

## **OPEN DIVISION**

(Adult and Youth)

Check in: Monday, July 13, 2020, 8:00 AM  
In place: Monday, July 13, 2020, 8:30 AM  
Judging: Monday, July 13, 2020, 9:00 AM  
Check Out: Sunday, July 19, 2020, 9:00 AM

**\* Check in and check out will be held using a drive through method, entering through the gate off of Highway 69 North and exiting through the gate near the fire department. Please ensure that your entry has the form correctly filled out and securely attached to the FRONT of your entry. Entry form can be found below.**

**\*\*\*\*\* The indoor project building will have modified hours this year and only be open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We will not have volunteers present in the building; however, security cameras will be in use at all times. Results will be posted on the fair website by 9am on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The Custer County Fair Management will use all care possible to ensure the safety of the entries. However, under NO circumstances will they be responsible for loss, injury, or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any article on exhibition.
2. All articles must be deemed to be suitable for exhibition or can be denied entry by the Superintendents or Judges. All exhibits must have been completed since August 1, 2018. (Except quilts - Aug. 2017.) Articles that have been previously entered in the Custer County Fair are ineligible.
3. Exhibit must be the product of the exhibitor/group named on entry.
4. Entry must be made by exhibitor. Exhibitor can reside in a county other than Custer, but entry can only be entered in one county fair in the state, this is excluding the Colorado State Fair.
5. For all Open classes the American system of judging will be used. Placings will go from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in each division and be judged competitively against other exhibitors in that same division.
6. Only exhibits in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placings are eligible for grand and reserve champion for the division.
7. Classes may be sub-divided or combined as determined by the number of entries entered and at the discretion of the judges and/or the superintendents.
8. An entry entered in the wrong class may be disqualified.
9. No marijuana or marijuana products may be used in any entry.
10. Entries are limited to 3 entries per class per exhibitor. Extra items and items not fitting in listed classes will not be accepted or displayed.
11. All protests must be made in writing and presented to the Superintendent of each department within 24 hours after the incident or judging. Protest forms are available from the Judge or the Superintendents. Protests must accompany a \$50 fee, made payable to the Custer County Fair Board. Protests will be handled

by the individual department's Superintendent and the Fair Board. Protests may be appealed to the Fair Board for a final decision. The Fair Board will review them at an officially called meeting. If the protest is upheld, the \$50 fee will be returned.

12. Entering County Fair does not qualify or disqualify you from Colorado State Fair Open Class. County Fair classes are not necessarily descriptive of, or included as, classes for entry at State Fair. You do not have to enter county fair to go to state fair and the same item can be entered in both contests independently.

13. Entry of items constitutes an agreement with this policy.

14. ***Exhibitors are able to sell their items entered in the fair if they choose. Purchasers may pay cash or make checks payable to the exhibitor in turn the exhibitor will give a 25% commission to the Custer County Fair Board for their Capital Improvement fund. Please notify us when you check in your entry if you plan on selling your item and include a card with price and your contact information that can be attached to your entry.***

#### **PANTRY DEPARTMENT 100**

**Rules for Classes 100: Baked Goods** (ie, cookies, bars, brownies, cake, candies, fruit pies, yeast bread, etc)

1. Each exhibitor is allowed **three entries** per class of food products. Entries prepared from conventional methods except where designated. Must be made from scratch (no mixes).
2. Place on paper plate inside a plastic bag. Cool before wrapping.
3. Exhibitors may take home the major portion of baked products immediately after judging. A portion will remain for display.
4. A 3" x 5" recipe card must accompany entry.
5. **Due to food safety concerns, foods requiring refrigeration (i.e. cream cheese fillings, custards) will not be accepted.**

**Rules for Classes 101: Decorated Baked Goods** (ie, decorated cakes, layer cakes, sheet cakes, decorated cookies/cupcakes)

1. Each exhibitor is allowed **three entries** per class of food products.
2. All entries will be judged on precision of decorations and neatness.
3. Entries will not be cut for judging. Cake forms may be used.
4. A 3 x 5 recipe card must accompany entry.
5. **Due to food safety concerns, foods requiring refrigeration (i.e. cream cheese fillings, custards) will not be accepted.**

**Rules for Classes 102: Canned Goods** (ie, jellies, jams, fruit butters, preserves, canned fruit, canned vegetable, pickles, relishes, salsa)

1. Each exhibitor is allowed **three entries** per class of food products.
2. All preservation standards are based on Colorado State University Extension, University of Georgia Extension and University of Utah fact sheets and opinions of food science specialists. Fact sheets are

available at [www.ext.colostate.edu](http://www.ext.colostate.edu),  
<http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/>, <http://extension.usu.edu/>

3. Any canned good that is not properly sealed and labeled will not be accepted for entry. All canned goods must have labels stating: name of product; method of pack where applicable (hot pack or raw pack); method of processing (water bath or pressure canner); altitude and process time; pounds of pressure where applicable; date canned and recipe source. Pickles must be labeled with vinegar/water solution ratio.
4. All canned products shall be packed in clean, clear, standard brand name jars, sealed with new clean seals, processed since August 1, 2017. Label sizes should be no more than 1½ x 2½ for pints and half-pints; 2½ x 3½ for quart jars. Labeling of jars should occur at home. To assist judging, include recipe and recipe source on a 3"x5" recipe card.
5. All soft spreads must be water bath processed. Soft spreads and pickles will be opened and tasted at the judge's discretion.
6. Canned fruit and vegetables will not be opened.

### **NEEDLE ARTS DEPARTMENT 200**

#### **Rules for Classes**

Up to **three entries** per class per exhibitor. Any items of a set will be entered as one exhibit (example: pillow cases, clothing, etc.)

1. Garments or articles must be worthy of entry. Used, worn or soiled items will not be entered. All exhibits must have been completed since August 1, 2017. (Except quilts - Aug. 2016.) Articles that have been previously entered in the Custer County Fair are ineligible.
2. All items with three layers will constitute a quilt and will only be entered in quilt division classes.
3. Quilts may be made by an individual or a group of two or more. If made by a group, all exhibitors' names must be listed on entry form.

**201 Knit and Crochet Division** (ie, crocheted afghan/garment/accessory, knit afghan/garment/accessory)

**202 Quilt Division** (ie, tied quilt, machine quilt, hand quilt, machine embroidered, hand embroidered, wall hanging, quilt with machine/hand applique, etc)

**203 Sewing Division** (ie teen or adult garment, child garment, costume, household item, etc)

**204 Embroidery Division** (ie, counted cross stitch, hand embroidery, machine embroidery, plastic canvas, etc)

### **HERITAGE ARTS DEPARTMENT 300**

#### **Rules for Classes**

1. **Three entries** per class per exhibitor. All items of a set will be entered as one exhibit.
2. All entries must be worthy of entry. Used, worn or soiled items will not be entered. All exhibits must have been completed since August 1, 2018. Articles

that have been previously entered in the Custer County Fair are ineligible.

3. Classes may be sub-divided or combined as determined by the number of entries entered and at the discretion of the judges and/or the superintendents.

**301 Paper Arts Division** (ie, greeting card, scrapbook, quilling, etc)

### **WOODWORKING DEPARTMENT 400**

#### **Rules for Class 401: Woodworking**

1. **Two entries** per class per exhibitor. Any items of a set will be entered as one exhibit (example: bookends, candlestick sets).
2. Articles must be worthy of entry. Obviously used, worn or soiled items will not be entered. All exhibits must have been completed since August 1, 2017.

**401 Woodworking Division** (ie furniture, wood products, wooden art, turning/lathe work, log to finished product, etc)

### **JEWELRY DEPARTMENT 500**

#### **Rules for Class 501: Jewelry**

1. Up to three entries per class per exhibitor. Any items of a set will be entered as one exhibit (example: earrings).
2. Articles must be worthy of entry. Obviously used, worn or soiled items will not be entered. All exhibits must have been completed since August 1, 2017.
3. Exhibits must be entered "display ready", ie: necklace display bust, earring tree, bracelet bar, ring stand, earring stand, etc.

**Jewelry Division** classes are as follows: (stringing beads, bead weaving, wire wrapping, metal work, etc)

### **PHOTOGRAPHY & FINE ART DEPARTMENT 600**

#### **Rules for Classes 600-605: Photography**

1. Entries are limited to **three prints** per class and **10 prints total** per person.
2. Photos carrying identifying marks, copyrights or watermarks will be refused.
3. All photos/paintings must be the original work of the exhibitor completed since July 16th, 2019.
4. Judging will be based on technical quality, composition, originality and relevance to the category.
5. The Superintendent reserves the right to refuse any photograph deemed unsuitable for competition, and all photographs will be displayed at the discretion of the management of the Fair. Entries that do not meet requirements will not be accepted or displayed. Photos depicting nudity, violence, drug use, or other inappropriate content will not be accepted.
6. No photo/painting over 24" x 36" will be accepted.
7. Classes may be sub-divided or combined as determined by the number of entries entered and at the discretion of the judges and/or the superintendents.

**601 Photography: People Division** (ie baby, single person multiple people, candid, Heroes of Custer County, etc)

**602 Photography: Scenic Division** (ie landscape, skyscape, weather, etc)

**603 Photography: Nature Division** (ie plants, flowers, animals, wildlife, insects, birds, etc)

**604 Fine Art Division** (ie acrylic, oil, watercolor, chalk pastel, oil pastel, graphite pencil, colored pencil, etc)

### **FLORICULTURE DEPARTMENT 700**

1. Each exhibitor is allowed three entries per class.
2. Identify variety of all flowers on entry card.
3. Any entry left after 5pm on release day will be disposed of. Prior to release day, any item that starts to mold will be disposed of by a Superintendent or Judge.
4. The exhibitor need not grow flowers that will be used in arrangements. All accessories are used at the exhibitor's risk. Silk, dried, or fresh flowers may be used to create all flower arrangements.

**701 Artistic Arrangements Division** (ie mason jar, fairyland, autumn harvest, Colorado natives, etc)

**702 Potted Plants** (ie cactus garden, foliage garden, fern garden, fairy garden, etc)

**703 Cut Flowers** (ie single blooms, double blooms, multiple blooms, etc)

### **HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT 800**

#### **Rules for Classes**

1. Each exhibitor is allowed **three entries** per class.
2. Identify variety of all crops on entry card.
3. Exhibits will be placed and shown on white paper plates. They may be wrapped in plastic.
4. Any entry left after 9 a.m. on release day will be disposed of. Prior to release day, any item that starts to mold will be disposed of by a Superintendent or Judge.
5. Only home grown produce raised by the exhibitor will be allowed to be exhibited.
6. Display Tips: Uniformity is a key in displaying more than one of any item. Do not deform fruits or vegetables by cutting off parts. Display consumer sized items, not too large or not too small, and free of damage, insects, and disease. Guidelines for judging many of the varieties are listed at the end of this document.
7. Two or more entries of the same crop are required to make a class; otherwise those items will be judged together as one miscellaneous class.

**801 Vegetable Division** (ie beans, broccoli, cauliflower, eggplant, lettuce, kale, peppers, tomatoes, etc)

**802 Herb Division** (ie dill, oregano, thyme, sage, chives, mint, parsley, lavender, etc)

**803 Vine Crops Division** (ie, cantaloupe, cucumbers, peas, pumpkin, squash, watermelon, etc)

**804 Roots, Bulb, and Tuberous Crops Division** (ie carrots, scallions, onions, potatoes, turnips, garlic, etc)

**805 Fruit Division** (ie chokecherries, apples, cherries, grapes, peaches, pears, plums, raspberries, strawberries, etc)

### **CERAMICS DEPARTMENT 900**

#### **Rules for Classes 901: Ceramics**

1. **Three entries** per class per exhibitor. All items of a set will be entered as one exhibit.
2. All entries must be worthy of entry. Used, worn or soiled items will not be entered. All exhibits must have been completed since August 1, 2017. Articles that have been previously entered in the Custer County Fair are ineligible.
3. Classes may be sub-divided or combined as determined by the number of entries entered and at the discretion of the judges and/or the superintendents.

**901 Ceramics Division** (ie glazed, stains, non-fired, chalks, etc)

### **FINE ART DEPARTMENT 1000**

#### **Rules for Classe 1001: Fine Arts**

1. Entries are limited to **three pieces** per class and **10 pieces total** per person.
2. All pieces must be the original work of the exhibitor completed since July 16th, 2019.
3. The Superintendent reserves the right to refuse any piece deemed unsuitable for competition, and all photographs will be displayed at the discretion of the management of the Fair. Entries that do not meet requirements will not be accepted or displayed. Pieces depicting nudity, violence, drug use, or other inappropriate content will not be accepted.
4. No piece over 24" x 36" will be accepted.
5. Classes may be sub-divided or combined as determined by the number of entries entered and at the discretion of the judges and/or the superintendents.

**1001 Fine Art Division** (ie acrylic, oil, watercolor, chalk pastel, oil pastel, graphite pencil, colored pencil, etc)

#### **Rules for Classes 1100- Misc.**

***We are still trying to better serve our community. If you have a handmade item, antique, or any other miscellaneous entry that you think would be a good fit for our fair we would love to see it!!***

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2. All entries must be worthy of entry. Used, worn or soiled items will not be entered. Articles that have been previously entered in the Custer County Fair are ineligible.
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**Misc Division classes are as follows:**

1100. Any miscellaneous entry

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