

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Arts and Crafts Competition and Entry Requirements

Entry Fee

\$5 per entry

Groups

- Junior: 13 Years Of Age And Younger
- Youth: 14-18 Years Of Age
- Open: 19 Years Of Age And Older
- Senior: 65 Years Of Age And Older
- PWD: Persons With Disabilities

Schedule

Location - Drop-off and pick-up will be located in the Creative Arts Building

Event	Date and Time
Entry Form And Fee Deadline	July 22, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.
Drop-off	August 2 & 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Judging	Closed To The Public
Judging Results	The judging Results Will Be Posted Online On Monday, August 31st, at 5:00 p.m. The Results Will Not Be Posted Before This time and date.
Pick-up	Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Entry Requirements

These requirements are in addition to the 2026 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, the General Entry and Fine Arts 2026 Competition and Entry Requirements, and the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct.

1. One Entry Per Class.
2. Sponsored Awards May Be Added.

Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each division and group

Arts And Crafts Divisions And Classes

Trending in 2026 (New!) Division 0200:

All designs must be original. Must be able to withstand being moved around and displayed.

Classes 0400 - 0407

- 0400. Diamond Art - No larger than 20 inches in any direction
- 0401. Polymer Clay Creation - No jewelry (for jewelry, see Division 0078)
- 0402. Resin Art
- 0403. Paper Quilling
- 0404. String Art
- 0405. Barn Wood Creation - Item made from repurposed 'barn' wood
- 0406. Barn Quilt - Quilt-like pattern painted on wood, metal, or hard surface

0407. Dried and/or Pressed Flower Art - Real flowers and foliage only, no silk or 'fake' flowers or foliage. Ceramics Division 0071:

Up to four representative pieces of sets can be entered. No plaster will be accepted. All pieces must be finished on the bottom; no felt or covering of any type is allowed.

Classes 0001 - 0037

Glaze

- 0001. Animal Figure
- 0002. Human Figure
- 0003. Plaque
- 0004. Container Or Lamp
- 0005. Any item not otherwise listed

Under Glaze

- 0006. Animal Figure
- 0007. Human Figure
- 0008. Plaque
- 0009. Container Or Lamp

Media

- 0010. Original Design
- 0011. Pattern Design

Combination

- 0012. Any item not otherwise listed

Luster/Fried Metallic

- 0013. Any item not otherwise listed

Chalks

- 0015. Animal Figure
- 0016. Human Figure
- 0017. Plaque
- 0018. Container Or Lamp
- 0019. Any item not otherwise listed

Dry Brush

- 0020. Animal Figure
- 0021. Human Figure
- 0022. Plaque
- 0023. Container Or Lamp
- 0024. Any item not otherwise listed

Airbrush

- 0025. Any item not otherwise listed

Decals Used Creatively

- 0026. Any item not otherwise listed

Originals In Clay (any clay)

- 0027. Coil
- 0028. Pinch
- 0029. Slab
- 0030. Sculpture
- 0031. Wheel Thrown
- 0032. Combination of Techniques

Sgraffito

- 0033. Any item not otherwise listed

Stains

- 0034. Any item not otherwise listed

Any Other Technique

- 0035. Any item not otherwise listed

Any Other Non-Fired

- 0036. Any item not otherwise listed

Any Other Glaze Technique

- 0037. Any item not otherwise listed

Tole/Decorative Painting Division 0072

Tole/Decorative Painting – various painting techniques on tin and wooden utensils, objects, and furniture (e.g., utensils, saws, bowls, chairs, tables, chests, boxes, etc.).

Classes 0061 - 0073

- 0061. Animals
- 0062. Flowers Or Plants
- 0063. Folk Art
- 0064. Holidays Or Special Occasions
- 0065. Landscape
- 0066. Original Design
- 0067. People
- 0068. Still Life
- 0069. Painted Barn Quilt on any 2-D surface

- 0070. Painted Barn Quilt on any 3-D surface
- 0071. Any item not otherwise listed

Wood Division 0073

Classes 0080 - 0111

Turning

- 0080. Spindle (pens, furniture legs, spindles, walking sticks, some vessels, etc.)
- 0081. Faceplate (bowls, platters, many vessels, etc.)
- 0082. Any item not otherwise listed

Woodcarving

- 0085. Realistic
- 0086. Caricature
- 0087. Abstract
- 0088. Stylized
- 0089. Whittled pieces
- 0090. Relief
- 0091. Decoys
- 0092. Any item not otherwise listed

Other Wood Techniques

- 0098. Luthier (instrument)
- 0099. Wood inlay or Intarsia
- 0100. Scroll saw
- 0101. Any item not otherwise listed

Wood Items Any Technique

- 0105. Furniture

- 0106. Clock
- 0107. Toy
- 0108. Walking Stick
- 0109. Any item using recycled wood
- 0110. Repurpose a wooden item -- repair, rejuvenate, and restore a wood item from the past (provide before and after pictures if available)
- 0111. Any item not otherwise listed

Leather Division 0074

Classes 0125 - 0132

- 0125. Belt
- 0126. Horse gear or tack (e.g., bridles, breast collars, harnesses, hobbles, whips, reins, or similar items used to control a horse)
- 0127. Large case or bag (e.g., shoulder bag, handbag, bowling bag, rifle case, briefcase, etc.)
- 0128. Pictures (e.g., uncolored, colored, embossed, three-dimensional, etc.)
- 0129. Small accessories (e.g., billfolds, wallets, checkbook covers, key cases, fobs, eyeglass cases, coin purses, etc.)
- 0130. Saddle
- 0131. Small case or bag (e.g., camera, handcuff, holster, clutch purse, cellphone case, knife sheath, etc.)
- 0132. Any item not otherwise listed

Metal Division 0075

Classes 0135 - 0137

- 0135. Decorative, metal, technique (sculpture, wall hanging, statue, yard ornament, etc.)
- 0136. Utilitarian, any metal, any technique (wall sconce, lamp, bowl, plate, spoons, pitchers, etc.)
- 0137. Any item not otherwise listed

Plastic Building Block Systems (Lego-type) Division 0076

Entries must be submitted on a Lego-type base affixed to a wood or foam core board. Entries should be solidly constructed (not too heavy or too fragile) to allow for display. Entries must be an original, authentic design, not copied or imitated. No licensed or published designs, patterns, or sets can be used.

Classes 147 - 152

- 0147. Transportation
- 0148. People
- 0149. Animal
- 0150. Building
- 0151. Any structure that best depicts the 2026 theme "Fairitage"
- 0152. Any item not otherwise listed

Glass Division 0077

Classes 0180 - 0186

- 0180. Stained glass, original design
- 0181. Stained glass, copper foil
- 0182. Stained glass, lead
- 0183. Stained glass, mosaic, and fused glass
- 0184. Etched glass
- 0185. Any of the above that depict the 2026 theme "Fairitage"
- 0186. Any item not otherwise listed

Jewelry Division 0078

Must be mounted for display. No kits.

Classes 0200-0206

- 0200. Non-traditional -- handcrafted items using polymer and water-based clays, plastics, metal clay, etc. This class will include beads, buttons, components, jewelry, or jewelry-related objects that are 50% or more clay made into finished jewelry.
- 0201. Fabricated -- created by manipulating wires, sheet metal, and stones using traditional fabrication techniques such as bending, forging, sawing, soldering, etc. This class will include beads, buttons, components, jewelry, or jewelry-related objects that are 50% or more metal made into finished jewelry.
- 0202. Cast -- created using traditional casting techniques such as centrifugal, vacuum, or cuttlebone. No commercial waxes or casting allowed. This class will include beads, buttons, components, jewelry, or jewelry-related objects that are 50% or more metal made into finished jewelry.
- 0203. Lampwork -- Created using traditional lampworking skills. This class will include beads, buttons, components, jewelry, or jewelry-related objects that are 50% or more glass made by the applicant and made into finished jewelry.
- 0204. Strung -- This class will include a piece (e.g., necklaces, earrings, or bracelets), or an ensemble of jewelry, that is made from materials such as glass beads, crystals, semi-precious stones, seed beads (the piece must be less than 50% seed beads), found objects, etc.
- 0205. Crocheted -- This class will include a piece or an ensemble of jewelry that is made using crocheted or knotting techniques that also incorporate materials such as glass beads, crystals, semi-precious stones, seed beads, found objects, bone beads, wood beads, etc.
- 0206. Original Design -- Any item not otherwise listed

Beading Division 0079

Must be mounted for display. No plastic beads.

Classes 0215-0223

Loom

- 0215. *Beaded objects (original design)* -- This class will include a non-jewelry item or accessory (e.g., purses, shoes, sculptures, wall hangings, etc.) in which the design is original to the exhibitor.
- 0216. *Beaded objects (designer)* -- This class will include a non-jewelry item or accessory (e.g., purses, shoes, sculptures, wall hangings, etc.) in which the design is created by some person other than the exhibitor. Designers must be acknowledged by name on the entry item.
- 0217. *Beaded wearable jewelry* -- This class will include beaded beads, a piece, or an ensemble of jewelry (e.g., necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and rings) that is predominantly seed beads or bugle beads. If the design is created by a person other than the exhibitor of the piece, the designer must be acknowledged by name on the entry item.
- 0218. Any item not otherwise listed

Off Loom

- 0220. *Beaded objects (original design)* -- This class will include a non-jewelry item or accessory (e.g., purses, shoes, sculptures, wall hangings, etc.) in which the design is original to the exhibitor.
- 0221. *Beaded objects (designer)* -- This class will include a non-jewelry item or accessory (e.g., purses, shoes, sculptures, wall hangings, etc.) in which the design is created by some person other than the exhibitor. Designers must be acknowledged by name on the entry item.
- 0222. *Beaded wearable jewelry* -- This class will include beaded beads, a piece, or an ensemble of jewelry (e.g., necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and rings) that is predominantly seed beads or bugle beads. If the design is created by a person other than the exhibitor of the piece, the designer must be acknowledged by name on the entry item.

- 0223. Any item not otherwise listed

Holiday Division 0080

Classes 0260-0267

- 0260. Table-setting items (tablecloth, placemat, napkins, etc.)
- 0261. Ornament
- 0262. Wreath
- 0263. Tree skirt or stocking
- 0264. Wall hanging
- 0265. Cardholder
- 0266. Characters (snowmen, Santa Claus, etc.)
- 0267. Any item not otherwise listed

Miscellaneous Crafts Division 0081

Classes 0280-0294

- 0280. Collection (a group of objects to be seen, studied, or kept together) — collections must be displayed in a shadow box
- 0281. Decorated clothing
- 0282. Painted or decorated gourds
- 0283. Decoupage item
- 0284. Greeting card
- 0285. Mosaic
- 0286. Papier mâché item
- 0287. Sculpture
- 0288. Model (must be original)
- 0289. Felting (not stitched)
- 0290. Wreath or swag
- 0291. Scrapbooking (two-page layout, any size)

- 0292. Duct tape
- 0293. Egg art
- 0294. Any item not otherwise listed

PWD (Person with Disability) Only (any age) Division 0083

Classes 0300-0312

- 0300. Fiber or yarn art
- 0301. Clay or dough creation
- 0302. Painting on paper or canvas
- 0303. Painting on a 3-D item
- 0304. Plastic (Lego-style) block creation
- 0305. Wood or popsicle stick creation
- 0306. Art created with paper
- 0307. Beading or Jewelry
- 0308. Fabric sewn, glued, or otherwise adjoined
- 0309. Greeting Card
- 0310. Drawing or pastel on paper
- 0311. Sculpture
- 0312. Any item not otherwise listed