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Rules for Exhibition 2024















Bluebonnet Button Club

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Welcome to the Burnet County Area Fair! "HAPPINESS IS HOMEMADE"

Friday-Saturday, June 7-8, 2024

Burnet County AgriLife Extension Building, Quest Gym and Pavilion 607 N. Vandeveer Street, Burnet, Texas

The Burnet County Area Fair cordially invites citizens in Burnet County, as well as the adjacent counties (Bell, Blanco, Lampasas, Llano, San Saba, Travis, and Williamson) to enter and participate in our Fair!

The Burnet County Area Fair is a presentation of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Burnet County, including the Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association, the Texas Extension Education Association of Burnet County, the Hill Country Sewing Group, the Highland Lakes Quilt Guild, the Bluebonnet Button Club and the dedicated Fair Board. We hope you'll be a part of this event.

Please note we have added a Silver Star category for our senior citizens who would like to display something they have made. Every item will receive a ribbon, but items will not be judged. We feel that there are many homebound and assisted living citizens who still enjoy doing handiwork or painting, etc. We invite you to enter the Fair and let everyone see what you love to produce.

Early registration for the 2024 Fair will take place *Wednesday*. <u>Quilts and Creative Writing only</u> will register from 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. All other divisions will begin early registration from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Registration for all divisions <u>except Quilts and Creative Writing</u> will continue *Thursday* from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We hope these hours will be convenient for our exhibitors, especially those who work during the day. Judging will begin for <u>Quilts and Creative Writing</u> at 9:00 a.m. and all other divisions at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and the show hall and gym will be <u>closed</u> to the public during judging and tabulation of winners. Entries for the <u>Decorating Contest</u> (see page 36, 37) must be turned in to Linda Wells by noon <u>Thursday</u>, June 6.

The Fair will then open its doors to the public on *Friday morning* at 9:30 a.m. for the Opening Ceremonies. A special awards ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday evening in Burnet County AgriLife Auditorium to honor Best of Division, Sweepstakes, and People's Choice Award winners in all three age groups.

This year's theme is "Happiness Is Homemade," and the Fair features 19 divisions. While all divisions in the Fair adhere to certain general rules listed on page 5, and award the same prizes, the rules for individual divisions may differ somewhat. On the pages that follow, both General Rules and division-specific rules are listed. Please read all carefully as new categories may have been added to several divisions.

Back by popular demand are silent auction, vendors, a 42 tournament, and entertainment. On Friday afternoon we will have the ice cream crank-off followed by a food demonstration. Knowledgeable volunteers will be on hand all day, both Friday and Saturday, to answer questions about exhibits on display, the Fair and its history, and how to become involved with the Fair. We are always in need of new and younger volunteers to keep the Fair going and updated.

Once again, the Fair will offer cash prizes for first, second, and third place winners, Best of Division winners, and Sweepstakes Award winners. The Sweepstakes Award will be given to the exhibitor in each age group who enters exhibits in three or more Divisions and earns the most points. Also, a "People's Choice" award will be given in all three age groups. This award is voted on from among <u>all</u> Divisions by visitors to the Fair, and the winner in each age group receives a plaque.

Once again we will be presenting a scholarship for any high school graduating senior in Burnet County, whether you are in public, private, or home school. The application will be placed on the website and available at the AgriLife Extension office. This scholarship is named the Rosalyn Lackey Memorial Scholarship in her memory. It will be presented on Friday evening during the awards ceremony.

All exhibits must be picked up on Saturday between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Silent auction items must be picked up at this time. There will be <u>no</u> pick-up of entries or winnings on Sunday!

We've worked hard to make the Fair an enjoyable event that will be fun for all ages. For updated information about the Fair, please visit our website, www.burnetcountyareafair.com.

— The Burnet County Area Fair

<u>Fair Location</u>: 607 N. Vandeveer Street, Burnet Burnet County AgriLife Extension Building, Quest Gym, and Pavilion

— Wednesday, June 5, 2024 —

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| 9:00 a.m 6:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m 6:30 p.m 4:30 p.m 6:30 p.m. | Registration for Quilts only – Quest Gym Registration for Creative Writing only – AgriLife Auditorium Early Registration for All Other Exhibitors – AgriLife Auditorium | | |
| | — Thursday, June 6, 2024 — | | |
| 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m 9:00 a.m 12:00 noon 9:00 a.m 12:00 noon 12:00 noon | Quilt Division Start Judging – Quest Gym Creative Writing Start Judging – AgriLife Boardroom Registration for Exhibitors – AgriLife Auditorium Registration for Decorating Contest – Turn in to Linda Wells Fair CLOSED to the public for judging | | |
| | — Friday, June 7, 2024 — | | |
| 9:30 a.m 7:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m 4:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m 7:00 p.m. | Fair OPEN to the Public – AgriLife Auditorium Opening Ceremony Enjoy the Fair – AgriLife Auditorium, Quest Gym, Pavilion Exhibits, Country Store, and Silent Auction, Craft and Food Vendors Presentations – Off and On during the day Ice Cream Crank-Off – AgriLife Auditorium Cooking Demonstration AgriLife Auditorium Awards Presentation and Photographs: Best of Division, Sweepstakes, People's Choice Winners, Scholarship – AgriLife Auditorium | | |
| — Saturday, June 8, 2024 — | | | |
| 8:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. | 42 Tournament – AgriLife Classroom Fair OPEN to the Public – AgriLife Auditorium, Quest Gym, Pavilion Exhibits, Country Store, and Silent Auction, Craft and Food Vendors | | |
| 12:00 p.m 2:30 p.m. | Live Music | | |
| 3:30 p.m 4:30 p.m. | Exhibitors pick up entries | | |
| 4:30 p.m. | AgriLife Auditorium CLOSED to all except Fair workers | | |

(Schedule subject to change, so please watch the website.)

General Rules

NOTE TO EXHIBITORS

Please read *ALL* of the General Rules (below) before submitting exhibits!

Each Division has its own specific rules as well, outlined in the pages that follow.

General Rules apply to *all* Divisions without exception.

- 1. All exhibitors must be residents either of Burnet County or of adjacent counties: Bell, Blanco, Lampasas, Llano, San Saba, Travis, and Williamson.
- In each division, entries are judged in three separate age groups as follows: ADULT (18 years and older), SENIOR YOUTH (12-17 years), and JUNIOR YOUTH (younger than 12 years). In this way, youth compete against other youth, not against adults, and there are <u>three</u> Best of Division winners, one for each age group.
- 3. **ALL entries must have been made by the person entering the item!** All entries must have been completed in the last 12 months (June 2023 June 2024). Entries from previous years are not eligible for exhibition and will not be accepted.
- 4. Entries are limited to one item per category per exhibitor. If a division has sub-categories, only <u>one</u> entry in <u>each <u>sub</u>-category will be allowed per exhibitor. For example, if an exhibitor in the Preserved Foods Division wanted to enter the Jelly Category with both grape jelly and strawberry jelly, that would be acceptable because those are both sub-categories in the Jelly Category. In <u>some</u> divisions (but not all), **two** entries per category are permitted: see individual division rules. In these cases, the division rules take precedence. For questions, contact the Division Superintendent <u>prior to</u> Fair registration.</u>
- 5. No entries from professionals will be accepted. In general, a professional is defined as an adult who earns more than 40% of his/her income in one of the various divisions listed in these rules. Being a professional in one division, however, does not preclude that person from entering another division. Different divisions may have different definitions of "professional" (e.g., Photography). When in doubt, check with the Division Superintendent.
- 6. No Division Superintendent of the Burnet County Area Fair shall enter an exhibit in his/her own division. Superintendents *may*, however, enter exhibits in *other* divisions and be eligible to win ribbons.
- 7. The Burnet County Area Fair reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit or entry.
- 8. The pink, blue, or yellow four-digit entry tag must remain attached to the exhibited article for the duration of the Fair.
- 9. Exhibitors must always give the necessary attention to all their entries and take possession of those items at the close of the Fair.
- 10. No entries will be removed before the designated pick-up time (Saturday, June 8, 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.).
- 11. Awards are given solely as recognition of merit and will be based upon the decisions of the judges. Entries not warranting an award in the opinion of the judges will not receive an award even if there is no competition in that category. Lack of competition shall not be the cause of withholding a prize. Decisions of the judge(s) are final, and no appeals will be heard concerning the placing.
- 12. The Burnet County Area Fair reserves the right to interpret these rules and to settle all questions arising in connection with the Fair.
- 13. In no case will the Burnet County Area Fair be responsible for any accident, damage, or loss of any property.

AWARDS

First-, second-, and third-place ribbons may be given in each age group in each exhibit category of the exhibit divisions. A small cash prize will be given for each place award as follows: \$3.00 for first place, \$2.00 for second place, and \$1.00 for third place. A Best of Division award will be given for each age group in each exhibit division. In addition to a special rosette ribbon, the Best of Division award will include a small cash prize of \$5.00.

The **Anne Mae Glimp Sweepstakes** award will be given for each age group. To be eligible for the Sweepstakes award, an exhibitor must enter an item in three or more divisions (<u>NOT</u> CATEGORIES WITHIN A DIVISION). A point system based on the ranking of an exhibitor's entry within each division will be used to determine the Sweepstakes winner in each age group. The point system is as follows: **1** point for each entry; **5** points for each 3rd-place ribbon; **10** points for each 2nd-place ribbon; **15** points for each 1st-place ribbon; and **25** points for each Best of Division rosette.

The **Frances Reed, People's Choice** award for each age group will be voted on by Fair visitors and a plaque will be given to the winner at the awards ceremony Friday evening. Ballots are made available to those viewing fair entries on Friday. Containers are available at the front table for voted ballots to be placed.

Any prize money not claimed by July 31, 2024 will be forfeited and returned to BCAF treasury.

SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship for any high school graduating senior in Burnet County, whether in public, private, or home school will be presented Friday evening during the awards ceremony. The application will be on the website and available at the AgriLife Extension office. This scholarship is named the Rosalyn Lackey Memorial Scholarship in her memory.

Division 1 — Aprons

Superintendent: Connie Stuteville—phone: 512-755-0732; email: cstuteville3@gmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Aprons

- 1. Entries for the Aprons Division must have been made by the person entering the item. You may have only one (1) entry in each category, with the exception of Category 12, Mother/Daughter Aprons, which requires two (2) aprons.
- 2. Aprons are to be made of fabric.
- 3. Aprons are to be in good condition.
- 4. If the apron was made from a pattern, the pattern must be submitted in an envelope affixed to the apron. If **not** made from a pattern, the apron should have affixed to it an index card reading "Original Design."
- 5. General appearance criteria:
 - a. Attractive fabric suitable for the pattern
 - b. Well-pressed and clean
 - c. Trimmings and findings attractive
 - d. Pleasing color or color combinations
 - e. Thread and notions matched to fabric as closely as possible
 - f. Professional-looking finish
 - g. Hems and facings inconspicuous from the apron's right side

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: BIB / FULL APRON

CATEGORY 2: CHEF'S APRON

CATEGORY 3: WAIST/HALF APRON (everyday)

CATEGORY 4: WAIST/HALF APRON (applique, embroidery)

CATEGORY 5: GINGHAM APRON (cross-stitched or trimmed)

CATEGORY 6: SMOCK/COBBLER APRON

CATEGORY 7: HOLIDAY, ENTERTAINING, FANCY OR SPECIAL OCCASION APRON

CATEGORY 8: DOUBLE DUTY APRON (apron to bonnet)

CATEGORY 9: MEN'S APRON

CATEGORY 10: RECYCLED APRON (made from jeans, etc.)

CATEGORY 11: MOTHER/DAUGHTER APRONS (requires two [2] aprons)

CATEGORY 12: UTILITY APRON

CATEGORY 13: VINTAGE APRON (new apron made from vintage pattern)

CATEGORY 14: CHILD'S APRON

CATEGORY 15: APRON DEPICTING THEME OF FAIR, "HAPPINESS IS HOMEMADE"

Division 2 — Arts and Crafts

Superintendent: Lisa Zinz—phone: 512-755-3620; email: tlkzinz@hotmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Arts and Crafts

- 1. All entries must be clean and in good condition.
- 2. Wall art articles must be appropriately prepared for hanging or they may be disqualified.
- 3. General appearance: Articles must show good design and color for intended use.
- 4. Workmanship must be of high quality with attention to details.
- 5. Division Superintendent will assign exhibits to sub-categories as appropriate.

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: BASKETS

CATEGORY 2: CERAMIC CRAFTS

CATEGORY 3: CLAY CRAFTS

CATEGORY 4: COLORING CRAFTS

CATEGORY 5: DOLLS

CATEGORY 6: EMBELLISHMENT CRAFTS

CATEGORY 7. FIBER CRAFTS

CATEGORY 8: GLASS CRAFTS

CATEGORY 9: GOURDS

CATEGORY 10: HOLIDAY CRAFTS

CATEGORY 11: HOME DECOR

CATEGORY 12: LEATHER CRAFTS

CATEGORY 13: LEGO CRAFTS

CATEGORY 14: MODELS / MINIATURES CRAFTS

CATEGORY 15: PAPER CRAFTS / QUILLING

CATEGORY 16: RECYCLED / REPURPOSED CRAFTS

CATEGORY 17: SCRAPBOOKING CRAFTS

CATEGORY 18: WEAVING CRAFTS

CATEGORY 19: WOODBURNING CRAFTS

CATEGORY 20: OTHER CRAFTS

CATEGORY 21: CRAFTS DEPICTING THE THEME OF THE 2024 FAIR, "HAPPINESS IS HOMEMADE"

Division 3 — Baked Goods

Superintendent: Roberta Eacott—phone: 512-734-2089; email: rgeacott@gmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Baked Goods

- 1. All Baked Goods will be judged on Presentation (30%), Recipe (10%), and Taste and Texture (60%). All items will be cut/sliced as part of judging.
- 2. Each entry must be accompanied by the recipe. Recipes must be neatly written, printed or typewritten and must have a complete list of all ingredients that were used, as well as detailed preparation and baking instructions. The printed copies of the recipe become the property of the Burnet County Area Fair, which has the right to use the recipe(s) for fair publicity. DO NOT put the name of the exhibitor on the recipe.
- 3. All entries will remain intact and on display for the duration of the fair. Items are to be picked up at the close of the fair on Saturday afternoon at the designated pick-up time in GENERAL RULES (3:30-4:30 p.m.).
- 4. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor. All entries must be submitted on a sturdy white paper or foam plate unless otherwise noted. Each entry is to be sealed in a gallon zip bag or covered with clear plastic wrap.
- 5. All entries must be made from scratch except for those indicated otherwise. Be sure, if a mix is used, to identify the entry as Category 5.B Almost from Scratch Pies & Cobblers or Category 10 Almost from Scratch.

Food Safety Rules

Since entries will be tasted by the judges, fillings, frostings, glazings and meringues (whether uncooked or cooked) are not permitted to contain cream cheese, whipped cream, sour cream, unpasteurized milk or raw eggs due to health reasons. Exhibitors should carefully wash their hands and make sure that their hands do not have any open cuts before preparing foods. Baked Goods should be delivered in covered containers, plastic wrap, or foil.

BAKED GOODS: CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: CAKES

CATEGORY 2: CUPCAKES AND CAKE BALLS (6 each)

CATEGORY 3: COOKIES (6 each)
CATEGORY 4: CANDY (6 pieces)
CATEGORY 5: PIES AND COBBLERS

A. PIES AND COBBLERS - Crust recipe must be included in the recipe. No store-bought crusts nay be entered in this category.

B. ALMOST FROM SCRATCH PIES AND COBBLERS – Crust may be store-bought or a mix.

CATEGORY 6: QUICK BREADS – Breads made with a chemical leavening agent (such as baking powder or baking soda).

CATEGORY 7: MACHINE BREADS – Breads made with an appliance that turns raw ingredients into freshly baked bread.

CATEGORY 8: YEAST BREADS - Breads made using yeast as a leavening agent.

CATEGORY 9: ARTISAN BREADS - New category we are including this year. Please provide concise directions on the ingredients and the process of making this bread.

CATEGORY 10: SMALL BAKED GOODS – i.e., rolls, biscuits, muffins, pastries, turnovers, crackers (6 each)

CATEGORY 11: ALMOST FROM SCRATCH – item in any category except category 5 which is made from a mix but with at least two additional ingredients – same quantity requirements apply for categories 2, 3, 4 and 9.

CATEGORY 12: SPECIALIZED BAKING – any baked good addressing special dietary needs – i.e., Paleo, Vegan, Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, Diabetic (Sugar-Free)

[Rules for Baked Goods continued on next page]

Division 3 — Baked Goods, Continued

CATEGORY 13: DECORATED CAKE -

Cake is to be 1 layer high, 8x8" or 9x9", square or round.

Cake will not be judged for taste — either box or scratch will be accepted. Frosting will be tasted. Recipe is not required.

Frosting will be judged on Technique (40%), Taste (20%), and Appearance (40%).

Cake can either remain in pan and frosted only on top or removed from pan and entirely frosted.

Cake may — but does not have to be — decorated in keeping with the theme of the 2024 Fair,

"Happiness is Homemade." Make note of Food Safety Rules and Contents of Frosting. Those same rules apply here.

Division 4 — Buttons

Superintendent: Janet Graves—phone: 830-596-3193; email: jangraves@nctv.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Buttons

- 1. Old or new sewing buttons should be used prominently in each entry.
- 2. Flat pieces should be mounted on mat board or foam board and have a hanging tab.
- 3. Workmanship should be of high quality with attention to detail.
- 4. Items which are embellished with buttons by the exhibitor do not have to be made by the exhibitor (for example: garments, dolls, and stuffed animals) but may be so.
- 5. You may have only one (1) entry in each category.

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: COLLAGE on 9x12-inch mat board or foam board using at least 3 sewing buttons. The theme of the collage is "HAPPINESS IS HOMEMADE" (Please provide hanging tab.)

CATEGORY 2: BUTTON JEWELRY

CATEGORY 3: EMBELLISHED GARMENT

CATEGORY 4: HOLIDAY CRAFT USING BUTTONS

CATEGORY 5: STUFFED ANIMAL OR DOLL USING BUTTONS

CATEGORY 6: BUTTON COLLECTION: Collection of 10 buttons displayed on a 9x12-inch mat board or foam board.

Buttons should show a commonality such as 10 buttons made from the same material, or 10 buttons showing animals or plants, or 10 buttons showing different shapes. Label the theme of the collection (the common factor). *Members of local, state or national*

button clubs may not enter this category.

CATEGORY 7: BUTTON COLLECTION: Collection of 20 buttons displayed on a 9x12-inch mat board or foam board.

Buttons should show a commonality such as 20 buttons made from the same material, or 20 buttons showing animals or plants, or 20 buttons showing different shapes. Label the theme of the collection (the common factor). *Members of local, state or national*

button clubs are eligible to enter this category.

CATEGORY 8: OTHER

Division 5 — Clothing

Superintendent: Polly Krenek—phone: 512-355-2633; cell: 512-663-7941 email: mpkrenek@yahoo.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Clothing

- 1. Garments and wearable items are to be made from fabric or leather and must have been made by the exhibitor within the past 12 months (since mid-June 2023).
- 2. Judging will be done on appearance, construction, workmanship, seams straight, neatness, threads clipped, and good sewing techniques.
- 3. General appearance criteria:
 - a. Attractive fabric suitable for the purpose of garment
 - b. Well pressed and clean
 - c. Current styling or good basic style
 - d. Trimmings and findings attractive
 - e. Pleasing color or color combinations
 - f. Correct grain lines, matched plaids or stripes if applicable
 - g. Thread and notions matched to fabric as closely as possible
 - h. Professional-looking finish
 - i. Hems and facings inconspicuous from the garment's right side
 - j. Linings, interfacings and/or under linings should not add excess bulk or cause unsightly wrinkling.
- 4. All garments and wearable items must be on hangers.
- 5. If the garment was made from a pattern, the pattern must be submitted in an envelope affixed to the garment. If *not* made from a pattern, the garment or wearable item should have affixed to it an index card reading "Original Design."
- 6. Under General Sewing criteria:
 - a. Attractive fabric suitable for the items
 - b. Well pressed and clean
 - c. Thread and notions matched to fabric as closely as possible
 - d. Professional-looking finish

CATEGORIES - CLOTHING

CATEGORY 1: DRESS

CATEGORY 2: BLOUSE

CATEGORY 3: SHIRT (Set-in sleeves, collar, buttonholes or snaps)
CATEGORY 4: DRESSY – PANTS, SLACKS, TROUSERS, CAPRIS
CATEGORY 5: SPORT – PANTS, SLACKS, TROUSERS, CAPRIS

CATEGORY 6: SKIRT

CATEGORY 7: COAT, JACKET, CAPE

CATEGORY 8: ENSEMBLE (COORDINATED PIECES)

CATEGORY 9: TAILORED SUIT - MEN'S

CATEGORY 10: TAILORED SUIT - WOMEN'S

CATEGORY 11: VEST

CATEGORY 12: TIE OR SCARF

CATEGORY 13: HAT

[Rules for Clothing continued on next page]

Division 5 — Clothing, Continued

CATEGORY 14: PURSE / BAG

CATEGORY 15: APRON

CATEGORY 16: INFANT CLOTHES

CATEGORY 17: CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

CATEGORY 18: DOLL CLOTHES

CATEGORY 19: WEDDING, FORMAL, OR EVENING WEAR

CATEGORY 20: CHRISTENING

CATEGORY 21: QUILTED, EMBELLISHED, OR APPLIQUED

CATEGORY 22: LINGERIE AND LOUNGEWEAR

CATEGORY 23: ETHNIC NATIVE ATTIRE

CATEGORY 24: RECYCLED ITEM

CATEGORY 25: OTHER

CATEGORY 26: NATURAL FIBERS (Any garment made predominantly [~70% or more] of wool, mohair, silk, linen, or

cotton)

CATEGORY 27: ENTRY DEPICTING THE 2024 FAIR THEME - "HAPPINESS IS HOMEMADE"

"SILVER STAR" DISPLAY

ENTRY (ANY TYPE LISTED ABOVE) FOR DISPLAY ONLY, NOT FOR JUDGING

Division 5A — General Sewing

Superintendent: Polly Krenek—phone: 512-355-2633; cell: 512-663-7941

email: mpkrenek@yahoo.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for General Sewing

Criteria specific to General Sewing:

- a. Attractive fabric suitable for the items
- b. Well pressed and clean
- c. Thread and notions matched to fabric as closely as possible
- d. Professional-looking finish

CATEGORIES - GENERAL SEWING

CATEGORY 1: KITCHEN ITEM OR SET OF ITEMS (2 or more that match, e.g., stand mixer cover and toaster cover)

(NOTE: This category excludes Aprons!)

CATEGORY 2: PILLOWS

CATEGORY 3. WALL HANGINGS (no larger than 48" x 36")

CATEGORY 4: TABLE RUNNER

CATEGORY 5: OTHER

CATEGORY 6: ENTRY DEPICTING THE 2024 FAIR THEME - "HAPPINESS IS HOMEMADE"

"SILVER STAR" DISPLAY

GENERAL SEWING ENTRY (ANY TYPE LISTED ABOVE) FOR DISPLAY ONLY, NOT FOR JUDGING

Division 6 — Creative Writing

In cooperation with the Highland Lakes Writers' Club, Marble Falls, Texas Superintendent: Kay Lee—phone: 512-964-3021; email: mlee43@moment.net

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Creative Writing

PLEASE NOTE: Submission requirements for Creative Writing Division differ from those in previous years. In 2024, submissions will be accepted **ALL DAY** on Wednesday, June 5, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. During these hours contestants will turn in their registration forms and entries. **NO** entries be accepted on the following day, Thursday, June 6. All entries will be judged by Thursday evening, June 6. Please carefully read the statements below, which apply equally to all three age groups and to all four categories:

CREATIVE WRITING: CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: POETRY BASED ON THE FAIR THEME*

CATEGORY 2: POETRY, ANY SUBJECT

CATEGORY 3: PROSE BASED ON THE FAIR THEME*

CATEGORY 4: PROSE, ANY SUBJECT

*Fair theme for 2024: "Happiness Is Homemade"

REQUIREMENTS FOR LENGTH AND CONTENT OF ENTRIES:

- 1. Poetry entries are limited to <u>one</u> (1) per Category, maximum length 32 lines. Poems may rhyme, or they may be free verse; they may either follow traditional forms (sonnet, villanelle, quatrain, tercet, haiku, etc.) or not. Subject matter will determine the appropriate category for each poem.
- 2. Prose entries are limited to <u>one</u> (1) per Category, maximum length 500 words. Prose entries may be articles, editorials, essays, short-short stories, flash fiction, journal entries, memoir, and the like. As with poetry, subject matter will determine the appropriate category for each prose entry.
- 3. For prose entries, do not count the title as "words." For poetry entries, do not count either the title or blank spaces (if any) after it or blank spaces between stanzas.
- 4. All subject matter must be suitable for exhibition to a general audience, including children.

REQUIREMENTS FOR **PREPARATION** OF ENTRIES:

- 1. Contestants must prepare <u>three</u> (3) identical hard copies of their submission in <u>each</u> category. Only <u>one</u> (1) submission per category is allowed. **NO** electronic copies will be accepted!
- 2. All entries must be typewritten or computer-generated on standard letter-size (8.5 x 11-inch) white paper, preferably 20-lb or 24-lb.
- 3. Margins must be 1 inch on all four sides.
- 4. The font recommended for use is 12-point Times or Times New Roman. Arial (12-point) and Courier (10-point) are also acceptable.
- 5. For multiple-page entries, pages must be numbered.
- 6. Printing must appear on only one side of the paper, not both.
- 7. Prose entries must be <u>double-spaced</u>. Poetry entries may be space-and-a-half.
- 8. Multiple-page entries must be paper-clipped together. Stapled entries will be disqualified!
- 9. The author's name must NOT appear on any of the three identical hard copies submitted!

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Division 6 — Creative Writing, Continued

REQUIREMENTS FOR **SUBMISSION** OF ENTRIES:

- <u>All</u> entries in the Creative Writing Division must be submitted *in person* at the Burnet County Area Fair at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Auditorium, 607 North Vandeveer Street, Burnet, Texas, on *Wednesday, June 5* (9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.) This deadline is firm. NO entries will be accepted on Thursday, June 6!
- 2. Contestants must submit three (3) identical hard copies of each submission.
- 3. The author's name must not appear anywhere on the three hard copies that constitute an entry!
- 4. When entries are brought to the AgriLife Office, a registrar will provide the contestant with both a letter-size white "exhibitor form" and a smaller, color-coded "exhibitor tag" to fill out. These forms are the ONLY places the contestant's name can appear! This ensures that the entry will be judged in accordance with the rules of the Burnet County Area
 - Fair. Adults will receive pink tags; Senior Youth, blue tags; and Junior Youth, gold tags. Exhibitor tags are randomly numbered, so those given to one individual are unlikely to be in sequence.
- 5. Only the Superintendent will know which tag number and exhibitor number correspond to each entry. Two (2) originals of each entry will be kept on file by the superintendent: one for the Fair and one for the Highland Lakes Writers' Club. The third original will be photocopied, if necessary, to facilitate judging.
- 6. Judges will not know the identity of exhibitors. Entries will be identified only by exhibitor number and tag number.
- 7. If the contestant is entering other divisions besides Creative Writing, his/her exhibitor form must list <u>all</u> of the entries associated with that exhibitor number. Tags are issued at the Fair site on June 5 for entries in <u>all</u> divisions *including* Creative Writing. The contestant MUST return his/her completed exhibitor form before leaving the site of the Fair!
- 8. Members of the Highland Lakes Writers' Club, or others known to them (for example, teachers in local schools and colleges), will serve as judges. Most are published authors as well as long-time residents of the Texas Hill Country. In their evaluation of each entry, they will consider accuracy in spelling, diction, grammar, and punctuation, in addition to content and clarity of expression. The identity of contestants will not be known to judges until winners are announced publicly on the morning of Friday, June 7, 2024.

RETURN OF ORIGINAL SUBMISSIONS

Creative Writing contestants must pick up their entries on Saturday afternoon, June 8, 2024, between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. At that time, copies of their entries will be returned to them, as well as ribbons, rosettes, certificates, cash awards, and other winnings they may have garnered.

ANY QUESTIONS should be directed to the Division Superintendent, Kay Lee, at 512-964-3021, email mlee43@moment.net. Ms. Lee serves as Rules Chair for the 2024 Burnet County Area Fair as well as Secretary of the Highland Lakes Writers' Club.

Division 7 — Fine Arts

Superintendent: Lida Woodul—phone: 713-816-2080; email: lcwoodcomp@gmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Fine Arts

- 1. All entries must be at least 100% done by the exhibitor.
- 2. Painting, including frame, may not be larger than 36" by 27". All framed paintings must be dry, and substantially wired for hanging display.
- 3. Exhibitors submitting porcelain arts entries (Categories 11 & 12) should provide a display easel or stand for each entry, if needed. Porcelain entries that are chipped or mended with glue will not be accepted.
- 4. Flat art pieces that do not require a frame, but that need to be hung for display, must be mounted on a foam core backing and must have a hanging tab that will support the weight of the piece.
- 5. All freestanding artwork must be substantial enough to be placed on a shelf or on the floor, depending on size of piece.
- 6. Entries must have been completed in the last year (June 2023-present).
- 7. Entries from a previous Burnet County Area Fair are not eligible to be submitted again.
- 8. The Fair Board reserves the right to reject work based on size, fragility, inappropriate content, or other rule infringements.
- 9. Seminar-, Class-, or Instructor-assisted submissions are eligible for Category 8 only.

CATEGORIES

- CATEGORY 1: OIL PAINTING (oil, enamel, alkyd, encaustic)
- CATEGORY 2: WATERCOLOR (watercolor, tempera, gouache, or any media used transparently on paper)
- CATEGORY 3: ACRYLIC PAINTING (casein, acrylic and egg tempera)
- CATEGORY 4: DRAWINGS (anything drawn with pencil, crayon, pastel, charcoal, chalk, pen and ink, or any mixture of these)
- CATEGORY 5: SCULPTURE (metal, clay, wood, or stone)
- CATEGORY 6: MIXED MEDIA (more than one medium and collages)
- CATEGORY 7: RECYCLED MATERIAL (use of any non-typical medium such as paper, wood, rubber, rubber, etc.)
- CATEGORY 8: SEMINAR-/CLASS-/INSTRUCTOR-ASSISTED, COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, DISPLAY ONLY
- CATEGORY 9: ART OTHER (art not fitting into other categories listed above)
- CATEGORY 10. CARTOON (original cartoon drawing)
- CATEGORY 11: PORCELAIN ARTS HOLIDAY
- CATEGORY 12: PORCELAIN ARTS OTHER

NOTE: When a category listed above has a sufficient number of entries (in the opinion of the Burnet County Area Fair Fine Arts Division Superintendent), subcategories may be established and judged within the main category. First-place winners are the only entries eligible for Best of Division consideration.

Division 8 — Ice Cream Crank-Off

Superintendent: Lynda French—phone: 512-525-1289; email: frenchlynda55@gmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Note: The Ice Cream Crank-Off will be held Friday, June 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Entries **must be checked in** by 1:45 p.m. on that day!

Exhibitors **must register** during registration hours on June 5 or 6 and **must attach** the ice cream recipe(s) to the registration form.

Submission Rules for Ice Cream Crank-Off

- 1. All entries containing milk and/or eggs must be pasteurized products. No raw eggs or fresh milk!
- 2. Ice cream must be made from scratch and not purchased.
- 3. Ice cream must be brought to the contest already cranked and ready to be judged. DO NOT OPEN prior to arrival.
- 4. Any type of ice cream maker may be used.
- 5. At least a half gallon of ice cream is to be presented.
- 6. You may enter as many flavors/categories as you like. Each will have a separate tag.
- 7. Entries will be judged on:

Recipe 20 points
Appearance and aroma 15 points
Texture 15 points
Taste 50 points

Judges reserve the right to refuse to taste any entry.

- 8. After judging is completed, samples will be provided to the public. No samples may be given out until the public tasting begins.
- 9. Contestants are required to serve samples to the public. We recommend having a helper to assist you and promote your ice cream to the public.
- 10. For the public tasting, the Burnet County Area Fair will provide a zip-lock bag which will contain a spoon, a napkin, and a People's Choice ballot. Contestants will be provided with containers (2 oz. each) in which to serve the ice cream
- 11. Bring a serving spoon, a pan in which to set your ice cream freezer, additional ice to keep your ice cream frozen, and any other item(s) you may need. Tables will be provided by the Fair.

Awards for Ice Cream Crank-Off

- 1. First-, second-, and third-place ribbons will be awarded in each age group for the five categories.
- 2. From all the first-place winners in each age group, the Best of Division will be awarded.
- 3. A People's Choice award (plaque) will be determined by the public.

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: VANILLA

CATEGORY 2: CHOCOLATE

CATEGORY 3: FRUIT

CATEGORY 4: SHERBET

CATEGORY 5: OTHER

Division 9 — Jewelry

Superintendent: Lisa Zinz—phone: 512-755-3620; email: tlkzinz@hotmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Jewelry

- 1. All entries must be clean and in good condition.
- 2. General appearance: Entries must show good design and color.
- 3. Workmanship must be of high quality with attention to detail.

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: NECKLACE

CATEGORY 2: EARRINGS

CATEGORY 3: BRACELET

CATEGORY 4: FABRIC ITEMS

CATEGORY 5: SETS

CATEGORY 6: ENTRIES DEPICTING THE THEME OF THE 2024 FAIR, "HAPPINESS IS HOMEMADE"

Division 10 — Metal Arts

Superintendent: Lisa Zinz—phone: 512-755-3620; email: tlkzinz@hotmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Metal Arts

- 1. All entries must be clean and in good condition.
- 2. Wall art articles must be appropriately prepared for hanging or they may be disqualified.
- 3. General Appearance: Entry must show good design and color (optional) for intended use.
- 4. Workmanship must be of high quality with attention to detail.

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: INDOOR SCULPTURE/DECOR

CATEGORY 2: OUTDOOR SCULPTURE/DECOR

CATEGORY 3: INDOOR FURNITURE - TABLE

CATEGORY 4: INDOOR FURNITURE - CHAIR

CATEGORY 5: INDOOR FURNITURE - BENCH

CATEGORY 6: OUTDOOR FURNITURE - TRELLIS

CATEGORY 7: OUTDOOR FURNITURE - TABLE

CATEGORY 8: OUTDOOR FURNITURE - CHAIR

CATEGORY 9: OUTDOOR FURNITURE - BENCH

CATEGORY 10: JEWELRY

CATEGORY 11: HOLLOWARE

CATEGORY 12: YARD ART

CATEGORY 13: SIGNS

CATEGORY 14: RECYCLED

CATEGORY 15: OTHER

CATEGORY 16: ENTRIES DEPICTING THE THEME OF THE 2024 FAIR, "HAPPINESS IS HOMEMADE"

Division 11 — Needlework

Superintendent: Lynda French—phone: 512-525-1289; email: frenchlynda55@gmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Needlework

- 1. Kits will be accepted.
- 2. All entries must be clean and in good condition.
- 3. Framed needlework must be capable of being hung.
- 4. Judges will consider the following criteria:
 - a. General appearance
 - b. Workmanship
 - c. Simplicity versus complexity
 - d. Beauty and design
 - e. If the piece is framed, does the frame complement the item?
 - f. If the piece is matted, do the mat size and color complement the item?

CATEGORIES

CROCHET AND KNITTING

- CATEGORY 1: LAP THROW / AFGHAN CROCHET
- CATEGORY 2: LAP THROW / AFGHAN KNITTED
- CATEGORY 3: SWEATER CROCHET
- CATEGORY 4: SWEATER KNITTED
- CATEGORY 5: BABY SET CROCHET
- CATEGORY 6: BABY SET KNITTED
- CATEGORY 7: STOLE, CAPE, OR SCARF CROCHET
- CATEGORY 8: STOLE, CAPE, OR SCARF KNITTED
- CATEGORY 9: ACCESSORIES CROCHET
 - A. Hat
 - B. Purse
 - C. Slippers
 - D. Other
- CATEGORY 10: ACCESSORIES KNITTED
 - A. Hat
 - B. Purse
 - C. Slippers
 - D. Other
- CATEGORY 11: SUIT OR DRESS KNITTED OR CROCHET
- CATEGORY 12: DOILY CROCHET
- CATEGORY 13: DOLL OR STUFFED ANIMAL
 - A. Crochet
 - B. Hand Embroidery
 - C. Knitted
- CATEGORY 14: NATURAL FIBERS
 - A. Garment
 - B. Skein
 - C. Other

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Division 11 — Needlework, Continued, 2

HAND EMBROIDERY (Floss, Crewel, Stamped Cross Stitch, Counted Cross Stitch, and Other)

CATEGORY 15: APRONS

CATEGORY 16: KITCHEN ITEMS

CATEGORY 17: PILLOW

CATEGORY 18: TABLECLOTH

CATEGORY 19: SCARF / TABLE RUNNER

CATEGORY 20: PILLOWCASES CATEGORY 21: SMOCKED ITEM CATEGORY 22: QUILTED ITEM

CATEGORY 23: OTHER

MACHINE EMBROIDERY

CATEGORY 24: DECORATIVE ITEMS

CATEGORY 25: CLOTHING CATEGORY 26: QUILTED ITEM

CATEGORY 27: OTHER

NEEDLEPOINT

CATEGORY 28: PILLOW CATEGORY 29: BELL PULL CATEGORY 30: RUG

CATEGORY 31: ACCESSORIES

CATEGORY 32: OTHER

RUGS

CATEGORY 33: LATCH HOOK CATEGORY 34: BRAIDED CATEGORY 35: CROCHET CATEGORY 36: OTHER

FRAMED NEEDLEWORK

CATEGORY 37: EMBROIDERED CATEGORY 38: NEEDLEPOINT

CATEGORY 39: COUNTED CROSS STITCH

CATEGORY 40: APPLIQUED CATEGORY 41: SEWN CATEGORY 42: OTHER

APPLIQUE

CATEGORY 43: HAND APPLIQUED CATEGORY 44: MACHINE APPLIQUED

CATEGORY 45: QUILTED ITEM

CATEGORY 46: OTHER

OTHER

CATEGORY 47: HOLIDAY (ANY TYPE LISTED ABOVE)

THEME OF FAIR 2024

CATEGORY 48: ENTRY (ANY TYPE LISTED ABOVE) DEPICTING "Happiness Is Homemade"

"SILVER STAR" DISPLAY

CATEGORY 49: ENTRY (ANY TYPE LISTED ABOVE) FOR DISPLAY ONLY. NOT FOR JUDGING.

Division 12 — Patriotism

Superintendent: Polly Krenek—phone: 512-355-2633; cell: 512-663-7941 email: mpkrenek@yahoo.com

The Patriotism Division reflects all Patriotic Holidays, showcases items of red, white and blue, or honors the Military and First Responders.

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Patriotism

- 1. The entries for this Division must be made or assembled by the person entering the item(s), <u>EXCEPT in Category 9</u>, which can be any Patriotic item that was given to you by a friend or family member who served in the Military, with said item accompanied by a story.
- 2. The exhibitor can have only *one* (1) entry in each category, unless it's a set of items—for example, a tablecloth and napkins, or the Mother/Daughter Aprons Category (see Division 1), which requires two items.
- 3. All items can be made of purchased materials and assembled by the exhibitor.
- 4. General criteria:
 - a. Items are to be in good, clean condition; fabric items should be well pressed, with trimmings and findings attractive, pleasing color or color combinations, thread and notions matched to fabric as closely as possible, hems and facings inconspicuous from the right side, and a professional-looking finish.
 - b. Aprons, table runners, placemats, tablecloths, napkins, and pillows (pillow forms can be used) are to be of fabric and sewed by the exhibitor.
 - c. Attractive fabric suitable for the pattern should be used.
 - d. Table centerpieces shall not exceed 24 inches.
 - e. Wreaths shall be no larger than 36 inches.
 - f. All mechanics shall be inconspicuous.
 - g. All items must reflect the Patriotic theme of the Division.

CATEGORIES - PATRIOTISM

CATEGORY 1: PATRIOTIC WREATH

CATEGORY 2: PATRIOTIC SCULPTURE

CATEGORY 3: PATRIOTIC TABLE LINENS (cloths, napkins, placemats, table runner)

CATEGORY 4: PATRIOTIC PILLOW

CATEGORY 5: PATRIOTIC WALL HANGING OR WALL ART

A. Wooden HangingsB. Fabric Hangings

CATEGORY 6: PATRIOTIC CARVING OR CERAMICS ITEM

CATEGORY 7: PATRIOTIC ARRANGEMENT

A. Artificial Flowers or Plants

B. Live Flowers or Plants

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Division 12 — Patriotism, Continued

CATEGORY 8: PATRIOTIC QUILT (any size)

A. Hand QuiltedB. Machine Quilted

CATEGORY 9: PATRIOTIC MEMORY ITEMS (see Rule 1 under Submission Rules)

CATEGORY 10: CLOTHING

CATEGORY 11: APRONS

CATEGORY 12: PATRIOTIC PAINTING

CATEGORY 13: OTHER PATRIOTIC ITEM

CATEGORY 14: PATRIOTIC ITEM DEPICTING THE 2024 FAIR THEME, "HAPPINESS IS HOMEMADE"

"SILVER STAR" DISPLAY

PATRIOTIC ENTRY (ANY TYPE LISTED ABOVE) FOR DISPLAY ONLY, NOT FOR JUDGING

Division 13 — Photography

Superintendent: TBA; email:

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

(But please note <u>rule 7</u> below, an exception to the General Rules made for the Photography Division *only*)

- 1. Photography must be printed on photo paper.
- 2. The MAXIMUM size of a mounted photo must be 8 x 10 inches or 8 x 12 inches or 8 x 8 inches.
- 3. It is strongly recommended that ALL entries be 8 x 10 inches or 8 x 12 inches or 8 x 8 inches.
- 4. Photos must be mounted on study 8- x 10-inch or 8- x 12-inch or 8- x 8-inch backing <u>USING</u> mat board or foam core board. The quality of the mount will be considered in judging.
- 5. Photos smaller than the mounted board should be centered on the board.
- 6. Framed photos or matted photos are ineligible and will not be accepted.
- 7. Entries are limited to TWO photos per category per entrant.
- 8. Computer software may be used to enhance a photo—contrast, color intensity, etc. <u>NO</u> manipulation is allowed with the exception of Category 5.
- 9. No entries from professionals will be accepted. Photographers earning more than \$6,000 a year from photography are considered professional.
- 10. All ribbon-winning photos will be exhibited from the opening of the Fair until the close of the Fair. Remaining entries will be displayed on a space-available basis.
- 11. All images must be suitable for exhibition to a general audience, including children.

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: SCENIC / LANDSCAPES / SEASCAPES

CATEGORY 2: CITYSCAPES / ARCHITECTURE

CATEGORY 3: ANIMALS (DOMESTICATED AND WILD)

CATEGORY 4: PLANTS, FLOWERS, STILL LIFE

CATEGORY 5: DIGITALLY MANIPULATED

CATEGORY 6: TRANSPORTATION

CATEGORY 7: PEOPLE

CATEGORY 8: BLACK AND WHITE

CATEGORY 9: RURAL LIFE

CATEGORY 10: MISCELLANEOUS (ANYTHING THAT DOESN'T FIT IN CATEGORIES 1-9)

Division 14 — Potted Plants and Flowers

Superintendent: Val Klaudt—phone: 512-588-0696; email: val.klaudt@gmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Potted Plants and Flowers

- 1. All entries in Potted Plants and Flowers must be the property of the exhibitor, who will in most cases have grown them. (See Rule 2 below.)
- 2. Plants and flowers used in designs (see Categories 11, 14, 15, and 19) must be fresh; however, they need not **necessarily** have been grown by the exhibitor.
- 3. All entries other than "Flower Arrangements" (Categories 11-13) potted plants, hanging baskets, dish gardens, and other must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least six weeks, or since mid-April of 2024.
- 4. All entries other than "Flower Arrangements" should have been growing in their containers for at least six weeks, or since mid-April of 2024. The reason is that judges will consider the relative proportion of plant size to container size. Thus, if an exhibitor repots a plant in the early spring of 2024, that exhibitor should consider and plan for the likely growth of his/her plant by June 2024.
- 5. All entries must be clean and free of visible pests and/or spray residue, or they may be refused.
- 6. All containers must have the exhibitor's name and address attached in such a way that it will not be visible to the judges (e.g., a small printed return-address label on the bottom).
- 7. "Dish Gardens" (Categories 14 and 15) both "Succulents Only" and "Mixed Species" should place greater emphasis on **horticultural specimens** than on fanciful or decorative elements.
- 8. All plants and cut specimens must be identified and labeled by the exhibitor!
- 9. Judging criteria for Potted Plants and Flowers include, but are not necessarily limited to: (a) overall health, appearance, and grooming; (b) color; (c) size; and (d) form, which includes such attributes as symmetry, proportion of plant to pot, substance, stems, foliage, and number and size of blooms if the entry is presented as a "flowering" potted plant or hanging basket (Categories 3, 8, and 21).

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 2: POTTED PLANTS - FOLIAGE PLANTS CATEGORY 3: POTTED PLANTS - FLOWERING PLANTS CATEGORY 4: POTTED PLANTS - SUCCULENTS CATEGORY 5: POTTED PLANTS - MIXED SPECIES AND OTHER CATEGORY 6: HANGING BASKETS - FERNS CATEGORY 7: HANGING BASKETS - FOLIAGE PLANTS CATEGORY 8: HANGING BASKETS - FLOWERING PLANTS CATEGORY 9: HANGING BASKETS - SUCCULENTS CATEGORY 10: HANGING BASKETS - MIXED SPECIES AND OTHER CATEGORY 11: FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS - FRESH CATEGORY 12: FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS - DRIED CATEGORY 13: FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS - ARTIFICIAL CATEGORY 14: DISH GARDENS - SUCCULENTS ONLY CATEGORY 15: DISH GARDENS - MIXED SPECIES CATEGORY 16: SPECIALTY: HERBS GROWN IN POTS CATEGORY 17: SPECIALTY: ORCHIDS CATEGORY 18: SPECIALTY: AFRICAN VIOLETS CATEGORY 19: SPECIALTY: ARRANGEMENT OF SUCCULENTS ONLY CATEGORY 20: SPECIALTY: TILLANDSIAS CATEGORY 21: PLANTS AND FLOWERS - ALL OTHER

CATEGORY 1: POTTED PLANTS - FERNS

Division 15 — Preserved Foods

Superintendent: Hazel Risley—phone: 214-632-5416; email: hmrisley@gmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Preserved Foods (including Dried Foods)

- 1. Judging is based on current USDA approved processing methods and times, headspace, pack, uniformity of pieces, appearance of the product, liquid, and cleanliness of the jar and band. Headspace for each product varies. As a general rule, leave 1-inch headspace for low-acid foods, vegetables and meats; ½-inch headspace for high-acid foods, fruits, tomatoes, pickles and relishes; ¼-inch headspace for juices, jams and jellies; ¾ to ½ inch headspace for honey. Be sure to use the correct recommended headspace for each product. All exhibits must have been prepared by the exhibitor since June 2023.
- 2. All canned and dried products must be processed in compliance with the current USDA guidelines for safe food preservation and the <u>Ball Complete Book of Home Preserving</u>.
- 3. <u>All</u> canning must be in standard <u>Ball/Kerr</u> canning jars with a lid and band. All lids must have an airtight seal with ring intact, smooth, unbent and free from rust and corrosion.
- 4. All jelly, jam, preserves, and butters should be in a standard **Ball/Kerr** canning jar, with a lid and band. Leave the band on the jar. No paraffin seals will be accepted.
- 5. All containers must be sealed to be judged. No canned good will be opened or tasted.
- 6. <u>JAR TOPS</u> should be labeled with contents and dated. Exhibitor's name <u>MUST NOT</u> be included on the jar or the recipe.
- 7. A recipe specifying ingredients, directions and method of preservation <u>MUST</u> accompany all entries. The recipe should be submitted a 5x7 note card or paper of the same size. Nothing larger will be accepted.
- 8. All canned goods with the exception of honey and dried foods must be heat processed using either a boiling water bath or a pressure cooker, as appropriate. No open kettle method allowed.
- 9. The superintendent reserves the right to split categories if entries justify it.
- 10. The same item cannot be entered in more than one category, with the exception of Category 1, Gift Container.
- 11. Unless otherwise noted, all exhibits must be in half-pint, pint, or quart jars.

CATEGORIES

| CATEGORY 1: | from Categories 2 through 15.) | The theme for this year's conta is category should reflect the th | ineı | nt homemade preserved products r/basket is "Happiness Is e. The items in the container may |
|-------------|--|---|------|--|
| CATEGORY 2: | FRUIT (Pint or Quart Jar) A. Apples / Applesauce | E. Pears | l. | Tomatoes |

A. Apples / Applesauce E. Pears I. Tomatoe
B. Apricots F. Plums J. Other
C. Berries G. Sour cherries
D. Peaches H. Sweet cherries

CATEGORY 3: FRUIT BUTTERS (Jelly Glass or Pint or Half-pint Jar)

A. Apple C. Pear B. Peach D. Other

CATEGORY 4: JAMS (Jelly Glass, Pint or Half-pint Jar)

A. Apple F. Cranberry K. Raspberry
B. Apricot G. Fig L. Rhubarb
C. Blackberry H. Grape M. Strawberry
D. Blueberry I. Peach N. Tomato
E. Cherry J. Plum O. Other

Division 15 — Preserved Foods, Continued

CATEGORY 5: JELLIES (Jelly Glass, Pint or Half-pint Jar) A. Apple E. Cranberry I. Plum B. Apricot F. Grape J. Raspberry C. Blackberry G. Jalapeno K. Strawberry D. Cherry H. Peach L. Other CATEGORY 6: PRESERVES (Jelly Glass, Pint or Half-pint Jar) F. Fig K. Rhubarb A. Apple B. Apricot G. Grape L. Strawberry C. Blackberry H. Peach M. Tomato I. Plum N. Other D. Cherry E. Cranberry J. Raspberry CATEGORY 7: PICKLED GOODS (Pint or Quart Jar) A. Beets E. Mixed pickles or H. Sweet pickles B. Bread & butter pickles last of garden I. Other F. Okra C. Dill pickles D. Jalapenos G. Squash CATEGORY 8: SAUCES (Pint or Quart Jar) A. Corn Relish D. Salsa G. Other B. Sauces E. Tomato C. Spaghetti F. Tomato Catsup CATEGORY 9: RELISH (Pint or Quart Jar) A. Corn relish C. Sandwich spread E. Sweet / hot relish B. Jalapeno relish D. Sweet relish F. Other CATEGORY 10: VEGETABLES (Pint or Quart Jar) A. Beans, green or yellow D. Corn G. Soup or soup mix B. Beets E. Okra H. Other C. Carrots F. Squash CATEGORY 11: MISCELLANEOUS (Jelly Glass, Pint, or Half-pint Jar) A. Honey B. Other **QUANTITY REQUIREMENTS - DRIED FOODS** Exhibitor must have two submissions for each entered item. Display entry use a standard canning jar with the lid and band. Use appropriate size container for type or size of dried food. Second submission - In a Ziplock bag place an adequate sample for judges to observe. Bags will be opened but will not be tasted. CATEGORY 12: Dried Fruits & Vegetables (Pint or Half-Pint) A. Apples E. Oranges I. Corn B. Apricots F. Peaches J. Peppers C. Bananas G. Pears K. Mushrooms D. Berries H. Plums L. Other CATEGORY 13: Fruit Leathers (Pint or Half-Pint) CATEGORY 14: Dried Herbs – one container only (Pint or Half-Pint) *Note: All Herbs to be leaves. Do not grind or chop herbs. Jars to be full and must be in specified size. E. Parslev A. Basil B. Dill F. Sage C. Marjoram G. Thyme D. Oregano H. Any other dried herb. Specify CATEGORY 15: Dried Meats (Pint or Quart) C. Other

B. Beef Jerky

A. Venison Jerky

Division 16 — Quilting

Superintendent: Barb Graves—phone: 469-766-9325; email: <u>barbgg2000@yahoo.com</u> Co-Superintendent: Suzanna Johnson—phone: 832-563-2588; email: zannalane@gmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

General Rule #4 states that entries are limited to one entry per category per exhibitor.

Also, please note: With respect to set-up, registration, entry acceptance, and judging, the Quilting Division follows a schedule different from that for other divisions. Check the Fair's website, "Schedule of Events," for the Quilting Division schedule, or contact either of the two superintendents.

Submission Rules for Quilting

- 1. A quilt is defined as padding between two layers of fabric, held together by stitching (quilting) or tying.
- 2. Each entry must be the work of the person entering the item. Heirloom Quilts are the exception.
- 3. All Entries must be completed. No unfinished quilt tops will be accepted.
- 4. Wall Hangings must be less than 240 inches in circumference.
- 5. Miniatures must be no more than 60 inches.
- 6. Group quilts will be made by two (2) or more persons. The person who quilted the quilt top is not included in this count.
- 7. The name or names of quilter, if known, can be included on the entry tag that will be attached to the exhibit item. Group Quilts can have group name.
- 8. Heirloom Quilts are approximately older than 50 years old. The quilt maker can be unknown or deceased.
- 9. The division Superintendent or Co-Superintendent reserve the right to change a quilted item's category.
- 10. Judges will consider the following criteria:
 - a. General appearance
 - b. Workmanship
 - c. Beauty and Design
 - d. Color harmony
- 11. Unjudged quilts will be quilts that the exhibitor wants to share with the Fair attendees. These quilts will not be judged.

CATEGORIES

All Hand Work

CATEGORY 1) ALL HAND WORK GENERAL

CATEGORY 2) APPLIQUE

CATEGORY 3) EMBROIDERY

CATEGORY 4) ORIGINAL DESIGN

CATEGORY 5) KIT

CATEGORY 6) HOLIDAY

CATEGORY 7) FIRST QUILT

CATEGORY 8) GROUP

Combination Machine and Hand Work

CATEGORY 9) COMBINATION MACHINE AND HANDWORK GENERAL

CATEGORY 10) APPLIQUE

CATEGORY 11) EMBROIDERY

CATEGORY 12) ORIGINAL DESIGN

CATEGORY 13) KIT

CATEGORY 14) HOLIDAY

CATEGORY 15) FIRST QUILT

CATEGORY 16) GROUP

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Division 16 — Quilting, Continued, 2

All Machine Pieced-Self Quilted

CATEGORY 17) MACHINE PIECED GENERAL

CATEGORY 18) APPLIQUE

CATEGORY 19) PAPER PIECING

CATEGORY 20) EMBROIDERY

CATEGORY 21) ORIGINAL DESIGN

CATEGORY 22) KIT

CATEGORY 23) HOLIDAY

CATEGORY 24) FIRST QUILT

All Machine Pieced-Quilted by Second Person

CATEGORY 25) MACHINE PIECED GENERAL

CATEGORY 26) APPLIQUE

CATEGORY 27) PAPER PIECING

CATEGORY 28) EMBROIDERY

CATEGORY 29) ORIGINAL DESIGN

CATEGORY 30) KIT

CATEGORY 31) HOLIDAY

CATEGORY 32) FIRST QUILT

All Machine Work Group (More Than 2 People)

CATEGORY 33) MACHINE WORK GROUP

CATEGORY 34) APPLIQUE

CATEGORY 35) PAPER PIECING

CATEGORY 36) EMBROIDERY

CATEGORY 37) ORIGINAL DESIGN

CATEGORY 38) KIT

CATEGORY 39) HOLIDAY

Other

CATEGORY 40) FAIR THEME QUILT

CATEGORY 41) LAP QUILT

CATEGORY 42) MINIATURE

CATEGORY 43) BABY QUILT

CATEGORY 44) PANEL QUILT

CATEGORY 45) WALL HANGING

CATEGORY 46) GARMENT

CATEGORY 47) PILLOW

CATEGORY 48) TABLE RUNNER

CATEGORY 49) ACCESSORIES

CATEGORY 50) QUILTS, OTHER (CATEGORIES NOT DEFINED ABOVE)

CATEGORY 51) HEIRLOOM

CATEGORY 52) UNJUDGED QUILTS

Division 17 — Storyboard Display

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PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Categories 1 through 6 - Storyboard Display

- 1. Storyboards are a visual way to communicate and share information with the general public.
- 2. Acceptable themes are the results of a project, an experiment, or the results of research done on a specific topic, character, or place.
- 3. All displays must be made on a Trifold Display Board measuring 36 by 48 inches maximum. The display board should fold out on the sides. No bigger size will be accepted. **The display board must be free-standing!**
- 4. The background can be any color.
- 5. All information must be attached to the board. (For Fair purposes, you may also place one or two items on the table, if space is available. For 4-H members, more information is available from the AgriLife Extension Office.)
- 6. Your display board must include the following:
 - a. Title of project
 - b. Identify your project or research. It should address a need.
 - c. What was the Goal? What were you trying to accomplish?
 - d. What was your Plan? What were the steps in accomplishing your goal? Did you need to include other people? How long did this take? How much did it cost? (if applicable)
 - e. Did you accomplish your goal? Write your conclusion.
- 7. You can incorporate some or all the following into the design of your display board:
 - a. Use bright and interesting colors.
 - b. Include graphs or interesting ways to convey your data.
 - c. Include photographs of your steps if appropriate.
 - d. Use graphics to explain items in Rule 6 above.
 - e. Be creative, as long as all illustrations are attached to the board.
- 8. Judging will be determined as follows:
 - a. 30 points—overall appearance and clarity
 - b. 20 points—organization of information
 - c. 20 points—use of graphics and photographs
 - d. 15 points—creativity, uniqueness
 - e. 15 points—conveyed the result or conclusion of the experiment/project, or the usefulness of the research.

NOTE: Rules 1 through 8 above apply to Category 1 and 2 (below), and to Categories 3, 4, 5, and 6 (on the following page). A <u>different</u> set of rules, given on the following page, governs *Category* 7, related to fashion.

CATEGORIES 1 - 6

CATEGORY 1: FOOD AND NUTRITION

A. Basic Nutrition

B. Food Preparation Skills and Storage

C. Kitchen and Food Safety

D. Nutrition and Health

E. Consumer Information

CATEGORY 2: LANDSCAPING / GARDENING

Examples: Water conservation Attracting bees, birds, and butterflies

Permaculture Sensory garden

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Division 17 — Storyboard Display, Continued

CATEGORY 3: QUILTING

CATEGORY 4: YEAR IN REVIEW

CATEGORY 5: COMMUNITY SERVICE

CATEGORY 6: OTHER

Submission Rules for Category 7 - Fashion Design Boards

- 1. Fashion Storyboard tells a story of original designs using vivid images that are interesting and appealing to viewers. It conveys the designer's idea. It includes original illustrations and flats, as well as additional materials such as photos, fabric swatches, patterns, etc., that have influenced the unique design.
- 2. Only one per storyboard is permitted. Contestants may provide up to two (2) variations of the original design. (For 4-H members, more information is available from the website https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/fashion_storyboard_guidelines_2024.pdf apply, except for the design brief, digital format and judging criteria.)
- 3. **NEW IN 2024:** All displays must be made on a Trifold Display Board measuring 36 by 48 inches maximum. The display board should fold out on the sides. No bigger sizes will be accepted. **The storyboard must be free-standing!**
- 4. Judging will be based on:
 - a. 20 points—Visual Appeal/Creativity of Storyboard. The storyboard should illustrate the theme, mood, or spirit of the idea.
 - b. 20 points—Quality of Workmanship. The storyboard should be neat and demonstrate high-quality workmanship throughout.
 - c. 20 points—Consistent Color Palette. A consistent color palette and theme should be used throughout the storyboard.
 - d. 20 points—Fabric Samples, Trims, and Embellishments must be included on the storyboard. (If exact fabric type cannot be found, then a "basic swatch" may be used—i.e., denim, linen, etc.)
 - e. 20 points—Design Detail—Should include at least one illustration and one flat.

CATEGORY

CATEGORY 7: FASHION DESIGN BOARDS

- A. Wearable Clothing: Items which can be worn—pants, blouses, coats, skirts, dresses, sweaters, etc.
- B. Accessory: Includes items such as belts, purses, bags, hats, etc.
- C. Jewelry: Includes necklaces, bracelets, rings, and earrings.
- D. Non-wearable: Includes items such as pillows, organizers, holiday items, stuffed animals, items for the home, furniture, etc.
- E. Pet Clothing: Includes items that can be worn by a pet or any other animal.

"SILVER STAR" DISPLAY

ENTRY IN ANY CATEGORY ABOVE, FOR DISPLAY ONLY, NOT FOR JUDGING.

Division 18 — Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs, and Eggs

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PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs, and Eggs

- 1. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.
- 2. An insufficient number of specimens will disqualify the entry. See Category for number required.
- 3. Entries will be judged on quality (uniform in size, fresh, firm, and undamaged; free of disease and insects).
- 4. Entries should be cleaned but not washed. Use soft cloth or brush. No artificial coloring, leaf shine, spray, oiling, or wiring is allowed.
- 5. Vegetable or fruit variety, if known, should be listed on the exhibitor tag. For "Celebrity," you should include that information on the tag. Green tomatoes are acceptable. If you are entering herbs, you should list the type, for example, "Sage."
- 6. Entries will be displayed on plates, bowls, or glasses provided by the Burnet County Area Fair.
- 7. Items that do not deteriorate during exhibition, such as potatoes and onions, may be picked up by the exhibitor following the Fair. All other exhibits become the property of the Burnet County Area Fair following the Fair.
- 8. Category 12, Odd or Amusingly Shaped Vegetables, is a just-for-fun category in which all age groups compete against one another.

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: TOMATOES

A. Beefsteak (3 each)

B. Globe - medium-sized (3 each)

C. Cherry (6 each)

D. Grape (6 each)

CATEGORY 2: PEPPERS (3 each)

A. Bell

B. Banana

C. Jalapeno

D. Other

CATEGORY 3: SQUASH (3 each)

A. Zucchini

B. Yellow (straight or crookneck)

C. Patty pan

D. Winter

E. Other

CATEGORY 4: POTATOES (3 each)

A. White

B. Red

C. Other

CATEGORY 5: OTHER ROOT VEGETABLES (3 each)

A. Beets

B. Carrots

C. Radishes

D. Turnips

[Rules for Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs, and Eggs continued on next page]

Division 18 — Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs, and Eggs, Continued

| CATEGORY 6: | CIRCUBITS A. Cucumbers (3 each) B. Pumpkin (1) C. Watermelon (1) D. Cantaloupe (1) | |
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| CATEGORY 7: | LEGUMES (6 each) A. Beans B. Peas C. Peanuts | |
| CATEGORY 8: | ALIUMS (3 each) A. Onions B. Garlic C. Leeks | |
| CATEGORY 9: | LEAFY GREENS (3 each) A. Swiss chard B. Kale C. Collards D. Other | |
| CATEGORY 10: | MISCELLANEOUS (3 each) A. Okra B. Sweet corn C. Eggplant D. Other | |
| CATEGORY 11: | FRUITS (3 each, unless otherwise A. Apples B. Figs C. Peaches D. Pears | se noted) E. Plums F. Grapes (1 bunch) G. Blackberries (6 each) H. Other |
| CATEGORY 12: | ODD OR AMUSINGLY SHAPED A. Largest B. Most misshapen C. Funniest | VEGETABLES (1 each) |
| CATEGORY 13: | HERBS (3 stems each) A. Basil B. Mint C. Rosemary D. Sage E. Other | |
| CATEGORY 14: | EGGS (3 each) | |

Division 19 — Woodworking

Superintendent: Lisa Zinz—phone: 512-755-3620; email: tlkzinz@hotmail.com

PLEASE READ GENERAL RULES IN ADDITION TO THE RULES BELOW.

Submission Rules for Woodworking

- 1. All entries must be clean and in good condition.
- 2. Wall art articles must be appropriately prepared for hanging or they may be disqualified.
- 3. General appearance: Articles must show good design and color for intended use.
- 4. Workmanship must be of high quality with attention to details.
- 5. Division Superintendent will assign exhibits to sub-categories as appropriate.

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1: FURNITURE - TABLE

CATEGORY 2: FURNITURE - OTHER THAN TABLE

CATEGORY 3: HOUSEHOLD ITEM - DECORATIVE

CATEGORY 4: HOUSEHOLD ITEM - UTILITY

CATEGORY 5: SCROLL SAW PROJECT

CATEGORY 6: SCROLL SAW - INTARSIA OR INLAY

CATEGORY 7: WOODTURNED - BOWL OR OPEN VESSEL

CATEGORY 8: WOODTURNED - CLOSED VESSEL, HOLLOWFORM OR OTHER

CATEGORY 9: CLOCKS

CATEGORY 10: HANDCARVING

A. Animals

B. Caricature

C. Relief / Chip Carving / Pyrography

D. Other

CATEGORY 11: MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

CATEGORY 12: TOYS AND MODELS

CATEGORY 13: OTHER

CATEGORY 14: ENTRIES DEPICTING THE THEME OF THE 2024 FAIR, "HAPPINESS IS HOMEMADE"

Fair Divisions, Country Store, and Silent Auction Decorating Contest

Decorating Contest Rules

- 1. <u>This competition is strictly OPTIONAL.</u> However, our goal is to have our exhibit areas and overall Burnet County Area Fair look the BEST ever!!!
- 2. All entries must be based on the Fair theme "Happiness Is Homemade."
- 3. For those choosing to enter there will be awards given that will include ribbons for the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places and participant ribbons for each Division/Country Store/Silent Auction that participates. The Decorating Contest Champion Rosette will be given to the 1st place award winner.
- 4. The "People's Choice" Decorating Award will be voted on by Fair visitors and a plaque will be presented during the awards ceremony on Friday evening to the entry that receives the most votes.
- 5. In addition to the above awards, there will be an "on-going" Award Plaque to recognize the entry who receives the Champion/1st Place award each year. This award will be presented at the awards program on Friday evening and will be displayed at the AgriLife Extension Office and future Burnet County Area Fairs. The donor of this award is Linda Wells, Retired Burnet County FCH Agent.
- 6. Each Division/Country Store/Silent Auction, who participates needs to fill out an entry form and submit the entry to Linda Wells by noon on Thursday, June 6, 2024.
- 7. Judging will take place between the Opening Session and the Awards presentations on Friday, June 7, 2024 and winners will be announced at the Awards Presentations on Friday evening.
- 8. All decorations must be in place before the opening ceremony on Friday morning.
- 9. The decorating contest judges and fair attendees will be able to identify each entry by the Burnet County Area Fair signs that are provided.
- 10. Decorations will be left in place until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024, when the Burnet County Area Fair closes to the public, with exhibitors picking up their entries from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 11. In NO case will the Burnet County Area Fair or Decoration Committee be responsible for any accident, damage or loss of any property connected to the Division/Country Store decorations.

"Happiness is Homemade" Division/Country Store /Silent Auction Decoration Competition Entry Form

| DIVISION/COUNTRY STORE/SILENT AUCTION N | NAME: | |
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| ENTRY # or INITIALS: (Division #1-19 or Initials for Country Store (CS) or | Silent Auction (SA) | |
| *Entries for the Decorating Contest are due by NO | ON, Thursday, June 6, 2024, to Linda Wells | |
| *Entries are limited to one per Division/Country Sto | ore/Silent Auction. | |
| *All decorations should be in place no later than 9:3 | 30 a.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024. | |
| *All decorations will remain on display until the Bu Saturday, June 8, 2024, with exhibitors picking up to | urnet County Area Fair closes to the public at 3:00 their entries from 3:30-4:30 p.m. | p.m. on |
| *Each entry will use the space provided for their exhibits and decorations sharing that area, following | respective Division/Country Store/Silent Auction, was guidelines for building use and traffic flow. | ith their |
| *We have received and read the information about to provided. | the Burnet County Area Fair Decoration Competition | hat was |
| *Yes | | |
| If you accept these terms, please sign and date be | low. Thanks!!! | |
| SUPERINTENDENT NAME: (print) | SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE: | DATE: |

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