

# Home and Holiday/Seasonal Crafts Handbook

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Online or Paper Entry Form deadline

Friday, January 1, 2021

### Deliver items to Building 3 at the South Florida Fair (see Page 4)

Friday, January 8, 2021

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, January 9, 2021

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2021

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Items exhibited

January 15 - 31, 2021

### Entry pickup

Monday, February 1, 2021

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Competition Overview

Entry Fee: FREE

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Exhibitors are encouraged to read this handbook in its entirety.

## Eligibility

The Home and Holiday/Seasonal Crafts Adult Divisions are open to all Florida residents ages 18 and up.

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# Entry Rules

## NUMBER OF ENTRIES

No more than four (4) items per person in each division may be submitted for judging, however there is no limit to the number of pieces per class. *For example: An exhibitor can enter up to four (4) items in Home Craft and up to four (4) items in Holiday Craft.*

## SIZE AND WEIGHT OF ENTRIES

Items cannot exceed 48 inches in any direction, and must weigh less than 40 pounds, unless prior approval by the Exhibits and Special Events Manager.

## INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

- All two-dimensional artwork must be received installation ready. Framed items should use strong screw eyes and wire.
- All three-dimensional artwork must be received installation ready. Provide a base if necessary, for structural support.

*Note: See "Preparing Entry for Exhibition." at The Creation Station, Crafts & Specialty Arts webpage.*

## GENERAL ENTRY RULES

- Entries previously exhibited in the South Florida Fair may not be submitted for competition.
- Exhibited work must be completed within the last two (2) years.
- Entries must have been prepared/made/processed by the exhibitor in whose name they are entered.
- In keeping with the South Florida Fair's family orientation; nudes or items of an offensive, controversial, or objectionable nature or subject matter will not be accepted.
- Entries completed by two or more individuals are permitted but will be counted as one exhibitor (the individual who entered online).

## Judging and Awards

The Fair ensures the judges are knowledgeable in the division in which they are judging and will be impartial. Judges reserve the right to reassign entries to a more appropriate division or class. Judging will be done using a scorecard to assist in keeping decisions as objective as possible. *The decision of the judge(s) is final.*

If, at the judge's discretion, an entry does not merit a placing, the judge shall give no award under any circumstance. This rule applies whether there is one or more exhibits in the class.

## Awards Information

**First Place** – South Florida Fair Ribbon

**Second Place** – South Florida Fair Ribbon

**Third Place** – South Florida Fair Ribbon

**Best of Show** – South Florida Fair Ribbon and Premium Payment

*Best of Show awards will be chosen from the first-place winners in each division.*

## Judging Criteria

Originality – 40 percent

Execution – 40 percent

General Appearance – 10 percent

Degree of Difficulty – 10 percent

# Holiday and Seasonal Crafts – Divisions and Classes

## Definitions

**Holiday:** can be any nationally, religiously, or culturally observed day(s) of contemplation or celebration, or the events themselves.

**These include:** religious and non-religious holidays, federal holidays and cultural or special community celebrations. Also, included are Halloween, Mother's Day, etc.

**Seasonal crafts and décor:** made to celebrate the seasonal changes throughout the year.

**Decorative art:** a diverse art form using a variety of techniques and mediums to decorate functional and non-functional surfaces. The designs can be original or copied patterns painted on a variety of surfaces from paper, wood items, canvas, clay pots, furniture, boxes, and many more. Mediums are anything from oil, acrylic, watercolor, colored pencils, alcohol inks, pastels, etc.

**2D Décor:** include items like needlework, table linens, wall hanging, paper crafts, etc.

**3D Décor:** include items like table centerpieces, dolls, toys, wood-crafted items, home accessories, etc.

## Holiday and Seasonal Crafts – Adult - Division 1

### Class Description

#### Holiday (Non-Christmas) Crafts

- 1 Holiday 2D Décor - see definition
- 2 Holiday 3D Décor - see definition
- 3 Holiday Wreaths
- 4 Holiday Decorative Art - see definition  
(2D or 3D in any medium)

#### Seasonal Crafts

- 6 Seasonal 2D Décor - see definition
- 7 Seasonal 3D Décor - see definition
- 8 Seasonal Wreaths
- 9 Seasonal Decorative Art - see definition  
(2D or 3D in any medium)

#### Christmas Specific Crafts

- 10 Christmas 2D Décor - see definition
- 11 Christmas 3D Décor - see definition
- 12 Christmas Wreath
- 13 Christmas Stocking
- 14 Christmas Tree Skirt
- 15 Christmas Toy
- 16 Christmas Tree (Handmade)
- 17 Christmas Tree Ornament
- 18 Nativity Scene and Religious Decoration
- 19 Christmas Specific Decorative Art  
(2D or 3D in any medium)
- 20 Other Not Listed (Any Holiday or Season)

# Home Crafts – Divisions and Classes

## Definitions

**Paper crafts:** is the collection of art forms employing paper or card as the primary artistic medium for the creation of two or three-dimensional objects. This includes card making, scrapbooking, Paper Mache, paper clay, quilling, etc.

**Home Décor and Accessories:** includes wall-hangings, signs, or any item that decorates your living or work area.

**Repurposed (recycled art):** items are transformed or modified to use for a purpose other than its originally intended use, for example, a coffeepot made into a birdhouse. Items should be made from at least 80 percent recycled materials.

**Other not listed class:** used for items where there is NOT a class listed.

## Home Crafts – Adult - Division 2

### Class Description

#### Home Crafts

- 1 Paper crafts
- 2 Polymer Clay
- 3 Doll making
- 4 Macramé
- 5 Applique Craft (includes beads, studs, and rhinestones)
- 6 Beadwork (non-jewelry)

#### Home Décor and Accessories

- 7 Home Décor – see definition
- 8 Flower Arranging (dried or artificial)
- 9 Rugs (Not traditional rug hooking)
- 10 Wreaths (Non-holiday or seasonal)
- 11 Whimsical Stitchery

#### Garden Art

- 12 Birdhouses
- 13 Planters and Containers
- 14 Yard Art Sculptures

#### Recycled Art

(Made from at least 80 percent recycled materials)

- 15 Repurposed Items
- 16 Recycled Garden Art
- 17 Other not listed

## How to Enter Online

Exhibitors are encouraged to enter online at [www.southfloridafair.com/TheCreationStation](http://www.southfloridafair.com/TheCreationStation).

- Review this Competition Handbook to see which division and class your entry is eligible to compete in. Follow the easy steps listed below to enter.
- To enter online, go to [www.southfloridafair.com/TheCreationStation](http://www.southfloridafair.com/TheCreationStation) and complete the form. Click the submit button and make sure you are brought to the thank you for registering page.
- Everyone must register as a new exhibitor each year.
- When registering, please verify all information is correct. Please pay special attention to capitalization, full names of cities/counties and use proper spelling (no abbreviations).

## Mailing Paper Entry Forms

Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, January 1, 2021.

*Failure to complete any portion of entry form may result in disqualification.*

### Mail Entry Form to:

The Creation Station, Crafts & Specialty Arts – Home and Holiday/Seasonal Crafts  
South Florida Fair  
P.O. Box 210367  
West Palm Beach, FL 33421-0367

## Delivery Entries

All entries must be delivered to the South Florida Fair on either:

Friday, January 8, 2021  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, January 9, 2021  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2021  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Deliver entries to:

South Florida Fair  
Building 3  
Attn: Lorie Stinson

*Enter Gate 10 off Fairgrounds Road.*

**Entries arriving at the Fairgrounds after delivery deadline may be disqualified.**

## Retrieving Entries

- See the calendar for pick up dates, times, and locations (Page 1)
- Entries not picked up on designated dates can be arranged for special pick up appointment by emailing [lorie@southfloridafair.com](mailto:lorie@southfloridafair.com)
- All entries not claimed by March 1 of the same year will be recycled, disposed, or donated.

# General Rules

## Disclaimer

All competitive exhibits are entered at the exhibitor's risk. The South Florida 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. If the exhibitor desires insurance coverage, this coverage should be secured from a personal insurance agent prior to entry and the policy written to cover the period of exhibition and transportation. Reasonable care will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits. Unauthorized persons are not permitted in the building after closing hours.

## Division/Class Cancellation

The South Florida Fair 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

South Florida Fair is not responsible for finding errors in entries. Exhibitors are responsible for 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 South Florida Fair 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 South Florida Fair 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 90 days after receiving notice of disallowance.

## Premium Payments

Premium awards will be paid to the Best of Show. Best of Show awards will be chosen from the first-place winners in each Division. Amounts vary depending on Division.

## 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 must be made at time of delivery check in. The South Florida 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 entry that has been exhibited at a previous South Florida Fair is not eligible for entry in this year's South Florida Fair, excluding Horticulture and Creative Aquarium entries.

## Verification

Exhibitors wishing to verify that the South Florida Fair has received submitted entry forms must include a self-addressed/stamped envelope when submitting entry forms. Online submissions will receive a confirmation email.

## Responsibility

The South Florida 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 the designated release time will be treated as abandoned property and will be disposed of on or before March 1 of the current year.

## Removal of Entries

Exhibitors may not remove their entry from the South Florida 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 South Florida Fair) in cases of evidence of sickness, accident and/or death, or other circumstances that are in the best interests of the Fair.

## Design

The South Florida 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 South Florida Fair, no further handling of entry by exhibitor shall be permitted. Relocation and final placement shall be accomplished by South Florida 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.

# Home and Holiday/Seasonal Crafts Entry Form

OFFICE USE ONLY

Exhibitor # \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, January 1, 2021.

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Please print legibly

Exhibitors Name (First, Last)			
Mailing Address		County	
City	State	Zip Code	
Phone		Email	

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	DIVISION#	CLASS#	CATEGORY	ITEM DESCRIPTION
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I hereby certify that I have read the South Florida Fair General Rules for The Creation Station, Crafts & Specialty Arts Program (Page 6) and the above item(s) is/are entered for exhibition strictly in accordance with these rules, by which I agree to be governed. I also agree that the South Florida Fair may use my name, likeness, or photograph (including, but not limited to photographs of my entry), in any manner relating to my participation in The Creation Station, Crafts & Specialty Arts Program, free of charge and without further notice or consultation.

Signature of exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 South Florida Fair  
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 West Palm Beach, FL 33421-0367