

# Department 111 - Fine Arts & Crafts

Superintendent: Taube Museum of Art

## *Fine Arts & Crafts Schedule*

	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Judging</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
All Fine Arts & Crafts Exhibits	Friday - 7/10 - 10 am-5 pm	Tuesday - 7/14	Saturday - 7/25 - 6-8 pm
	Monday - 7/13 - 10 am-5 pm		Sunday - 7/26 - 10 am-2 pm

**Deadline for entries is July 6, 2026.** Open Class Fine Arts & Crafts may be brought to Magic Place Hall in the ND State Fair Center.

### ENTRY FEE:

- Division A and Division B: \$3.00 / artist
- Division C – L: No entry fee

### RULES ON ENTERING:

- Entries must be made online by July 6. Online entry can be found on [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com)
- Only North Dakota resident artists may enter the Adult Divisions. Only artists' ages 10-16 years of age may enter the Junior Divisions. Those under ten years of age may enter the Children's Divisions.
- All work must have been completed in the past two years and must not have been shown previously at the North Dakota State Fair.
- No entry may be larger than four feet in any dimension including frame, except under textiles where the length may not exceed six feet.
- Please label each entry with division and class number, as well as exhibitor's name and contact information.
- All reasonable care will be given to exhibits entered. The North Dakota State Fair and the Taube Museum of Art will not be responsible for any loss or damage during transit, judging or exhibition.
- All entries must have names and addresses attached to the back lower left-hand corner, unless otherwise specified.
- All reasonable care will be given to exhibits entered. The North Dakota State Fair and its staff will not be responsible for any loss or damage during transit, judging or exhibition. Submission of entry implies acceptance of and compliance with these conditions and regulations. Unless exhibits comply with these rules, they will not be accepted.

### RULES ON DROPPING OFF:

- Any article, having been properly entered, can be forwarded by mail or prepaid express to Dept. 111, ND State Fair, PO Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702. The ND State Fair will place the goods on exhibition. The management however, will not be responsible for any breakage of glass or loss of any article. A self-addressed label and return postage must accompany the exhibit for return. The ND State Fair will assume no responsibility for return of exhibit with insufficient postage. Send complete list of articles contained in package. Mailed exhibits must reach the Fair Office by 5 p.m. Thursday, July 9. Entries mailed must be shipped with substantial packing in boxes strong enough for return shipment.

### JUDGING CRITERIA:

- An acceptance committee will review all entries for compliance with the rules. Only those entries meeting the rules, as written here, will be judged and displayed. If too many entries are received for the allotted display area, the acceptance committee will choose entries to be displayed. All entries that meet the rules, as written here, will be judged. All prize-winning entries will be displayed. Only original works of art will be eligible.
- Judges need not make awards in any category where competition is lacking.

### RULES ON PICKING UP:

- Exhibits will not be released before 6pm on the last day. Exhibits may be picked up on Saturday, July 25 between the hours of 6pm and 8pm, or on Sunday, July 26, between the hours of 10am and 2pm. Ticket stubs must be shown before release. Those picking up exhibits on Saturday, July 25 must pay gate admission.

### SPECIAL RULES:

- Oils must be framed, dry and ready to hang. Use ONLY screw eyes and wire
- Watercolors, prints, and drawings must be matted, backed with cardboard or foam core, covered with acetate or shrink wrap and ready for hanging. It is not recommended that glass be used, is at owner's risk. Pieces must have proper and sturdy hanging system. (Ex. Attach wire to back tabs. Use strapping tape to secure tabs.)
- Sculptures of excessively fragile type or enormous size will not be accepted.
- Ceramics, pottery, mosaics: no plaster objects will be accepted.
- Only original works are eligible (no commercial molds or designs).
- Textiles: No kits will be accepted. Hand-woven or loomed, original batik, block printed and/or hand decorated will be accepted. Each item must be labeled for identification. Art-tex or Tri-Chem will not be accepted.
- Crafts - no plastic model kits will be accepted.

**Professional:** refers to those whose work is produced primarily for the purpose of selling; or who have a diploma, certificate, degree or three or more years of art school training; or teach in their art media.

**Amateur:** refers to those who do not derive income directly from art. The amateur generally does his art for the pleasure involved and has had little or no art training.

**People's Choice:** There will be a box for folks to vote for their favorite Fine Art entry in classes A-C. The announcement of the "People's Choice" will be Saturday afternoon. Ten dollars cash prize will be awarded to the winning entry.

**Best of Division:** One Best of Division Rosette will be awarded in each division of this department. (See each division for amount of award.)

**Best of Show:** Only (1) Best of Show Award will be given in Fine Arts and Crafts Department. This will be designated by a Purple Rosette Ribbon and a \$35.00 Award

Cash awards will be mailed September 2026.

## ADULT DIVISIONS - FINE ARTS

### DIVISION A - ORIGINAL WORK

- **Entry fee \$3.00 per artist.** No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.
- All work entered under Original Work cannot be a kit or replica, etc., of someone else's work or work done in an instructional setting.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$23.00 cash**  
**Premiums: \$37.00 • \$27.00 • \$18.00 • HM – Ribbon**

#### CLASS

1. Paintings: Traditional or representational. Includes oils, acrylics, transparent and opaque water colors, done with a brush or painting knife.
2. Paintings: Non-representational. Includes same media as Class 1.
3. Portraits: Include any media or same media as Class 1.
4. Paintings: North Dakota subjects or scene. Includes same media as Class 1.
5. Drawings: pencil, ink, pastels (anything done with a drawing medium)
6. Prints: etching, silk screen, linoleum, wood block (any printmaking medium).
7. China Painting: Includes freehand; no stencils or patterns.



### DIVISION B - ORIGINAL WORK

- **Entry fee \$3.00 per artist.** No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.
- All work entered under Original Work cannot be a kit or replica, etc., of someone else's work or work done in an instructional setting.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$23.00 cash**  
**Premiums: \$37.00 • \$27.00 • \$18.00 • HM – Ribbon**

#### CLASS

1. Sculpture: Any media (includes assemblage and collage)
2. Pottery, Mosaics: Includes clay or earthenware. No molds or kits allowed.
3. Textiles: Hand-weaving, macramé, batik, creative, stitchery, beading. Length limited to 6 ft.
4. Ethnic or Heritage Painting: Any media.
5. Computer Art

### DIVISION C - AMATEUR CLASS

- Open to amateurs who do not teach or sell their works.
- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50 • HM – Ribbon**

#### CLASS

1. Paintings: Traditional or representational, includes oils, acrylics, transparent & opaque water colors, done with a brush or painting knife.
2. Paintings: Abstract or non-objective or non-representational, Includes same media as Class 1.
3. Portraits: Include any media or same media as Class 1.
4. Paintings: North Dakota subjects or scene. Same media as Class 1.
5. Drawings: pencil, ink, pastels (anything done with a drawing medium)
6. Prints: etching, silk screen, linoleum, wood block (any printmaking medium).
7. Scratch Board
8. Mixed Media

## DIVISION D - WOODWORKS

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number except as collections or displays.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$15.50 • \$14.50 • \$13.00 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Wood Carving/Sculpture
2. Wood Turning
3. Wood Construction
4. Wood Toys
5. Any other
6. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION E - TAXIDERMY

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number except as collections or displays.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$18.00 • \$16.00 • \$14.50 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Bird – Large | 6. Large Animal                     |
| 2. Bird – Small | 7. Game Heads                       |
| 3. Fish – Large | 8. Any Other                        |
| 4. Fish – Small | 9. Theme Class -                    |
| 5. Small Animal | (See Static Information on Page 50) |

## DIVISION F - BARN QUILTS

A barn quilt is a basic quilt pattern painted on a piece of wood, large enough and bright enough to be seen from a distance. They are often inspired by fabric quilt patterns and are generally one block of the pattern.

- Entries cannot exceed 3' X 3', but must be a minimum of 16" X 20"
- Exhibitor may enter one item per class
- No entry fee.

**Premiums: \$25.00 • \$20.00 • \$15.00**

### CLASS

1. Barn Quilt on wood
2. Barn Quilt on canvas
3. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION G - COLLECTIBLE DOLLS/ DOLL RELATED

- No entry fee.
- Each person limited to one entry per class

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50**

### Collectible Dolls

#### CLASS

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Antique - Pre 1940       | 5. Miniature – 8" or smaller        |
| 2. Old – 1940 to 1970       | 6. Handcrafted – Any                |
| 3. Modern – 1971 to Present | 7. Theme Class -                    |
| 4. Ethnic - Any             | (See Static Information on Page 50) |

## DIVISION H - ADULT CRAFTS

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.
- All work exhibited must not have been exhibited previously at the North Dakota State Fair.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Homemade/Crafted Dolls
2. Ceramics (form molds) - Glazed
3. Ceramics - Chalks
4. Ceramics - Dry Brushing
5. Ceramics - Any Other
6. Ethnic Crafts
7. Artificial Flowers/Dried Flowers
8. Carved or Tooled Leather
9. Centerpieces
10. Buttons (Anything done with buttons)
11. Recycled or Original Craft Items
12. Stain Glass/Glass Etching/Gallery Glass/Mosaic Glass
13. Stationary/Card Design/Calligraphy
14. Wall Hangings
15. Stitchery
16. Wood Crafts/Wood Toys
17. Soft Sculpture (not dolls)
18. Holiday Crafts
19. Jewelry
20. Basketry
21. Paper Sculpture/Paper Making/Paper Mache
22. Models (architecture, other objects) - no kits
23. Diamond Dots- size limit 11x14
24. Decorated Graduation Caps
25. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## FINE ART - JUNIOR DIVISIONS

*This division is open to anyone ages 10 to 16 years.  
Please state age on entry blank.*

## DIVISION I - JUNIOR ART

- No entry fee.
- Each artist limited to four entries in this division, but only one entry per class.
- Be sure and follow special rule #2 concerning mounting.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$25.00 • \$20.00 • \$15.00 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Painting - all brush media
2. Prints - etching, silk screen, linoleum, wood block (any printmaking medium)
3. Drawings - lead or graphite pencils, black ink, charcoal
4. Drawings - colored (pencil, markers, pastels, ink)
5. Pottery, Mosaics (clay, earthenware) - No molds
6. Computer Art
7. Scratch Board
8. Mixed Media
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## DIVISION J - JUNIOR CRAFTS

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$20.00 • \$18.00 • \$15.00 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Leather Work
2. Wood Construction
3. Ceramics - from molds
4. Plaques
5. Creative Stitchery
6. Kits/Puzzles/Legos
7. Jewelry
8. Holiday Crafts
9. Hand-crafted Dolls
10. Soft Sculpture (not dolls)
11. Paper Sculpture/Paper Making/Paper Mache
12. Models (architecture, other objects) - No kits
13. Centerpieces
14. Artificial Flowers/Dried Flowers
15. Buttons (anything done with buttons)
16. Recycled or Original Craft Items
17. Diamond Dots- size limit 8x10
18. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## FINE ART - CHILDREN'S DIVISION

*This division is open to anyone age 9 and under.  
Please state age on entry blank.*

### DIVISION K - CHILD'S ART

- No entry fee.
- Each artist limited to four entries in this division, but only one entry per class.
- Be sure and follow special rule #2 concerning mounting.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$14.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$25.00 • \$18.00 • \$15.00 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Painting - All brush media
2. Prints - Etching, silk screen, linoleum, wood block (any printmaking medium)
3. Drawings - Lead or graphite pencil, black ink
4. Drawings - Colored (pencil, markers, pastels, ink)
5. Pottery, Mosaics - (clay, earthenware) - No molds or kits
6. Computer Art
7. Scratch Board
8. Mixed Media
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)



## DIVISION L - CHILD'S CRAFT

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and \$12.50 cash**  
**Premiums: \$18.00 • \$16.00 • \$14.00 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Wood Construction
2. Ceramics - from molds
3. Plaques
4. Hand-crafted Doll
5. Creative Stitchery
6. Holiday Crafts
7. Jewelry
8. Soft Sculpture (not dolls)
9. Kits/Puzzles/Legos
10. Paper Sculpture/Paper Making/Paper Mache
11. Models (architecture, other objects) - No kits
12. Centerpieces
13. Artificial Flowers / Dried Flowers
14. Buttons (anything done with buttons)
15. Recycled or Original Craft Items
16. Diamond Dots- size limit 8x10
17. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

## FINE ART - CHILDREN'S DIVISION

*This division is open to anyone age 65 and over.  
Please state age on entry blank.*

### DIVISION M - SENIOR CITIZEN ARTS & CRAFTS

- No entry fee.
- No person may enter more than one article under the same class number.

**Best of Division Award: Rosette and a \$15.00 award.**  
**Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50 • HM – Ribbon**

### CLASS

1. Painting - All brush media
2. Prints - etching, silk screen, linoleum, wood block (any print making medium)
3. Drawings - black and white or colored pencil, ink, markers, pastels (any drawing medium)
4. Diamond Dots- size limit 11x14
5. Sculpture - Any media (includes assemblage and collage)
6. Pottery, Mosaics - (clay, earthenware) - No molds or kits
7. Wood Crafts/Wood toys
8. Ceramics - From molds - Glazes
9. Ceramics - From molds - Stains
10. Ceramics - Any other
11. Plastic Canvas
12. Stitchery, Macramé
13. Soft Sculpture (includes hand crafted dolls)
14. Holiday Crafts
15. Jewelry
16. Wall Hangings
17. China Painting - free hand, no stencils or patterns
18. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)