

ARTS & CRAFTS

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Joyce Webb, & Bonnie Wilkinson

Dates & Times:

Date	Time	Description	Location
Saturday, July 18	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Entry Drop Off	Dover Building
Sunday, August 2	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Entries must be removed from the grounds	Dover Building

Entry Information:

1. Entries can only be made online via the [Delaware State Fair's website](#) beginning 9:00 AM April 1, 2026 thru 11:59 PM June 1, 2026.
2. Only one entry per exhibitor per class will be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted. Out of state entries will be accepted.
3. If you are unable to drop off and/or pick up your entry, contact Premiums Manager, Lauren McLaughlin, at (302) 398-7002.
4. Exhibits that are not claimed during the assigned pick up day will be brought to the Administrative Building and held in the Premiums office. If there is no instruction from the exhibitor to keep the entry **by 3:00PM Thursday, August 6, the entry will be discarded.**

General Rules and Regulations:

1. The Dover Building will open daily from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM (except when there is judging in the department). Exhibitors in this department are asked to read and observe the rules governing this department.
2. In order for the Delaware State Fair to better prepare for all exhibits, we ask that you only enter those classes which you will be able to complete and show at this year's fair.
3. Any and all premiums may be adjusted by The Delaware State Fair Board of Directors based on funding sources.
4. Care will be taken to protect the exhibits from injury, but the Delaware State Fair will not be responsible in any way for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss sustained. All exhibits are entered at the owner's risk.

Department Rules and Regulations:

1. **Exhibitors must be five (5) years old, as of January 1, 2026, to enter into the department.**
2. Exhibitors must securely attach tags to their items with the assistance of Department Personnel. (Entries will not be accepted by department personnel until entry tags are securely affixed). Exhibitor's names must be covered on each entry.
3. Make sure any loose pieces are securely attached to the item so they may not drop and be broken. Example: Lids, or loose figurines.

4. Read over the premium list carefully and decide what class your article belongs in before you enter it. Items entered in the wrong class or not complying with the entry rules for a particular class will be refused by the superintendents when they are brought to be exhibited.
5. All exhibits MUST be the current calendar year's work of the exhibitor.
6. All entries must be the work of an amateur exhibitor who does not use this as a means of substantial or primary income or teach a class in the section they may be entering within the department.
7. If there is a conflict of interest with the judges' decision, it will be left to the discretion of the department superintendent.
8. Exhibits which have previously received a prize at this Fair may not be entered.
9. Entries will be placed using the American Judging System where exhibits are ranked one against another. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and honorable mention may be awarded in each class if judges so determine. If there are plentiful entries in the class, judges must award ribbons deserving of each placement. Further, the judge is empowered to limit the top award in any class to a second, third or lower premium if in his/her opinion the quality of the class so merits. Judges discretion is final. Prize money will be mailed to exhibitors.
10. An individual with a disability is a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more "major life activities," or has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment.

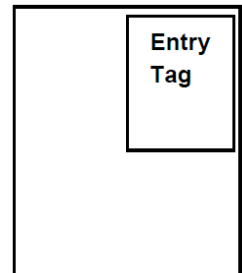
Arts & Craft Department Premiums:

1st	2nd	3rd
\$7.25	\$5.00	\$3.75

FINE ARTS (22+)

Rules:

1. All entries in FINE ARTS must be framed and ready for hanging. Works on wood framed stretched canvas may be submitted ready to hang.
2. Wire hangers will only be accepted and they must be attached form side to side on the back of the frame.
3. Tutored works (reproductions of original work) and computer generated art are not accepted. Artwork may not contain digitally professional reproductions, including giclee or other prints of artwork.
4. Paint by Numbers will not be accepted.
5. Matted cardboard frames will NOT be accepted.
6. Taped-on hangers will not be accepted.
7. Entries which are not properly prepared will be refused by the Superintendent.
8. Please cover the artist's name and hang all entry tags (supplied at check in) on the upper right hand corner.



PENCIL DRAWING

Class #	Class Description
1	Graphite Drawing Only

INK DRAWING

Class #	Class Description
2	Black and White Only

CHARCOAL

Class #	Class Description
3	Any Subject

MIXED MEDIA/COLLAGES

(Paint, Pencil, Pen, Ink, and Paper or any combination)

Rules:

1. Mixed Media is composed of 2 or more Art Media. Any entry in this section should have 2 or more Art Media used in the execution/preparation of the work, if not the entry/exhibit will be disqualified.
2. **Medias used should be noted on the back of the picture.**

Class #	Class Description
4	Abstract
5	Portrait and/or figures
6	Animals and/or birds
7	Flowers
8	Landscape
9	Marine (water or boating scenes)
10	Still Life
11	Cartoons
12	Caricatures
13	Delaware scenes (open to Delaware residents only)
14	Any work of an individual with a disability

OIL AND ACRYLIC PAINTING

Class #	Class Description
15	Abstract
16	Portrait and/or figures
17	Animals and/or birds
18	Flowers
19	Landscape
20	Marine (water or boating scenes)
21	Still Life
22	Delaware scenes (open to Delaware residents only)
23	Any work of an individual with a disability

PASTEL

Class #	Class Description
24	Any Subject
25	Delaware scenes (open to Delaware residents only)
26	Any work of an individual with a disability

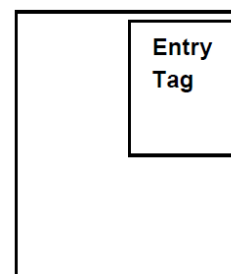
WATER COLOR

Class #	Class Description
27	Abstract
28	Portrait and/or figures
29	Animals and/or birds
30	Flowers
31	Landscape
32	Marine (water or boating scenes)
33	Still Life
34	Delaware scenes (open to Delaware residents only)
35	Any work of an individual with a disability

FINE ARTS (17-21)

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PENCIL DRAWING

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36	Graphite Drawing Only

INK DRAWING

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37	Black and White Only

CHARCOAL

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38	Any Subject

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39	Abstract
40	Portrait and/or figures
41	Animals and/or birds
42	Flowers
43	Landscape
44	Marine (water or boating scenes)
45	Still Life
46	Cartoons
47	Caricatures
48	Delaware scenes (open to Delaware residents only)
49	Any work of an individual with a disability ages 17-21

OIL AND ACRYLIC PAINTING

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50	Abstract
51	Portrait and/or figures
52	Animals and/or birds
53	Flowers
54	Landscape
55	Marine (water or boating scenes)
56	Still Life
57	Delaware scenes (open to Delaware residents only)
58	Any work of an individual with a disability ages 17-21

PASTELS

Class #	Class Description
59	Any Subject
60	Delaware scenes (open to Delaware residents only)
61	Any work of an individual with a disability ages 17-21

WATERCOLOR

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62	Abstract
63	Portrait and/or figures
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65	Flowers
66	Landscape
67	Marine (water or boating scenes)
68	Still Life
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PHOTOGRAPHY (22+)

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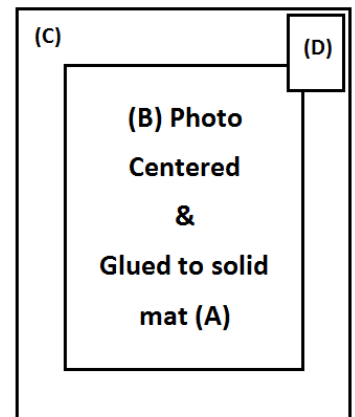
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5. Due to the family-oriented theme of the Delaware State Fair, no exhibit dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence or gang activity, satanic or cult themes, or other offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This is at the discretion of the department superintendent.
6. Sepia tone (brown tones) will not be accepted into color classes.
7. Copies made from published sources, copyrighted materials, or non-original photographs will be cause for removal from the show and forfeiture of any awards.

B. Mounting Rules (for accepted photographs only):

1. Photographs must be 8" x 10"
2. Photographs must be mounted on an 11 x 14 inch hard mat board (no foam board).
3. Photographs must be centered on the mat.
4. Photographs in frames will not be accepted.
 - (A) 11 x 14 mat board – bottom layer
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BLACK AND WHITE

Class #	Class Description
71	Flower
72	Still Life
73	Landscape or scenic with buildings
74	Landscape or scenic without buildings
75	Landscape or scenic with reflections
76	Landscape or scenic with shadows
77	Birds
78	Farm Animals
79	Pets-cats
80	Pets-dogs
81	Pets (other than above)
82	Funny Animal Pictures
83	Night Shot
84	Insect (close ups)
85	Marine (water or boating scenes)
86	Action (creating or stopping)
87	Portrait (people only)
88	Delaware scenes (open to Delaware residents only)
89	Creative (digital effect)
90	Delaware State Fair Theme
91	Sepia
92	Color tinting (any subject)
93	Sporting events
94	Architectural Buildings
95	Wildlife other than birds
96	Any work of an individual with a disability

COLOR

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105	Pets-cats
106	Pets-dogs
107	People and their pets
108	Pets (other than above)
109	Funny Animal Pictures
110	Sunsets/Sunrises
111	Night Shot
112	Insect (close ups)
113	Marine (water or boating scenes)
114	Action (creating or stopping)
115	Portrait (people only)
116	Delaware scenes (open to Delaware residents only)
117	Creative (digital effect)
118	Delaware State Fair Theme
119	Eating at the Fair
120	Senior Citizen at the Fair
121	Kids at the Fair
122	Animals at the Fair
123	Miscellaneous Fair scene
124	Sporting events
125	Architectural Buildings
126	Wildlife other than birds
127	Rainbows
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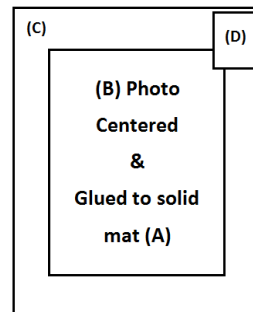
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COLOR

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129	Landscape
130	Pets
131	Funny Animal Pictures
132	Portrait (people only)
133	Delaware State Fair Theme
134	Action (creating or stopping)
135	Sunsets/Sunrises
136	Flowers
137	Insects (close ups)
138	Architectural Buildings
139	Wildlife other than birds
140	Rainbows

Class #	Class Description
141	Birds

BLACK AND WHITE

Class #	Class Description
142	Landscape
143	Pets
144	Funny Animal Pictures
145	Portrait (people only)
146	Delaware State Fair Theme
147	Action (creating or stopping)
148	Flowers
149	Birds
150	Insects (close ups)
151	Architectural Buildings
152	Wildlife other than birds

CERAMICS

Class #	Class Description
153	Glaze, any article
154	Stain, any article
155	Glaze and Stain Combo, any article
156	Ceramic and Glass Fusion Art (a combination of glass and ceramic), any article
157	Any work of an individual with a disability

POTTERY

Class #	Class Description
158	Hand Built, Any Article
159	Wheel Built, Any Article

ANGEL CRAFT & JEWELRY

Class #	Class Description
160	Angelic Christmas Ornament
161	Handmade jewelry necklaces – Beads
162	Handmade jewelry earrings - Beads
163	Handmade jewelry pins – Beads
164	Handmade jewelry necklaces – Metal
165	Handmade jewelry earrings - Metal

Class #	Class Description
166	Handmade jewelry pins – Metal
167	Handmade jewelry, any article made of Oyster, Clay etc.
168	Handmade jewelry, any article made of sea glass
169	Hand painted jewelry, any other
170	Handmade Paper Bead Necklaces
171	Handmade Paper Bead Bracelets
172	Handmade Paper Bead Earrings
173	Handmade jewelry, presented as a set

CALLIGRAPHY

Rule:

1. Must be done by hand, no computer generated entries will be accepted.

Class #	Class Description
174	Invitation
175	Certificate
176	Poems, Quotes
177	Birthday card
178	Sympathy card
179	Get Well card
180	Home Décor item
181	Any work of an individual with a disability

TILE WORK

Class #	Class Description
182	Small item (6" x 6")
183	Medium item (12" x 12")
184	Large item (18" x 18")

MISCELLANEOUS

Class #	Class Description
185	Stencil on wooden item
186	Stencil on any other material
187	Seashell craft, any item
188	Hand painted light bulb
189	Handmade dolls/figures/gnomes, original design
190	Clothes pin craft
191	Decorated bird house, not tole painted
192	Any type of creative Origami and/or Quilling, paper folding work

Class #	Class Description
193	Yard Art, any article large or small
194	Diamond Dotz, any article no larger than approx. 12x12. Does not have to be framed but makes it easier to display.
195	Decorated Holiday Pine Cones
196	Pallet Wood/Scrap Art (No Larger than 2ft)
197	Mason Jar Craft
198	Hand crafted leather goods
199	Rock Art Painting
200	Paper Mache, any article
201	Signs done with die cutting machine (no larger than 3ft)
202	Stain Glass, any item

NO-SEW WEARABLES

Class #	Class Description
203	No sew wearable art (hand painted only)
204	No sew decorated tote or bag (painted)
205	No sew decorative apron (painted)
206	Any wearable item done with a die cutting machine

RECYCLED CLASS

Class #	Class Description
207	Ecology class, made of natural material
208	Recycled paper
209	Recycled glass
210	Recycled plastic
211	Recycled metal
212	Recycled jewelry

TOLE/DECORATIVE PAINTED/DECOUPAGE

Class #	Class Description
213	Tole Painting for Christmas, any item
214	Tole Painting, any other article, not Christmas
215	Painted Gourd
216	Clay Pot, decorative, any holiday
217	Clay Pot, decorative, any other
218	Clay Pot, character
219	Decoupage, any item

Class #	Class Description
220	Decorative painting on furniture

WOODWORK, NO KITS

Class #	Class Description
221	Small wood furniture, 2' and under
222	Large wood furniture, over 2'
223	Wood Bowls
224	Holiday woodcraft for Christmas
225	Holiday woodcraft other than Christmas
226	Wooden toy or puzzle
227	Wooden yard craft, small item
228	Wooden bird house
229	Duck, hand carved-not from a kit
230	Duck, decorative painted
231	Carving, small item
232	Carving, large item
233	Carving, Fish
234	Carving, Bird
235	Wood burning, any article
236	Wood turned bowls
237	Wood turned platters
238	Wood turned vases
239	Any wood turned object not specified above under 2' in height

WREATH/ DOOR/ TABLE DECOR

Rule:

1. All wreaths and door hanging entries must be ready to hang or will be disqualified.

Class #	Class Description
240	Dried flower wreath
241	Grapevine wreath, not holiday
242	Grapevine wreath, Christmas only
243	Christmas wreath, any type, not grape vine
244	Tulle Wreath, not netting
245	Holiday pine cone wreath
246	Decorative hat for door, holiday
247	Decorative hat for door, any other
248	Decorative fan / heart / broom for door
249	Christmas decorations for table
250	Holiday decoration for table, not Christmas
251	Table decorations, any other
252	Christmas decorations for door, other than wreath
253	Holiday decoration for door, other than wreath and not Christmas

Class #	Class Description
254	Door decoration, any other
255	Handmade Christmas tree ornament
256	Embroidery Hoop Hanging Art

BASKETWEAVING

Class #	Class Description
257	Woven Basket - Any style
258	Flat Oval
259	Cane Woven on a mold, Nantucket Style
260	Traditional or Split, can be woven or on a mold

SCRAPBOOKING

Any color paper may be used. Enter only one page per class (except classes 299-308). Any stickers, die-cuts or embellishments are allowed. All entries must come in a three (3) ring page protector 12x12 in size or they will not be accepted or judged.

Class #	Class Description
261	Amusement Park Page
262	Armed Forces Page
263	Barn Page
264	Beach Page
265	Birthday Page
266	Child Page, Age 0-1
267	Child Page, Age 1-2
268	Child Page, Age 2-3
269	Child Page, Age 3-4
270	Child Page, Age 4-5
271	Collage Page
272	Collector/Hobby Page
273	Delaware Scene Page
274	Delaware State Fair Page
275	Digital Page
276	Fair Animals
277	Family Fun Page
278	Family Holiday Page, Christmas
279	Family Holiday Page, Easter
280	Family Holiday Page, Thanksgiving
281	Farm Page
282	Father's Day Page
283	Friendship Page
284	Heritage Page, Black & White Only

Class #	Class Description
285	Landscape Page
286	Lighthouse Page
287	Memory of a Loved One Page
288	Mother's Day Page
289	Pet Page
290	Pool Page
291	Prom Page
292	School Page
293	Sports Page
294	Travel Page
295	Wedding Album Page
296	Zoo/Aquarium Page
297	Collector Album, any one theme, (any size)
298	Full Digital Album (12"x12")
299	Boat, two page layout
300	Elementary School, two page layout
301	Fantasy, two page layout
302	Fourth of July, two page layout
303	Grandparents, two page layout
304	Halloween, two page layout
305	High School, two page layout
306	Middle School, two page layout
307	New Years, two page layout
308	Party, two page layout
309	Any Work of an Individual with a Disability

RUBBER STAMPING & CARD MAKING

Class #	Class Description
310	Rubber Stamp Art on an Announcement
311	Rubber Stamp Art on a Birthday Card
312	Rubber Stamp Art on a Get Well Card
313	Rubber Stamp Art on a Holiday Card
314	Rubber Stamp Art on a Sympathy Card
315	Rubber Stamp Art on an Invitation
316	Rubber Stamp Art, anything other than a card
317	Any Greeting Card not Using Stamping
318	Any card done on a Die Cut Machine
319	3-D Card
320	Iris Paper Folding

FAIR THEME CONTEST

1st	2nd	3rd
\$11.00	\$9.00	\$6.75

Class #	Class Description
321	Any craft item that expresses the 2026 Fair Theme "Celebrating America's 250th"

OVERALL AWARDS

Class #	Class Description	Awards
Do not enter	Superintendent's Award - Presented on Governor's Day to the Exhibitor entering the most unusual or interesting exhibit	\$55 & Rosette
Do not enter	Fine Arts Ages 22+ Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Fine Arts Ages 17-21 Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Photography Ages 22+ Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Photography Ages 17-21 Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Ceramics Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Pottery Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Angel Craft, Jewelry, Calligraphy, Tile Work, Miscellaneous, No-Sew Wearables, Recycled Glass & Tole/Decorative Painted/Decoupage Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Woodworking Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Wreaths and Door/Table Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Basketweaving Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Scrapbooking Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Rubber Stamping & Card Making Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette
Do not enter	Fair Theme Judges Award	\$20 & Rosette