Preparing Entry for Exhibition

Fine Art (2D)
Artwork must be framed!

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Examples of wire hangers on frames and canvases

Graphic Art

Graphic Art entries are judged presentation as well as the project itself.
- Outer dimensions of mat board or frame cannot exceed 24 inches in any direction.
- Stationary systems can be framed or mounted on mat board.
- Computer graphic entries can be framed or mounted on mat board.
- Screen printed items can arrive on a hanger or presented in a way that supports the project.
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Photographs

- Photographs must be printed on photo paper (gloss or matte), unless exhibiting in Alternative Process.
- All photographs must be matted in a standard single weight black or white mat board. NO Double Mats. The finished size of the mat board must be 11 inches x 14 inches (outer dimension).
- Print size(s) can be any size as long they can be matted to fit to the 11 inches x 14 inches mat. Odd size prints may need the mat window professionally cut to size.
- How the print gets attached to the mat is dependent on the type of pre-cut mat you purchase.
- Prints can also be attached to a board with a hinge mount; the method we recommend involve taping the print into place with folded hinges. Double stick tape can also be used to adhere the print to the backing board.
- The South Florida Fair will insert photographs in clear sleeves to further protect them during Fair. That is why no foam core should be used to back the print
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Sources for mat boards

Michaels and Hobby Lobby all have pre-cut photo mats. Redimat is an online resource that has many sizes as well as custom mat cutting available.