ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

JUNE 16-JULY 9

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ADULT HOBBIES & COLLECTIONS

ENTRY GUIDE

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Each exhibitor will receive one 2017 Alameda County Fair admission ticket at time of entry delivery

For Questions, please contact:
Hobby@alamedacountyfair.com
925-426-5138

Entry Fee: $2.50 per entry
Enter ONLINE by **April 26th!** **Click Here to Enter:** http://alamed.fairwire.com

Delivery Information for Hobby Department		
Date:	**Time:**	**Location:**
Friday June 9th	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Minerals & Gems Building (Building O) (Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue)
Saturday June 10th	1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Minerals & Gems Building (Building O) (Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue)
Sunday June 11th	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Minerals & Gems Building (Building O) (Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue)
Release Information for Hobby Department		
Tuesday July 11th	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Minerals & Gems Building (Building O) (Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue)

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Division 307: Hobby Collections

Enter Early Space is Limited!

Limit: 1 Entry Per Person

Special Awards: Public Favorite Case - "Don Wills Memorial" Plaque
Best of Show Hobby Case - $20 and Rosette

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Fair cases are limited.
2. **No cases will be assigned until after Tuesday May 2nd.** All exhibitors will be called or e- mailed after Tuesday, May 2nd.
3. Please describe collection upon entering.
4. Exhibit may be displayed only 1 year unless varied in some significant way. Entries accepted on space-available basis and to balance the show.
5. At least 12 items are required for a hobby case entry.
6. The Fair will provide the Hobby cases and will lock each case with fair-provided lock.
7. Please neatly label items with name and something interesting and appropriate (age, source, etc.) Labels should be neat, easy to read, and correct. Tell the public something interesting about your hobby: why you collect or make it, what is unique, where to find more information, how you make it, etc. Encourage the public to study your case. Judges shall show preference for those displays that are most educational.
8. It is your responsibility to take out any staples and tape put in the case on tear down day.
9. Each exhibitor is limited to one cash award per class. Judges will make no award if not worthy.
10. Your name should not appear in case. After judging, fair staff will attach an exhibit tag with your name.
11. Please do not place anything on the outside of the cases. No extra electricity inside or out. You may choose to supply battery powered additions.
12. If you have a conflict with the time scheduled to set up your display, please contact (925) 426- 5138 or (925) 426-7611 so that we can work out an alternative time. If for any reason, you will be unable to bring your collection, please contact us so we can contact a replacement from the waiting list.

CLASS:

1. Kitchen Items
2. Animals
3. Vintage
4. Bottles, Cans, and/or Glass
5. Cartoon Characters—Bugs Bunny, Mickey Mouse, etc.
6. China and/or Silver Tableware, Glassware
7. Educational – Teach us about your hobby
8. Fictional Characters
9. Holidays: Christmas, Easter
10. Toys
11. Sports Memorabilia
12. Stars, Movie and TV
13. Transportation
14. Hobby Collection – Other
15. Fair Theme – **Best.Summer.Ever.**
16. Group or Society
17. Amphibians, Fish, or Reptiles
18. Pins and/or Buttons

Judging Standards

5% **Quality**
10% **Education**
10% **Labeling**: Correctness & spelling
10% **Explanation**: How did you start your collection?
15% **Variety of Material**
50% **Showmanship**: Total effect of background, lighting, arrangement, neatness, suitability

100%

Cash Prizes Per Class:
1st Place: $25.00
2nd Place: $20.00
3rd Place: $15.00
4th Place: $10.00

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Division 305: Gem & Mineral

Limit: 1 Case Per Class

Special Awards: Best of Show Mineral/Gem Case - $20 and Rosette

SPECIAL RULES:

1. LABELING: All exhibits must be correctly and adequately labeled.
2. Also see Jewelry Category for other places to enter.
3. Exhibitor must own entries.
4. All lapidary work must be done by the exhibitor.
5. Exhibit may be displayed only 1 year unless varied in some significant way.
6. Open to Amateurs only.

CLASS:

1. Educational (explains the wonderful world of minerals or lapidary)
2. Geodes, Nodules or Flats
3. Jewelry Case (wax casting, silver-smithing or square wire, 12 items minimum)
4. Lapidary mixed (can be manufactured settings)
5. Rock Novelties
6. Specimen Collection - Mineral specimens of any kind, such as metallic ores, non-metallic ores, gems
7. Case from Group or Society
8. Fair Themed Case – **Best.Summer.Ever.**

Judging Standards

5% **Quality**
10% **Education:**
10% **Labeling**: Correctness & spelling
10% **Explanation**: How did you start your collection?
15% **Variety of Material**
50% **Showmanship**: Total effect of background, lighting, arrangement, neatness, and suitability

100%

Cash Prizes Per Class:
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Division 308: Jewelry

Division 309: Professional Jewelry

Limit: 3 Entries Per Exhibitor

Special Awards: 3 awards in each Amateur & Professional Division

Bead Society of Northern California

- Most Original Wearable or Non-Wearable Object Using Beads - $75
- Most Original Wearable Beaded Object - $75
- Most Original Handcrafted Bead - $75

SPECIAL RULES:

1. BEADS: Composition of piece must contain a minimum of 50% beads in the overall design.
2. Entry to be 80% constructed and/or assembled by the Exhibitor.
3. To qualify for any award, labeling must include: type(s) of material(s), hours to assemble, name for the piece, elements made by exhibitor, and state if bead made by exhibitor.
4. The same exhibitor may not win a special award two years in a row.
5. A Professional is any bead maker who has sold work.

Jewelry CLASS:

1 Seed Bead Jewelry, Individual pieces or sets.
2. Wire Wrapping
3. Repurposed and Multi Media Jewelry
4. Bead stringing – single/multi
5. Jewelry—Other

Professional Jewelry CLASS:
(Professional entries do not receive premiums)

1. Any Professional Jewelry overall design

Judging Standards

5%	**Originality**
15%	**Quality of Materials**
20%	**Labeling**
30%	**Design**
30%	**Workmanship**
100%	

Division 308 Cash Prizes Per Class:

1st Place: $12.00
2nd Place: $8.00
3rd Place: $3.00

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Division 304 : Novice Wood Carving

Division 306: Open Wood Carving

Limit: 2 Entries Per Class

Special Awards: Best of Show Woodcarving Society Case - $20 and Rosette

Special Note: *New Division for Novice Carvers See rule #7*

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Exhibitor must complete the project within 1 year of the Fair.
2. At time of entry, please include title or subject & type of wood.
3. Woodcarvings need to be less than 3-1/2 feet long and less than 50 pounds.
4. Exhibitors will carry their own woodcarving into the Hobby Building.
5. See also Jewelry Division and Fine Art Department for other places to enter.
6. Date must be carved, engraved, or otherwise visible on each carving entry.
7. **Novice:** Any Carvers who have not won any blue ribbons.
   Open: Any Carver who has won one of the following awards (blue ribbon, BOS, Judges Choice, or Show Chairman's Choice

CLASS:

1. Land Animals, realistic
2. Marine Animals, realistic
3. Birds, realistic
4. Human, realistic
5. Relief Carving
6. Walking Sticks and Canes
7. Pyrography (wood burning)
8. Santa's, all
9. Caricature
10. Stylized, all
11. Miscellaneous
12. Group Display case from wood Carving Group or Guild of Alameda County

Judging Standards

ARTISTRY 50%		CARVING SKILLS 50%
Artistic Impact	10%	Degree of Difficulty
Utilization of Medium	10%	Technical Skill
Correctness	10%	Care in Execution
3-Demensional Feature	10%	Finish
Composition	10%	Unity of Techniques
	100%	

Cash Prizes Per Class:

1st Place: $20.00
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3rd Place: $5.00

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