



JUNE 19-JULY 12
PLEASANTON 26

2026 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR ADULT STILL EXHIBITS ENTRY GUIDE

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per entry!

Click [HERE](#) to enter!

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, May 20@ 5:00 p.m.

For most categories. Please see the following page for details.

Each exhibitor who submits an entry for judging will receive an e-ticket (one Per Exhibitor regardless of the number of entries) good for one admission to the 2026 Alameda County Fair.

Tickets will be sent to the e-mail on file prior to the opening date of the fair.
Tickets are good for any day the Fair is open.

For Questions, please contact:

entries@alamedacountyfair.com

or call 925-426-7611 to leave a message



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2026 Adult Still Exhibits Calendar

Sunday May 17	Monday May 18	Tuesday May 19	Wednesday May 20	Thursday May 21	Friday May 22	Saturday May 23
			Entry Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m. for Crafts & Textiles			
May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30
			DELIVER ENTRIES: Crafts & Textiles (By Appointment 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)	DELIVER ENTRIES: Crafts & Textiles (By Appointment 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)	DELIVER ENTRIES: Crafts & Textiles 11:00 am - 7:00 p.m.	DELIVER ENTRIES: Crafts & Textiles 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6
Jun 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13
Entry Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m. for Preserved Foods & Table Settings					DELIVER ENTRIES: Preserved Foods & Table Settings (By Appt. Only)	DELIVER ENTRIES: Preserved Foods & Table Settings 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm
June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20
		Entry Registration for Period 1 Baked & Decorated Foods Deadline 5:00 p.m.		DELIVER ENTRIES: Baked/Decorated Food 7:00 - 10 am	Opening Day	
June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27
	Fair Closed	Fair Closed Entry Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m. for Dutch Oven Cooking Contest				Dutch Oven Cooking Contest
June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4
Entry Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m. for Period 2 Baked Foods	Fair Closed	Fair Closed DELIVER ENTRIES: Period 2 Baked Food 7:00-10:00 am				
July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11
	Fair Closed	Fair Closed Entry Registration Deadline 5:00 p.m. for Beef Is King Cooking Contest				Beef Is King Cooking Contest
July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18
Last Day of Fair			Release of All Entries 3:00 pm-7:00 pm	Release of All Entries 9:00 am -1:00 pm		



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Adult Still Exhibits Department Rules

The submission of an entry constitutes agreement to these rules.

1. Eligibility:
 - a. The competition is for adult residents of California.
 - b. Professional exhibitors (those who, within the entry category, have sold more than half of the items made in a year, taught classes for payment, or are employed in the industry) must enter the Professional categories. Professionals receive ribbons but do not qualify for premiums.
 - c. Senior categories are optional categories for exhibitors aged 62 years and older. Exhibitors may not enter as both a senior and a non-senior in the same entry category.
 - d. With submission of entry registration, the exhibitor confirms their ability to deliver their entry to the fair on the posted delivery date(s) and time(s). Entry fees will not be refunded. Late entries will not be accepted.
2. Entries:
 - a. Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor (unless otherwise specified).
 - b. Exhibitors must prepare non-food entries within one year of the opening date of the Fair.
 - c. Exhibit tags provided by the Fair will be printed as entered upon registration. Any changes to the entry title or category must be emailed prior to the posted registration deadline. Once the deadline has passed, no changes may be made to the title or category entered and the entry will be judged as entered.
 - d. An entry eligible in more than one Division and/or Class should be entered in the Division and/or Class for which it best qualifies. The Alameda County Fair or judges may disqualify or transfer entries to the correct category (at their discretion) which may result in the exhibitor exceeding class limits. It is not, however, the responsibility of the Alameda County Fair or a judge to transfer an entry to the correct class or division.
3. How to Enter:
 - a. Review the Adult Still Exhibits Department rules.
 - b. No image uploads are required in the Adult Still Exhibits Department categories.
 - c. Go to: <https://alamed.fairwire.com/> and Register/Log-In.
 - d. Select the "Create Entries" option.
 - e. Choose the Department/Division/Class for each entry.
 - f. Enter the title (and description, if desired).
 - g. Complete payment of entry fees (entries are not accepted prior to payment of entry fees.)
 - h. Upon receipt of entry fees, an email confirmation will be sent. This will be your receipt for the entry fee. If you have any questions or do not receive an email confirmation, please contact us prior to re-entering to avoid duplicate entries.
4. Display, Handling, Presentation, & Release of Entries:
 - a. The Fair Association reserves the right to refuse any entry or refuse to display any entry considered not to be in the best interest of the Fair. No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which they will exhibit. Once submitted, all exhibits are under the direct control of the Fair Association and cannot be removed until the specified release day after the closing date of the Fair.
 - b. Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the Fair Management, Alameda County Fair Association, and the County of Alameda will not be held liable for loss, theft, or damage of any kind from any cause.
 - c. While entries will be secure, most items will not be displayed behind glass or in cases.
 - d. Please be aware of all requirements including size, weight, and mounting instructions. Items that do not adhere to those requirements will not be displayed.
 - e. Upon submitting an entry for physical display at the Fair, the exhibitor agrees to pick up the entry on the posted release date. Failure to pick up the entry may affect selection for display at future Alameda County Fairs.
 - f. Unclaimed entries & ribbons will be stored for one month after the closing date of the Fair. After that point, they will be discarded.
5. Judging & Awards:
 - a. Entries are judged using the American System of Judging, where exhibits are judged against each other. One 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place may be awarded in each class. Honorable Mention may be awarded at the discretion of the judge(s). All 1st place winners in a division will compete against each other for the Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit any award that is believed to be without merit.



- b. Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
- c. Sponsored Awards will be awarded from eligible entries selected for physical display and delivered to the Fair. No special entry is required. Each entry may only win one sponsored award. Sponsored special premiums and awards as they are secured in good faith. Winners will be contacted via email prior to the closing date of the Fair. Sponsors will mail the award directly to the exhibitor after the close of the Fair.
- d. Sweepstakes are offered in Baked Food, Hand Crafts, Preserved Food, Textiles, & Sewing and are calculated based on total points (1st: 5 pts, 2nd: 3 pts, 3rd: 1 pt.) earned for eligible entries.
 - i. Ties will be broken by the number of Best of Show or 1st place entries.
 - ii. 1st Place: \$30, 2nd Place: \$25, 3rd Place: \$20, 4th Place: \$15, 5th Place: \$10
- e. Premium award checks will be available for pick-up on the post-fair entry release day.

Culinary Arts Rules

The submission of an entry constitutes agreement to these and all applicable Adult Still Exhibits Department Rules

1. Entries:
 - a. If allowed, and entering more than one recipe Per Class, the recipes must be different. Within any year, each recipe may only be entered once.
 - b. Food entries do not need to be baked or preserved from an original recipe (unless otherwise specified), but must be handmade by the entrant from scratch and must not use any prepared mixes (with the exception of Tricks with a Mix).
 - c. All baked foods must be entered with a complete recipe at time of delivery. Recipes will not be shared and will be returned with the judge's comment card.
 - d. Enter: 1 whole loaf, cake, pie; 7 cupcakes, cookies, candies, muffins, pastries, rolls, etc. Multiple items should not be individually wrapped. Only a portion of the entry may be displayed.
 - e. Refrigeration is not guaranteed and will not be provided after judging has concluded.
2. Presentation & Display:
 - a. All Period 1 baked food items will be discarded prior to Period 2 delivery. Items may be discarded prior to that time if they become deteriorated; this is at the discretion of fair personnel. Results for discarded items will be available via QR code posted in the building.
 - b. When possible, baked food entries should be delivered in non-returnable, disposable containers, plates or wraps.
 - c. Baked goods will be displayed on plates provided by the fair. Unless otherwise specified, plate presentation has no effect on judging results.
3. Judging & Awards:
 - a. Judging Standards:
 - i. Breads: 10% Appearance, 30% Flavor, 25% Texture, 15% Crumb, 10% Crust, 10% Recipe
 - ii. Decorated Food: 30% Appearance, 25% Icing, 25% Uniformity in Decorating, 10% Originality/Creativity, 10% Difficulty Factor.
 - iii. Pies/Pastries: 20% Appearance, 30% Crust, 40% Filling, 10% Recipe
 - iv. Guittard Chocolate Contest: 20% Appearance, 30% Texture, 40% Taste, 10% Creativity
 - v. King Arthur Flour Baking Company: 25% Appearance/Creativity, 25% Texture, 50% Taste
 - vi. All Other Categories: 20% Appearance, 25% Texture, 45% Flavor, 10% Recipe.
 - b. Ribbons, judge's comment cards, and recipes for baked, decorated, and preserved foods and table settings will be available for pick up during Fair hours beginning Sunday, July 5. Any desired ribbons, comment cards or recipes not picked up during the fair must be picked up on the exhibit release day. Ribbons, comment cards, and recipes will not be mailed. Unclaimed ribbons, comment cards and recipes will be held at the Exhibit Office until Labor Day when they will be discarded.
 - c. Cash Awards Per Class (unless otherwise noted): 1st Place: \$10, 2nd Place: \$8, 3rd Place: \$6



	Registration Deadline (5:00 p.m.)	Deliver to Building C – North Door (7:00-10:00 a.m.)
Period 1	June 16	June 18
Period 2	June 28	June 30

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Bread

Enter one whole loaf. 7 muffins/rolls/etc.

Yeast Bread

Class: 01 Ethnic
02 Sourdough

03 Shaped Bread or Rolls
04 Any Other

Non-Yeast Bread

01 Banana
02 Fruit
03 Zucchini

04 Coffee Cake
05 Muffins
06 Any Other Non-Yeast

Cakes

Enter one whole cake

Cake -- Layer

Class: 01 Chocolate
02 Fruit Flavored
03 Any Other Layer Cake

Cake – No Layer

01 Bundt
02 Cheesecake
03 Fruit Flavored
04 Any Other

Confections

Enter 7 pieces (not individually wrapped)

Class: 01 Fudge
02 Any Other Confection

Cupcakes

Enter 7 cupcakes

Class: 01 Cupcakes

Cookies

Enter 7 Cookies

Class: 01 Biscotti
02 Brownie
03 Chocolate Chip (plain)
04 Chocolate Chip (w/mix ins)
05 Fruit Flavored
06 Oatmeal

07 Peanut Butter
08 Shortbread
09 Snickerdoodle
10 Spice
11 Any Other Cookie

Pies & Pastries

Enter 1 whole pie; 7 pastries

Class: 01 One Crust Pie
02 Two Crust Pie
03 Pastries



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First Time Baking Exhibitors

Exhibitors who have never entered any Alameda County Fair Baking Competition

Enter 1 whole loaf/cake/pie. 7 cookies/muffins/candy/etc.

Class: 01 First Time Baking Exhibitors

Special Diet

Please include specific special diet in the entry title.
(dairy free, gluten free, vegan, etc.)

Class: 01 Special Diet

Professional Baked Food

Ribbon Only. No premiums.

Enter one whole loaf/cake/pie. 7 cookies/cupcakes/muffins/etc.

Class: 01 Professional Baked Food

Special Baking Competitions (Period 1)

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Entry Deadline: June 16 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – North Door – Thursday, June 18, 7:00-10:00 a.m.

Enter one whole loaf/cake/pie. 7 cookies/cupcakes/muffins/etc.

Family Favorite Summer Treats

Enter your family's favorite summer treat.

Class: 01 Family Favorite Summer Treat

Mix it Up – Tricks with a Mix

Use a pre-packaged mix to make something new.

Class: 01 Mix it Up – Tricks with a Mix

Guittard Chocolate Contest

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Enter any **original** creation using at least 10 oz. of any combination of Guittard Chocolate products.

Entries may not include any pre-packaged (cake/frosting/etc.) mixes.

Guittard packaging must accompany your entry at the time of delivery.

Entry must be the original entry of the exhibitor and may not have been entered and won in any other competition.

Adult and youth exhibitors will be judged together.

In each class, there will be one 1st place, one 2nd place, and one 3rd place prize awarded.

Include your name, address, phone number, and email in the upper right-hand corner of your recipe.

All recipes become the property of the Guittard Chocolate Company.

Prizes are sponsored by Guittard Chocolate Company.

1st Place: \$40; 2nd Place: \$30; 3rd Place: \$20.

Class: 01 Cakes, Cupcakes, Pies

02 Bars, Cookies, Candies



Special Baking Competitions (Period 2)

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Entry Deadline: June 28 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – North Door – Tuesday, June 30, 7:00-10:00 a.m.

Enter one whole loaf/cake/pie. 7 cookies/cupcakes/muffins/etc.

Cereal Treat Bars

Create a bar using your favorite cereal

Class: 01 Cereal Treat Bars

Featured Commodity (Carrot) Dessert

Cakes, muffins, cookies, etc. celebrating carrots

Class: 01 Carrot (cake, muffin, cookies, etc.)

Celebrating 250 Years of America Dessert Contest

Entry Limit: 2 Per Exhibitor

Celebrate 250 Years of America with your favorite All-American Dessert!

Class: 01 Celebrating 250 Years of America Dessert Contest

King Arthur Baking Company Cake Contest

Entry Limit: 2 Per Exhibitor

Entries must use only King Arthur Flour. Provide proof of purchase (packaging or receipt) upon delivery.

Exhibitors must use and submit a cake recipe found on the King Arthur Baking Company website at the following link:

[Cake | King Arthur Baking](#)

Prizes (Gift Cards) sponsored by King Arthur Baking Company.

1st Place: \$75; 2nd Place: \$50; 3rd Place: \$25.

Class: 01 King Arthur Baking Company Cake Contest



Decorated Food

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Entry Deadline: June 16 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – North Door – Thursday, June 18, 7:00-10:00 a.m.

Enter one whole cake. 7 cookies/cupcakes.

A Styrofoam or cardboard form should be used, but all non-structural decorations must be edible.

Please deliver on a covered, firm surface with no more than 1 ½" beyond all edges of the entry.

Entries are judged on appearance only.

Cash awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$15; 2nd Place \$10; 3rd Place: \$5

Decorated Food

- Class: 01 Decorated Cake
 02 Decorated Cookies/Cupcakes
 03 Any Other (gingerbread house, sugar art, etc.)

Professional Decorated Food

Ribbon Only. No premiums.

- Class: 01 Professional Decorated Food

Preserved Food

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Entry Deadline: June 7 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – North Door

Friday, June 12 (Appt. Only) & Saturday, June 13, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Submit 1 Jar/bottle per entry.

1. All entries must be submitted in a standard canning jar with new screw bands (no paraffin seals).
2. Exhibitors must attach a label to the bottom of the jar with the product name, date prepared, preservation method, and any unusual ingredients.
3. All jars must be properly sealed. Unsealed jars and jars that are unable to be opened by the judges will be disqualified and may not be displayed.
4. Please have proper headspace. Judges use the guidelines posted in the most recent version of the Ball Blue Book.
5. Vinegars & Liqueurs should be entered in a glass bottle or decanter.
6. Dried foods may be entered in any clear self-sealing bag or container.
7. Entries in the "Any Other" classes may only be entered if there is no class listed for that category. For example, soft spreads spiced or enhanced may only be entered in those specific classes.
8. Judging Standards:
 - a. Dried: 10% Container, 40% Flavor & Aroma, 25% Uniform Color, 25% Texture
 - b. Fruits & Vegetables: 10% Container, 20% Pack, 60% Product, 10% Proper Headspace
 - c. Soft Spreads: 10% Container, 15% Appearance, 25% Texture, 40% Flavor, 10% Proper Headspace.
 - d. Vinegars & Liqueurs: 25% Appearance, 45% Flavor & Aroma, 15% Aftertaste, 15% Overall Impression.



Preserved Food

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Entry Deadline: June 7 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – North Door

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Jams

Class:	01	Apricot	09	Plum
	02	Blackberry	10	Raspberry
	03	Low Sugar	11	Spiced/Enhanced
	04	Mixed Fruit (2)	12	Strawberry, Plain
	05	Mixed Fruit (3+)	13	Strawberry + Fruit
	06	Peach	14	Any Other Berry
	07	Pear	15	Any Other (Non-Stone Fruit)
	08	Pepper + Fruit	16	Any Other Stone Fruit

Jellies

01	Apple	06	Pepper
02	Berry	07	Pomegranate
03	Grape	08	Spiced/Enhanced
04	Low Sugar	09	Wine
05	Mixed Fruit	10	Any Other (specify)

Curd, Marmalades, Syrups, etc.

Class:	01	Butter	05	Marmalade—Any Other
	02	Curd	06	Syrup
	03	Marmalade 1 Citrus	07	Any Other
	04	Marmalade 2+ Citrus		

Pickled Foods & Relishes

01	Chutney	04	Relish
02	Cucumber, Bread & Butter	05	Any Other
03	Cucumber, Dill		

Canned Fruits & Vegetables

Class:	01	Applesauce	04	Any Other Fruit
	02	Apricots	05	Any Vegetable
	03	Peaches		

Sauces & Condiments

01	Barbecue Sauce	03	Any Other
02	Salsa		

Vinegar & Oil

Class:	01	Garlic	03	Any Other
	02	Fruit		

Liqueur

01	Citrus Based	03	Any Other
02	Fruit Based (no citrus)		

Dehydrated Foods

Class:	01	Dried Meat
	02	Any Other Dehydrated Food

Professional Preserved Food

	Ribbon Only. No premiums.
01	Professional Preserved Food



Table Settings

Entry Deadline: June 7 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – North Door

Friday, June 12 (Appt. Only) & Saturday, June 13, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Single table setting limited to 24”x 24” with a 15” height limit.

A 24”x 24” piece of sturdy cardboard, wood, or foam board covered with fabric or paper is required as the base of the setting. All components must be placed only on this board.

Include menu and related centerpiece.

Use appropriate service & utensils and make sure the setting matches the items on the menu.

Nothing edible or alive may be a part of the display.

Judging Standards: 25% Overall Appearance, 50% Functionality, 25% Creativity

Cash awards Per Class:

1st Place: \$10.00, 2nd Place: \$7.00, 3rd Place: \$5.00

- Class: 01 Formal Table Setting
 02 Informal/Casual Table Setting
 03 Fair Theme (Celebrate Summer) or Featured Commodity Theme (Carrots)
 04 Celebrating 250 Years of America

Beeswax & Honey

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Entry Deadline: June 7 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to Building C – North Door

Friday, June 12 (Appt. Only) & Saturday, June 13, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Submit 1 Jar/bottle per entry

- Class: 01 Extracted Honey
 02 Other Honey (framed, spun, etc.)
 03 Any Other (soap, candles, etc.)



Fiber Arts Rules

Submission of entry constitutes agreement to these rules (& Adult Still Exhibits Department Rules).

1. Entries must be clean, neat, and ready for display. Items that are soiled or showing wear will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
2. All quilts and wall hangings must have a 4" sleeve to accommodate a cross pole for hanging. (Sleeve must be continuous across the width of the piece. Fold a 9" strip of fabric in half and sew with a ½" seam, making a long tube. Place seam against the back of the piece and baste or blind stitch the sleeve in place 1" below the top and ½" from each side, taking care not to sew through the front.)
3. Judging Standards:
 - a. Crochet & Knit: 25% Appearance, 50% Workmanship, 25% Suitability
 - b. Lace & Tatting: 20% Appearance, 70% Workmanship & Technical Skills, 10% Difficulty Factor
 - c. Needlework & Embroidery: 30% Appearance, 50% Workmanship, 20% Suitability
 - d. Quilting: 50% Art, 50% Construction
 - e. Rugs/Spinning/Weaving: 30% Appearance, 40% Workmanship, 20% Suitability, 10% Creativity
 - f. Sewing: 40% Appearance, 60% Workmanship

Crochet & Knit

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Entry Deadline: May 20 @ 5:00 p.m.

Deliver to the Alameda County Fair Receiving Office

Located to the Left of the Stable Cafe

(Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue)

Wednesday, May 27 & Thursday, May 28 (By Appointment: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 29, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 30, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Maximum size: 70" x 75" (not including fringe)

Cash Awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$10; 2nd Place: \$7; 3rd Place: \$5

Crochet Afghans

Class:	01	Any Open Stitch
	02	Any Closed Stitch
	03	Any Other
	04	Lap-Sized
	05	Senior Exhibitor

Infant & Toddler Items

01	Afghan or Blanket
02	Single Item
03	Set (2+ pieces)
04	Any Other
05	Senior Exhibitor

Crochet Items

01	Accessories—Flat
02	Accessories—Other
03	Crochet Doll or Animal
04	Any Other
05	Senior Exhibitor

Knit Sweaters

Class:	01	One Color, Pattern Stitch
	02	Multi-Color, Pattern Stitch
	03	Other Stitch
	04	Senior Exhibitor

Infant & Toddler Items

01	Afghan or Blanket
02	Single Item
03	Set (2+ pieces)
04	Any Other
05	Senior Exhibitor

Knit Items

01	Accessories—Flat
02	Accessories—Other
03	Afghan
04	Any Other
05	Senior Exhibitor

Micro Crochet

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Cash Awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$8.00, 2nd Place: \$6.00, 3rd Place: \$4.00

Class: 01 Micro Crochet



Quilting

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

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Friday, May 29, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 30, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please indicate in entry title if the entry is an original design.

Quilts larger than the display area may need to be pinned. Quilts without sleeves will not be hung.

In cases where someone other than the exhibitor completed the quilting,

Please specify the quilter's name upon entry registration.

Cash Awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$12.00, 2nd Place: \$8.00, 3rd Place: \$6.00

Hand Quilted by Exhibitor

- Class: 01 Bed Quilt (any size)
02 Wall Hanging

Domestic Machine Quilted by Exhibitor

- 01 Bed Quilt (any size)
02 Wall Hanging

Long Arm Machine Quilted by Exhibitor

- 01 Bed Quilt (any size)
02 Wall Hanging

Quilt Top by Exhibitor Quilted by Another

- Class: 01 Bed Quilt (Full to King)
02 Bed Quilt (Twin & Smaller)
03 Wall Hanging

Senior Quilting

(may not also enter other quilt categories)

- 01 Bed Quilt (any size)
02 Wall Hanging
03 Any Other Quilting

Professional Quilting

Ribbon Only. No premiums.

- 01 Art Quilt or Wall Hanging
02 Traditional Quilt or Wall Hanging

Embellished Quilting

- Class: 01 Any Embellished Quilting

Specialty Quilting

- 01 Art Quilt or Wall hanging
02 Quilted Clothing, Pillow, etc.

Group Quilts

- 01 Any Group Quilt

Celebrating 250 Years of America

Show us your Quilted Tributes to America!

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

- Class: 01 Bed Quilt (Full to King)
02 Bed Quilt (Twin & Smaller)
03 Wall Hanging
04 Any Other Quilted Item



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Needlework/Embroidery/Lace/Tatting

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor
 Framed pieces must have the back neatly finished and be ready to hang with picture wire or have an appropriate stand. Glass and Plexiglass should be removed from any frames before delivery.
 Cash Awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$8.00, 2nd Place: \$6.00, 3rd Place: \$4.00

Needlework

Class: 01 Counted Cross Stitch
 02 Any Other Needlework
 03 Senior Exhibitor

Embroidery

01 Any Embroidery
 02 Senior Exhibitor

Lace & Tatting

01 Any Lace & Tatting

Rugs

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor
 Cash Awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$10.00, 2nd Place: \$7.00, 3rd Place: \$5.00

Class: 01 Any Rug

Sewing

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor
 When possible, please deliver clothing entries on a mannequin or dress form.
 Cash Awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$10.00, 2nd Place: \$7.00, 3rd Place: \$5.00

Adult Clothing

Class: 01 Costume
 02 Single Garment
 03 Any Other Adult Clothing
 04 Senior Exhibitor

Children's Clothing

01 Costume
 02 Single Garment
 03 Any Other Children's Clothing
 04 Senior Exhibitor

Miscellaneous Sewing

01 Accessories—Clothing
 02 Accessories—Other
 03 Doll Clothing
 04 Kitchen Items
 05 Any Other Sewing
 06 Senior Exhibitor



Spinning & Weaving

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Entry Deadline: May 20 @ 5:00 p.m.

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Skeins must be at least 20 yards.

Please attach a 4” x 4” swatch of material showing intended use of yarn to each article.

Cash Awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$8, 2nd Place: \$6, 3rd Place: \$4

Hand Spun Yarn

Class:	01	Animal Fiber
	02	Blends
	03	Wool
	04	Any Other

Hand Spun Articles

01	Any Hand Spun Article
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Weaving

01	Hand Spun Yarn
02	Store Bought Yarn

Handcraft Rules

Submission of entry constitutes agreement to these rules (& Adult Still Exhibits Department Rules).

1. Entries must be clean, neat, and ready for display.
2. Items that are soiled or showing wear will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
3. Items with special competitions available (egg carton, pipe cleaner, etc.) must be entered in those competitions.
4. Spray adhesives, rubber cement, and masking tape do not reliably hold. Please use permanent adhesive when possible.
5. Jewelry should be entered in the Adult Collections & Hobbies department.
6. In cases where kits are allowed, no more than 50% of materials used may be from a kit.
7. Weight limit: 25 pounds. Maximum size: 24” x 36” without prior approval.
8. Unless otherwise indicated cash awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$8, 2nd Place: \$6, 3rd Place: \$4.
9. Judging Standards:
 - a. Cosplay & Costuming: 50% Appearance, 20% Creativity, 30% Finishing
 - b. Crafts: 25% Appearance, 50% Workmanship, 15% Suitability/Difficulty Factor, 10% Creativity
 - c. Craft Special Competitions: 20% Appearance, 40% Workmanship, 15% Difficulty Factor, 15% Creativity, 10% Compliance
 - d. Gourds: 25% Appearance & Artistry, 45% Craftsmanship, 20% Originality, 10% Suitability to Purpose
 - e. Miniatures: 25% Appearance, 40% Craftsmanship, 25% Creativity, 10% Consistency to Scale
 - f. Paper Crafts/Scrapbooking: 40% Appearance, 30% Workmanship, 20% Difficulty Factor, 10% Originality & Creativity
 - g. Paper Tole: 30% Overall Appearance, 50% Workmanship, 20% Difficulty
 - h. Stained Glass: 30% Overall Appearance, 20% Color Coordination, 50% Technical Skills
 - i. Tole/Decorative Painting: 25% Appearance, 40% Workmanship, 15% Difficulty Factor, 20% Creativity
 - j. Wood: 20% Appearance & Artistry, 60% Craftsmanship, 10% Originality, 10% Suitability to Purpose



Crafts

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Please indicate in the entry title if the entry is an original design.

Entry must be at least 2” in size, either freestanding or mounted so it is freestanding, with no more than 1” undecorated perimeter.

Beach crafts may include crafts with shells, sand, etc.

Nature Themed Crafts may include, but are not limited to pinecone art, flowerpot art, pressed flowers, etc.

Pet Themed Crafts may include pet toys, pet accessories, feeding supplies, etc.

Shoebox Craft entries must be made from a traditional cardboard shoebox.

Crafts

Craft Special Competitions

Class:	01	Ceramics	04	Any Other	01	Beach Craft	06	Perler Bead Craft
	02	Holiday or Seasonal	05	Senior Exhibitor	02	Egg Carton Craft	07	Pet Themed Craft
	03	Outdoor			03	Literature Based Craft	08	Pipe Cleaner Craft
					04	Mason Jar Craft	09	Rock Painting
					05	Nature Themed Craft	10	Shoebox Craft

Fair Themed/Featured Commodity (Carrot) Craft Special Competition

Create an entry inspired by our Fair theme or featured commodity.

Class	01	Fair Themed Craft Special Competition
	02	Carrot Craft Special Competition

Mystery Craft Special Competition

Create a craft predominately featuring at least **4** of the following materials:
Other general crafting materials (glue, tape, paint, etc.) may also be used.

Button	Googly Eyes	Pom Pom/Cotton Ball
Cardboard Tube	Jar Lid	Popsicle Stick
Cork	Milk/Juice Carton	Sequins
Feather	Plastic Bottle	

Class 01	Mystery Craft Special Competition
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Celebrating 250 Years of America Special Competition

Show us your Crafting Tributes to America!

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Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Cosplay Special Competition

Show us your Cosplay!

Based on an existing character or intellectual property (IP).
 All assembly, painting, finishing, and detailing must be completed by the exhibitor.
 Please indicate which elements were completed by the exhibitor.
 Purchased or pre-made elements may not exceed 20% of the entry.
 Cash Awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$10.00, 2nd Place: \$7.00, 3rd Place: \$5.00

Class 01	Clothing
02	Props
03	Any Other (Armor, Masks, Wigs, etc.)

Costume or Fursona Special Competition

Create an original costume/Fursona and/or accessories!
 Entries must not be based on any existing character or intellectual property (IP).
 Purchased or pre-made elements may not exceed 20% of the entry.
 Cash Awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$10.00, 2nd Place: \$7.00, 3rd Place: \$5.00

Class 01	Clothing
02	Props
03	Any Other (Masks, Tails, etc.)

Recycling/Upcycling Special Competition

Create a craft using common recyclable items or repurpose an item to create something new!
 Cash Awards Per Class: 1st Place: \$8.00, 2nd Place: \$6.00, 3rd Place: \$4.00

Class 01	Recycling
02	Upcycling



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Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Miniatures must have a Plexiglass cover on any open side. Inside & Outside construction will be judged.

Paper Tole entries may have Plexiglass and must be ready to hang with picture wire.

Stained Glass entries must be self-supporting or be ready to hang with an appropriate hanger for the weight of the entry.

Dolls & Animals

Class: 01 Any Handmade Doll or Animal

Gourd Crafting

01 Any Gourd Crafting

Mechanical Science

Class: 01 Any Mechanical Science

Miniatures

01 Any Miniature

Paper Tole

Class: 01 Any Paper Tole

Stained & Fused Glass

01 Stained Glass

02 Fused Glass

Paper Crafts & Scrapbooking

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor

Please credit the source if entry is not an original design.

All entries must be predominately made from paper with minimal non-paper items (such as buttons or brads as accents).

Pre-cut kits are not allowed.

Scrapbook pages should be submitted in a page protector with a maximum size of 12" x 12".

Paper Crafts

Class: 01	Greeting Cards—Birthday	05	Greeting Cards—Any Other
02	Greeting Cards—Fair/Commodity Themed	06	Quilling
03	Greeting Cards—Holiday	07	Any Other
04	Greeting Cards—Thank You	08	Senior Exhibitor

Scrapbooking

Class: 01 Scrapbook Layout



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Tole & Decorative Painting

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor
 Entries are accepted on wood, metal, or other 3-Dimensional Items.
 See the Adult Fine Arts Department for entering items on canvas or paper.
 Tabletop painting may be on canvas or paper, and must be submitted in a self-supporting frame
 (one that would sit on a tabletop) no larger than 8" x 10".

Tole & Decorative Painting

Class:	01	European Folk Art Painting	04	Any Other Surface
	02	Decorative Painting on Wood or Metal	05	Tabletop Painting
	03	Decorative Painting on Fabric	06	Senior Exhibitor

Professional Tole & Decorative Painting

Professional Categories (Non-Food) Division	
05	Professional European Folk Art Painting
06	Professional Any Other Tole & Decorative Painting

Wood

Entry Limit: 2 Per Class Per Exhibitor
 Painted wood entries should be entered in Crafts or Tole/Decorative Painting.
 Kits are not allowed.

Wood entries will be displayed in Building O during the Fair.

Wood Turning

Class:	01	Wood Turning
	02	Senior Exhibitor

Woodworking

01	Furniture
02	Any Non-Furniture
03	Senior Exhibitor



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Professional Categories (Non-Food)

No Entry Limits. Ribbon Only. No Premiums.
 Information for Baked, Decorated, & Preserved Foods for Professionals are listed on those specific pages.
 Please see individual pages for specific rules and information for the categories listed below.

Class:	01	Arts & Crafts	04	Traditional Quilting
	02	Fiber Art	05	Tole or Decorative Painting—European Folk Art
	03	Art Quilting	06	Tole or Decorative Painting—Any Other

Intellectual, Developmental, & Physical Differences

No Entry Fee. No Entry Limits. No Premiums.
 Each exhibitor who submits an entry for display will receive two fair admission passes.
 Tickets will be emailed in late May/early June.
 Please include the name of facility/program (when applicable) at the time of entry registration.
 All paintings & drawings should be mounted on heavy card stock or mat board (maximum size: 24” x 36”).
 Only canvas artwork should be framed and should have picture wire on the back for hanging.
 Entries are judged using the Danish system of judging. Every entry submitted for display will receive a ribbon.
 Judging Standards: 25% Design, 30% Use of Materials, 35% Creativity, 10% Ready for Exhibit

Class:	01	Ceramics	04	Any Other
	02	Crafts	05	Group Project
	03	Drawing/Painting		



Adult Still Exhibits Sponsored Awards

We appreciate our generous sponsors for the awards for the 2026 Alameda County Fair!
All eligible entries will automatically be considered. No special entry is required.

Amador Valley Quilters

- Best Fair or Commodity (Carrot) Themed Quilt or Wall hanging \$100
- Best Large Quilt (completed entirely by the exhibitor) \$100
- Best Original Design in Quilting \$50
- Best Wall hanging (completed entirely by the exhibitor) \$50

Fremont Frosters

- Billie Frederick Memorial Award for Best Decorated Cake \$20
- Billie Frederick Memorial Award for Most Creative Decorated Cake \$20
- Billie Frederick Memorial Award for Best Use of Fondant \$20

Kathy Jones

- Dave Jones Memorial Award for Woodworking \$25
- Preserved Food: Best Fruit \$25

Ken Beebe & Laurel Seymour-Beebe

- Annette Fugendez Memorial Award \$20
- Arthur Seymour Memorial Award for Yeast Bread (2 awards: Period 1 & Period 2) \$20
- Bobbi Good Memorial Award (Christmas Themed) \$20
- David Reitz Award \$20
- Patricia Seymour Memorial Award for Sewing \$25
- Preserved Food: Best Flavor \$20
- Sonya Good Memorial Award \$20
- Sponsor's Favorite Award \$20
- Table Setting: Best Appearance \$20

Northern California Decorative Artists

- Best Tabletop Painting \$35
- Best Decorative Painting on Fabric \$35
- Best Decorative Painting on Metal or Wood \$35
- Best Decorative Painting on Other Surface \$35
- Best European Folk Art Decorative Painting \$35
- Best Professional Decorative Painting \$35
- Best Professional European Folk Art Decorative Painting \$35
- Best Senior Exhibitor Decorative Painting \$35

PFLAG

- Champion of Pride Award (celebrates LGBTQ+ pride, equality, and acceptance) \$20

Roni Item

- Best Baked Food (2 awards: Period 1 & Period 2) \$50

Shipps Family

- Sara Cunningham Award—Favorite Fiber Craft Entry \$25
- Sara Cunningham Award—Favorite Quilt Entry \$25

The Center for Community Dispute Settlement

- Champion of Peace Award (celebrates peace and/or conflict resolution) \$20

Winners will be contacted via email prior to the closing date of the Fair.



Sponsors will mail awards to the exhibitors after the close of the Fair.
Awards are secured in good faith. Awards are subject to change. The Fair does not guarantee sponsored awards.