



Erie County Fair

Erie County Agricultural Society

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Erie County Fair
Open Class
August 10 – 16, 2026

DEPARTMENT 5 - HOUSEHOLD ARTS



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Superintendent - Amy Facemire

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Check in will be on Sunday, August 9th from 5-8 pm.
2. Judging will start on Sunday, August 9th at 8:30 pm.
3. Official release time is Sunday, August 16th from 9am - Noon
4. All articles must be the work of the exhibitor.
5. All articles must be clean and in good condition.
6. All articles must be made in the last five years.
7. If you have been a dealer or professional in the past or have earned 50% of your annual income by such means, you must enter as a Dealer/Professional
8. Exhibitors may enter two entries for each category in CLASS I (apparel). Exhibitors are limited to one entry per category for CLASS II-XI
9. No unfinished work will be judged.
10. No premium will be awarded by the judge if the exhibit is considered unworthy.
11. Judging Criteria will be as follows:
 - A. Coordination of Color 10 pts.
 - B. Originality & Suitability 20 pts.
 - C. General Appearance 30 pts.
 - D. Workmanship 40 pts.

TOTAL 100 PTS.

CLASS I –MACHINE SEWING APPAREL (Infant, Child, or Adult size)

1. Dress
2. Pants/Shorts/Skirt
3. Blouse/Shirt/Vest
4. Costume or Special Occasion
5. Coat/Jacket
6. Other Apparel Item

CLASS WINNER

CLASS II –MACHINE SEWING - ACCESSORIES

1. Apron
2. Hat, Scarf or Shawl
3. Wallet/Clutch/Small Purse
4. Tote Bag or Large Purse
5. Accessories Other

CLASS WINNER

CLASS III –HOUSEHOLD DECOR OR TOY

1. Placemats/coaster/potholder/casserole carrier
2. Table Runner
3. Pencil pouch/Makeup bag/zippered pouch
4. Fabric Basket or Basket Liner
5. Pillow/Pillow Case
6. Stuffed Toy
7. Doll clothes (any size doll)
8. Sewn Blanket or Sleeping Bag
9. Pet toy or clothing
10. Rugs – Latch Hook, Hooked, or other
11. No-sew Blanket
12. Sewing or Needlecraft accessory
13. Household Item Other (sewn or non-sewn)

CLASS WINNER

CLASS IV—RECYCLED ITEM (MUST BE MADE FROM FABRIC OR SEWING ITEMS PREVIOUSLY USED IN SOME WAY – ATTACH A PICTURE OF THE ORIGINAL ITEM)

1. Apparel
2. Accessory
3. Home Decor

CLASS WINNER

CLASS V–NEEDLEWORK (MAY BE HAND WORK ON COMMERCIAL ITEM)

1. Counted Cross Stitch
2. Stamped Cross Stitch
3. Crewel/Embroidery
4. Needle Point
5. Punch Needle
6. Plastic Canvas
7. Needlework Other

CLASS WINNER

CLASS VI - CROCHET OR KNITTED ITEMS

1. Crochet Afghans/Bedsread/Tablecloth
2. Crochet Apparel (Infant or Child or Adult size)
3. Knitted Afghans/Bedsread/Tablecloth
4. Knitted Apparel (Infant or Child or Adult size)
5. Non-needle knitted item (arm knitting, bulky yarn, etc)
6. Knitted or Crochet Scarf or Shawl or Hat
7. Knitted or Crochet Purse or Bag
8. Crochet or Knitted Other

CLASS WINNER

CLASS VII - QUILTING

1. Hand Quilted, Applique (any size)
2. Hand Quilted, Pieced (any size)
3. Machine Quilted, smaller than 60 in x 60 in
4. Machine Quilted larger than 60 in x 60 in
5. Quilted Wall Hanging or Home Décor Item
6. Quilt Other, any size (tied, t-shirt, etc)

CLASS WINNER

CLASS VIII - WOOL

1. Wool Felting
2. Wool Applique – wearable
3. Wool Applique – home décor
4. Wool Applique – holiday decoration (any holiday)
5. Wool Other

CLASS WINNER

CLASS IX - HOLIDAY DÉCOR (ANY METHOD OF SEWING, NEEDLEWORK, AND FABRIC ART)

1. Tree Skirt or Stocking
2. Other Christmas Decoration
3. Easter, Spring, or Summer Decoration
4. Thanksgiving, Fall or Winter (non-Christmas) Decoration

CLASS WINNER

CLASS X - EMBELLISHMENT OR APPLIQUE (CAN BE ON PURCHASED OR SEWN ITEM)

1. Painted or dyed item
2. Iron-on embellishment
3. Sewn on embellishment
4. Embellishment - mixture of methods

CLASS WINNER

CLASS XI - MY FIRST PROJECT

1. Project should be made by a new sewer who has limited experience. Can be a sewn item, needlecraft item, quilt, or fabric no-sew item.

CLASS WINNER

BEST OF SHOW

Registration Deadline—August 3rd.

Interested in entering the 7 other Departments—Farm & Garden, Floriculture, Baked Goods, Photography, Arts, Antiques & Collections and Hobbies & Crafts?

Contact the Erie County Fair Board office or visit www.eriefair.com

See last page for Open Class general information, rules and regulations

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

General Information

1. BE SURE TO READ: (1) All rules imposed by the Erie County Agricultural Society; (2) All rules imposed by the State of Ohio; (3) All specific instructions under the department in which you wish to enter; (4) The summary of rules on the entry form.
2. Questions which arise will be answered by the department superintendents.
3. The Erie County Fair Board reserves the sole and absolute right to construe its own rules and regulations and to determine arbitrarily on matters and differences in regard thereto, from which there is no appeal.
4. Security and Police officers are on duty on the grounds during the continuance of the Fair. The Erie County Fair Board is not and will not be responsible for damage, loss, or accident that may occur. Exhibitors are requested to give attention to their items during the Fair.
5. Disrespect by an exhibitor or agent toward officials, or any misrepresentation, in regard to entries in any department either by statements made or facts omitted, will render the entry ineligible to compete, and no premium will be paid.
6. Competition is open to all counties in Ohio.
7. All open class exhibitors must hold a membership ticket, season ticket, pay per entry or a youth wristband.
8. All entries must be made in the name of the owner of the article.
9. Entries should be recorded on forms provided and mailed to the Erie County Agricultural Society, PO Box 2436, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870.
10. If you have been a dealer or professional in the past or earn 50% of your annual income by such means, you must enter as a Dealer/ Professional.
11. The closing date of all entries for each department will be 6pm, August 3rd.
12. All mail in entries in all departments must be postmarked no later than July 31st. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
13. The exhibitor must fill out the entry form completely. This includes designating the department; class; and description of the item. The entry form must be signed by the exhibitor.
14. When the entry of an item is recorded in the books of the Secretary, tags will be given a number and class which are to be placed on the item. Once the item has been entered, no changes in the entry will be permitted, unless it can be shown that a mistake has been made.
15. The superintendent has the right to change entry to a more appropriate category.
16. Every item for competition must be placed on display on Sunday, August 9th between 5-8 pm.
Except for:
 - Items for Farm and Garden and Baked Goods must be placed on display on Monday, August 10th between 8-9am.
 - Floriculture Class:
 - o Classes I, II and III on Tuesday, August 11th between 8-9 am.
 - o Classes IV, V and VI on Thursday, August 13th between 8-9 am.
17. Official release time is Sunday, August 16th, 9am-noon.
Any exhibitor removing items before release time will not be permitted to enter any open class exhibits the following year. Not responsible for items left after noon.
18. Exhibitor must provide receipt to remove item from display area.
19. No interference or communications with the judges will be allowed and any person who by letter or otherwise attempts to influence the decision of the judge, shall forfeit any and all premiums which may be or have been awarded and be ruled out of competition.
20. Premiums for most classes are: 1st - \$5.00; 2nd - \$3.00; 3rd - \$1.00. Unless otherwise stated.
21. Premiums can be picked up on Saturday of the fair in the Sr. Fair Board office or on Sunday at exhibit check out.
22. Rosettes and ribbons will be awarded at time of judging or may be picked up in the Sr. Fair Board Office.
23. The judges are instructed not to award premiums, unless the items are deemed of worthy merit.
24. No person other than members of the Board, who are not competitors, will be allowed to see the entries, or to have access to the judges' books after the awards are made.
25. If there is any question as to the regularity of any entry, or of the right of any item to compete in any given class, the judges shall report the same to the Superintendent of the Department for adjustment.
26. The Fair Board is not responsible for notifying winning exhibitors.
27. For specific rules— see individual departments.

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