensure that items are properly identified. Online entries will have pre-printed tags available for each item. Paper entries (not received by April 4) will need to create tags in addition to other entry paperwork. Volunteers will be available to assist each exhibitor.

Departments:

- Fair Theme: Any item created in the Fair Theme. "Where Traditions Grow"
- AG Mechanics: Welding, Metal, Plumbing, more
- Craft & Hobby: Baskets, Collections, Papercraft, Jewelry, Woodcraft, more
- Culinary: All Food Items
- Fiber Art: Crochet, Knit, Lace, Weaving, more.
- Fine Art: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Printmaking, more.
- Floriculture/Horticulture: Gardening, Floral Arrangement, more
- Minerals Fossils & Lapidary: Gems, Minerals, Lapidary
- Open Models and Misc: Models from Kits or Scratch Built, Lego Construction, more.
- Photography – All Photography
- Quilts – All quilts.
- Sewing & Needlework: Clothing, Altered Clothing, Baby Boutique, Needlepoint, Embroidery, more.
- Persons with Disabilities: All entries for persons with intellectual disabilities
- Student Art – Individual artworks submitted by educators – grades 6 through 12.

To enter your art:

#1 – Read the Entry Requirements (page 3). Here you will find information regarding turn in dates, fees, and general rules.

It is your responsibility to know and follow the entry requirements.

Culinary, Fine Art, Floriculture, Quilting and Photography please see the additional notes for these departments following the general entry information. These are in addition to the general requirements.

#2 – Choose your division (exhibitor group).

- Youth: Ages – 0 – 12
- Teen: Ages 13 – 19
- Adult: Age 20 and over
- Adult Novice: Fine Art & Photography only
Novice entries for 1st Fair only
- Adult Intermediate /Advanced: - Fine Art & Photography only
Artists/Photographers who are not novices but do not want to enter in the Premium Division
- Premium Award: Fine Art, Photography and Quilt only. Advanced artists, photographers or quilters of any age who wish to compete for cash awards. Entries in this division require a \$10.00 entry fee.

#3 - Find the department and class for each item you are entering.

- Department – Defines a general grouping of items. Department listing is on page 1.
For example: Knitting would be in Fiber Arts, Welding in AG Mechanics, Paintings in Fine Art
- Class – Defines your specific item.
For example: a knitted scarf, a large metal project or a watercolor landscape.

#4 – A) For online entries: Go to <http://vvac.fairwire.com>

B) For paper entries, print the entry form found at www.vvfair.com or pick up a form in the Fair Office. Please note that there are separate entry forms for Fine Art and Photography and Quilts.

Dates: A) Online entry is open now through April 17 at 10:00 pm.
(see exceptions under Culinary and Floriculture)

B) Paper entries can be downloaded at www.vvfair.com or picked up in the Fair Office. You may bring your completed entry form with your items (see Bring Items to the Fair below). Turn in your form to the Fair Office before Friday, April 4th for faster check in.

Fee: \$1.00 per entry (except Premium award entries, see Fine Art & Photography and Quilt)
Pay with credit card online or by cash or check when bringing in your items.
Entry fees are not refundable.

All entries must be complete and correct. Fair management is not responsible for errors. Contact the Fair Office for assistance 928-634-3290

Bring your items to the Fair:

- Bring your items to the Commercial Building. From 12th & Cherry Street follow signs.
- All Entries EXCEPT Culinary and Floriculture:
Friday, April 18 or Saturday, April 19, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.
- Culinary and Floriculture ONLY:
Monday, April 28 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
*nonperishable food items may be brought in with Arts & Crafts, see hours above.

If you are unable to bring your items during the hours above, call the Fair Office to make arrangements.
Late entries will NOT be accepted.

Entry Requirements

Entries:

- Exhibitors must be residents of the Verde Valley.
- Must be sole original work of exhibitor except where noted.
- Items must not have been entered in a previous Verde Valley Fair.
- Entries should include an attached label with exhibitors name and telephone number (in addition to the entry tag you will attach during check in).
- Exhibitor may exhibit 2 items per class. See Culinary and Floriculture for exceptions. Like items may not be entered as "other."
- Fair may re-classify items if entered incorrectly.
- Fair will make all assignments for space and will arrange exhibits as deemed appropriate, no exceptions.
- At the exhibitor's discretion, items may be offered for sale. Fair will receive a 10% commission on all sales. Exhibitor must complete for sale tag at time of check in. Checks for sold items will be available on Friday, May 9, after 1:00 pm.
- The General Rules and Regulations of the Verde Valley Fair will govern exhibition entries.
- Fair reserves the right to refuse entries and/or prohibit exhibition for any reason whatsoever.

Judging:

- At judge's discretion, where there are insufficient entries in one or more classes, like classes may be combined.
- Judges are chosen for their expertise and objectivity. Judges are constrained from entry in the divisions/classes they are judging.
- Judging will take place prior to Fair opening and will not be open to the public or exhibitors. Awards are at the discretion of the judge. Judges' decisions are final.
- American System of judging ranks exhibits against one another in their division and awards one first place, one second place, etc. The Verde Valley Fair awards 1st through 6th place and honorable mention at the judge's discretion. Best of Show ribbons are awarded based on the entries merit.
- Awards will be paid to exhibitor named on form as follows:
 - Best of Show: Best of Show Ribbon and \$10
 - 1st place: Navy Blue Ribbon and \$3
 - 2nd place: Burgundy Ribbon and \$2
 - 3rd place: White Ribbon and \$1.
 - 4th, 5th and 6th place and Honorable Mention are ribbon award only – no monetary award.
 - Premium Awards are based on a percentage of the total fees collected and are split between 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Ribbons are also awarded.
- Additionally, 3 Peoples Choice ribbons and awards of \$25.00 are given every year. Visitors vote on their single favorite item in the exhibit hall and the top 3 exhibits are awarded. Note: one award per department.

Pick up: Items will be available for pickup on Tues. May, 6 between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Or by arrangement with the Fair Office 928-634-3290. No items will be released prior to Tues. May 6.

Unclaimed items: Exhibits, including any monetary awards or ribbons, must be picked up from the Fair Office no later than Friday, May 16th at 4:00pm. Items remaining after May 16th will be disposed of at the Fair's discretion and any awards will be returned to the fair fund. If you need to make arrangements, please call the Fair Office 928-634-3290.

All exhibits will be under the control and direction of the Fair Management, but Verde Valley Fair Association, Inc. its officers, directors, agents or employees will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may occur to him, his officers, agents, employees or exhibits during the Fair. The exhibitor shall indemnify the Fair against any and all legal proceedings in regard to the above and against damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, his officers, agents, employees or animals.

Culinary Online entry for Culinary is open until April 28th at 12:00 noon.

Bring your entries: Monday, April 28 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm.

*nonperishable food items may be brought in with Arts & Crafts, see hours above.

- Culinary exhibitors may enter up to 6 items in each class.

In addition to Art and Craft Entry Requirements the following apply:

- No Food Items will be sold during Fair.
- Presentation is part of judging criteria.
- Disposable serving ware is preferable.
- Canned goods may be turned in with regular Art & Craft entries. All other Culinary items including baked goods, dried foods, decorated exhibits, etc. will not be accepted at any time prior to turn in date above.
If for some reason exhibitor is unable to bring their items in during Culinary receiving hours, arrangements can be made by calling the Fair Office at 928-634-3290.
- Decorated Exhibits should use a dummy cake whenever possible.

Fine Art & Photography and Quilt

- In addition to Art and Crafts Entry Requirements the following apply:

Entry Fees:

Ribbon Entry:	\$1.00 per item
Premium Entry	\$10.00 per item.

Premium entries in Fine Art or Photography will not be accepted unframed.

- Entries must include attached label with artists name and phone number.
- Items must not have been entered in a previous Verde Valley Fair (may have been entered in one previous Fall Festival art show)
- Unframed Art: It is not necessary to frame your entry (except Premium). Canvases or other cradled supports may be unframed. Photographs or other artworks may be presented in mats (with back) or neatly and securely mounted on foam core or mat board. Presentation is important. Sloppy mounts will be rejected. Because unframed art is difficult to hang, you will be asked to help prepare your works when you bring them in.
Unframed art will be hung with clips which may damage mats or foam core. Do not tape or glue mounting supports to your art.
- Framed Art must be ready to hang with wire hangers.
- Awards for Premium entries will be based on the number of entries in each department. Entry fees will be pooled by department and awarded as follows: 1st place 40%, 2nd place 30%, 3rd place 20%.

Floriculture Online entry for Floriculture is open until Monday, April 28 at 12:00 noon

Bring your entries: Monday, April 28 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm.

- Floriculture exhibitors may enter up to 12 items in each class.

In addition to previous Entry Requirements the following apply:

- All floriculture specimens and potted plants must be grown by the exhibitor and must be free of disease, dead leaves, insects and damaged petals. Remove all dead blooms prior to the show. Flowers will be in much better condition if they are cut the night before or early morning of the day they are to be entered. Wash all leaves.
- Containers and water will be provided for cut flowers by the Verde Valley Fair. Containers that belong to the Fair will stay at the Fair upon closing.
- Cut flowers will be watered by the Building Coordinator and removed when they are unsuited to remain on exhibit, they will not be returned to the exhibitor.
- Houseplants will be watered unless labeled otherwise. Houseplants must have a saucer, labeled with the exhibitor's name and telephone number.
- Live potted plants may be offered for sale.
- Iris / Spuria: One Open Bloom and 2 buds.
May enter up to 12 total Iris. Not more than 2 of the same color.
- Bulbous: One Bloom or Stalk
May enter 6 per class
- Garden Flowers / Annuals: Three Stems
May enter 6 per class
- Garden Flowers/ Biennial: Three Stems
May enter 6 per class
- Garden Flowers / Perennial: One Stem
May enter 6 per class
- Roses: Roses should be three- quarters open, disbudded and all thorns should be removed. Leaves or branches that will be below water level must be removed. May enter up to 12 total blooms not more than 2 per class