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Competitive Exhibits

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Welcome

To the Western Carolina State Fair competitive exhibits booklet. We continue to update our competition with better defined departments, classes, and prizes. This competition is open to people of all ages and we encourage young people from our area to participate. Be sure to read the handbook carefully. Rules and classes may have changed from previous years. The WCSF Exhibits Committee reserves the right to place each entry and determine the proper class for entries. The committee may also choose to add new classes for entries as needed. Judges' decisions are final.

Thank you and good luck!

The Western Carolina State Fair Competitive Exhibits Committee

2023 Drop Off & Pick Up Information for All Competitive Exhibits

The Western Carolina State Fair is excited that you are participating in the exhibit portion of the Fair. Due to the volume of entries and the number of people involved, the following schedule for drop off and pick up of entries is enforced. We are unable to accommodate early or late pick up and are not responsible for items not picked up on time. Thank you for your understanding and for planning to drop off and pick up accordingly.

Please remember to bring your claim ticket to pick up.

The Western Carolina State Fair contact person for Exhibits and Competitive Events is Amanda Dennis. She may be reached at aikenfair@gmail.com or by calling (803) 671-0586.

Drop Off Dates & Times:

Friday October 6 from 4pm - 6pm
Saturday October 7 from 11am - 2pm
Monday October 9 from 2pm - 6pm

Pick Up Date & Time:

Monday October 23 from 4:30pm - 6pm



Arts and Crafts Exhibits



General Rules for all departments:

Entries will be accepted only with completed entry forms.

Each Art and Crafts department is divided into 4 age divisions:

Adult: Over 18 years old	High School: Grades 9-12
Middle School: Grades 6 -8	Elementary: K - <u>5th</u> grade

All entries must be prepared by the exhibitor.

A person is only allowed two entries per class for judging.

Items brought in without a class in the handbook will be placed in the miscellaneous or other class for judging. The WCSF Exhibits Committee reserves the right to place each entry in the proper class or choose to add a new class if necessary.

Private judging takes place before the fair opens. Non-judges allowed during the jury process.

Ribbons are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class, if merited. Cash prizes of \$15, \$10, \$5 respectively are paid as indicated by the judges' records and not by ribbon placement as sometimes ribbons are misplaced.

If merited, a cash prize of \$50 is given to the Best of Department in each of the four age divisions.

Department A - Canning



All items must

- Have been canned within the past 12 months.
- Be in clear quart or pint size jars
- Have a label on the jar identifying the contents

Note: All jars will be opened by the judges.

Judging for fruits and vegetables is based on:

Appearance
Texture

Uniformity
Spacing Arrangement

Judging for jellies, jams and preserves is based on:

Appearance
Texture

Consistency

Judging for pickles, relishes and sauces is based on.

Size/Shape
Flavor

Texture
Color

Classes

Fruits

Apples	Pears	Peaches
Pie filling	Misc.	

Vegetables

Asparagus	Beets	Butter Beans
Carrots	Corn	Okra
Peas	Potatoes	Soup Mix
Squash	String Beans	Tomatoes
Misc.		

Jellies

Apple	<u>Blackberry</u>	Blueberry
Grape	Plum	Misc.

Jams

Fig	<u>Blackberry</u>	Strawberry
Apple	Peach	Misc.

Preserves

Fig	Peach	Pear
Strawberry	Misc.	

Fruit Butter

Apple	Pear	Peach
Misc.		

Pickles

Bread and Butter	Cucumber-Dill	Cucumber-Sweet
Okra	Pepper	Watermelon Rind
Misc.		

Relishes and Sauces

<u>BBQ</u> Sauce	<u>Catsup</u>	Chutney
Chow Chow	Pepper Relish	Tomato Relish
Tomato Sauces	Salsa	Misc.



Department B – Household Arts and Crafts

- Items must be securely attached to a hanger.
- Framed items must have a wire for hanging or item will not be displayed

Classes

Crafts

Bead/Shell Work	Basketry	Greeting/Note Cards
Dolls	Flower Arrangements (silk)	Jewelry
Leather	Scrapbooking (1 pg.)	Seasonal
Wreath	Misc.	

Hand Stitching

Cross Stitch Counted	Cross Stitch Stamped	Cross Stitch-Other
Embroidery	English Smocking	Misc.

Crochet

Afghans	Sweaters	Hats
Misc.		

Knitting

Afghans	Sweaters	Hats
Misc.		

Quilts

Appliquéd	Embroidered	Pieced
Group Quilt		

Clothing

Aprons	Costumes	Doll Clothing
Dresses	Pillows	Handbags
Misc.		

Department C – Fine Art



All items must

- Be completed pieces.
- Be securely mounted, or framed, preferably under glass or plexi-glass.
- Have a wire for hanging or item will not be displayed
- Be no larger than 16 X 20
- Be no smaller than 5 X 7

Note: Entries judged on the art medium used. If a combination of mediums, is used it will be classified as mixed

Classes

Drawing

Charcoal	Colored Pencil	Crayon
Markers	Pen/Ink	Pencil
Mixed	Misc.	

Painting

Acrylic	Oil	Watercolor
Pastels	Mixed	Misc.

Pottery

Hand Formed Animal	Hand Formed Vase	Hand Formed Two-Piece Combo
Misc.		



Department D - Photography

Photographs classified as colored or black and white. Any tinted photos classified as black and white.

Explanation of terms used in each class:

- Still Life - indoor and outdoor still life; flower study; tabletop etc.
- People - adults, children, babies, portraits or entire figure, alone or in a group where the main subject is the person rather than the environment: close-ups or as large composition
- Animals - any animal either alone or in a group in a natural setting
- Candid - a composition that captures one meaningful instant in the flow of action or setting involving non-posed people, animals, or both.
- Scenic - landscapes, seascapes, architectural and industrial scenes or any scene that has fundamental design

Classes

Colored

Still Life
People
Animals
Candid
Scenic
Other

Black and White

Still Life
People
Animals
Candid
Scenic
Other



Western Carolina Wobblers



Western Carolina Wobblers is an individual bowling pin decorating contest divided into the following age divisions:

Senior Adult: Over age 61

Middle School: Grades 6 -8

Adult: Over 18

Elementary: K and grade 1 - 5

High School: Grades 9 - 12

Interested schools, clubs, senior centers and individuals may call (803) 671-0586 to arrange pick-up of the FREE bowling pins for the contest.

Western Carolina Wobblers must:

- Be painted, decorated, dressed, adorned to depict a person, animal, profession, celebrity of your choice.
- Be free standing for display in the Horticulture Building during the entire 10 days of the Fair
- Have exhibitor's name, grade or age and contact information plainly displayed on bottom of entry to be considered for awards

Judging for Western Carolina Wobblers is based on:

Creativity

Neatness

Eye appeal

If merited, awards in each division are:

1st Place \$15

2nd Place \$10

3rd Place \$ 5

There must be ten (10) entries in a category for all prizes to be awarded.

Recycle Me

Recycle Me is an individual art contest where the completed art piece must be made of 90 % recycled materials. It is divided into two divisions: Youth – under 18
Adult – 18 and over

Recycle Me projects must:

- Be free-standing for the 10 days of the fair.
- Not be longer than 3 feet or taller than 5 feet.
- Have all materials listed with entry?
- Be appropriate for children to view.



Judging for Recycle Me art is based on:
Creativity Neatness Eye appeal

If merited, awards in each division are:

1st Place \$50

2nd Place \$30

3rd Place \$ 20



Horticulture Exhibits

General Rules for all departments:

- All entries must have been grown, by the exhibitor for at least 6-months and must be labeled, if possible. Preference will be shown to named varieties in cases where all are equal.
- Only one entry per class is allowed per person. More plants can be brought for display.
- First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded for each department, if merited. Cash prizes of \$15, \$10, \$5 respectively are paid as indicated by the judges' records and not by ribbon placement as sometimes ribbons are misplaced.
- Special care will be given to your plants upon request. Please put instructions in writing for the committee.
- Entries from businesses may be displayed, however, they are not judged.
- The Betsy Molony Award - \$100 will be awarded to the best entry from all departments. An exhibitor may only win this award for two consecutive years.

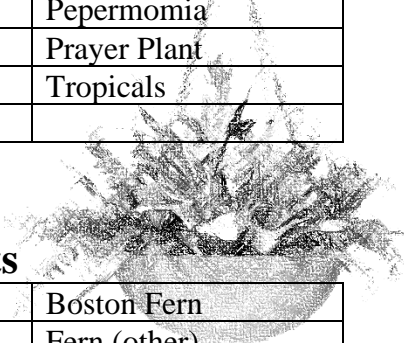
Betsy Molony Award of Horticulture Excellence

This award is given in memory of Ms. Elizabeth (Betsy) Molony, a true and dear friend to the Western Carolina State Fair for 24 years. She assisted the fair with nearly every aspect of operations but she is best remembered for her dedicated service in the horticulture department. The Western Carolina State Fair may not have the largest horticulture display, but she was determined to see that it would be one of the best - and to us it is. The memories we have of her and the beautiful flower/plant shows she directed at the fair will forever remain a part of our events and our lives. Betsy, thank you for sharing a special part of your life with us.

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Department A – Potted Plants

African Violet	Agave	Aloe
Amazon Lily	Asparagus Fern	Begonia
Boston Fern	Bromeliad	Cacti
Citrus	Coleus	Creeping Charlie
Croton	Crown of Thorns	Dieffenbachia
Dish Gardens	Dracaena	Echeverria (hen & chick)
Episcia	Euphoria	Exotic Plants
Fern (other)	Herb (any)	Hoya
Impatiens	Jade	Kalanchoe
Mixed Plants	Nephthytis	Ornamental Peppers
Palms	Pediantus	Peperomia
Philodendron	Pilea	Prayer Plant
Spathiphyllum	Sansevieria	Tropicals
Misc.		



Department B – Hanging Baskets

Asparagus Fern	Begonia	Boston Fern
Espicia	Exotic Plants	Fern (other)
Geranium	Hoya	Impatiens
Mixed Plants	Nephthytis	Peperomia
Philodendron	Spider Plant	Swedish Ivy
Wandering Jew	Misc.	

Department C – Cut Flowers

Cut flowers must have three stems and be in a vase.

Annuals	Daisy	Lily
Rose	Misc.	



Department D – Home Garden

Fruits/vegetables (except for pumpkins, gourds and melons) must be entered in a group of three of the same variety and placed on a tray or plate for display.

Apples	Citrus	Grapes
Nuts	Pears	Beans
Carrots	Cucumbers	Corn
Greens	Gourds	Melons
Peppers	Potatoes	Pumpkins
Tomatoes	Misc.	



Floral Design:

2023 Theme: "Take Flight"

- Accessories, features, background panels and underlays provided by the exhibitor are allowed. Personal property should be labeled with the exhibitor's name.
- Only one (1) entry per person. The exhibitor's name must appear on the entry card.
- Each entry must have been designed by one person, not a group.
- Designs may not have been exhibited in previous flower shows.
- Some plant material must be used in each design, but need not have been grown by exhibitor.
- Plant material must be listed on the entry. The use of plants on the state conservation list is prohibited. Native plants, other than those on the state conservation list, may be exhibited in the design division if they are grown or legally obtained by the exhibitor.
- Artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted in the design.
- Fresh material may not be treated in any manner. Cut fruits or vegetables must be sealed unobtrusively to discourage insects, odor and discoloration.
- Only dried material may be treated to alter its exterior appearance.
- Living members of the animal kingdom are not permitted in the design division, and taxidermal representations of the same are also not allowed.
- Exhibitors are asked to consider the longevity of the plant material used since the show is open to the public for ten days.

If merited, awards for Floral Design are:

1st Place - \$75

2nd Place - \$50

3rd Place - \$25



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