

2012  
Manatee  
County



# FAIR



## Arts & Crafts OFFICIAL RULES

### A STAR SPANGLED YEAR

JANUARY 12 - JANUARY 22, 2012

#### 2012 ENTRY DATES

##### Hobbies, Crafts & Needle Arts Fine Art • Photography

Saturday, January 7th – 9am-4pm  
Sunday, January 8th – Noon-4pm

##### Culinary Arts & Food (One day only)

Saturday, January 7th – 9am-Noon

*There will be no horticulture exhibit this year.  
All entries will be received in the Chaires Building.  
Drive in Gate 3 on 17th St. W. in Palmetto.*

#### JUDGING

##### Crafts • Fine Art • Photography

Tuesday, January 10th – 9:00am

##### Culinary Arts & Food

Saturday, January 7th – 2:00pm

*(Drive in Gate 3 on 17th Street West in Palmetto)*

#### RELEASE DATE

##### Crafts • Fine Art • Photography Culinary Arts & Food

January 23rd – 3pm-7pm

*(Ribbons may be picked up on this date. No food is returned)*

*Any entry not picked up on Release date will  
become property of the Manatee County Fair and  
will be donated or discarded after January 24th.*

#### ELIGIBILITY

Exhibiting is open to all residents of Manatee County. Winter residents must live in Manatee County for three (3) months a year.

#### ENTRIES

Youth K-12 ..... Pink Tags

Adult ..... White Tags

#### NUMBER OF ENTRIES

Each exhibitor may enter up to ten (10) items for judging in Arts & Crafts with a **maximum of five (5) in any one category.**

*Example: Two in Crafts, five in Fine Arts,  
one in Photography, and two in  
Culinary Arts/Food.*

Each exhibitor will receive their own exhibitor number when they bring in their entries.

#### CATEGORIES

- Hobbies, Crafts and Needle Arts
- Culinary Arts & Food
- Fine Art
- Photography

#### ENTRY FORMS

You may go online at [ManateeCountyFair.com](http://ManateeCountyFair.com) for Arts & Crafts rules, entry sheets and recipe sheets.

**Please make two (2) copies of your entry and bring it with you. The second copy is your receipt.**

**Youth entries must be printed on pink paper.**

Each exhibitor will receive their own distinct exhibitor number.

Entry forms and recipe sheets may be obtained on entry day in the Chaires Building at the fairgrounds and also in the fair office before entry.

**IMPORTANT: NO EARLY DROP OFF ACCEPTED.**

#### JUDGING

- Judging is done by the most qualified judges available.
- The names of the exhibitors are concealed during judging so each entry will be judged fairly on its own merit.
- The entry of only one item in a division does not necessarily guarantee the top award for that entry.
- Only the top ribbon award will be displayed on each exhibit except for the “Marie Abel Awards” and other special awards that will accompany rosettes.
- No one other than the committee members, volunteers and judges will be allowed to remain in the building during judging.
- Please do not call to request results.

#### ADULT AWARDS

##### Best of Show

Purple rosette and \$25.00.

One will be awarded in each category of Arts & Crafts

##### Marie Abel Award

Blue Rosette & \$25.00 will be awarded to five (5) top needlework artists.

#### YOUTH AWARDS

##### Best of Show | Purple Rosette & \$25.00

One will be awarded in each category of Arts & Crafts

**Blue Rosette • \$10.00**

**Red Rosette • \$8.00**

**Blue Ribbon • \$5.00**

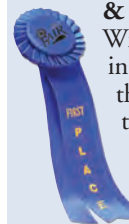
##### Award Money

All award money may be picked up at the Finance Building after 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. No monies will be available until this time. Award money is awarded according to the judges records and not necessarily to attached ribbons. If award money is not picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair it is forfeited.

#### OTHER AWARDS

##### Manatee-Sarasota Fish & Game Association

Will present an award and \$50.00 in the Photography category to the exhibitor with the picture that best depicts the natural beauty of Manatee County.



##### Paul Bartley Award

The department will present an award and \$50.00 in the Photography category to the exhibitor with the picture that best depicts people of Manatee County.

##### Susan Keen Awards

Yellow Rosettes and \$25 will be awarded to five unique and creative entries in any division by the Arts & Craft Committee.

#### Volunteering or Demonstrations

If you, or your hobby, arts or crafts group would be interested in volunteering or demonstrating in Arts & Crafts, contact the Fair office and let us know.

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Please read the General and category rules and regulations that govern the Arts & Crafts before entering your items.

## GENERAL RULES

Arts & Crafts is for competition, education, exhibition and demonstration purposes. Sale of entries is not permitted.

Each exhibitor may enter up to ten (10) items for judging in the Arts & Crafts with a **maximum of five in any category.**

Entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must have been completed in the year 2011. Entries must not have been entered previously in the Manatee County Fair. Entries exhibited previously under the same name or another name will be disqualified.

The Manatee County Fair will exercise all reasonable security, but cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to entries.

The Arts & Crafts Committee will screen all entries and may disqualify entries considered offensive, too fragile, soiled, spoiled, in poor taste or those entries in which the general and category rules have not been followed.

**Youth entries will consist of work done outside the regular school hours and classes.**

If any exhibitor is found to have made a fraudulent statement about any entry, all awards to that entry shall be forfeited and the entry disqualified.

**To claim entries, the entry form copy must be presented. No entry in any category shall be removed before January 23, 2012.**

## HOBBIES, CRAFTS, NEEDLE ARTS CATEGORY

Original designs should be noted on the entry form for proper judging. Some items could be entered under crafts or fine arts. You may have to make a choice based on where your entry will be best judged.

**K'nex and Legos** are to be mounted securely on a sturdy base. Make base to fit exhibit but not to exceed 2'x2'x2'. The exhibit cannot be larger than the base.

Exhibitors must provide dowels, hangers, extension cords, stands, etc. for items needing these things. Please label these items with your name. All framed items that need to be hung (such as counted cross stitch) need to have hanging wire securely attached with screw eyes.

## DIVISIONS

- Division 10 • Basket Weaving
- Division 11 • Ceramics
- Division 12 • Crochet
- Division 13 • Cross Stitch
- Division 14 • Dolls
- Division 15 • Embroidery
- Division 16 • Holiday Decorations
- Division 17 • Jewelry
- Division 18 • Knitting
- Division 19 • Legos & K'nex
- Division 20 • Miscellaneous
- Division 21 • Needlepoint
- Division 22 • Quilting
- Division 23 • Scrapbooking
- Division 24 • Sewing
- Division 25 • Sportsman
- Division 26 • Woodwork
- Division 27 • Spinning
- Division 28 • Weaving
- Division 29 • Textile Art
- Division 30 • Foam Art
- Division 31 • Group Project
- Division 32 • Recycled Craft  
(Must be at least 50% recycled materials)

## CULINARY ARTS & FOOD CATEGORY

All foods must be the work of the exhibitor. **Recipes entered in previous years may not be used**, including those previously entered under another person's name. The same or very similar entries from the same household will be disqualified.

All entries must be accompanied by one copy of the recipe-typed or clearly printed in black ink on the recipe sheet. No index cards. Please do not add graphics or writing other than the recipe name and recipe. The recipe must list all ingredients used in the order of use, as well as the method of preparation in order. Please state if this is an original recipe. All recipes become the property of the Manatee County Fair and may be published at a later date.

**Bring all entries in disposable containers with food covered, no containers will be returned.** Cake decorating should preferably be done on disposable forms. If actual cake is submitted in this division, it will not be judged for taste, only appearance.

**Amounts needed for judging and/or display:** Cookies, muffins, etc. (1 dozen); Cakes, pies, breads, etc. (Whole); Soups, stews, etc. (2 quarts); Pickles, relishes, butters chutneys, etc. (2 one pint jars); Jams, jellies, etc. (2 half pint jars).

All canning must have been processed in 2011. All canning must be in clear glass standard canning jars with two piece sealing lids. Jellies may be in decorative clear glass jars with one piece sealing lids. Paraffin is not accepted. Vinegars may be in decorative glass containers. No food coloring is permitted unless specified for fancy packs and should be noted on the recipe.

Canned foods will be judged for preservation, pack, taste and individuality. Please bring two jars of canned foods per entry: one jar for judging, one for display.

Each canning jar should have a label listing food and date canned. No exhibitor names, please. Foods needing to be warmed for judging must be clearly stated on exhibitor tag and entry sheet.

Please no raw eggs in or on any finished product. Entries made from mixes should be the base for a recipe with other ingredients.

*Yes, our judges sample everything!*

## DIVISIONS

- Division 40 • Appetizers & Snacks
- Division 41 • Beverage
- Division 42 • Breads
- Division 43 • Salads
- Division 44 • Soups, Stews & Chowders
- Division 45 • Casseroles
- Division 46 • Entrées
- Division 47 • Candies
- Division 48 • Cookies
- Division 49 • Cakes & Cupcakes
- Division 50 • Brownies & Bars
- Division 51 • Pies & Cheesecakes
- Division 52 • Desserts, other
- Division 53 • Condiments
- Division 54 • Canned Foods
- Division 55 • Non-edibles: Garnishes, Decorated Cakes, Gingerbread Houses, others

## FINE ART CATEGORY

**Overall dimensions of exhibit, including mat and/or frame, shall not exceed 20" x 24".**

All flat fine art entries must be mounted, matted or framed.

ALL frames must have a hanging wire properly attached or the **ENTRY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**. Entries on mats will be hung using pushpins, clips or Velcro. The rules are to ensure the safety of the exhibit as well as the quality and overall appearance of the show.

The Chaires building is very damp and has no heat or air conditioning. The Arts and Crafts Committee suggests that using foam core is best for matting or mounting your work. **If your work comes apart due to environmental reasons, it will have to be removed from display.**

Please present your work well. Presentation may either enhance or detract from your work and influence a judges decision.

No pre-sketched work such as paint by numbers or kits will be accepted in Fine Arts. These items are accepted in Hobbies, Crafts and Needle Arts.

## DIVISIONS

- Division 60 • Decorative Arts  
*China painting, tole painting, etc.*
- Division 61 • Graphics  
*Computer drawn art, charcoal, pen & ink, etc., pencil & crayon.*
- Division 62 • Miscellaneous Arts  
*Sculpture, glass, stained and fused glass, jewelry, porcelain, recycled materials (more than 50% recycled materials).*
- Division 63 • Painting  
*All Media, acrylics, oil, water color, etc.*

## PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORY

**Overall dimensions of exhibit, including mat and/or frame, shall not exceed 20" x 24". Photos shall be no smaller than 5" x 7".**

All photography entries must be mounted, matted or framed. All frames must have a hanging wire properly attached or the **ENTRY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**. Entries on mats will be hung using pushpins, clips or Velcro. The rules are to ensure the safety of the exhibit as well as the quality and overall appearance of the show.

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If you processed your own film, or digitally enhanced/alterd (excluding things like brightness, cropping or red eye) the photo, please note the method on your entry form for proper judging.

## DIVISIONS

- Division 64 • Black & White  
*Mono-Chrome or Sepia*
- Division 65 • Color  
*Digital and Traditional*
- Division 66 • Altered or Enhanced  
*Digital and Traditional*



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**EXHIBIT BUILDINGS DATES & TIMES**

	<b>GATES OPEN</b>	<b>BUILDINGS CLOSE</b>	<b>MIDWAY CLOSE</b>
Thursday, January 12.....	5:00	10:00pm	10:00pm
Friday, January 13.....	5:00	10:00pm	Midnight
Saturday, January 14.....	Noon	10:00pm	Midnight
Sunday, January 15.....	Noon	10:00pm	Midnight
Monday, January 16.....	Noon	10:00pm	10:00pm
Tuesday, January 17.....	5:00	10:00pm	10:00pm
Wednesday, January 18.....	Noon	10:00pm	10:00pm
Thursday, January 19.....	5:00	10:00pm	Midnight
Friday, January 20.....	Noon	10:00pm	Midnight
Saturday, January 21.....	Noon	10:00pm	Midnight
Sunday, January 22.....	Noon	7:00pm	7:00pm

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**CHECKLIST**

- Was your entry completed or done in 2011?
- Have you double checked the entry dates and times?
- Have you read both the general and category rules for your entry?
- Does your entry meet size requirements?
- Does your frame have a proper hanging wire?
- Is your entry in good taste?
- Youth: Was your entry done outside of school?
- Check how many entries you can have.
- Culinary entries must be in, or on a disposable container and covered.

*The Arts & Crafts Committee really dislikes to disqualify an exhibit - so please make all our volunteers happy and follow the rules!*

**FAIR PASSES**

If you are an exhibitor in Arts & Crafts you can purchase one (1) 2012 Gate Pass for \$10.00. This will get you in the gate all eleven days of the fair. Take your exhibitor receipt to the Fair Office on 13th Avenue to purchase your ticket. This pass is not good for midway rides or parking and is not transferable.

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