

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DONE ONLINE
NO PAPER ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED
NEEDLE ARTS – Department 44**

Competitive Exhibits office at 716-649-3900 ext. 6407

ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018

Entry Fee: \$20.00 allows entries throughout the Creative Arts Department
Entry Arrival: Wednesday, August 1st between 12:00 Noon and 8:00 PM OR Thursday, August 2nd between 12:00 Noon and 8:00 PM
Entry Removal: Tuesday, August 21st between 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Prize Checks: Tuesday, August 14th – Sunday, August 19th between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

General Needle Arts Rules

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. All entries must be pre-registered by Friday, July 20, 2018. Entries not pre-registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page.
3. Only one (1) entry per class.
4. **Important:** Needle Art pictures **Must be well framed** and wired with flexible picture wire, fastened to screw eyes on wooden frames or sliding hangers on metal frames. (No saw tooth hangers permitted). All others will not be accepted.
5. The following **will not be ACCEPTED:**
 - Plastic canvas medium
 - Hoop pictures
 - Grouped miniatures to form a minimum picture size
 - Machine embroidery
6. Each entry will be judged on its own merit.
7. Size requirements:
 - Minimum size: 8" x 10" including frame
 - Maximum size: 24" x 30" including frame

Judging Criteria for Needle Arts

1. General Appearance. Is it pleasing to the eye? Does it have balance? Is there harmony among the subjects stitched?
2. Is the workmanship (technique) correctly executed?
3. Did the designer take into consideration the difficulty of the piece and use the correct technique?
4. Is the piece clean of smudges and marks?
5. Does the framing or finishing of the piece compliment the work itself?
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NEEDLE ARTS PICTURES (Section NAA-NAD Must be Framed)

NAA- STAMPED FABRIC

Premiums for Section NAA Blue-\$10.00 Red-\$5.00

1. Crewel Embroidery
2. Cross Stitch

NAB- COUNTED CROSS STITCH – WORKED FROM A GRAPH

Premiums for Section NAB Blue-\$10.00 Red-\$5.00

1. Beginner/1st piece using Aida cloth, any count
2. Beginner/1st piece using Linen, any count
3. Using Aida cloth, any count
4. Using Linen, any count
5. Samplers (Must include the Alphabet)
6. Textured Specialty Stitches, on Linen or Aida cloth, using techniques such as Hardanger Motifs, Hemstitching, Pulled/Drawn work, Smyrna crosses etc. No purchased embellishments
7. Hardanger Embroidery on Linen, Aida or Canvas using only traditional Hardanger motifs and designs. May include purchased embellishments if desired
8. Embellished Stitches using Linen or Aida cloth using Textured stitches as well as Beading, Metallic Threads, Silk Ribbon, buttons and/or other purchased embellishments
9. Crewel Embroidery

NAC- NEEDLEPOINT – WORKED FROM A GRAPH - ON CANVAS

Premiums for Section NAC Blue-\$10.00 Red-\$5.00

1. Needlepoint using Tent Stitches **ONLY**
2. Canvas Work. Needlepoint using all other stitches or techniques

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NAD- SPECIAL CLASSES – WILL HAVE SIZE MINIMUM WAIVED

Premiums for Section NAD Blue-\$10.00 Red-\$5.00

1. Black Work (Linen or Aida)
2. Needle Painting or Bunka Embroidery
3. Silk Ribbon Work (using linen, satin or aida ground fabric)
4. Stump Work or 3-Dimensional Embroidery
5. Brazilian Embroidery using Rayon Brazilian Threads
6. Any needlework listed above worked by a person over 70 years of age.
7. Any needlework listed above worked by a man

NAE- FABRIC NEEDLEWORK WALL HANGINGS (30" x 30" MAXIMUM SIZE)

Premiums for Section NAE Blue-\$8.00 Red-\$4.00

1. Worked in counted cross-stitch, crewel, embroidered or any other stitch technique, must have appropriate hardware for hanging

NAF-NEEDLEWORK DOOR/WALL DECORATIONS

Premiums for Section NAF Blue- \$8.00 Red- \$4.00

1. Worked in counted cross-stitch, crewel, embroidered or any other stitch technique, must have appropriate hardware for hanging

NAG- DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK PILLOWS

Premiums Section NAG Blue - \$5.00 Red - \$4.00

1. Needlepoint using tent stitch or textured stitches
2. Counted Cross Stitch
3. Smocked
4. Patchwork or Appliquéd
5. Crewel
6. Crewel using Silk/Cotton threads or Crewel Yarn
7. Stump Work
8. Any needlework listed above worked by a person over 70 years of age
9. Any needlework not listed above

NAH- BABY NEEDS USING VARIOUS TECHNIQUES

Premiums for Section NAH Blue-\$8.00 Red-\$4.00

1. Linen or Aida – Cross Stitch only – FRAMED
2. Baby Towel – Cross Stitch Only
3. Baby Bib – Cross Stitch Only
4. Baby Crib Cover or Blankets – Cross Stitch Only

NAI- DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK BELL PULLS

Worked in any stitch technique. Must be hemmed and have appropriate hardware for hanging.

Premiums for Section NAI Blue-\$8.00 Red \$4.00

1. Mini Bell Pull: Maximum width 3", Maximum length 12"
2. Bell Pull: 3"– 8" wide; Maximum length 24"

NAJ- CHRISTMAS DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK

Premiums for Section NAJ Blue-\$8.00 Red \$4.00

1. Christmas Stocking Linen or Aida, using any stitch technique
2. Christmas Stocking, Canvas using any stitch technique
3. Christmas Sweatshirt using any stitch technique
4. Christmas Vest using any stitch technique
5. Advent Calendar using any stitch technique
6. Christmas Tree Ornaments
7. Christmas Tree Skirt – Cross Stitch, Crewel or Needlepoint

NAK-DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK VESTS AND SWEATSHIRTS

Must be secured on a hanger by the exhibitor.

Premiums for Section NAK Blue-\$8.00 Red-\$5.00

1. Sweatshirt – any stitch technique, all other holidays or themes
2. Vest – any stitch technique, all other holidays or themes

NAL- DECORATIVE TABLE TOP ITEM

Premiums for Section NAL Blue-\$8.00 Red-\$5.00

1. Clocks Needle Worked Face in cross stitch, crewel or needlepoint
2. Paperweights – any technique
3. Boxes (porcelain, wooden, music or perforated paper) using any technique
4. Needlework Accessories (Needle cases, scissors fob or holder, pincushions, matched sets) Maximum 5 pieces accepted in this category only
5. Needlework trays – any technique
6. Basket with Needle worked liners or edging.
7. Jewelry such as earring, bracelet, pendants using needlework
8. Jewelry such as earring, bracelet, pendants, amulet bag using only beads

NAM- PERFORATED PAPER USING ANY TECHNIQUE- GREETING CARDS

Premium for Section NAM Blue-\$8.00 Red \$5.00

1. Anniversary
2. Valentine's Day
3. Christmas
4. Birthday
5. Any other occasion not listed above

NAN- CRAZY TECHNIQUE STITCHING

Premium for Section NAN Blue-\$7.00 Red \$4.00

1. Crazy Quilt Squares

AWARDS FOR NEEDLE ARTS EXHIBIT:

Clarissa L. Tills Memorial Award

Given by Robert W. Tills

\$25.00 cash award for outstanding needlepoint picture

\$10.00 Cash Award for Best in Section NAB Class #1

Beginner 1st piece using Aida Cloth

Award Given By Lillian Dunlavey

\$10.00 Cash Award for Best in Section NAD Class #6

Any needlework listed above done by a person over 70 years old

Award Given By Lillian Dunlavey

ZJ's Family Restaurant, Hamburg Village Square

141 Buffalo Street, Hamburg, NY 14127

Take out 646-5950

\$10 Gift Certificate for Section NAB Class #3 – Cross Stitch only Aida Cloth

\$10 Gift Certificate for Section NAG Class #8 – Any needlework listed above worked by a person over 70 years of age

\$10 Gift Certificate for Section NAJ Class #6 – Christmas Tree Ornaments

Mrs. Beatrice H. Paschke Award

\$10 Cash Award for Section NAB Class #4 - Cross Stitch using only linen

\$10 Cash Award for Section NAB Class #5 - Samplers (Must include the Alphabet)

\$10 Cash Award for Section NAJ Class #1 – Christmas Stocking Linen or Aida