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Southwest Florida Ag Expo

Creative Living Rulebook

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WELCOME



Welcome to Creative Living!

All entries will be exhibited at the 2024 Southwest Florida Ag Expo. The exhibition area will close nightly at 9 p.m. This rule book will be your reference for dates, guidelines, and any pertinent information regarding Creative Living.

This unique contest is for all crafts, culinary, and horticulture exhibits. The contest is open to adults and youth alike regardless of FFA or 4-H affiliation. Registration is free and open to residents of Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Glades, Hendry, & Lee County.

Please go to [Showman.app](https://showman.app) to register in the Creative Living Competition.

Pre-registration of all entries via online registration are required and closes on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. When dropping off items on the respective day, please allow yourself enough time to check-in. Large Family Groups or individuals with more than 10 items please reach out in advance to streamline your check-in. Please email AgExpo@leegov.com by Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

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Accuracy Statement:

Lee County Parks & Recreation makes a sincere effort to assure that the information presented in the Livestock Show Booklet is accurate but certain circumstances may arise to change the programs and events listed in this guide. Lee County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to cancel or change any program listed in this guide.

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FEES & REGISTRATION DEADLINES

	Maximum Entries (per Exhibitor)	Registration Fee	Registration Deadline (closes at midnight)
Fabric & Threads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> twenty (20) items total maximum of three (3) per division 	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Handcraft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> twenty (20) items total maximum of three (3) per division 	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Penmanship	one (1)	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Canned Food	one (1) per class	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Culinary	one (1) per class	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Recycled Art	two (2)	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Fine Art	three (3) per Art Division	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Photography	two (2)	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
School Photography	one (1)	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Digital Art	two (2)	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Decoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> one (1) per division maximum of two (2) per exhibitor 	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Tablescape	one (1)	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Home Gardening & Horticulture	three (2) per division	Ϡ	Wednesday, January 31, 2024

***All registration fees have been waived for the 2024 Southwest Florida Ag Expo.**

Quick Tips for Registering:

- Create an account on Showmann.app
 - Multiple family members can be added to an account.
- Please register before the deadline to have adequate time to fill out information and ask questions or get assistance if needed.
- Double check your information – especially your name, address, and email address - before submitting your registration. This information will be utilized for your exhibitions.
- Verify your age and select the correct age category.
- By submitting your entries, you are acknowledging that you have read, understood, and will abide by all rules and regulations found in the entry information.

REGISTRATION ENTRY DROP OFF/PICK UP



Registration Information

Pre-registration via Online Registration is mandatory. Online registration can be done via Showman.app. Online registration will close at Midnight on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Online registration will ensure accurate entry tags, and forms will be completed and ready when you arrive with your exhibit items. One (1) general admission ticket will be provided per exhibitor.

General Rules and Individual Division Rules must be adhered to. Please be sure to read and know the rules upon entry.

Entry Drop-Off

- Saturday, February 24 | Exhibition Area | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Craft and Canned Goods
- Sunday, February 25 | Exhibition Area | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Craft, Canned, and Baked Goods
- Wednesday, February 28 | Exhibition Area | noon - 7 p.m. | Table Scape Competition Set-Up
- Wednesday, February 28 | Exhibition Area | noon - 7 p.m. | Home Gardening & Horticulture

Release Date

- Sunday, March 10 | 4-7 p.m. | Claim checks must be presented to claim items.

The Creative Living Section will close at 3 p.m. in order for staff to gather and organize materials/exhibits for speedy checkout. Please wait until designated time to come and claim your items. Lee County Parks & Recreation is not responsible for and will dispose of any remaining items not picked up by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Premium monies will be mailed to exhibitors after the close out of the 2024 Southwest Florida Ag Expo.

Volunteering and/or Demonstrations

We would love to have you volunteer with us! If you or a hobby, arts, or crafts group would like to volunteer, please visit our Volunteer Services webpage at www.leeparks.org/volunteers or email volunteerservices@leegov.com with what specifically you would like to volunteer for.

Accommodations

Lee County Parks & Recreation offers an inclusive program experience. If you would like to request a program accommodation, modification or inclusion service, please contact Christin Carson Bomtempo at (239) 267-2181 or CCarsonBomtempo@leegov.com.

CREATIVE LIVING AGE CATEGORIES & PREMIUMS

Age Categories for All Divisions

Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV	Category V
Pre-Junior	Junior Youth	Senior Youth	Adult	Senior Adult
5 - 7 years old	8 - 12 years old	13 - 20 years old	21 - 64 years old	65 and older

Premiums

Blue Ribbon	\$5
Red Ribbon	\$3
White Ribbon	\$2
Participant Ribbon (Pre-Junior Youth)	
Best in Division*	\$6, Red, White, and Blue Ribbon
Best of Class	\$10, All American Rosette
Best of Age Division	\$15, Purple Rosette
Best of Show*	\$10, Rosette
Green Thumb (Home Garden & Horticulture Only)	\$10, Ribbon

*If your ribbon was blue and was then changed to Best of Show, Best of Division, or People's Choice, you are only paid the premium for the highest Ribbon Awarded.

All premium/awards will be mailed by check to the exhibitor following the closeout of the 2024 Southwest Florida Ag Expo.

CREATIVE LIVING JUDGING STANDARDS



Judging Standards, using the Danish System of Judging

Overall General Appearance of Item	25 points
Use, Choice, Difficulty, & Creative Use of Compatible Materials	25 points
Attention to Detail & Craftsmanship	20 points
Suitable Finish Consistent with Technique	10 points
Appropriate Presentation of Item	10 points
Correctly Completing Exhibitor Entry Form with Accurate Information	10 points
Maximum Total Score	100 points

About the Danish System of Judging

The Danish System of Judging is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system, each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits.

The Judge evaluates whether the requirements have been met. Ribbons are awarded according to the degree of which the exhibit meets those standards. Additionally, in using the Danish System, all entries that fulfill the minimum qualifications receives a ribbon.

Excellent Blue Ribbon Award –\$5 Premium

Exhibits that rank “Excellent” meet the standards and fits well within the ability of most of the exhibitors. Excellent does not indicate perfection but instead indicates a high degree of achievement towards the overall elements of the standards.

Good Red Ribbon Award – \$3 Premium

Exhibits that rank “Good” indicate good quality, however there is room for improvement.

Fair White Ribbon – \$2 Premium

Exhibits that need improvement and meet the minimum requirements of the standards.

Best in Division - \$7 Premium

the very best of an individual division within a class. Best in Division Awards are chose from Blue Ribbon Winning Exhibits.

Best of Age Division - \$8 Premium

This award will be awarded to the best of each each age division (Junior Youth, Senior Youth, Adult, and Senior Adult. Pre-junior youth will receive participation ribbons.

Best of Class – \$6 Premium

The Very Best of the Exhibits within each class. Those in Class Best of Class Awards will be chosen from the Blue Ribbon Winning Exhibits.

Best of Show – \$10 Premium

One “Best of Show” awarded for both youth and adult in some areas of the Creative Living Competition.

Green Thumb (Home Garden & Horticulture Only) – \$10 Premium

This award is determined by Master Gardener Volunteers.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Date	Time	Event	Location	Information
January 31, 2024	midnight	Creative Living Registration Closes	Online - Showmann.app	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify contact information and age category during registration.
February 24, 2024	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Crafts and Canned Foods - Entry Drop Off	Lee County Civic Center - Main Building	
February 25, 2024	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Crafts, Canned Food, and Baked Goods - Entry Drop Off	Lee County Civic Center - Main Building	
February 28, 2024	noon - 7 p.m.	Home Gardening & Horticulture - Entry Drop Off	Lee County Civic Center - Main Building	
March 10, 2024	4 - 7 p.m.	Entry & Ribbon Pick Up	Lee County Civic Center - Main Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibitor must have claim check to pick up entries. Premiums will be mailed to Exhibitor at the close-out of the SWFL Ag Expo.
March 12, 2024	2 p.m.	Final Entry & Ribbon Pick Up	Lee County Civic Center - Main Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibitor must have claim check to pick up entries. Premiums will be mailed to Exhibitor. Remaining items will be discarded.

GENERAL RULES

1. Creative Living is for competitions that are open to the public, exhibitions, education, and demonstration purposes. Sale of exhibit item(s) is prohibited during the Southwest Florida Ag Expo. No Business Entries allowed.
2. Any item that does not meet the requirements will not be accepted. If any item is accepted as an oversight, it may later be disqualified and/or not displayed.
3. All articles must be clean, odor free, family-friendly, the handiwork of the exhibitor, and have been completed between February 2023 and February 2024, except for Fabrics and Threads.
4. Entries will be accepted at the Southwest Florida Ag Expo inside the Exhibition Area on the designated days and times as stated on the Entry Calendar. See General Rule #8 for pick-up details.
5. All Entries will be made via the Showman.app prior to Wednesday, January 31, 2024, Online Registration is mandatory to participate in Creative Living Competitions.
6. Teachers or Group Representatives must register their entries online – with each entry under the full name of the respective exhibitor. Please reach out to Lee County Parks & Recreation prior to drop-off for these entries.
7. Exhibitors with many entries (more than 10) must reach out to Lee County Parks & Recreation prior to drop-off.
8. Exhibits cannot be picked up without a claim check you receive when you initially drop-off your item. Items and ribbons will not be available until after 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Lee County Parks & Recreation is not responsible for and will dispose of any remaining articles not picked up by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Premiums will be mailed by check to the exhibitor following the close-out of the Southwest Florida Ag Expo.
9. Each entry will be judged on its own merit using the Danish System of Judging. Judging is done by the most qualified judges available, and their decision is final. The name of the exhibitor is concealed during judging so that each entry will be judged fairly on merit alone. The entry of only one item in a division does not necessarily guarantee the top award for that entry.
10. All exhibits are under management of Lee County Parks & Recreation. Lee County Parks & Recreation will take every precaution to protect exhibits, however Lee County Parks & Recreation and its representatives will not be held responsible for accident, loss, or damage of any entry. Lee County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to display or not display any item.

FABRIC & THREADS RULES

1. General Rules apply.
2. Limit of twenty (20) items submitted in Fabrics & Threads and three (3) items submitted per division.
3. All items must have been assembled within the past two (2) years except Quilts. Quilts must have been completed within the last 15 years. Entries must be clean, odor-free, and in show condition.
4. All Quilts submitted must be hung for display and 4" Sleeve must be attached for hanging. If your quilt does not have a hanging sleeve, it may be folded or placed on a table for display.

11 FABRIC & THREADS DIVISIONS



Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
101	Crochet	A	All Items	
102	Cross Stitch	A	All Media	
103	Embroidery	A	Hand	
103	Embroidery	B	Machine	
104	Knitting	A	All Items	
105	Latch Hook	A	All Items	
106	Needlepoint	A	All Items	
107	Quilting	A	Hand Piecing	Quilts are hung for display & Must have 4" Sleeve for Hanging
107	Quilting	B	Machine Piecing	Quilts are hung for display & Must have 4" Sleeve for Hanging
107	Quilting	C	Made by Group or Partner	Quilts are hung for display & Must have 4" Sleeve for Hanging
107	Quilting	D	Machine Embroidery	Quilts are hung for display & Must have 4" Sleeve for Hanging
107	Quilting	E	Hand Embroidery	Quilts are hung for display & Must have 4" Sleeve for Hanging
107	Quilting	F	Paper Piecing	Quilts are hung for display & Must have 4" Sleeve for Hanging
107	Quilting	G	Quilted by Professional Long Arm Quilter	You must use this division if your quilt was quilted by a Long Arm Quilter you paid. The name of the Long Arm Quilter must be included.
107	Quilting	H	12" Finished Quilt Block	Must have 2" hanging sleeve. Eligible for "People's Choice Award"
107	Quilting	I	Combination of Methods	Quilts are hung for display & Must have 4" Sleeve for Hanging
108	Sewing	A	Clothing	Entries must be brought to display on hangers.
108	Sewing	B	Purses, Tote Bags, Grocery Bags, Home Goods, Etc.	
108	Sewing	C	Miscellaneous	

HANDCRAFT RULES & DIVISIONS

- All General Rules Apply.
- Limit twenty (20) items per department & three (3) items per division.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
201	Ceramics & Pottery	A	All Items	Molds may be poured by either the Exhibitor or Ceramic Shop and pieces must be incised with the year. Insides of all vases must be glazed, and bottom of pieces must not be covered with felt or any other felt material; Pottery pieces may be glazed or unglazed
202	Jewelry	A	Rings	
202	Jewelry	B	Earrings	
202	Jewelry	C	Bracelets, Anklets & Ankle Bracelets	
202	Jewelry	D	Pins & Brooches	
202	Jewelry	E	Necklaces	
203	Leather	A	All Items	All Leather Items will be judged on an overall leather craftsmanship, originality, and general appearance and construction and pattern.
204	Woodworking and Woodcarving	A	Original - Painted or Stained	No Kits are permitted. Indicate on entry form if item is an original design, from a plan, or commercial design. Painted pieces of wood will not be accepted for this division.
204	Woodworking and Woodcarving	B	Original - Unpainted or Unstained	No Kits are permitted. Indicate on entry form if item is an original design, from a plan, or commercial design. Painted pieces of wood will not be accepted for this division.
204	Woodworking and Woodcarving	C	Whittling and Walking Sticks	Indicate on entry form if item is an original design, from a plan, or commercial design. Judging will be considered equally on construction workmanship, decorative value, finish, presentation, shape and form.
204	Woodworking and Woodcarving	D	Wood Burning	Indicate on entry form if item is an original design, from a plan, or commercial design
205	Metal Crafting/Forging	A	Knives	No kits are permitted. All sharp items must have a protective cover for handling to prevent injury.
205	Metal Crafting/Forging	B	All Other Items	All sharp items must have a protective cover for handling to prevent injury.

HANDCRAFT DIVISIONS

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
206	Birdhouses	A	All Items	No kits or building from an existing birdhouse are permitted. Birdhouses can be hung or sitting on the table.
207	Origami	A	Large Pieces (Use any type of paper)	No glue, tape, or any type of adhesive may be used to hold the origami together. Entries may not be cut or torn.
207	Origami	A	Small Pieces (Use any type of paper)	No glue, tape, or any type of adhesive may be used to hold the origami together. Entries may not be cut or torn.
208	Diamond Painting	A	All Items	
209	Glass, China, Art, and Decorative Art	A	Painted	Includes glass, wood, furniture, stools, boxes, etc. Does not include canvas or paper.
209	Glass, China, Art, and Decorative Art	B	Decoupage	
209	Glass, China, Art, and Decorative Art	C	All Others	
210	Holiday Crafts	A	Spring	
210	Holiday Crafts	B	Summer	
210	Holiday Crafts	C	Fall	
210	Holiday Crafts	D	Winter	
211	Lego® & K'Nex®	A	All Items	All entries must be securely put together and mounted on a solid base. The complete piece must be moveable.
212	Miscellaneous	A	Homemade Candles	Judged on scent, appearance, jar or molded.
212	Miscellaneous	B	Papier-Mache	
212	Miscellaneous	C	Quilling	All items should be placed in an appropriately sized, resealable plastic bag for protection.
212	Miscellaneous	D	Scrapbook Pages and Homemade Greeting Cards	Any color or size may be used. A two-page layout; stickers, die-cuts and embellishments are allowed. Please do not submit an entire scrapbook. Plastic sleeves are needed for display purposes.

HANDCRAFT DIVISIONS

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
212	Miscellaneous	E	Shell Craft	
212	Miscellaneous	F	Soap Making	
212	Miscellaneous	G	Stone Art	
212	Miscellaneous	H	String Art	
212	Miscellaneous	I	Toys	

PENMANSHIP RULES & GUIDELINES

1. General Rules Apply.
2. Limit of one (1) entry per exhibitor. Paper must be in a clear plastic sleeve for display.
3. Each entry may be no more than one page.
4. Locate the writing that pertains to your age group, please write exactly as it appears including punctuation.

GUIDELINES:

- You may choose either printing or cursive, but it must be the same throughout the writing.
- Paper for all age groups should measure 8 ½ x 11” paper and have no decorations.
- Lined penmanship paper is not available, paper from 8 ½ x 11” white legal pad is acceptable.
- Paper that is not acceptable includes paper with a dashed middle line (except for Pre-Junior Division), spiral notebook paper, and colored paper.
- Use black or blue ball point pen or fountain pen, No felt tip pens please. For Pre-Junior and Junior Youth Divisions, a pencil is acceptable.
- Entries should be placed in a clear plastic sleeve, and should not be mounted on construction paper, poster board, or any other material.
- Name and age division must appear on the back of the entry in the top right-hand corner.

Judging Criteria includes:

- Correct formation of letters
- Even spacing between letters, words, and lines
- Appropriate margins (at least ½ inch on all sides of the paper)
- Adherence to one method of writing (all printing or all cursive)
- Exactness to excerpt presented (punctuation, no omitted words, no misspelled words, etc.)
- Overall neatness

PENMANSHIP DIVISIONS & QUOTES

Number	Description	Class	Age Group	Quote that must be used:
301	Penmanship	A	Pre-Junior Youth ages 5 - 7	Quote #1 "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." – Mark Twain
301	Penmanship	B	Junior Youth ages 8 - 12	Quote #2 "Shoot for the moon! Even if you miss, you will land among the Stars!" - Norman Vincent Peale
301	Penmanship	C	Senior Youth ages 13 - 20	Quote #3 - Entry must use ALL quotes below. "Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of someone else." - Judy Garland "Procrastination makes easy things hard and hard things harder." - Mason Cooley "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." – Eleanor Roosevelt
301	Penmanship	D	Adult ages 21 - 64	Quote #4 - Entry must use BOTH quotes below. "If there is one thing I've learned in my years on this planet, it's that the happiest and most fulfilled people are those who devoted themselves to something bigger and more profound than merely their own self-interest." – John Glenn "Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill
301	Penmanship	E	Senior Adult ages 65+	Quote #5 - Entry must use BOTH quotes below. "I slip back many times, I fall, I stand still, I run against the edge of hidden obstacles, I lose my temper and find it again and keep it better, I trudge on, I gain a little, I feel encouraged, I get more eager and climb higher and begin to see the widening horizon. Every struggle is a victory." – Helen Keller from 'The Story of My Life' "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." -B.B. King

CANNED FOOD RULES & DIVISIONS

1. All General Rules apply.
2. One entry per exhibitor, per class.
3. If multiple family members are entering, the item cannot be the same. (i.e., one batch of pickles divided up into different entries for different people)
4. Items must be in clear, standard, sealed canning jars with lids in good condition – dirty and rusted rings will result in disqualification as will jars with popped seals.
5. Each entry must be labeled with name of product and date canned – must have been canned since Wednesday, March 1, 2023.
6. Recipe and method of canning must be attached to each entry. No artificial coloring permitted.
7. Bring two (2) jars of the same item – a large jar for display purposes, and a second smaller jar to be open and judged.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
401	Canned Foods	A	Fruit	
401	Canned Foods	B	Jams, Jellies, Preserves, and Marmalades	
401	Canned Foods	C	Pickles and Relishes	
401	Canned Foods	D	Vegetables	
401	Canned Foods	E	Sauces, BBQ, etc	
401	Canned Foods	F	Salsa - Mild, Medium, Hot	

CULINARY RULES & DIVISIONS

1. All General Rules apply.
2. One entry per exhibitor, per class.
3. Entry must have the recipe attached on a 4x6" index card.
4. Entry must include a photograph of your completed entry, in its whole, uncut form.
5. Entries must be in or on a clear plastic disposable container with a sealable lid. No containers will be returned. Please no foil or saran wrap type cover.
6. Bread, cakes, brownies, fudge, etc. should be pre-sliced or cut – into at least 10 pieces and stored in the same type of plastic disposable container with a sealable lid mentioned above. Please provide photograph of the cake, bread, etc. before it is cut.
7. Cupcakes, cookies, muffins, rolls, and candy cannot be pre-sliced, but must submit at least 10 pieces and be stored in the same type of container mentioned above. You must submit this per entry.
8. No entries will be returned to the exhibitor.
9. Judging Standards for all classes in Culinary, respective to the entry: flavor, frosting or crust, general appearance, grain, lightness, and texture

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
402	Culinary	A	Biscuits, Breads, Rolls, and Muffins	
402	Culinary	B	Brownies, Blondies, Cakes, Cupcakes, and Cake Pops	
402	Culinary	C	Favorite Fudge, Peanut Brittle, and other candies	
402	Culinary	D	Cookies	
402	Culinary	E	Pies and Cheesecakes	
402	Culinary	F	Gluten Free	
402	Culinary	G	Sugar Free	

RECYCLED ART RULES & DIVISIONS

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Limit two (2) entries per exhibitor.
3. Design an item from recyclable and/or non-recyclable material where the materials are used for a purpose other than its original use and remade into an object. Project may use many different materials.
4. No poisonous or hazardous materials may be used or displayed.
5. A picture of all items used to make the project must be taken before the recycling process begins and must be included with each entry. A description of the item(s) prior to starting the project, and the procedure used to accomplish your new creation must be included with each entry. If these rules are not followed, your item must be entered into a different division.
6. Please type or print the description on one or more index cards.
7. Judging will be based on descriptive information, construction difficulty, creative use of item, and overall success in the reclamation process. Examples of items to make – jewelry, baskets, ornaments, toys, wall hangings, vests, etc.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
501	Recycled Art	A	Plastics	Milk/Bleach Jugs, Buttons, Strawberry Baskets, etc
501	Recycled Art	B	Fabrics	Jeans, Clothing, Linens, Quilts, etc.
501	Recycled Art	C	Paper	Leftover Wall Paper, Cardboard, Magazines, etc.
501	Recycled Art	D	Glass, Wood, and Natural Products	Brillo Pads, Pinecones, Shells, etc.
501	Recycled Art	E	Metals: Iron, Tin, Steel, Etc	
501	Recycled Art	F	Combination of Methods	

FINE ARTS RULES & DIVISIONS

1. All General Rules Apply.
2. Limit 3 entries per Art Division – Amateurs only, no professional please.
3. Art pieces previously entered are not eligible.
4. All entries must be framed, except canvas gallery wrap paintings – which must have finished sides (paint must go to the around the edges of the canvas).
5. All entries except canvas gallery wrap paintings must be ready to hang.
6. Only wire hangers all the way across back of frames will be accepted. No Saw Tooth hangers will be accepted. Tape is not allowed on the frame.
7. Name and age division must appear on the back of the entry in the upper right corner.
8. All entries must be family-friendly, and Lee County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to display or not to display any item.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
501	Fine Arts: Original Art	A	Acrylic	
501	Fine Arts: Original Art	B	Mixed Media	
501	Fine Arts: Original Art	C	Oils	
501	Fine Arts: Original Art	D	Pastels	
501	Fine Arts: Original Art	E	Pencils, Charcoal, and Chalk	
501	Fine Arts: Original Art	F	Pen and Ink	
501	Fine Arts: Original Art	G	Watercolors	
501	Fine Arts: Original Art	H	Alcohol Ink	

PHOTOGRAPHY RULES & DIVISIONS

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Limit of two (2) entries. Note: Teachers submitting photography for schools, please see Division 702, School Photography Rules, on page 22.
3. Pictures must be 8" x 10". No other pictures will be accepted.
4. All pictures must have a mat framing, and after adding the mat, the full 8" x 10" photo must show. Construction paper and/or card stock does not constitute a mat frame.
5. Name and age division must be on the back of the entry on the upper right hand corner.
6. All entries must family-friendly, and the Lee County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to display or not to display any item.
7. If your photography has been digitally enhanced or is computer art, please make sure you are in the correct class.
8. Type of camera used must be on the back of the photo submission.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
701	Photography	A	All Items	

22 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY RULES & DIVISIONS



1. All General Rules apply.
2. Limit one (1) photography per exhibitor.
3. Pictures can be either 8" x 10" or 5" x 7".
4. Pictures are to be glued or use glue dots on 11" x 8 ½" – 65 lb. card stock paper. All supplies are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
5. Name, Grade, and School must be on the upper right-hand corner of the back side.
6. All entries must be family-friendly.
7. Must write the type of camera used on the back of the photo.
8. If your photography has been digitally enhanced or is computer art, please make sure you are registered for the correct class.
9. Any entries in other departments/divisions brought in by teacher: rules must be followed for that department/division.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
702	Photography	A	All Items	

DIGITAL ART RULES & DIVISIONS

1. All General Rules Apply.
2. Please only amateurs -no professionals.
3. Limit of two (2) entries.
4. All entries must be no larger than 8" x 10". Black & White or Color is acceptable.
5. All entries must be digital art and can be created using any digital medium – No AI Art is permitted.
6. Entry must be original and shouldn't infringe on any Copyright laws. Any artwork found to be plagiarized or violating ethical standards will be disqualified.
7. All entries must be family friendly.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
704	Digital Art	A	All Items	

DECORATE A MASK OR SUN HAT

RULES & DIVISIONS



1. All General Rules Apply.
2. Limit of one entry per division with a total of two (2) per exhibitor.
3. Be creative but remember it must be family-friendly.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
801	Decorate a Mask	A	Pre-Junior Youth (ages 5 - 7)	
801	Decorate a Mask	B	Junior Youth (ages 8 - 12)	
801	Decorate a Mask	C	Senior Youth (ages 13 - 20)	
801	Decorate a Mask	D	Adult (ages 21 - 64)	
801	Decorate a Mask	E	Senior Adult (ages 65+)	
802	Decorate a Sun Hat	A	Pre-Junior Youth (ages 5 - 7)	
802	Decorate a Sun Hat	B	Junior Youth (ages 8 - 12)	
802	Decorate a Sun Hat	C	Senior Youth (ages 13 - 20)	
802	Decorate a Sun Hat	D	Adult (ages 21 - 64)	
802	Decorate a Sun Hat	E	Senior Adult (ages 65+)	

TABLESCAPE CREATIONS RULES & DIVISIONS

1. All General Rules Apply.
2. Limit of one (1) entry per exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors must be able to set their display up totally on their own.
4. You will be supplied with a 32" table covered with a short white tablecloth (footprint must be kept to 32").
5. Settings must include the table setting for 2 people, centerpiece, and a short essay about the exhibitor's reasoning for their set up on a standard sheet of paper. Exhibitors may use anything from paper plates to fine china. Be creative in your setting.
6. Exhibitors may provide their own decorative tablecloth (to be placed over the white one provided), placemats, napkins, and other table decorations to complete their set up.
7. If using fresh flowers and/or plants in their centerpiece or anywhere on the table, the Exhibitor is responsible for the arrangements to ensure the arrangements are "show quality" for the entire 11 days of display for this competition.
8. Set up will be Wednesday, February 28, 2024, from noon - 7 p.m. inside the Lee County Civic Center.
9. Lee County Parks & Recreation are not responsible for any damage or missing items.
10. A Best of Division and Best of Show will be awarded in each age category. Regular premiums apply.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
803	Tablescape	A	Pre-Junior Youth (ages 5 - 7)	
803	Tablescape	B	Junior Youth (ages 8 - 12)	
803	Tablescape	C	Senior Youth (ages 13 - 20)	
803	Tablescape	D	Adult (ages 21 - 64)	
803	Tablescape	E	Senior Adult (ages 65+)	

HOME GARDENING & HORTICULTURE RULES

1. All General Rules apply.
2. Limit of three (3) entries per division.
3. All plant materials must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.
4. When entering please include the plants species and variety (scientific name is a bonus); also include how the plant was grown: Seed (S), Graft (G), Cutting (C), and Division (D).
5. If your entry must be watered, please include a tray or saucer to prevent water drips. Entry must include written watering instructions on an index card. If instructions are not left, the plant will not be watered.

Standards for Judging:

- Judging will be done on appearance and health of leaves, stems, and overall health. Appearance also includes if the plant is free of injury, is free of pests, and uniform in size, shape, and color.
- Choice of container and planting medium – does the container chosen fit the plant.
- Does the plant have dead leaves, dry soil, dead flowers, etc.
- Is the overall presentation pleasing and appropriate for the plant that is exhibited
- Correct completion of the exhibitor entry form with accurate information

HOME GARDENING & HORTICULTURE RULES & DIVISIONS

CONTAINER GROWN ORNAMENTAL PLANT RULES:

1. All General Rules apply.
2. The variety name, common, and scientific name must be noted on the entry form.
3. Only one plant type in a container except for Dish, Herb Garden, or Terrarium entries.
4. All entries must be clean, free from insects and diseases, and in good condition.
5. If your entry must be watered, please include a tray or saucer to prevent water drips. Entry must include written watering instructions on an index card - if no instructions are given, the plant will not be watered.
6. No Invasive Plants will be accepted.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	A	Bonsai	
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	B	Bromeliad or Air Plant	
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	C	Dish Garden	List all plants included
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	E	Ferns	
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	F	Florida Native Plants	From Outdoors - Foliage
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	G	Florida Native Plants	From Outdoors - Flowering
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	H	Hanging Baskets	List all plants included
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	I	Herbs	
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	J	Hydroponics	
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	K	Orchid	
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	L	Rose	
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	M	Succulent or Cactus Plant	Can be a group or 1 item; if more than one (1), please list all plants included.
1001	Container Grown Ornamental Plants	N	Tropical Exotic Plants	

HOME GARDENING & HORTICULTURE RULES & DIVISIONS



VEGETABLE, HERB, & TOMATO PLANT RULES:

1. All General Rules apply.
2. The variety name must be noted on the entry form.
3. Only one plant type in a container except for Herb Garden, or Terrarium entries.
4. All entries must be displayed on an 8-inch or 9-inch paper plate except for entries in pots. No glass, ceramic, or plastic plates.
5. All entries must be clean, free from insects and diseases, and in good condition.
6. If your entry must be watered, please include a tray or saucer to prevent water drips. Entry must include written watering instructions on an index card - if no instructions are given, the plant will not be watered.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
1002	Vegetable & Small Fruit Plants	A	Vegetable	Eggplant, broccoli, squash, zucchini, cabbage, lettuce, spinach, chard, etc.
1002	Vegetable & Small Fruit Plants	B	Herb Dish Garden	List all plants included
1002	Vegetable & Small Fruit Plants	C	Herb Plant	
1002	Vegetable & Small Fruit Plants	D	Pepper Plant	
1002	Vegetable & Small Fruit Plants	E	Seedling/Propagation	Multiple plants in a container
1002	Vegetable & Small Fruit Plants	F	Tomato Plant	

HOME GARDENING & HORTICULTURE RULES & DIVISIONS

CITRUS, FRUIT, AND NUT PLANTS RULES:

1. All General Rules Apply.
2. Fruits entered in this category would be fruits that are not considered to be vegetables in any part of their growth. i.e., peaches, oranges, tangerines, grapefruit, etc.
3. The variety name must be noted on the entry form.
4. Each entry must consist of two (2) examples of each fruit displayed. Exception to this rule – due to the size and nature of the display such as pumpkins, watermelons, etc. (these only need one (1) example).
5. Each entry must be of comparable size.
6. All fruits must be displayed on sturdy 8-inch or 9-inch paper plate. No glass, ceramic, or plastic plates accepted.
7. All fruits, citrus, or nuts entered must be clean, free of insects and diseases, and in good condition.
8. One fruit may be cut and examined. Entries may be washed by exhibitors, but not waxed, oiled, or polished with any additive. Entries may be removed at the discretion of the Lee County Parks & Recreation.
9. Please include a color photograph of your entry.

Number	Description	Class	Item Type/Method	Specifics to Division
1003	Citrus, Fruits, and Nut Plants	A	Citrus	
1003	Citrus, Fruits, and Nut Plants	B	Fruit	
1003	Citrus, Fruits, and Nut Plants	C	Nuts	