
THE ERIE COUNTY FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Society assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage and upon this condition only, entries are accepted. This includes items left on the property when not picked up on the specified day.
2. A service charge of \$39.00 will be added for checks returned for non-sufficient funds.
3. All articles for exhibition must remain on the grounds according to the rules of each department, or forfeit their premium unless excused by the Fair Manager of the Society.
4. Competitors for premiums must be holders of a Society Membership, Exhibitor's ticket or pay the processing fee (for exhibitors age 5-12).
5. Any person making false entry shall forfeit any award on such entry.
6. No entry fee or exhibitor tickets will be refunded and the Society reserves the right to reject any or all entries, this includes entries not brought to the Fairgrounds on specified days at specified times.
7. All premium checks not cashed within 60 days of the check's date shall be forfeited to the Society.
8. All protests must be in writing and filed with the Fair Manager before 10:00 AM of the last day of the Fair.
9. All persons violating the above rules shall be subject to ejection from the Fairgrounds or property of the Erie County Agricultural Society at Hamburg, New York, and shall also be subject to such other penalties as may be provided by the law for any and all offenses committed by such persons in violation of the law.

For Further Information, address:

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CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

1. Every exhibitor in the Creative Arts Building must purchase an Exhibitor's Ticket for \$20.00 or Erie County Agricultural Society Membership for \$50.00. A junior exhibitor (ages 5 – 17) may exhibit only in Sections C, D & S but exhibitors ages 13-17 must purchase a \$20.00 Exhibitor's Ticket, which includes five (5) admissions to the Fair. Exhibitors ages 5-12 must pay a \$5 processing fee (includes no passes).
2. All exhibitors are entitled to five (5) admissions to the Fair, except exhibitors' ages 5-12 who are paying the \$5 processing fee. All Erie County Agricultural Society members are allowed the privilege of making entries in the Creative Arts Department and entering in all other departments of the Fair, subject to the rules of the Erie County Agricultural Society, and admission to the Fair each day.
3. Any person not delivering their entries on the designated days will forfeit the entry fee and the exhibitor tickets.
4. Exhibitors (adults & juniors) should completely fill out the entry form and file it with the Competitive Exhibits Department. Each exhibitor should retain a duplicate for his or her reference.
5. **Only one (1) entry may be made in a class.**
6. Pre-register any item you think that you might enter. Additional entries will **not be accepted**. If an item is entered in the wrong class, due to a misunderstanding, it may be changed. If you have any questions regarding the classes see the top of each section for the phone number to call.
7. Exhibits, with Creative Arts entry tag attached, should be delivered to specific sections and stubs should be retained to claim articles at removal time. Removal day is Monday, August 23rd from 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
8. Exhibitors who do not exhibit all articles listed on their entry forms must return tags covering such articles to the director in charge.
9. The Erie County Agricultural Society assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to exhibits, or exhibits left after 7 PM on Monday, August 23, 2010.
10. **All articles will be displayed at the discretion of the director in charge.**
11. All handiwork must have been completed BY THE EXHIBITOR within the past FIVE (5) YEARS. Only clean, finished work will be accepted.
12. No premium will be given or exhibitor tickets issued on any article that has previously taken a first premium. Premiums may be withheld at the discretion of the judge.
13. Directors, officers or employees (including judges) shall not be permitted to enter exhibits in competition for premiums in the sections in which they are working.

What is the Tri-Color? How is it selected?

It is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each of our sections.

What is the Award of Distinction? How is it selected?

The Award of Distinction is our "Best of Show" award.

It is chosen by our directors from Tri-Color winners.

A special award will be given in the memory of Margaret H. Lockwood.

**Ribbons awarded in the
Creative Arts Department**

Blue	First Place
Red	Second Place
Yellow	Third Place
White	Honorable Mention
Gray	Consideration for Tri-Color
Green	Special Award
Tri-Color	Best in Section

ENTERING EXHIBITS IN THE CREATIVE ARTS BUILDING – AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

Step 1 Pre-register by Friday, July 23, 2010

- All entries must be pre-registered by mailing your entry form and entry fee by Friday, July 23rd
- Enter any items you think you might bring (including flower show), entries can not be added later
- Be sure to enclose a check or money order, payable to the Erie County Fair **OR** credit card information for all fees, including the \$20.00 exhibitor fee for ages 13 & older & \$5.00 processing fee for exhibitors ages 5-12.
- Mail entries & fees to: Erie County Fair, Creative Arts Entries, 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, NY 14075

Step 2 Bring your exhibits to the Fair on the specified days (no exceptions)

*Come onto the Fairgrounds off of McKinley Parkway, use the gate closest to Quinby Drive.

- All exhibits (except flowers) must be brought to the Fairgrounds on either Wednesday, August 4, 2010 or Thursday, August 5, 2010 from Noon - 8:00 PM
- All flowers must be brought to the Fairgrounds on Monday, August 9, 2010 from 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

*All exhibitors who have entered items that are not brought in on the designated days and times will forfeit their entry fee and exhibitor tickets.

Step 3 Pick up your prize check and remove your exhibits

- Prize checks will be available on Tuesday, August 17th through Sunday, August 22nd from 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM in the Creative Arts Building. Checks can also be picked up on removal day. Checks not picked up will be mailed.
- Exhibits must be removed from the Fairgrounds on Monday, August 23, 2010 from 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Items can not be removed from the Fairgrounds at any other time, if you are unable to make it, send a friend.

CREATIVE ARTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 23 Pre-Registration Deadline **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM Exhibits come to the Fair, bring items to the Creative Arts Building

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM Exhibits come to the Fair, bring items to the Creative Arts Building

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

1:00 PM - 8:00 PM Flower exhibits come to the Fair, bring items to the Creative Arts Building

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Exhibits must be removed. Premium checks may also be picked up at this time

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When do I receive my passes (exhibitor tickets)?

A: On entry days, when you bring your exhibits to the fair. Passes will not be mailed (Exceptions: Plein Air Painting and Digital Photo Shootout)

Q: Is the cost to exhibit \$20 for each item or \$20 total?

A: The cost is \$20 total for ages 13 & older (or \$5 processing fee for ages 5-12) regardless of the number of items you enter.

Q: When do I bring my items to the Fair?

A: All entries in (except flowers) must be brought to the Fair on Wednesday, August 4th or Thursday, August 5th between 12:00 Noon and 8:00 PM. Flowers must be brought to the Fair on Monday, August 9th between 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Q: When can my items be picked up from the Fair?

A: Items must be removed from the Fair on Monday, August 23rd between 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Q: I am going to be out of town on entry/removal days, can someone else drop off/pick up my items?

A: Yes, another person can drop off/pick up your items if you are unable to make it personally. However, if another person is picking your items up make sure that you give them your claim checks.

Q: Who do I make the check payable to?

A: Make checks payable to the Erie County Fair.

Q: What if I am not sure that my item fits into the category?

A: See the top of each section for the phone number to call.

Q: Which is the best gate to come in and where is the closest parking lot for entry/removal days?

A: Come onto the Fairgrounds off of McKinley Parkway, use the gate closest to Quinby Drive. Follow the signs to the Creative Arts Building.