

HIGHLANDS COUNTY FAIR

Community Arts & Crafts Competitive Exhibits

ADULT RULES

Entry Forms: DUE by 3:00pm on Friday, January 31st, 2020

Please hand deliver between **8 am and 3 pm** to the Fair Office or mail to the Highlands County Fair Office at:

Highlands County Fair Office

781 Magnolia Avenue

Sebring, FL 33870

(863) 382-2255

ITEM DROP OFF: Three (3) days before fair starts. **February 4th, 2020** in Building #3 on the Fairgrounds from **9 am to 12 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

ITEM PICK UP: **February 16th, 2020** in Building #3 on the Fairgrounds from **11 am to 2 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE TIMES AND DATES OF THESE DEADLINES.

Please make arrangements to drop off and pick up your items during the listed times. Failure to pick up your items your ribbons and items will result in all items becoming the property of the Fair.

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE RULE BOOK FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION.

Thank you for contributing to the Highlands County Fair and sharing your talents with the community!

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

PLEASE NOTE: Rules and Regulations may change each year due to feedback we receive from participants- ideas and constructive criticism is always valued.

1. The Highlands County Fair community Arts and Crafts Show is open to all Amateur artists, hobbyists and crafters who reside within Highlands County (including winter residents with a local address). There are **NO ENTRY FEES**. All items will be judged on individual merit (with the exception of the Best of Show winners). Explanation of ribbons and prizes can be found within the Rules and Regulations portion of this booklet.
2. Originality, neatness and adherence to rules will be part of the judging criteria for all departments.
3. All entries will be accepted on **February 4th, 2020 between 9 am and 12 pm** (noon) in Building #3.
4. All entries must be picked up on **February 16th, 2020 between 11 am and 2 pm** in Building #3, if you are picking up entries you must have the matching receipt that identifies any items you entered. **Any entries not picked up at this time will become the property of the Highlands County Fair and all premium money and ribbons will be forfeited.** No entries will be released at any other time.
5. All entry forms **MUST** have a **COMPLETE** description of the work (Example: color, subject, etc.). Be specific to your particular item in the description field. Your item needs to be distinguishable in descriptions so judges are able to easily identify it on their judging sheets. Please see example of proper form fill-in. You must have specific items in mind when registering.
6. **DO NOT** place your name on the item being entered. The Highlands County Fair will attach an identification slip to the item to ensure proper ownership

and to prevent judging bias. After judging a name card will be placed beside all item/s so the public will know who entered each individual project.

7. A **total of 12 items** per person may be entered in the Community Arts and Crafts Booth with a **maximum of 2 per class and a maximum of 6 in any one section.**
8. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must have been completed from February 2019 to February 2020 (Note: certain categories may be eligible for a longer completion time, those categories will be clearly marked in the Department List). **Items must be clean, in good condition, in good taste, finished and finishes must be dry.**
9. The Community Arts & Crafts department is for exhibition and competition only. The sale of articles is not permitted.
10. All premium money will be paid on the basis of the judges records, not by the ribbon attached to the article.
11. All possible protection will be given to all exhibits. **The Highlands County Fair Association is not liable for damages or loss of property.**
12. Volunteers are always welcome- please inquire when dropping off entries.
13. It is assumed that you have read and agreed to the Rules and Regulations that govern the Fair and the Community Arts and Crafts Show when you enter your items in the show.

EXAMPLE OF ENTRY FORM FILL-IN

Clerical accuracy is vital!

Find listing from this book.

Be as descriptive as possible to distinguish your item from others that may be similar.

Leave blank.

Dept.	Section	Class	Description of Item Entered	Office use only

If you are unsure of your Department, Section or Class please refer to the rules section for helpful guidelines

EXPLANATION OF RIBBONS

Ribbons

- A. All items within a Department will be judged against one another on a points based grading scale. Points are awarded by Judges decisions with all decisions being final.
- B. All items receiving ribbons in that Department will be eligible for the Best of Show.





Premiums for Adults

- A. Blue Ribbon \$ 20.00
- B. Red Ribbon \$ 15.00
- C. White Ribbon \$ 10.00
- D. Green Ribbon \$ 0.00
- E. Best of Show \$ 25.00

Premium Checks will be mailed out within 2 weeks of the Fair's closing date.

FOOD PRESERVATION

DEPARTMENT 1

-  All jars must be clear glass (standard) canning jars of half-pint, pint or quart size. Jars must be clean with rings and lids free from rust. All jars must be sealed by water bath or pressure canner; paraffin will not be accepted.
-  Exhibitor must submit 2 jars for each entered item: 1 for exhibiting and 1 for taste testing. The un-opened jar will be returned as is.
-  Jars must be labeled with the name of the product and the date canned. Exhibitor name must be on bottom of jar.
-  Entered items must be accompanied by the recipe on a 5" x 8" card and must be typed. The recipe must show the ingredients used and the method of preparation. The name of the Exhibitor must be on the reverse side of the recipe.

SECTION A – Jams, Jellies, Preserves, Marmalades and Fruit Butters

- Class 1 – Berry
- Class 2 – Citrus
- Class 3 – Honey
- Class 4 – Other Not Listed

SECTION B – Pickles and Relishes



- Class 1 – Sweet
- Class 2 – Dill
- Class 3 – Bread & Butter
- Class 4 – Vegetables
- Class 5 – Other Not Listed

SECTION C – Canned Fruits and Vegetables

- Class 1 – Fruit
- Class 2 – Vegetables
- Class 3 – Other Not Listed

NEEDLEWORK, YARN & CORD CRAFTS

DEPARTMENT 2

-  All clothing items must be accompanied with a hanger for displaying the item.
-  All entries must be the original, personal work of the exhibitor, completed within the last year (please see rules exception for Handmade Quilts and Afghans) and never before exhibited in the Highlands County Fair Community Arts & Crafts competition.

SECTION A – KNITTING

- Class 1 – AFGHANS (must be completed within the last three years)
- Class 2 - CLOTHING
- Class 3 - MACHINE KNIT
- Class 4 – ORIGINAL DESIGN

SECTION B – CROCHETING

- Class 1 – AFGHANS (must be completed within the last three years)
- Class 2 - SPREADS
- Class 3 - TABLECLOTHS & DOILIES
- Class 4 - CLOTHING
- Class 5 – DOLL CLOTHING
- Class 6 – ORIGINAL DESIGN

SECTION C – HAND QUILTED


- Class 1 – QUILT (must be completed within the last three years)
- Class 2 - MINI QUILT
- Class 3 - WALL HANGING
- Class 4 - ORIGINAL DESIGN

SECTION D – MACHINE QUILTED

- Class 1 - QUILT
- Class 2 - MINI QUILT
- Class 3 - WALL HANGING
- Class 4 - ORIGINAL DESIGN

CRAFTS

DEPARTMENT 3

 All entries must be the original, personal work of the exhibitor, completed within the last year and never before exhibited in the Highlands County Fair Community Arts & Crafts.

SECTION A – GENERAL CRAFTS

Class 1 - BASKETRY

Class 2 - WREATHS/FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Class 3 - PAPER TOLE

Class 4 - MIXED MEDIA

Class 5 – MINIATURES

Class 6 – STUFFED ANIMALS

Class 7 – MACRAME

Class 8 – SCRAPBOOKING

Class 9 – MUSICAL ITEM

Class 10 – ORIGINAL DESIGN


Class 11- CERAMICS

Class 12- HOLIDAY ITEMS

Class 13- HOOK & WEAVE

WOOD

DEPARTMENT 4

 All entries must be the original, personal work of the exhibitor, completed within the last year and never before entered into the Community Arts and Crafts at the Highlands County Fair.

SECTION A – WOOD WORKING

Class 1 - WOOD TURNING

Class 2 - INTARSIA


- Class 3 - FURNITURE
- Class 4 - MINIATURES
- Class 5 - DOLL HOUSES
- Class 6 - ORIGINAL DESIGN

SECTION B – WOOD CARVING

- Class 1 - CARVINGS
- Class 2 - BURNINGS
- Class 3 - MINIATURES
- Class 4 - RELIEF-CHIP-FLAT
- Class 5 - ORIGINAL DESIGN

STONE, GLASS & METAL

DEPARTMENT 5


 All entries must be the original, personal work of the exhibitor, completed within the last two years and never before entered into the Community Arts & Crafts at the Highlands County Fair.

SECTION A – GLASS, STONE & METAL

- Class 1 - STAINED GLASS
- Class 2 - JEWELRY
- Class 3 - SCULPTURES (ALL MEDIAS)
- Class 4 - ORIGINAL DESIGN

RECYCLE, REPURPOSE & REUSE

DEPARTMENT 6

 All entries must be the original, personal work of the exhibitor, completed within the last year and never before entered into the Community Arts & Crafts at the Highlands County Fair. Item(s) used that are recycle, repurposed or reused must be listed on an index card and turned in with the entry. Item must not weigh over 40lbs. The item must be either reusable as something else or recycled to look like something else, not just an abstract pile of garbage.

FINE ARTS

DEPARTMENT 7

- Paints, prints and drawings must be framed, ready to hang and can be securely mounted.
- Items of an offensive, controversial or objectionable subject matter will not be accepted.
- All entries must be the original, personal work of the exhibitor, completed within the last year and never before exhibited in the Highlands County Fair Community Arts & Crafts.

SECTION A – OILS, ACRYLICS

- Class 1 - PEOPLE
- Class 2 - PLACES
- Class 3 - THINGS
- Class 4 - ANIMALS
- Class 5 - 3D
- Class 6 - ORIGINAL DESIGN

SECTION B – WATERCOLOR





- Class 1 - PEOPLE
- Class 2 - PLACES
- Class 3 - THINGS
- Class 4 - ANIMALS
- Class 5 - 3D
- Class 6 - ORIGINAL DESIGN

SECTION C – DRAWING

- Class 1 - PENCIL
- Class 2 - PEN & INK
- Class 3 - CHARCOAL
- Class 4 - PASTELS
- Class 5 - MIXED MEDIA

PHOTOGRAPHY

DEPARTMENT 8

-  Items of an offensive, controversial or objectionable subject matter will not be accepted.
-  All entries must list what type of camera was used (ie: Canon, Nikon, Sony, Etc.) and must have been taken within the last year.
-  All entries must be framed, securely mounted and ready to hang. No foam or core mounts, no Masonite mounts, no cardboard or scotch taped items will be allowed to compete. Any entered item not complying with these specifications will be disqualified by the judges and not displayed.
-  Print sizes shall be no smaller than 8" x 10" and no larger than 16" x 20". Any print that does not fit within this size limitation will be disqualified.

SECTION A – DIGITAL

- Class 1 - PEOPLE
- Class 2 - PLACES
- Class 3 - THINGS
- Class 4 - DOMESTIC ANIMALS
- Class 5 - WILDLIFE
- Class 6 - FLOWERS

SECTION B – MANIPULATED/ PHOTOSHOPPED

- Class 1 - PEOPLE
- Class 2 - PLACES
- Class 3 - THINGS
- Class 4 - DOMESTIC ANIMALS
- Class 5 - WILDLIFE
- Class 6 - FLOWERS
- Class 7 - PICTURES OF THE PAST

SECTION C – BLACK & WHITE

- Class 1 - PEOPLE
- Class 2 - PLACES
- Class 3 - THINGS
- Class 4 - DOMESTIC ANIMALS
- Class 5 - WILDLIFE
- Class 6 - FLOWERS

SECTION D – CANVAS, METAL, GLASS OR WOOD

Class 1 - PEOPLE

Class 2 - PLACES

Class 3 - THINGS

Class 4 - DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Class 5 - WILDLIFE

Class 6 – FLOWERS

HORTICULTURE

DEPARTMENT 9



Plants may be store bought and assembled for mixed plants but must be under your care for a minimum of six (6) months. The Fair reserves the right to reject any plant that is substandard in either quality or maturity. Maximum size of plant may not be any larger than 48 inches in diameter and must weigh less than 40 pounds.



Plants and flowers must be clean, trimmed and free from insects or disease. Plants must be submitted in proper clean containers; no double pots or stands may be used. Absolutely no cans will be accepted. Hanging plants must have a rigid hook and no chains.



Water plants well before bringing to the Fairgrounds. Plants will be watered regularly during the Fair. If special watering is needed it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the Fair Office in writing when dropping off your plant.



You must include an index card stating how the plant was started, ie: bulb, Seed, cutting or store bought and the date that you bought or started it.

SECTION A – HOMEGROWN/ SEEDS/ CUTTINGS/ BULBS

Class 1 - FLOWERING

Class 2 - NON-FLOWERING

- Class 3 – ROSES
- Class 4 – ORCHIDS
- Class 5 – LILLIES
- Class 6 – MIXED PLANTS
- Class 7 – OTHER NOT LISTED

SECTION B – HOMEGROWN/ SEEDS/ CUTTINGS/ BULBS

- Class 1 – FERNS
- Class 2 – VINES
- Class 3 – BROMELIADS/AIRPLANTS
- Class 4 – CACTUS
- Class 5 – FRUITS
- Class 6 – VEGETABLES
- Class 7 – MIXED PLANTS
- Class 8 – OTHER NOT LISTED

WILD CARD

DEPARTMENT 10

NEW FOR 2020!!

Cookie Contest!!

A brand new exciting contest for amateur bakers with great prizes- don't miss your chance to flaunt your baking skills and take home the grand prize!! Rules and entry information will be made available closer to 2020.