



Erie County Fair

Erie County Agricultural Society

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Erie County Fair
Open Class
August 10 – 16, 2026

DEPARTMENT 8 - HOBBIES & CRAFTS



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Superintendent - Heather Kromer

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Check in will be on Sunday, Aug. 9th from 5-8 pm.
2. Judging will be on Monday, Aug. 10th at 8pm.
3. Official release time is Sunday, August 16th, 9am – noon
4. Entry must be made by the exhibitor.
5. No commercial entries.
6. Exhibitors may enter as many categories as desired.
7. Only one entry per category, per exhibitor.
8. An item cannot be entered in more than one category.
9. 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.
10. Entrants may make preliminary choices as to category, but final placement of entries is at the judge's discretion. Categories may be combined or expanded, depending on the number of entries.
11. Entries may not be entered for more than one year.
12. See also Open Class General Rules and Regulations..

CLASS I—WOODWORKING—Bring pictures if the item is too big to bring in.

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| 1. Furniture | 3. Birdhouses |
| 2. Toys | 4. Other |

CLASS WINNER

CLASS II—WOODCARVING

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| 1. Animals | 4. Wood burning |
| 2. Birds | 5. Other |
| 3. Walking Sticks | |

CLASS WINNER

CLASS III—CERAMICS—Not purchased bisque

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| 1. Slip Cast | 4. Pinch |
| 2. Wheel Thrown | 5. Coil |
| 3. Slab | |

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CLASS IV—VINYL CUT CREATIONS (i.e.—CRICUT)

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| 1. Clothing | 4. Etched Glass Using Vinyl |
| 2. Stencilled Signage | 5. Vinyl Sign |
| 3. Drinkware (Glasses, Thermal Cups etc) | 6. Other |

CLASS WINNER

CLASS V—MODEL BUILDING - No larger than 15" x 15"

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| 1. Car | 4. Legos- from a kit |
| 2. Aircraft | 5. Trains |
| 3. Legos - own design | 6. Other |

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CLASS VI—HOMEMADE & HAND PAINTED MINIATURES:

ex: For an outdoor garden area

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| 1. Simple House | 4. Characters |
| 2. Table and Chair set | 5. Other |
| 3. Garden Gate | |

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CLASS VII—HANDMADE JEWELRY

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| 1. Beading | 3. Wire Bending |
| 2. Resin Charms | 4. Other |

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CLASS VIII—PAPER ART

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| 1. Quilling | 4. Paper Mosaic |
| 2. Origami | 5. Paper Sculpture |
| 3. Scherenschnitte | |

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CLASS IX—MACRAMÉ

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| 1. Keychain | 3. Wall Hanging |
| 2. Plant Holder | |

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CLASS X—Trash to Treasure—repurpose items to make-(Items must be made into a new use for example an old rug can't be reconstructed into a new rug)

1. Light fixture
2. Animal or Person Sculpture
3. Jewelry
4. Furniture
5. Wall Art
6. Rugs

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CLASS XI—CRAFTS OF YESTERYEAR

1. Pressed Flower Card
2. Pressed Flower Book Mark
3. Beaded Gloves
4. Shell decorated Jewelry boxes
5. Wreath—any material
6. Basket making
7. Homemade soaps
8. Other

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CLASS XII—METAL WORK

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| 1. Welding | 3. Silversmithing |
| 2. Blacksmithing | |

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CLASS XIII—STAINED GLASS

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| 1. Hanging Work | 2. Standing Work |
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CLASS XIV—TABLESCAPES - Themed table for 2 (include place settings, centerpiece, etc - must fit on half of an 8' rectangle table- you pick the theme, ie Valentine's Day, Christmas, Thanksgiving)

CLASS XV – SHOEBOX DIORAMA - Create a shoe box size scene of your favorite part of the Erie County Fair

CLASS XVI—any of the preceding classes utilizing the fair theme of "The Sweetest Fair Around".

CLASS XVII—CRAFT KIT (available for the first 25 registrants, ages 9 and younger only)--Pick up a ready-to-be-made craft kit at the Sr. Fairboard Office anytime between July 15 and August 3. Bring it back Sunday August 9th to be displayed and judged!

BEST OF SHOW

Registration Deadline—August 3rd

Interested in entering the 7 other Departments—

Contact the Erie County Fair Board office at 419.625.1000 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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