Fiber Arts Competition Handbook

PROGRAM CALENDAR

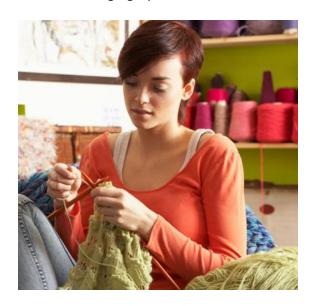
Online or Paper Entry Form deadline	Friday, January 6, 2017		
Deliver items to the Florida Center — located at the Florida State Fair. (see page 9) Shipping Information — (see page 9)	Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 27, 2017 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.		
Items exhibited	February 9 - 20, 2017		
Entry pickup	Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.		

For more information, contact Competitive Exhibit Coordinator

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Why Compete?

Floridians are truly fortunate to have a vibrant cultural tapestry which provides us with a bounty of talent throughout the state. What better way to celebrate many Fiber Art traditions than to host and showcase our best makers in the state?

Competition Overview

Entry Fee: Adult Division \$3 per entry Youth Division \$1 per entry

Entry Fees are non-refundable

Enter online at www.floridastatefair.com. From the **Home Page** select the **Events** link and drop down to select 2017 Competitive Exhibits.

How to enter online – page 9 **Paper entry form** is available on the last page. **General Rules** – page 10

All online & paper entries must be completed on or before January 6, 2017.

handbook in its entirety.

Eligibility

- The Fiber Arts Adult Divisions are open to all Florida residents ages 18 and older. No prerequisite for entry.
- The Fiber Arts Youth Divisions are open to Florida residents in grades 1 – 12, as of September 1, 2016.

Divisions in the Fiber Arts Competition

• Handmade Lace

Traditional Rug

- Weaving
- Embroidery

Hooking

- Knitting & Crochet
- Art Cloth & Textile Surface Design (NEW)

- Exhibitors are encouraged to read this
- Needlepoint Basket Weaving (NEW)
- Handspun Yarn (NEW)
 Felting (NEW)

Entry Rules

- 1. Exhibitors may enter as many classes as they like, but no more than two (2) entry per class per individual.
- 2. Work must have been completed in the last two (2) years.
- 3. Work must be of the artist exhibiting, no teacher assisted work.
- 4. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.
- 5. Entries must have been made by the exhibitor in whose name they are entered.
- 6. Entries completed by two or more individuals are permitted, but will be counted as one exhibitor (the individual who entered online). Group projects shall only be entitled to receive one (1) cash premium award and/or one (1) ribbon or any other type of award.



Judging & Awards

The Fair ensures that the judges we employ are knowledgeable in the division in which they are judging and will be impartial. Judging will be done using a scorecard to assist in keeping the decisions as objective as possible. Judges reserve the right to decide proper classification of entries. The decision of the judges are final.

If, at the Judge's discretion, an entry does not merit a placing, the Judge shall give no award under any circumstance. This rule applies whether there is one or more exhibits in the Class.

Awards Information

First Place - State Fair Ribbon \$12

Second Place - State Fair Ribbon \$7

Third Place - State Fair Ribbon \$4

Best of Show – State Fair Ribbon **\$50**Best of Show Awards will be chosen from the first place winners in each Fiber Arts Adult Division.

Honorable Mention Ribbons may be awarded, at the discretion of the judges.

Judging Criteria

General Appearance
Construction
Workmanship
Design in relationship to yarn/thread
Degree of Difficulty
Presentation

The Fiber Arts Exhibition will be held in the Florida Center during the Florida State Fair. The exhibit will be open for your viewing pleasure.

Needlework - Divisions & Classes

All needlework must be complete, wall hangings must be ready to hang. Framed pieces of needlework must be wire strung and ready for hanging.

Handmade Lace - Adult

Division 30.101

Class Description

- **1** Tatting
- 2 Bobbin Lace
- 3 Needle Lace
- 4 Battenberg Lace
- 5 Other Not Listed

Embroidery – Adult (linen, cotton, silk or wool thread on natural fiber fabric) Division 30.102

Class Description

- 1 Candlewicking
- 2 Embroidered Article
- 3 Hardanger
- **4** Japanese Bunka, original
- 5 Japanese Bunka, kit
- 6 Machine Embroidered Article
- 7 Original Design
- 8 Picture Framed
- 9 Smocking
- 10 Brazilian Embroidery
- 11 Crewel Embroidery
- 12 Other Not Listed



Counted Thread Embroidery – Adult

(cross stitch) Division 30.103

Class Description

- 1 Cross Stitch on Clothing
- 2 Cross Stitch on Household Article
- 3 Cross Stitch (Original Design)
- 4 Picture on Aida Cloth, 14 ct (framed)
- 5 Picture on Aida Cloth, not 14 ct (framed)
- 6 Picture on Evenweave Cloth (framed)
- 7 Picture on Linen (framed)
- 8 Multiple Stitch Types (framed)
- 9 Aida Cloth Sampler (framed)
- **10** Evenweave Sampler (framed)
- 11 Linen Sampler (framed)
- 12 Other Not Listed

Needlepoint - Adult

Division 30.104

Class Description

- 1 Bargello
- 2 Original Design
- 3 Petit Point, 18 ct canvas
- 4 Picture, framed
- 5 Plastic Canvas Article
- 6 Quickpoint, 7 ct canvas
- 7 Other Not Listed

Judging Criteria

Construction - 50%

Workmanship, Stitch executions & tension

General Appearance – 25%

Overall technique and presentation, design stitched on straight grain of fabric, Cleanliness

Presentation - 15%

Framing & finishing

Degree of Difficulty - 10%

Knitting & Crochet – Divisions & Classes

Division 30.105

Class Description

Knitting - Adult

- 1 Socks
- 2 Mittens, Hat or Scarf
- **3** Afghan
- 4 Afghan Pieces
- 5 Infant's Wear & Sets
- 6 Child's Wear & Sets
- **7** Sweater
- 8 Sweater, Varied Knitted Stitches
- 9 Sweater, Varied Yarn Colors
- 10 Shawl, Poncho, Cape or Stole
- 11 Machine Knitted Article
- 12 Toy, Animal, Doll or Doll Clothes
- 13 Household Items
- 14 Original Design
- 15 Other Not Listed

Crochet - Adult

Division 30.106

Class Description

- 1 Socks
- 2 Mittens, Hat or Scarf
- 3 Table Linen
- 4 Afghan, Afghan Stitch
- 5 Afghan, Granny Square
- 6 Afghan, Ripple Pattern
- 7 Afghan, Fisherman Stitch
- 8 Afghan, Stitch Other Than Listed
- 9 Infant's Wear & Set
- 10 Child's Wear & Set
- 11 Sweater
- 12 Shawl, Poncho, Cape or Stole
- 13 Toy, Animal, Doll or Doll Clothes
- 14 Household Items
- 15 Original Design
- 16 Other Not Listed

Judging Criteria

General Appearance – 25% Color & texture combination, neatness, cleanliness & originality **Construction – 50%** Workmanship, Uniformity, Stitch executions & tension, finishing details **Design – 25%** Design in relationship to yarn/fabric selection

NEW Handspun Yarn – Divisions & Classes

Definitions

Handspun Yarn and garment must be the sole work of the exhibitor. All items constructed using handspun yarn must include a minimum of 6" sample of fiber or roving.

Non-Animal Fiber includes silk, flax/linen, hemp, etc.

Art Yarn defies everything we thought we knew about yarn. Wouldn't be suitable for normal patterns, even after making adjustments. Can be made from no more 50% of non-handspun materials.

Synthetic Handspun Yarns are spun from man-made or manufactured fibers.

Handspun Yarn - Adult

Division 30.107

Handspun Yarn should be wound neatly and tied in four places. They should be the weight indicated.

Class Description

- 1 Wool, Lace Weight: 1-oz. skein
- 2 Wool, Worsted Weight: 2-oz. skein
- 3 Wool, Bulky Weight: 2-oz. skein
- 4 Other Animal Fiber, Lace Weight: 1-oz. skein
- 5 Other Animal Fiber, Worsted Weight: 2-oz. skein
- 6 Other Animal Fiber, Bulky Weight: 2-oz. skein
- 7 Non-Animal Fiber, Lace Weight: 1-oz. skein
- 8 Non-Animal Fiber, Worsted Weight: 2-oz. skein
- 9 Non-Animal Fiber, Bulky Weight: 2-oz. skein
- 10 Art Yarn Weight: 2-oz. skein
- 11 Synthetic Handspun Weight: 2-oz. skein
- 12 Other Not Listed

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Items Made from Handspun Yarn should be made from yarn that was handspun by the maker.

Items Made from Handspun Yarn - Adult

Division 30.108

Woven

1 Woven: Scarf2 Woven: Shawl

3 Woven: Clothing/Garment

4 Woven: Toy, Animal, Doll or Doll Clothes

5 Woven: Household Items

6 Woven: Original Design

7 Woven: Other Not Listed

Knit

8 Knit: Socks

9 Knit: Hat, Scarf, Mittens

10 Knit: Sweater

11 Knit: Shawl

12 Knit: Infant or Child Garments

13 Knit: Toy, Animal, Doll or Doll Clothes

14 Knit: Household Items

15 Knit: Original Design

16 Knit: Other Not Listed

Crochet

17 Crochet: Socks

18 Crochet: Hat, Scarf, Mittens

19 Crochet: Sweater

20 Crochet: Shawl

21 Crochet: Infant or Child Garments

22 Crochet: Toy, Animal, Doll or Doll Clothes

23 Crochet: Household Items

24 Crochet: Original Design

25 Crochet: Other Not Listed

Judging Criteria

Skeins will be judged on preparation of fiber & technique.

Items will be judged on technique & suitability of yarn to intended use.

Other Fiber Arts - Divisions & Classes

Traditional Rug Hooking - Adult

with Wool Fabric

Division 30.109

Class Description

1 Primitive, Floral

2 Primitive, Oriental

3 Primitive, Geometric

4 Primitive, Figural/Pictorial

5 Primitive, Original

6 Primitive, Other Not Listed

7 Folk Art

8 Tapestry, Floral

9 Tapestry, Oriental

10 Tapestry, Geometric

11 Tapestry, Figural/Pictorial

12 Tapestry, Original

13 Tapestry, Other Not Listed

14 Novelty Items, Any Cut

15 Latch Hook

16 Other Not Listed

NEW Felting - Adult

Division 30.110

Class Description

1 Wet Felted, Wearable Item

2 Wet Felted, Non-Wearable Item

3 Needle Felted, Wearable Item

4 Needle Felted, Non-Wearable Item

5 Other Not Listed

Weaving – Adult

Division 30.111

Class Description

1 Woven Household Item

2 Wall Hanging

3 Rug, Rag

4 Rug, Other

5 Apparel

6 Fashion Accessory

8 Hand Controlled Weaving

9 Original Design

10 Other Not Listed

Basket Weaving – Divisions & Classes

Definitions

Flat reed (includes Flat and Flat Oval): These baskets are predominately made from commercially processed reed from the Rattan vine. Oak handles, wood bases can be used, but the majority of the basket is flat or flat oval reed.

Traditional Splint: Baskets made from white oak, black ash, hickory, maple, cedar and chestnut. The weaving materials are the raw wood that has been manually processed to obtain or make the weavers, stayes and handles.

Florida Naturals: Baskets made from barks, vines (grape, kudzu, honeysuckle, etc), roots, inflorescence, philodendron, pine needles, grasses, roots, seed pods, etc. - anything grown and gathered in Florida.

Wicker: Baskets made from round reed or natural willow.

Coiling: Baskets formed in a continuous spiral made of pine needles, grasses and cords.

Ribbed: Baskets are all woven (flat reed, round reed, naturals) around one round rim or two hoops and ribs made of reed spokes.

Mold Woven: Nantucket and Shaker baskets that are woven over a mold to create a uniform shape and size. Many have wood bottoms and staves are usually flat or flat oval reed, cane, ash or cedar.

Miniature: Any style of basket that is 4" or less

Mixed Media: Any combination of reed, splint, wire, waxed linen, fabric, paper, vines, beads, etc. – it is an "anything goes" category.

Wire or Textile: Any basket made from woven wire, waxed linen, waxed cotton, fabric, paper, rope, sisal, raffia, seagrass, leather, etc.

Basket Weaving - Adult

Division 30.112

Class Description

- 1 Flat reed
- 2 Traditional Splint
- 3 Florida Naturals
- 4 Wicker
- 5 Coiling
- 6 Ribbed
- 7 Mold Woven (Nantucket, Shaker)
- 8 Miniature (4" or less)
- 9 Mixed Media
- 10 Wire or Textile
- 11 Other Not Listed

NEW Art Cloth & Textile Surface Design – Divisions & Classes

Definitions

Surface Design encompasses the coloring, patterning, and structuring of fiber and fabric. This involves creative exploration of processes such as dyeing, painting, printing, stitching, embellishing, quilting, weaving, knitting, felting, and paper making.

Commercial Dyes consist of Fiber Reactive Dyes, Acid Dyes and Disperse Dyes

Natural Dyes consists of Cellulose and Protein Fibers only

Thickened dye is simply a dye solution which has been thickened into a paste with the help of something like sodium alginate. Thickened dye is absorbed into the fibers, and when the excess dye

and print paste is washed away, the fabric is just as soft as before.

Discharge is the removal of dye from fabric.

Resists block the application of dye, paint, or discharge chemicals.

Shibori is a Japanese manual resist dyeing technique, which produces patterns on fabric.

Mixed Methods: We realize that Surface Design may combine a variety of techniques but when choosing a division and class, choose one that best describes the majority of the technique used to create your piece.

If you cannot choose a division and class that works for your work please choose **Mixed Methods** or **Other Not Listed.**

η E^N Art Cloth & Textile Surface Design − Divisions & Classes

Dyeing using Commercial Dyes - Adult Division 30.113		Resists – Adult Division 30.11		
Class Description 1 Cellulose Fibers (Cotton, Lin. 2 Protein Fibers (Silk, Wool) 3 Synthetic Fibers (Polyester,		 Wax (Batik) Paste Resists, Guttas, Glues Freezer Paper Tape Shibori 		
Dyeing using Natural Dyes – Adult	Division 30.114	Fabric Printing & Transfers – Adult	Division 30.120	
Class Description 1 Vat Dyeing 2 Eco Dyeing 3 Rust Dyeing 4 Indigo Vat Dyeing Ice Dyeing – Adult Class Description 1 Cellulose Fibers (Cotton, Line 2 Protein Fibers (Silk, Wool) Thickened Dye – Adult Class Description 1 Screen Printing 2 Deconstructed Screen Printing	Division 30.116	Class Description 1 Sun Printing 2 Mono Printing 3 Stamping and Block Printing 4 Image Transfer 5 Direct Printing 6 Transfer Mediums 7 Commercial Image Transfer 8 Heat Transfer Distressing Techniques – Adult Class Description 1 Chemical 2 Heat 3 Dimensional Fabric Manipula	Division 30.121	
3 Stenciling4 Direct Application		Stitching & Embellishment – Adult	Division 30.122	
Discharge – Adult	Division 30.117	Class Description 1 Machine Stitching		
Class Description 1 Screen Printing 2 Stenciling 3 Direct Application Fabric Painting – Adult	Division 30.118	 1 Machine Stitching 2 Hand Stitching 3 Embroidery 4 Beading 5 Appliqué (fused or stitched) 6 Metal 7 Natural Materials 		
Class Description		Mixed Methods – Adult	Division 30.123	
 Screen Printing Stenciling Direct Application 		Class Description 1 Mixed methods 2 Other Not Listed		

Fiber Arts Youth – Divisions & Classes

Fiber Arts - Youth

 Youth (age 6-10)
 Division 30.324

 Youth (age 11-13)
 Division 30.424

 Youth (age 14-18)
 Division 30.524

Class Description

- 1 Handmade Lace
- 2 Embroidery
- 3 Counted Thread Embroidery (cross stitch)
- 4 Needlepoint
- 5 Knitting
- 6 Crochet
- 7 Handspun Yarn
- 8 Traditional Rug Hooking with Wool Fabric
- 9 Felting
- 10 Weaving
- 11 Basket Weaving
- 12 Art Cloth & Textile Surface Design
- 12 Other Not Listed







How to Enter Online

We encourage you to enter online, using ShoWorks. The Florida State Fair has implemented ShoWorks, an on-line entry program. ShoWorks is an industry standard used by over 50 fairs nationally. This user-friendly program can be trusted to accurately enter you into our competitions and allows for efficient communications via e-mail. We are excited to have ShoWorks to better facilitate entering Florida State Fair competitions.

- Take a moment to look through this Competition Handbook to see which division and class your entry is eligible to compete in. Then, follow the easy steps listed below to enter the competition you have chosen.
- To Enter Online using ShoWorks.
 Go to www.floridastatefair.com and at the top of the home page select the Events link and you will see in the dropdown list the 2017 Competitive Exhibits link. The link to Enter Online is at the top of that page.
- You can pay fees with a credit card or mail in a check.
- Everyone must register as a new exhibitor when logging in for the first time.
- When registering, please consider that how you input your information is a direct source for the publishing of names and titles for Award Recognition and Publications. Please pay special attention and use proper spelling, capitalization, full names of cities/counties, no abbreviations and correct contact and mailing outlets.
- Note that sessions expire after 20 minutes of inactivity, so "save the cart" if you plan on leaving the computer for more than 20 minutes.

Mailing Paper Entry Forms

• Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, January 6th, 2017.

Failure to complete any portion of entry form may result in disqualification.

Mail Entry Form to:

Family Living Competition – Fiber Arts Florida State Fair P.O. Box 11766 Tampa, FL 33680

Make checks payable to: Florida State Fair Authority

Delivery of Entries

 All entries must be delivered to the Florida State Fair Authority on either:

Thursday, January 26, 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 27, 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, January 28, 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Deliver entries to:

Florida State Fair Authority Florida Center Bldg.

Enter off of Orient Road thru the Service entrance on the west side of the fairgrounds

Map with directions to the Florida Center available on the Competitive Exhibits webpage.

 Entries arriving at the Fairgrounds after Delivery and Shipping Deadlines may be disqualified.

Shipping Information

- Shipped entries must arrive no later than Friday, January 20, 2017.
- Include a Shipping Form, available at <u>www.floridastatefair.com</u> on the Competitive <u>Exhibits</u> Page. Shipments missing form will be returned COD after the Fair.
- Shipped entries, with Shipping Form to:
 Florida State Fair Authority –
 Fiber Arts Competition
 4800 US Hwy 301 North
 Tampa, FL 33610.
- Entries are shipped back to exhibitors after the Fair in the same container. Use reusable shipping containers.
- Return shipping costs are the responsibility of the entrant.
- Return shipping options: COD, Prepaid shipping label, UPS or FedEx account.

Retrieving Entries

- See the calendar for Pick Up dates, times and locations (page 1).
- Entries not picked up on designated dates can be arranged for special pick up appointment by emailing <u>Brenda.Gregory@freshfromflorida.com</u>.
- All entries not claimed by April 1, 2017 will be recycled or donated through our program department.

General Rules

The Florida State Fair shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the projects at the State Fair, or during shipping, and the exhibitors shall hold the Florida State Fair and its officers harmless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to return mailed/shipped entries by any carrier available.

Insurance Information

Any insurance desired on an entry must be acquired by the exhibitor. The Florida State Fair does not insure and is not responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of entries even if the loss, damage, or theft occurs as the result of the handling of the exhibit by staff, volunteers, contractors and/or visitors.

Division/Class Cancellation

The Florida State Fair management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.

Entry Errors

Florida State Fair management is not responsible for finding errors in entries. Exhibitors are responsible for any and all errors which were submitted online or on entry and summary forms. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award which has been disallowed as the result of his own error. The Florida State Fair management shall withhold the payment of awards for exhibits that are ineligible and may recover awards that have been paid for ineligible entries that are disclosed during post audits of Fair records. However, exhibitors with cause are entitled to question the validity of any disallowance. Such exhibitors should inform the Florida State Fair management immediately, in writing, giving their name, address, complete description of the entry and the reason for requesting reconsideration. Requests will not be considered later than ninety (90) days after receiving notice of disallowance.

Substitution

Substitutions may be made in still exhibits only in the same division of the original entry class of the original exhibitor, and may be made only if completed by the entry delivery date. Substitutions must be made at time of delivery check in. The Florida State Fair or the judge may disqualify or transfer to the correct class any entry which is not a true representative of the division or class in which it is entered.

Previously Entered Entry

Any entry that has been exhibited at a previous Florida State Fair is not eligible for entry in the 2017 Florida State Fair.

Verification

Exhibitors wishing to verify that the Florida State Fair has received submitted entry forms and fees must include a self-addressed/stamped postcard when submitting entry forms. Online submissions will receive a confirmation code once entries are submitted.

Responsibility

The Florida State Fair shall not be responsible for exhibits remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release times. All still exhibits or display elements remaining on the Fairgrounds after the designated release time will be treated as abandoned property and will be disposed of on or before September 1st of the same year.

Removal of Entries

An exhibitor may not remove his or her entry from the Florida State Fair once it has been accepted. Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the Fair or at any other time specified in the Competition Handbook and shall not be removed from the Fairgrounds prior to the release date printed in the handbook, except (at the discretion of the Florida State Fair management) in cases of positive evidence of sickness, accident and/or death, or other circumstances that are in the best interests of the Fair.

Dishonored Checks

A penalty of \$25.00 per dishonored check must be paid if a check in payment of entry fees or other applicable fees is refused by the bank. Only cash, certified check or money orders are acceptable for penalty payment.

Design

The Florida State Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibits. Entries designed for hanging and not so equipped will be hung in a manner deemed appropriate by the Fair. No exhibit changes will be made once the entries have been displayed. Once an entry has been received by the Florida State Fair, no further handling of entry by exhibitor shall be permitted. Relocation and final placement shall be accomplished by Florida State Fair personnel. Entries requiring assembly/disassembly must include detailed instructions and sketches for assembly/disassembly. Instructions should indicate lifting points, unsecured parts and any other information required for such handling. Where necessary, bank pins will be utilized to attach exhibits for display.

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Fiber Arts Competition Entry Form

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