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# THE ERIE COUNTY FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. The Society assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage and upon this condition only, entries are accepted. This includes items left on the property when not picked up on the specified day.
2. A service charge of \$39.00 will be added for checks returned for non-sufficient funds.
3. All articles for exhibition must remain on the grounds according to the rules of each department, or forfeit their premium unless excused by the Fair Manager of the Society.
4. Competitors for premiums must be holders of a Society Membership, Exhibitor's ticket or pay the junior entry fee (for exhibitors age 5-12).
5. Any person making false entry shall forfeit any award on such entry.
6. No entry fee or exhibitor tickets will be refunded, this includes entries not brought to the Fairgrounds on specified days at specified times.
7. The Erie County Agricultural Society reserves the right to reject any or all entries.
8. The judges shall withhold a premium where the article or animal is unworthy of an award, except for educational exhibits. Judges are especially directed to withhold the first premium to animals or articles without competition.
9. All premium checks not cashed within 60 days of the check's date shall be forfeited.
10. All protests must be in writing and filed with the Fair Manager before 10:00 AM of the last day of the Fair.
11. As a condition of exhibiting at the Erie County Fair, the exhibitor authorizes the Erie County Fair to use any photographs from the event for future publication.
12. All persons violating the above rules shall be subject to ejection from the Fairgrounds or property of the Erie County Agricultural Society at Hamburg, New York, and shall also be subject to such other penalties as may be provided by the law for any and all offenses committed by such persons in violation of the law.

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## CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

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1. Every exhibitor in the Creative Arts must purchase an Exhibitor's Ticket for \$20.00 or Erie County Agricultural Society Membership for \$50.00. A junior exhibitor (ages 5 – 17) may exhibit only in Department 32-33 but exhibitors ages 13-17 must purchase a \$20.00 Exhibitor's Ticket, which includes five (5) tickets to the Fair. Exhibitors ages 5-12 must pay a \$5 junior entry fee (includes no passes).
2. Exhibitors may enter in adult classes or in junior classes (following age requirements) but not in both. Exhibitors age is determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. All exhibitors are entitled to five (5) tickets to the Fair, except exhibitors' ages 5-12 that are paying the \$5 junior entry fee. All Erie County Agricultural Society members are allowed the privilege of making entries in the Creative Arts Department and entering in all other departments of the Fair, subject to the rules of the Erie County Agricultural Society, and admission to the Fair each day.
4. **Any person not delivering their entries on the designated days will forfeit the entry fee and the exhibitor tickets.**
5. Exhibitors (adults & juniors) should completely fill out the entry form online. Each exhibitor should retain a duplicate for his or her reference.
6. **Only one (1) entry may be made in a class**, unless otherwise noted. Also, see specific sections for any section entry limits.
7. Pre-register any item you think that you might enter. Additional entries will **not be accepted**. If an item is entered in the wrong class, due to a misunderstanding, it may be changed. If you have any questions regarding the classes see the top of each section for the phone number to call.
8. Exhibits, with Creative Arts entry tag attached, should be delivered to specific sections and stubs should be retained to claim articles at removal time. Removal day is Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
9. Exhibitors who do not exhibit all articles listed on their entry forms must return tags covering such articles to the Superintendent in charge.
10. The Erie County Agricultural Society assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to exhibits, or exhibits left after 7 PM on Tuesday, August 20, 2018.
11. **All articles will be displayed at the discretion of the Superintendent in charge.**
12. All handiwork must have been completed BY THE EXHIBITOR within the past FIVE (5) YEARS. Only clean, finished work will be accepted.
13. No premium will be given or exhibitor tickets issued on any article that has previously taken a first premium. Premiums may be withheld at the discretion of the judge.
14. No class changes will be made to an entry without the exhibitors' knowledge.
15. To note, the Fair accepts artwork from all individuals, regardless of ability. The category of 'Exceptional Artist/ Special Children of the Fair' no longer exists. The Fair is an integrated and all-inclusive event and the exhibits exemplify this.

**What is the Tri-Color? How is it selected?**

It is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each of our sections.

**Ribbons awarded in the  
Creative Arts Department**

<b>Blue</b>	<b>First Place</b>
<b>Red</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Third Place</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>Honorable Mention</b>
<b>Gray</b>	<b>Consideration for Tri-Color</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>Special Award</b>
<b>Tri-Color</b>	<b>Best in Section</b>

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**ENTERING EXHIBITS IN THE CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT – AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3**

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**Step 1 Pre-register by Friday July 19, 2019**

- All entries must be pre-registered by entering online by Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Enter any items you think you might bring (including flower show), entries cannot be added later
- Be sure to enter credit card information for all fees, including the \$20.00 exhibitor fee for ages 13 & older & \$5.00 junior entry fee for exhibitors ages 5-12.

**Step 2 Bring your exhibits to the Fair on the specified days (no exceptions)**

- All exhibits (except flowers) must be brought to the Fairgrounds on either Wednesday July 31, 2019 or Thursday August 1, 2019 from Noon - 8:00 PM
- All flowers must be brought to the Fairgrounds on Monday, August 5, 2019 from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

***\*All exhibitors who have entered items that are not brought in on the designated days and times will forfeit their entry fee and exhibitor tickets.***

**Step 3 Pick up your prize check and remove your exhibits**

- Prize checks will be available on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM in the Creative Arts Exhibit Area. Checks can also be picked up on removal day. Checks not picked up will be mailed.
- Exhibits must be removed from the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Items cannot be removed from the Fairgrounds at any other time, if you are unable to make it, send a friend.

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**CREATIVE ARTS SCHEDULE**

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<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 1</b>	Online entry system open
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 19</b>	Pre-Registration Deadline <b>ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 31</b> 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM	Exhibits (except Flower Show) come to the Fair, bring items to the Creative Arts Exhibit Area- the lower grandstand
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 1</b> 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM	Exhibits (except Flower Show) come to the Fair, bring items to the Creative Arts Exhibit Area- the lower grandstand
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 5</b> 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Flower Show exhibits come to the Fair; bring items to the Creative Arts Exhibit Area- the lower grandstand
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 20</b> 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Exhibits must be removed. Premium checks may also be picked up at this time

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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- Q: When do I receive my passes (exhibitor tickets)?**  
**A:** On entry days, when you bring your exhibits to the fair. Passes will not be mailed (Exceptions: Plein Air Painting, Pallets and Digital Photo Shootout)
- Q: Is the cost to exhibit \$20 for each item or \$20 total?**  
**A:** The cost is \$20 total for ages 13 & older (or \$5 junior entry fee for ages 5-12) regardless of the number of items you enter.
- Q: When do I bring my items to the Fair?**  
**A:** All entries (except flowers) must be brought to the Fair on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> or Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> between 12:00 Noon and 8:00 PM. Flowers must be brought to the Fair on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
- Q: When can my items be picked up from the Fair?**  
**A:** Items must be removed from the Fair on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
- Q: I am going to be out of town on entry/removal days, can someone else drop off/pick up my items?**  
**A:** Yes, another person can drop off/pick up your items if you are unable to make it personally. However, if another person is picking your items up make sure that you give them your claim checks.
- Q: What if I am not sure that my item fits into the category?**  
**A:** See the top of each section for the phone number to call or email address.