

## Creative Arts Rules & Regulations

Contestants are grouped into divisions by age and all entered items are judged against those within their own division. Standard age divisions and their entry fees are as follows. Please note: Age divisions and their entry fees may vary within divisions. Please check rules for specific to each department. All entry fees are per item.

### **Junior and Intermediate entries (17 and under)**

\$3.00 per item **ONLINE ONLY**

\$4.00 per item at in person registration

### **Adult entries**

\$4.00 per item **ONLINE ONLY**

\$5.00 per item at in person registration

Please be advised of the following:

- Pre-fair contests are open to amateurs only. Absolutely no professionals. Items will be disqualified if entered.
- All items must have been made in the last year. Any item that has previously won a ribbon in the NTFR Creative Arts contest may not be re-entered.
- All entries must be appropriate for family viewing.
- All handmade entries must be made by the participant only.
- Entered items that contain edible components are prohibited unless competing in Homed Canned Foods – Division C.
- Only 1 enter per class per exhibitor.
- Judging will take place after entries have been received and accepted.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY OR LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- It is distinctly understood that in no case shall the North Texas Fair and Rodeo, its directors, officers, or employees be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury of any character to any person, animal, vehicle, art work, exhibit, or article while participating in the Creative Arts building at the North Texas Fair and Rodeo.

**Online Entries:** Deadline, August 10, 2025, 11:59pm CST

**In Person Entries:** August 13, 2025 - **ONLY** during the hours of 1:00pm – 5:30pm

**All items must be picked up on August 25, 2025, between 1:00pm – 7:00pm. Any item left after 7:00pm will not be the responsibility of NTFR.**

For questions concerning the Creative Arts Department itself, please contact Pattie Pennington (817)269-1844.

## **Creative Arts**

### **Division A – Needlework**

#### Special Rules:

1. Soiled or unfinished articles will not be accepted.
2. All imported handwork is prohibited.
3. Articles that have been shown in any previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Articles must be handmade unless entered in a machine quilt class.
5. Articles must have been completed this year.
6. Kits are permissible.
7. Articles made by a professional will not be accepted.

#### Entry Fee:

**\$4.00 Adult/\$3.00 Junior** per item – **ONLINE ONLY** – Online deadline is August 10, 2025

**\$5.00 Adult/\$4.00 Junior** per item – **WALK UP** – if entered on August 13, 2025, 1:00pm – 5:30pm

#### **Class # - Class Description**

1. Quilt, Applique – hand quilted
2. Quilt, Applique – machine quilted
3. Quilt, Patchwork – hand quilted
4. Quilt, Patchwork – machine quilted
5. Quilt, Combination - hand quilted
6. Quilt, Combination – machine quilted
7. Afghan, crochet
8. Afghan, knit
9. Any type clothing item
10. Baby quilt or afghan
11. Pillows
12. Fashion accessories (purse, hat, scarf, shawl)
13. Holiday item, any type
14. Needlepoint
15. Crewel embroidery
16. Embroidery picture
17. Kitchen accessories (pot holder, trivets, etc.)
18. Lap spread, any type
19. Counted cross stitch
20. Wall hanging
21. Doily
22. Table runner
23. Open class I
24. Open class II
25. Jr. open class I
26. Jr. open class II



**Creative Arts**  
**Division B – Clothing**

Special Rules:

1. Articles made by a professional dressmaker will not be accepted.
2. Entries must be clean and completely finished.
3. Articles that have been shown in any previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Articles must be sewn.
5. Articles must have been completed this year.
6. Judged on quality of construction.

Entry Fee:

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**\$5.00 Adult/\$4.00** Junior per item – **WALK UP** – if entered on August 13, 2025, 1:00pm – 5:30pm

**Class # - Class Description**

- 27. Children clothing – any type
- 28. Pajamas
- 29. Aprons
- 30. Blouse
- 31. Skirt or pants
- 32. Vest
- 33. Ladies 1, 2, 3 piece ensemble
- 34. Long dress
- 35. Costume
- 36. Pant or Jumpsuit
- 37. Table accessory
- 38. Wall hanging
- 39. Fashion accessory
- 40. Open class I
- 41. Open class II
- 42. Open class III
- 43. Jr. open class I
- 44. Jr. open class II
- 45. Jr. open class III

## **Creative Arts**

### **Division C – Home Canned Food**

#### Special Rules:

1. All jars must be filled to the first rim under the lid. Rusty lids/rings will be accepted.
2. No paraffin on preserves, jams, marmalades, butters or jellies.
3. Vegetables and fruits canned in 1 pint jars.
4. Preserves, marmalades, butters, jams and jellies canned in ½ pint jars.
5. **Two like jars of each entry will be needed.** One jar may be emptied for judging and the other will remain on exhibit during fair dates.
6. **All jars must be labeled with item name ONLY** with no personal information or exhibitor name.

#### Entry Fee:

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#### **Class # - Class Description**

- 46. Canned, all fruit types
- 47. Pickled, all fruit types
- 48. Bread & Butter, all types
- 49. Dill pickles
- 50. Canned, all vegetable types
- 51. Pickled, all vegetable types
- 52. Relish, all types
- 53. Picante sauce
- 54. Sauce, other type
- 55. Jam, any type I
- 56. Jam, any type II
- 57. Jam, any type III
- 58. Canned fruit butter
- 59. Preserves, any type I
- 60. Preserves, any type II
- 61. Preserves, any type III
- 62. Marmalade, any type
- 63. Jelly, any type I
- 64. Jelly, any type II
- 65. Jelly, any type III
- 66. Open class
- 67. Open class II
- 68. Open class III
- 69. Jr. open class I
- 70. Jr. open class II

**Creative Arts**  
**Division D – Antiques**

Special Rules:

1. Person(s) with knowledge of antiques will be selected to judge this division and their decisions will be final.
2. Judges will consider the condition and appearance of article.
3. Articles must be at least 50 years old.

Entry Fee:

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**Class # - Class Description**

- 71. Tin
- 72. Tools
- 73. China
- 74. Crockery
- 75. Wooden
- 76. Cast Iron
- 77. Glassware
- 78. Cut Glass
- 79. Relics, small
- 80. Irons
- 81. Jewelry
- 82. Cooking Molds
- 83. Advertisements, books
- 84. Dolls
- 85. Family Relics
- 86. Silver Articles
- 87. Open Class I
- 88. Open Class II
- 89. Open Class III

## **Creative Arts**

### **Division E – Junior Art & Crafts – ages 5-11**

#### Special Rules:

1. Items must be made in the past year.
2. No labels or names can be present on the item.
3. Articles that have been shown in previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Items will be judged on appearance and quality.
5. **Items must be able to fit in a 24" x 24" tabletop area. Outside that measurement will not be accepted.**

\*\*\* *No photography classes. All photography will need to be entered in the Photography contest.*

#### Entry Fee:

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#### **Class # - Class Description**

- 90. Leather
- 91. Wood
- 92. Paper sculpture /paper article
- 93. Oil painting, framed
- 94. Water color, framed
- 95. Charcoal, framed
- 96. Acrylic painted, framed
- 97. Pencil sketching, matted or framed
- 98. Articles made of tin
- 99. Wall plaque, any type
- 100. Creative article
- 101. Jewelry, any type
- 102. Holiday decorations
- 103. Needlepoint on canvas
- 104. Trash to treasure
- 105. Scrapbooking
- 106. Open class I
- 107. Open class II
- 108. Open class III

## **Creative Arts**

### **Division F – Intermediate Art & Crafts – ages 12-17**

#### Special Rules:

1. Items must be made in the past year.
2. No labels or names can be present on the item.
3. Articles that have been shown in previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Items will be judged on appearance and quality.
5. **Items must be able to fit in a 24" x 24" tabletop area. Outside that measurement will not be accepted.**

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#### Entry Fee:

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#### **Class # - Class Description**

- 109. Leather
- 110. Wood
- 111. Paper sculpture /paper article
- 112. Oil painting, framed
- 113. Water color, framed
- 114. Charcoal, framed
- 115. Acrylic painted, framed
- 116. Pencil sketching, matted or framed
- 117. Articles made of tin
- 118. Wall plaque, any type
- 119. Creative article
- 120. Jewelry, any type
- 121. Holiday decorations
- 122. Needlepoint on canvas
- 123. Trash to treasure
- 124. Scrapbooking
- 125. Open class I
- 126. Open class II
- 127. Open class III



## **Creative Arts**

### **Division G – Adult Art & Crafts – ages 18 +**

#### Special Rules:

1. Items must be made in the past year.
2. No labels or names can be present on the item.
3. Articles that have been shown in previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Items will be judged on appearance and quality.
5. **Items must be able to fit in a 24" x 24" tabletop area. Outside that measurement will not be accepted.**

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#### Entry Fee:

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#### **Class # - Class Description**

- 128. Leather
- 129. Wood
- 130. Paper sculpture /paper article
- 131. Oil painting, framed
- 132. Water color, framed
- 133. Charcoal, framed
- 134. Acrylic painted, framed
- 135. Pencil sketching, matted or framed
- 136. Articles made of tin
- 137. Wall plaque, any type
- 138. Creative article
- 139. Jewelry, any type
- 140. Holiday decorations
- 141. Needlepoint on canvas
- 142. Trash to treasure
- 143. Scrapbooking
- 144. Open class I
- 145. Open class II
- 146. Open class III

## **Creative Arts**

### **Division H – No Limits**

This division celebrates the creativity and talent of individuals with special needs or disabilities. Open to participants of all ages, the No Limits category provides an inclusive space for artists to express themselves freely and showcase their work with pride. Entries will be judged on creativity, effort, and originality.

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Items must be made in the past year.
2. No labels or names can be present on the item.
3. Articles that have been shown in previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Items will be judged on appearance and quality.
5. **Items must be able to fit in a 24" x 24" tabletop area. Outside that measurement will not be accepted.**

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#### **Entry Fee:**

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#### **Class # - Class Description**

- 147. Any type needlework
- 148. Paper sculpture /paper article
- 149. Oil painting
- 150. Water color
- 151. Acrylic painted
- 152. Pencil sketching
- 153. Wall plaque, any type
- 154. Creative article
- 155. Open class I
- 156. Open class II