

Sewing Competition 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 pick up

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 Sewing Adult Divisions are open to all Florida residents ages 18 and up.

Divisions in the Sewing Competition

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- Cosplay Apparel – Page 3
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Entry Rules

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

- Due to display limitations, only eight (8) sewing items per person will be accepted for judging, however there is no limit to the number of pieces per class.
- Work must be of the artist exhibiting, no teacher assisted work.

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 (2) or more individuals are permitted but will be counted as one (1) 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

Construction – 50 percent

Presentation Quality – 10 percent

General Appearance – 15 percent

Degree of Difficulty – 25 percent

Divisions and Classes

Sewing: Adult Apparel – Adult - Division 1

Class Description

- 1 Dress (Daytime)
- 2 Blouse and skirt
- 3 Pants (Women or Men)
- 4 Sportswear (Women or Men)
- 5 Tailored suit or jacket (Women or Men)
- 6 Sleeping wear or robe (Women or Men)
- 7 Coat, cape, or jacket (Women or Men)

Sewing: Children's Apparel – Adult - Division 2

Class Description

- 1 Baby's apparel (up to 36 months)
- 2 Child's apparel (3-12 years)
- 3 Child's sleeping garment or robe

Sewing: Special Occasion Apparel – Adult - Division 3

Class Description

- 1 Wedding gown
- 2 Bridal wear (Bridesmaids, flower girl, mother of bride or groom dress)
- 3 Wedding accessories, must be sewn (no flowers)
- 4 Formal and party wear (Women, men, or children)
- 5 Evening gowns or prom dress

Sewing: Home Décor and Accessories – Adult - Division 4

Class Description

- 1 Hat, scarf, tie, and bowtie
- 2 Purse or bag
- 3 Apron
- 4 Pillow
- 5 Table linen
- 6 Doll clothes
- 7 Other not listed

Sewing: Cosplay Apparel – Adult - Division 5

Cosplay, short for "costume play", is a type of performance art whose participants dress up as a specific character, often with elaborate costumes and accessories. Costumes sewn to portray characters from movies, comics, graphic novels, literature, science fiction, fantasy, history, etc.

Class Description

- 1 Science Fiction character
- 2 Anime or Manga character
- 3 Fantasy character
- 4 Comic Book character
- 5 Movie character
- 6 Historical or Renaissance character
- 7 Steampunk
- 8 Holiday or seasonal costume
- 9 Other not listed

Sewing: Recycled Fashions – Adult - Division 6

Recycled fashions must be made of at least 75 percent recycled or reused materials that otherwise would be thrown away or recycled.

Class Description

- 1 Dress – daytime (Women)
- 2 Dress – daytime (Children)
- 3 Formal and party wear (Women)
- 4 Formal and party wear (Men)
- 5 Formal and party wear (Children)
- 6 Gowns – wedding or evening (Women)
- 7 Gowns – wedding or evening (Children)
- 8 Coat, cape, or jacket (Women or Men)
- 9 Hats and headpieces
- 10 Shoes
- 11 Other not listed

How to Enter Online

Exhibitors are encouraged to enter online at 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 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 – Sewing
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
- 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 September 1st 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.

Sewing Competition Entry Form

OFFICE USE ONLY

Exhibitor # _____

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

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

Please print legibly

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

Exhibitors may enter up to eight (8) entries for judging, however there is no limit to the number of pieces per class.

	DIVISION#	CLASS#	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 5) 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 _____

Mail Entry Form to:

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