





# 2024 Entry Timeline

Entry Deadline .....Friday, May 24, by 6 p.m.

Entry Acceptance Email......Friday, June 14, by 6 p.m. (check spam folders)

Entry Delivery ......Friday & Saturday, June 28-29, noon - 6 p.m.

Award Judging Results......Viewable in person. Posted online by the second week of Fair.

Fair Dates......July 19 - Aug. 18 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

Entry Pickup...... Tuesday, Aug. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Entries may be picked up by someone other than the exhibitor.

# **Quick Guide**

### BY ENTERING YOU ARE AGREEING TO THE TERMS AND RULES PRESENTED IN THIS GUIDEBOOK.

Entry Limit.....Five (5) per adult • Three (3) per youth (5-17)

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## **RULES & GUIDELINES**

- 1. Local and State Rules govern this competition.
- 2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading and abiding by the guidelines stated herein.
- 3. If you need assistance determining the Division and/or Class, please contact the Exhibits Office at (714) 708-1553 or email HobbiesandHandcrafts@ocfair.com.
- 4. Causes for disqualification. Disqualified entries will not be displayed and must be picked up when notified.
  - •Non-compliance to the competition and OC Fair guidelines will result in disqualification.
  - Entries over the maximum amount allowed will not be accepted.
  - · Articles showing signs of wear or use may be disqualified.
  - Entries must follow the rules of the Division and Class.
  - · Items previously shown in the OC Fair will be disqualified.

### 5. Entry fees are non-refundable.

- •There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, exhibitor is accepting the no-refund policy.
- 6. Adult Handcrafts is a juried competition. Not all entries will be accepted.
- 7. All youth entries are accepted if rules are followed.
- 8. All entries must have been completed within the last two (2) years.
- 9. A photo upload of each entry is required. If a photo is not received, the entry will not be accepted.
- 10. Display and location of entry are at the discretion of the Program Coordinator. No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor describes the conditions under which they will exhibit or how the entry must be displayed.
- 11. Exhibitors are responsible for entering their items in the correct Division and Class.
- 12. Work must be finished; no incomplete or work in progress will be accepted.
- 13. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of the Program Coordinator.
- 14. Due to the family-oriented theme of OC Fair, work dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence or gang activity, satanic or cult themes or other offensive or objectionable content will not be accepted. This is at the discretion of OC Fair staff.

### 15. Hold Harmless

- Although reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, neither the State of California nor the OC Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the OC Fair.
- 16. Entries not picked up on entry pickup day become the property of the OC Fair and will be disposed of promptly.





### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Adult Divisions:**

Open to California residents ages 18 and older.

### **Youth Divisions:**

Open to youth ages 5-17 (by July 19, 2024) who live in Southern California.

### **ENTRY LIMIT**

Adult Divisions......Five (5) Hobbies & Handcrafts entries per exhibitor in all Classes combined Youth Divisions......Three (3) entries per exhibitor

- Sets or ensembles may be entered as one (1) entry.
- •The total number of accepted entries is limited to space available.

# **ENTRY FEES**

Adult Divisions......\$10 per entry Youth (9-17).....\$6 per entry Ages (5-8).....Free

- Entry fees are payable online with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express).
- •Entry fees are non-refundable.

### OC FAIR EXHIBITOR TICKET

### Exhibitors will receive one (1) OC Fair admission ticket at the time of entry delivery.

If none of an exhibitor's entries were accepted for exhibition, one (1) free admission ticket will be mailed to you.

- ·One (1) ticket per exhibitor, not per entry.
- Ticket is good any day during OC Fair and does not require a reservation.
- Tickets are provided to participants to view the results of their efforts.
- ·Tickets must not be re-sold.

# PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR WORK FOR ENTRY

### Digital photo submission of your entry is required.

•Up to three (3) images per entry may be submitted to show different views or angles.

### **Image Format**

- .jpeg, .jpg, or .png file formats
- •iphone users must change default HEIC camera setting to JPEG, or convert the image.
- •RGB color space (CMYK files will be converted to RGB by the system.)
- •Be sure that the image is rotated to be in an upright position and orientation.
- · Maximum file size: 8 MB (megabytes)

### **Tutorial Photographing Your Work**





## **HOW TO ENTER**

# Online Entry Deadline: Friday, May 24, by 6 p.m.

Click on the link to go to the entry homepage ocfair.fairwire.com

### Step 1. Register

- Last year's accounts are no longer valid. All exhibitors must create a new account.
- Entries must be made under the name of the individual whose exhibit it is.
- ·Do not use business or fictitious names.
- ·There are no team entries.
- Enter the information carefully and proofread the name, title and description of the entry for punctuation, capitalization and spelling to ensure accuracy on exhibit display labels.
- Descriptions are limited to 120 characters and should include a short statement about the work or the methods and techniques used.
- •Email will be used to send important information. Check your spam folders and <u>whitelist</u> emails coming from @ocfair.com.

# Step 2. Entries

• Input your entry(s) in the proper Department, Division and Class along with other required information.

#### Step 3. Cart Review

- Review your entries. You can add, edit, delete, or save your entries.
- ·When satisfied, click "CHECK OUT" button.

#### Step 4. Payment

- Enter your credit card information (Master Card, Visa, or American Express).
- •An email notification and confirmation will be sent immediately after the online payment is received.
- Check your spam folder if the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment.

### Step 5. Confirmation

- ·Sign by typing "YES" in the Agreement to Terms box.
- •DO NOT click the "SUBMIT" button multiple times as you will be charged.
- •On the resulting confirmation page, you can print a receipt. A blue "UPLOAD FILES" button will also appear.

### Step 6. Image Upload

- ·Click on the "UPLOAD FILES" button to start uploading your images into the system.
- •Up to three (3) images per entry may be submitted to allow different views or angles.

You can log back into your account to see your entries and replace images and description. For any other changes, contact us; do not re-enter to make corrections as you will be charged.



fairwire.com welcome page





### HELP WITH ENTERING

For additional help, review these detailed step-by-step guides:

- Entry Tutorial
- Photographing Your Work

Phone: During office hours at (714) 708-1553 E-mail: HobbiesandHandcrafts@ocfair.com

# PRICING AND SALE OF ENTRIES (ADULTS)

#### Pricina

Entries may be marked NFS (Not For Sale) or For Sale by indicating the selling price \$\_\_\_. Consider material costs and your time when pricing.

### **Prospective Buyers**

No sale or acceptance of fees for items will be made by OC Fair. Prospective buyers may fill out an *Interested in Purchasing Exhibited Art form* that will be forwarded to the exhibitor at the close of the OC Fair. OC Fair does not take commission on items sold as a result of exhibition in the Hobbies & Handcrafts Competition.

# **JUDGES**

Qualified judges are utilized to judge all exhibits and special contests. Each year the Program Coordinator may choose new judges or judges may judge different Divisions from year to year. The judges' decisions are final.

### Reassignment of Entry Division or Class

Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class or combining Divisions or Classes to create an adequate judging pool.

### FIRST-ROUND JUDGING

**Adult Divisions will be judged first from your uploaded images** to determine if the submitted entry meets the basic requirements for participation in this competition, is entered in the most correct or appropriate category and meets the subjective standards for exhibition set by the judges.

•The judges' decisions are final and cannot be protested.

### The exhibitor will be notified by email with the results of the first-round judging.

An email will be sent for each entry. Please check your spam/junk folder. Results may also be viewed online at <a href="https://occam/results">ocfair.com/results</a>.

#### Acceptance for exhibition

Only accepted work is to be delivered on the entry delivery day. First-round judging acceptance does not guarantee acceptance for exhibition. The delivered entry may still be judged out for not complying with the competition rules and guidelines.

• Not all entries will be accepted. Due to the high number of entries and limited display space, OC Fair cannot accept all the work submitted.





# **ENTRY DELIVERY**

# Delivery Date: Friday & Saturday, June 28-29, noon - 6 p.m.

- •One participation ribbon will be given to each exhibitor on entry delivery day.
- ·Late deliveries will not be accepted.

### **Entry Delivery**

- •Enter Gate 8 and follow the marked route.
- Drop off east side of the OC Promenade (building 5 on the map).
- Email alerts will be sent prior to delivery date with detailed information. Check your spam folder for emails.



### **Claim Checks**

- · Will be provided when exhibits are delivered.
- · Are required to pick up your entry on entry pickup day.
- Entries may be claimed by someone other than the exhibitor.

# **ENTRY PICKUP**

# Pickup Date: Tuesday, Aug. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- An email alert will be sent prior to the pickup date with detailed information. Check your spam folder for emails.
- ·Claim check or photo ID is required for pickup.
- If you are unable to pick up your items, please arrange for someone to pick them up for you.
- •Unclaimed items and ribbons become the property of OC Fair and will be discarded.

# **Entry Pickup**

- Hobbies & Handcrafts Gallery is in the Anaheim Building (building 4 on the map).
- Enter through Gate 1 (Main Gate) and follow directional signs.





## **AWARD JUDGING**

The judges will select award winners from accepted entries that were confirmed after delivery.

#### **Adult Divisions**

Entries are placed using the American Judging System, where exhibits are ranked one against another.

- First, Second, Third place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine. More than one Honorable Mention per Class may be awarded.
- First place winners will compete for Division Winner.
- Division winners will compete for Best of Show.

### **Youth Divisions**

Entries are placed using the Danish Judging System, where each entry is judged on how well it meets a standard rather than how it compares to other entries.

- Entries are judged First, Second or Third place awards.
- ·There may be more than one First, Second or Third place award per Class.
- · All First place awards will then compete, using the American Judging System, for Division Winner.
- Those chosen for Division Winner will compete for Best of Show when there are two (2) or more Divisions represented in the show.

#### **Blue Ribbon Kids**

• All Blue Ribbon Kids (ages 5-8) receive a special ribbon. The entries are not judged and are not eligible for cash awards.

### Reassignment of Entry Division or Class

Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class or combining Divisions or Classes to create an adequate judging pool.

### **Judging Criteria**

- Adult: entries are judged on originality and creativity, workmanship and technique, level of difficulty, color and design, finishing/framing and visual impact.
- Youth: entries are judged on appearance, workmanship, creativity/originality and an overall score.

### Judges' Award

Additional awards may be made at the discretion of each judge for outstanding entries that exhibit special qualities that the judges feel deserve to be recognized.

### **Industry Awards**

Awarded by a community guild or organization.

#### **Theme Award**

Awarded to an entry that best represents the annual OC Fair theme.

### **Disqualified Entries**

If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries. Judges reserve the right to remove or disqualify any entry in violation of the rules, in poor taste, or not in accordance with the competition standards.





### **AWARDS**

### Includes ribbons and/or prize money (premiums)

Adult		Youth	
Best of Show	\$150	Best of Show	\$75
Division Winner	\$50	Division Winner	\$35
First Place	\$25	Judges' Award	Rosette
Second Place	Ribbon	First, Second, Third	Ribbon
Third Place	Ribbon		
Judges' Award	Rosette		
Theme Award	\$50		

- Exhibitors will receive awarded ribbons on entry pickup day.
- Award checks will be made payable to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form and mailed within thirty (30) business days after the close of the 2024 OC Fair.
- Total premiums of \$600 or more to any individual will be paid only after a completed *Payee Data Record* form has been received.

### **Judging Results**

- All accepted entries will be displayed in the Hobbies & Handcrafts Gallery with any awards received.
- Results will be posted online around the second week of the OC Fair at ocfair.com/results.
- Please do not call or email for competition results.

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

# Sunday, Aug. 18, at noon

- · Hosted on the OC Promenade Main Stage.
- Best of Show Award recipients will be invited to attend and be recognized at the ceremony and will receive two (2) tickets to attend.
- Invitations will be sent to the email provided at entry registration.
- All exhibitors and the general public are welcome to attend the ceremony.
- Additional guests should purchase Fair admission tickets in advance.







## **HOW TO PREPARE**

## Size, Weight & Other Restrictions

- •Items exceeding 36 inches wide and 36 inches deep must be pre-approved by the Program Coordinator.
- · Entries cannot weigh more than 40 pounds.
- · No food items.
- · No live plants.

#### **Framed Items**

- ·Maximum size is 36 inches by 36 inches.
- Framed items to be hung must be wired and ready to hang. A multi-strand braided galvanized steel wire is required.
- •Improperly wired entries will not be hung.
- •No sawtooth hangers, masking tape, string, pop-top rings, etc.
- Framing with plastic or plexiglas is preferred.
- •OC Fair staff will use extreme care in handling frames containing glass but assumes no responsibility for breakage.



Multi-strand braided galvanized steel wire



No sawtooth hangers

#### **Sets or Ensembles**

May be entered as one entry. Exhibitor must label each piece in a set: "1 of 2," "2 of 2," etc.

### **Models and Miniatures**

All parts of models, miniatures and other items should be secured. Fragile items should be attached to a sturdy base.





# **Adult Divisions**

Entry Fee .....\$10 per entry

·Rules & Guidelines on page 1 apply.

· All entries require a photo upload.

### **DIVISION 400**

# **Polymer Clay**

Class 01: Jewelry Class 02: Sculpture

Class 03: All Other Items, specify

#### **DIVISION 401**

# **Embellished Clothing & Fashion Accessories**

- Embellished ready-made wearing apparel or fashion accessories. (e.g.: purchased jacket, T-shirt, sweatshirt, scarf, tote, etc., that the entrant embellished.)
- Items can be bejeweled, hand or machine appliqué, dyed, etc.
- For decoratively painted apparel items see Division 403.

Class 01: Apparel

Class 02: Fashion Accessory

### DIVISION 402

# Figure, Doll, Toy or Animal

Class 01: Any, specify

### DIVISION 403

### **Tole Painting**

- Decorative Painting (oil or acrylic) on objects primarily tin, wood, furniture and fabric.
- · Weight Limit: 40 pounds.
- Items over 36 inches wide or 36 inches deep must be pre-approved by the Program Coordinator.
- · Includes hand-painted apparel and fabric accessories.
- · For Holiday-Themed items see Division 444.
- No framed painting. For original framed painting on canvas, please see the Fine Arts Competition Guide.

#### Use the following definitions as a guide:

• Folk Art: Reflects art form from the Old World and requires skills and techniques that separate it from primitive art.

- Naturalistic: Realistic objects in a natural setting, paying attention to accurate and precise details, portraying things as they are. Treatment of forms, colors, space, etc. as they appear or might appear in nature.
- **Stylized:** Life-like qualities are weaker. Methods of stylization include flatness (lack of three-dimensional depth, no shading), simplified shapes and unrealistically vibrant colors.
- Cutesy or Whimsical: Fun, cute or seasonal pieces that do not fit any other Class.
- Rosemaling & Strokework: Using basic brush strokes in various combinations.

Class 01: Folk Art Class 02: Naturalistic Class 03: Stylized

Class 04: Cutesy or Whimsical, specify Class 05: Rosemaling & Strokework Class 06: Other Techniques, specify

### **DIVISION 404**

#### Glass

- · Weight Limit: 40 pounds.
- · For resin-based artwork see Division 418.

Class 01: Stained Glass - Flat Panel Class 02: Stained Glass - Dimensional Class 03: Other Techniques, specify

E.g. fused, blown, cast.

#### DIVISION 405

### **Mosaics**

• Weight Limit: 40 pounds

Class 01: Flat Panel Class 02: Dimensional





# **Adult Divisions**

- ·Rules & Guidelines on page 1 apply.
- ·All entries require a photo upload.

### DIVISION 406

# **Upcycled Handcrafts**

- Upcycled products encourage a creativity that benefits both the environment and society, using innovation and creativity to make a new, better quality object from unwanted or scrap materials that have been restored or reinvented.
- Submit a 3 inch by 5 inch card stating all materials involved, new and used

Class 01: Decorative Craft Items Class 02: Functional Items, specify

E.g. purse, lamp

### **DIVISION 407**

### **Gourds**

Class 01: Painted Class 02: Carved Class 03: Whimsical

Class 04: Other Techniques Class 05: Mixed Techniques

### DIVISION 409

### **Metal & Leatherwork**

Class 01: Metalwork
Class 02: Leatherwork

### DIVISION 410

### **More Handcrafts**

- · Weight Limit: 40 pounds.
- · For Holiday-themed items, see Division 444.
- For Floral Creations, see Floral Competition Guide.
- For Figure, Doll, Toy & Animals, see Division 402.

Class 01: Using Natural Items Shells, Seeds, Rice, Rocks, etc.

Class 02: Beading (other than jewelry)

Class 03: Mixed Craft, specify

Class 04: Decorated Wreaths Class 05: Other, specify

### DIVISION 411

### **Miniatures**

- · Weight Limit: 40 pounds.
- Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot or less.
- Specify size on entry form. Exhibits larger than 36 inches wide by 36 inches deep must be pre-approved by the Program Coordinator.
- Submit a 3 inch by 5 inch card stating all materials involved, new and used.
- May be a combination of purchased, found and handmade materials.
- Any information you can share about the finer aspects of your entry will ensure those things will not be overlooked during judging.
- For Model Dioramas and Model Kits, see Division 413.
- For Art Shadow Boxes with Scrapbooking Materials, see Scrapbooking, Division 415.

Class 01: Miniature Structure and Furnishings

E.g. doll house, fort - must be to scale.

Class 02: Room Boxes, Shadowboxes Class 03: Miniature Vignettes, etc.

#### DIVISION 412

### **Scratch-built Models & Miniatures**

• Any item built "from scratch" rather than building it from a commercial kit, kit-bashing or buying it pre-assembled.

Class 01: Scratch Built - Vehicle Class 02: Scratch Built - Structure Class 03: Scratch Built - Other, specify





# **Adult Divisions**

Entry Fee ......\$10 per entry

- ·Rules & Guidelines on page 1 apply.
- · All entries require a photo upload.

# DIVISION 413

### **Models**

- Cars, planes, ships, vehicles, figures, etc., created by the exhibitor from pre-formed kits and assembled.
- · For scratch-built items, see Division 412 above.
- Specify size on entry form. Exhibits larger than 36 inches wide by 36 inches deep must be pre-approved by the Program Coordinator.
- Dioramas: Scale models and landscaping to create historical or fictional scenes.
- Model Kits: The model has been built from a commercial kit or kits. Color schemes and/or markings may be changed. Metal foil allowed. Structural changes and the addition of non-kit components may be made to correct, change, and/or improve detailing.

Class 01: Dioramas/Vignettes

Class 02: Plastic Class 03: Wood

Class 04: Other, specify

### DIVISION 414

#### **Paper Art**

- Includes paper lace, papier-maché, origami, decoupage, collage, quilling, pressed paper and cardboard objects. Paper itself as a decorative piece.
- For Scrapbooking, Cards, Stamping and Other Paper Crafts, see Divisions 415 & 417.

### Class 01: 2-Dimensional

Flat surface with slight dimension

#### Class 02: 3-Dimensional

In the round, viewable from different angles

### DIVISION 415

# **Scrapbooking**

- All individual scrapbook pages must be in frames to be hung for display. (12 inch by 12 inch frames are available at craft stores in the scrapbooking section.)
- Decorated scrapbook album pages must be designed by the scrapbooker.
- · Digital scrapbooking, see Division 416.

Class 01: Single-Page Layout: Single Photo

Class 02: Single-Page Layout: Multiple Photos

Class 03: Two-Page Layout

Class 04: All other

### DIVISION 416

### **Digital Scrapbooking**

- Form of scrapbooking that is done using a personal computer, digital or scanned photos and computer graphics software.
- · No kits allowed.
- · Not eligible for Best of Show.

Class 01: 8 ½ inches by 11 inches and larger Class 02: Smaller than 8 ½ inches by 11 inches

### DIVISION 417

# Cards, Invitations & Other Paper Crafts

Class 01: Pop-up Cards

Class 02: Shaker Boxes

Class 03: Stamping

Class 04: Quilling

Class 05: OC Fair Theme "Always a Good Time"

Class 06: All Other Cards & Invitations

Class 07: All Other Paper Crafts

E.g. gift bags, tags, boxes, etc.





# **Adult Divisions**

**Eligibility**......Open to California residents ages 18 or older. **Entry Limit**.......Five (5) per exhibitor in all classes combined

Entry Fee .....\$10 per entry

•Rules & Guidelines on page 1 apply.

· All entries require a photo upload.

### DIVISION 418



Class 01: Poured with frit, sheet glass inclusions

Class 02: Sculpture Class 03: Other

### DIVISION 439

## **Cosplay Costumes**

- Bring to life your favorite existing fantasy or fictional character from anime, movies, video games or comics.
- Full costumes must be at least 75 percent made by the entrant found parts or props are allowed and must be disclosed.
- Include a color image of your character for reference with your entry.
- No live steel. No functional or previously functioning projectile weapons. No actual clubs, maces or other crushing weapons. Acceptable weapon props include soft plastic, fabric, wood, paper, etc.
- Wigs can be purchased cut, colored, styled or embellished for Cosplay.
- Please be mindful that OC Fair is a family event.

Class 01: Full Costume

Class 02: Accessory or Prop (handmade)

Class 03: Wig

### **DIVISION 444**

## **Holiday-themed items**

Class 01: Fiber Arts

Class 02: Tole Painting

Class 03: All Other Craft Items, specify







# **Youth Divisions**

# **Ages 5-17 Hobbies & Handcrafts**

Eligibility ......Open to youth ages 5-17 (by July 19, 2024) who live in Southern California.

Entry Limit.....Three (3) per exhibitor in all classes combined

Entry Fee ......\$6 per entry (ages 9-12), Blue Ribbon Kids (ages 5-8) are free

- ·Rules & Guidelines on page 1 apply.
- · All entries require a photo upload,
- No paintings or drawings.
- No Legos or Bionics

### **DIVISION 101**



# 🥨 Blue Ribbon Kids, ages 5-8

- · All Blue Ribbon Kids (ages 5-8) receive a special ribbon.
- The entries are not judged and are not eligible for cash awards.

Class 01: Any Item

### DIVISION 348

# Youth Handcrafts, ages 9-12

Class 01: Clay & Ceramics

Class 02: Goin' Green

Class 03: Paper

Class 04: Multimedia

Class 05: All Other

### DIVISION 349

# Youth Handcrafts, ages 13-17

• For drawing or painting see Fine Arts competition guide.

Class 01: Clay & Ceramics

Class 02: Goin' Green

Class 03: Paper

Class 04: Multimedia

Class 05: All Other

# **DIVISION 333**

### Special Needs, up to age 25

Class 01: Fiber Arts

Class 02: Handcrafts & Jewelry