



**FLORIDA CREATIVE LIVING
2016 Competition Handbook**



The Florida State Fair

Crafts Competition

Our Fair is so much more than rides and midway food! It includes a grand exhibition of agricultural, industrial, mechanical, horticultural, dairy, forestry, poultry and livestock resources. FFA and 4H members compete in the Champion of Champions Youth Livestock Program. Livestock of all kinds fill our barns.

The Florida Center hosts competitive exhibits of art, baking, horticulture, photography, textiles, winemaking and woodworking. Cracker Country is a rural Florida Living Museum featuring traditional, early craft and trade artisans who recreate the lives and labors of the past.

Our Expo Hall holds exhibitors and vendors from across the country and the world!

More than 450,000 visitors are expected to come to the 2016 Florida State Fair. Many of those individuals come primarily to see the various exhibits that will be on display. Your work is an integral part of our celebration and we look forward to showcasing your talent at the Fair from February 4 – 15, 2016.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

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| Wed. January 6, 2016 | Entry form deadline |
| Thurs. January 21, 2016 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Deliver items to the Florida Center |
| Fri. January 22, 2016 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | |
| Sat. January 23, 2016 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | |
| February 4 – 15, 2016 | Items Exhibited |

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| Tues. February 16, 2016 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Entry Pick-up |
| Wed. February 17, 2016 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | |

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General Information

Competition Handbooks may be downloaded from the Florida State Fair website at www.floridastatefair.com.

1. Open to all Florida residents. No prerequisite for entry. Please read all rules and regulations before entering.
2. Enter online at www.floridastatefair.com, and pay fees using a Visa or MasterCard.
3. Entry Fee: Adult Division \$3 per entry; Youth Division \$1 per entry.

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

How to Enter Online

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. Thank you.

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 competition your entry is eligible to compete in. Then, follow the easy steps listed below to enter the competition you have chosen.

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.

Everyone must register as a new exhibitor when logging in for the first time in any given year.

Divisions and Classes

HOLIDAY ON PARADE

ADULT DIVISION 143A

YOUTH DIVISION 143Y1, 143Y2, 143Y3, 143Y4

Class Description

1. Holiday Table Cover
2. Christmas Table Centerpiece
3. Spring Table Centerpiece
4. Fall Table Centerpiece

5. Holiday Needlework
6. Christmas Stocking
7. Christmas Apron
8. Christmas Door Decoration
9. Christmas Toy
10. Religious Christmas Decoration
11. Tree Skirt
12. Mantel Decoration
13. Kissing Ball
14. Handmade Christmas Tree
15. Christmas Card Holder
16. Nativity Scene
17. Wreaths
18. Christmas Tree Ornament
19. Wall Hanging
20. Home Accessories
21. Table Top Accessories
22. Other Not Listed

WOODWORKING

ADULT DIVISION 144A

YOUTH DIVISION 144Y1, 144Y2, 144Y3, 144Y4

Class Description

1. Trains
2. Models, Ships, Planes, Etc.
3. Boxes - Any Size
4. Large Toys (Riding) Wagon, Cars, Etc.
5. Small Toys, Cars, Trucks, Etc.
6. Rocking Animals
7. Rocking Chairs
8. Table and Chair Sets
9. Doll House
10. Doll Furniture and Miniatures
11. Cradle
12. Christmas Items, Deer, Angel, Tree, Etc.
13. Original Design
14. Fretwork
15. Marquetry, Pictures or Inlaid Designs of Natural Color, Any Size (No Kits)
16. Intarsia, Pictures or Inlaid Designs, Any Finish
17. Wood Burning, Scene On Flat Surface (Ready To Hang) Frames Will Not Be

Judged. (Adults may also enter in Div.152 class 68)

18. Other Not Listed

CERAMICS

ADULT DIVISION 145A

YOUTH DIVISION 145Y1, 145Y2, 145Y3, 145Y4

Class Description

1. Underglaze
2. Glaze
3. Decorations, Raised, Recessed, Pierced, Cutout, Graffito, Etc.
4. Stained, Unfired
5. Hand-Built
6. Miscellaneous, Kiln Fired Only
7. Overglaze
8. Dolls
9. Airbrush
10. Creative Ceramics
11. Brushwork
12. Original Design
13. Other Not Listed

ARTS AND CRAFTS

ADULT DIVISION 146A

YOUTH DIVISION 146Y1, 146Y2, 146Y3, 146Y4

Class Description

1. Rugs, Any Material
2. Flowers, Natural or Man-made Material, Arranged
3. Bead Work on Clothing
4. Pine Needle Article
5. Doll, Fabric or Thread, Rag, Mop, or Soft Sculptured
6. Handmade Jewelry
7. Toy
8. Stuffed Animal
9. Whimsical Stitchery
10. Appliquéd Craft
11. Wedding Bouquet
12. Paint on Sweatshirts
13. Paint on T-Shirts
14. Baskets
15. Original Design

16. Eggery

17. Recycled Materials

18. Scrapbooking

19. Stained Glass – Flat Panels

20. Stained Glass – Lamps & Lamp Shades

21. Stained Glass – Boxes & Other 3 Dimensional Items

22. Other Stained Glass Not Listed

23. Window Screen Painting

24. Shoebox Float

25. Other Crafts Not Listed

LEGO SCULPTURES (All individual Legos must be glued together to form each entered item.)

ADULT DIVISION 147A

YOUTH DIVISION 147Y1, 147Y2, 147Y3, 147Y4

Class Description

1. Jewelry
2. Toys
3. Animals
4. Buildings
5. Automobiles
6. Boats
7. Figures
8. Other Items Not Listed

BASKET WEAVING

Judging:

Entered items will be judged on use of materials, evenness of weaving, form, use of color, quality of finish, and use of embellishments.

ADULT DIVISION 148A

YOUTH DIVISION 148Y1, 148Y2, 148Y3, 148Y4

Class Description

1. Rib Baskets
2. Traditional Split / Flat Spoked Baskets
3. Florida Naturals Baskets
4. Traditional Coiled Baskets
5. Painted / Decorated Baskets
6. Contemporary / Mixed Materials
7. Miniature/Woven Ornament
8. Other Not Listed

Judging

A panel of judges will be selected from professionals in the subject area. The following awards are determined based on individual merit and measured against industry standards.

First Place - State Fair Ribbon \$12

Second Place - State Fair Ribbon \$7

Third Place - State Fair Ribbon \$4

Adult Best of Show - State Fair Ribbon \$50

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

Judges reserve the right to decide proper classification. The decision of the judges are final.

Delivery of Entries

1. All entries must be delivered to the Florida State Fair Authority.
2. See calendar (page 2) for delivery dates and times.
3. Entries arriving at the Fairgrounds after Delivery and Shipping Deadlines may be disqualified.
4. Final results and exhibit display will be revealed during Fair time.

Retrieving Entries

If you choose to pick up your entry, see the calendar for Pick Up dates, times and locations (page 2). Entries not picked up on designated dates can be arranged for special pick up appointment by emailing Carla.Carman@freshfromflorida.com. All entries not claimed by April 1, 2016 will be recycled or donated through our program department.

Shipping Information

If you choose to ship your entries to the Fair:

1. Shipped entries must arrive no later than Friday, January 15, 2016.
2. Include a Shipping Form, available at www.floridastatefair.com. Shipments missing form will be returned COD after the fair.
3. Ship entries, with Shipping Form, to:

**Florida State Fair Authority
Crafts Competition
4800 US Hwy 301 North
Tampa, FL 33610**

4. Entries are shipped back to exhibitors after the Fair in the same container. Use reusable shipping containers.
5. Return shipping costs are the responsibility of the entrant.
6. Return shipping options: COD, Prepaid shipping label, UPS or FedEx account.

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 State Fair and its officers harmless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. The Fair reserves the right to return mailed/shipped entries by any carrier available.

Insurance Information

1. 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.

2. Mailed or shipped entries will be returned insured based on the Insurance Value indicated on the Shipping Form. If no "Insurance Value" is listed entry will be returned uninsured.

No Guarantee

The State Fair cannot guarantee that all exhibition requirements of an entry can be provided (i.e. electricity, a showcase, a pedestal, special lighting, special location, total space requirements, water source, computer services, or any other special requirements).

Division/Class Cancellation

The 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

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 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 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 for livestock must be in the same division of the original entry by the original exhibitor. Substitutions must be made at time of check in to avoid penalty. Fees may apply for substitutions in excess of two per division. The 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 non-animal entry that has been exhibited at a previous Florida State Fair is not eligible for entry in the 2016 Florida State Fair.

Verification

Exhibitors wishing to verify that the 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 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 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 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 Fair, no further handling of entry by exhibitor shall be permitted. Relocation and final placement shall be accomplished by 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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FLORIDA STATE FAIR 2016

(List name of competition you are entering on the line above)

Entry Form Deadline: January 6, 2016. Failure to complete any portion of entry form may result in disqualification

Exhibitor Number (office use only)

PLEASE PRINT

CHECK IF NEW ADDRESS

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ Organization _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ COUNTY _____

CITY _____, FLORIDA, ZIP CODE _____ PHONE () _____ - _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

**Mail form to: Carla Carman
Family Living Competition
Florida State Fair
P.O. Box 11766
Tampa, FL 33680
**Make Checks Payable to
Florida State Fair Authority**

| # | DIVISION # | CLASS # | ENTERED ITEM DESCRIPTION | # | DIVISION # | CLASS # | ENTERED ITEM DESCRIPTION |
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I hereby agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the Florida State Fair

Exhibitor Signature _____

Please indicate AGE GROUP

Seniors (60 +) _____ Adults (18-59) _____

Youth (Must be student)

Y1 (ages 6-9) _____ Y2 (ages 10-12) _____

Y3 (ages 13-15) _____ Y4 (ages 16-18) _____