



Pinal County FAIR

March 18-22, 2026

“Neon Nights & Carnival Lights!”

Central Arizona Fair Association

PINAL FAIRGROUNDS & Event center at Eleven Mile Corner

Welcome!

We're so glad you're here to celebrate one of Pinal County's longest-standing and most beloved traditions. For five unforgettable days, the fairgrounds come alive with the sights, sounds, and spirit of our agricultural heritage — a time for families, friends, and neighbors to gather, reconnect, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

This year's theme, **"Neon Nights & Carnival Lights!"**, sets the stage for dazzling fun and excitement. From thrilling rides and delicious fair food to creative exhibits, unique shopping, and hands-on learning, there's something here for everyone.

Thank you for making us part of your story — we hope your fair experience fills your scrapbook with joy, laughter, and a little bit of magic.

Here's to another amazing year at the Pinal County Fair!

Sincerely,

Misti Todd

Executive Director
Central Arizona Fair Association

Pinal County Fair General Rules

1. **LIABILITY WAIVER:** All entries are accepted with the understanding that the Pinal County Fairgrounds/Central Arizona Fair Association will not be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any items exhibited, or to any article of any kind. All exhibitors shall indemnify the Central Arizona Fair Association, Pinal County, Pinal County Fairgrounds, Fair Executives, their officers, agents, employees, and officials against all loss, damages, and liability thus occasioned, including any attorney fees which may be incurred as a result thereof. The submission of any entry form the Fair shall constitute an acceptance by each person signing same of the provision set forth.
2. The Pinal County Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.
3. The Fair reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.
4. Any person who violates any of the following or special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Fair may order.
5. A detachment of deputies will be on duty day and night during the Fair to provide security for the buildings and grounds. The Fair will take all precautions to ensure proper protection and care of the exhibits. Notwithstanding these precautions, the Fair will in no way be responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury, or damage done or occasioned by, or arising from any article exhibited. Exhibitors shall indemnify the Fair or any other officer or employee of the Fair against all legal proceedings in regard thereto. Exhibits and property of every description entered for competition, display, or on the grounds for any other purpose, shall be subject to the control of the Fair; but the owners, themselves, take the risk of exhibiting them. Should the exhibitors require their exhibits to be covered by insurance, they must make arrangements themselves. In no case will the Fair be responsible, in any way, for any loss, damage, or injury, of any character, to any property, article, or person, while same is on the Fairgrounds or at any time or place, nor be liable for any payment for damage, loss, or injury. The Pinal County Fair will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury caused by or arising out of strikes, riots, or acts of God.
6. All exhibits will remain in place until the close of the Fair. Release time for all exhibits is indicated in Special Rules, Building Exhibits or Designated Depts. Superintendents, attendants, gatekeepers, and the deputies are instructed to prevent any attempt to remove any exhibit before the hour of release.
7. Competition is defined as a contest for supremacy between two or more products or articles, owned by separate exhibitors.
8. The Fair reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered if it is objectionable in any way, if it requires an excessive amount of space, or if the capacity of the department has been reached.
9. **Sale of Exhibits:** The Pinal County Fair is proud to offer the opportunity for artwork to be displayed as well as sold at the Fair! If an entry is for sale, it must be clearly labeled as "for sale" on its entry tag as well as a price provided. Prices must be a specific amount; no ranges are permitted. There will be no negotiations between the buyer and the exhibitor for sale price. Buyers are on a first come, first serve basis. Buyers will indicate which piece they would like to purchase and pay those monies to the department coordinator. The Fair will collect a 10% sale commission and the balance of the purchase price will be given to the exhibitor at entry pick-up or remitted within 60 days from the close of the Fair. Despite being sold, artwork must remain on display until the close of the Fair. Distributing the artwork to buyers will be the responsibility of the department coordinator. Exhibitors may choose to offer their entries for sale. Exhibitors set their own prices at the time of entry. The Fair will retain a 10% commission on all items sold. Sale proceeds (less commission) will be issued by check within 30 days after the close of the Fair.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. All applications for competitive exhibits must be made on Official Entry Forms and in accordance with instructions thereon and rules of the Fair Book.
2. Entry forms may be obtained from the Fair Office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and by calling the Fair Office at 520-723-7881. Entry forms may also be accessed by internet at www.pinalfairgrounds.com
3. Official entry forms can be submitted by mail, by internet or in person. Entry forms must be filled out completely including accurate mailing address, telephone number, birth date, and signature. Mailed entry forms must be postmarked by Sunday, March 8, 2026. Mail entry forms to Pinal County Fair, Attn: Competitive Exhibits, 512 S. 11 Mile Corner Road, Casa Grande, AZ 85194. Do not mail the entry form to department superintendents. Make checks payable to CAFA (Central Arizona Fair Association). Entry forms may be emailed to misti@pinalfairgrounds.com by Sunday, March 8, 2026. All supporting documents and fee payments must be received within five (5) days of submitting your entry form. Entries will not be considered accepted until all supporting documents and payment has been received. Make checks payable to CAFA (Central Arizona Fair Association). Exhibits maybe entered online at www.pinalfairgrounds.com. Online entries will be accepted thru Sunday March 8, 2026. All supporting documents and fee payments must be received within five (5) days of submitting your entry form. Entries will not be considered accepted until all supporting documents and payment has been received. Make checks payable to CAFA (Central Arizona Fair Association).
4. Upon receipt of Official Entry Form, identification tags will be issued and held in department entered, unless otherwise specified in the Special Rules.
5. All entries are made with the distinct understanding that in no event will the Pinal County Fair become responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to any article. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this risk.
6. One entry form may be used for each department in which the exhibitor participates.
7. When "Entry" is used, it refers to the Entry Form. "Exhibit" refers to articles entered. Exhibits will be rejected unless entry forms have been received on or before closing date specified in each department.
8. All entry forms must be signed by the exhibitor. Entry forms must have exhibitor's age and birth date listed in order to verify sub-class category.
9. All exhibitors are required to make advance entries on official entry forms, as each entry must be processed by the Fair Office prior to the date that exhibits are received. Be sure to list all items you expect to enter. There is no penalty for entering an item that you find you are unable to exhibit, but the deadline cannot be extended and no entries will be accepted after the closing date.

EXHIBITORS

1. Any exhibitor who, for the purpose of defrauding or misrepresentation, makes any fraudulent entry in the name of another exhibitor for the purpose of exhibiting, will be permanently barred from the show or any future participation in any event held in connection with the Pinal County Fair and proof of ownership may be demanded at any time at the discretion of the General Superintendent.
2. Exhibit building will be open to the public daily Wednesday and Thursday from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday 9:00-am-10:00 pm, Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. In all departments, exhibits must be uncovered and ready for inspection of visitors during the above hours.
3. Every exhibit must be adequately marked when brought to the fairgrounds. Exhibitors must remain with their exhibits until Superintendents accept them.
4. Two or more persons in the same family cannot exhibit the same article in the same lot.
5. Under no circumstances will exhibitors be permitted access to display cases.

6. Superintendents will make all assignment of space for exhibits.
7. When exhibit calls for a certain size, quantity, and so forth, it means exactly that.
8. Exhibitors may enter as many exhibits as there are classes in each division, but only two exhibits per class unless stated otherwise in individual departments.
9. The exhibitor is solely responsible for making his entry. Entries improperly classified or identified will not be accepted nor judged; and entry fee will be forfeited. There will be no exceptions.
10. Exhibits may only be entered in the Fair one year unless it is so stated otherwise.

PREMIUMS

1. The Fair positively will not pay premiums on any article not specifically mentioned in the Fair Book.
2. Judge's Books will be evidence for payment of premiums. Positively no ribbons, tags, or cards are accepted.
3. Check for premiums will be mailed as soon after the Fair as possible. If checks are not received within 90 days, the Fair director should be notified. All checks must be cashed within 60 days after the date of issue.
4. June 1, 2026, is the deadline for reporting any error in premium check or check not having been received by exhibitor. After that date, no changes will be made nor checks issued.

SUPERINTENDENTS

1. It shall be the duty of each Superintendent to inform the Judge(s) of his department of the rules and regulations governing awards and to urge them to read the rules carefully before judging.
2. Each Superintendent is charged with caring for the Judges' Books of his department. He or she must see that all awards are properly entered therein, as it is only upon this record that premiums can be paid. Ribbons and tags are not accepted for payment of awards. He or she must see that the Judges' Books are properly signed.
3. All Judges' Books must be returned to the Fair Office immediately after judging is completed.
4. Each Superintendent is responsible for the final disposal of exhibits in his or her department.
5. A Superintendent may reserve the right to reject any entry which he or she may deem unworthy of exhibition.
6. A Superintendent has the right to divide or combine classes.
7. The Superintendent shall, under no circumstances, allow the Judges' Books to go from their possession, or to be inspected by anyone except authorized personnel, until entries of the Judges' decisions have been made and recorded, the records audited, and closed.

JUDGES AND JUDGING

1. The Judges shall read carefully the general rules and all special rules under the heading of the department or class in which they are to serve; and especially note and mark those rules bearing on the classes to be adjudicated by them. Ignorance of rules is inexcusable with a Judge.
2. Judges must not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any article that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether or not there is competition.
3. Judges shall report to the Superintendent any exhibitors who, in any way, whether in person or by agents or servants, interferes with them and show any disrespect to them during the judging. The Superintendent may, at his or her discretion, demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, or exclude him from further competition. The Fair may withhold from such exhibitor any or all premiums that have been awarded and expel him from further exhibiting at the Fair.

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4. The Judges and persons acting as Clerks to the Judges must use special care, after an award has been made, to see that the same is properly entered in the award book, for it is upon this entry that the payment of premiums is made.
5. The Judge, Superintendent, and Clerk recording the awards of the department must sign the award book at the close of each class, immediately after all awards in said class have been made.
6. No person who is an exhibitor can act as Judge, Superintendent, or Clerk in a class in which he or she is showing.
7. If there is any question as to the regularity of an entry, or the right of an article to compete in any lot, the Judge(s) shall report the same immediately to the Superintendent in charge of that department.
8. A faithful observance of all rules governing the exhibit will be required; and when in doubt as to the application or meaning of a rule, the Superintendent in charge shall construe the same. This opinion, when required by either exhibitor or Judge, must be reduced to writing and returned to the Fair Office with the Judges' Books.
9. The decision of the Judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is apparent. In such cases, the Judge may make a decision or, with his approval, the matter may be referred to the Fair, from whose decision there can be no appeal.
10. Judging will be on the American System. Exhibitors will compete for first, second, and third place in each lot where they are exhibiting. Premiums will be paid for on only one first, one second, and one third place in each lot. This does not necessarily mean that there must be a first, second and third, etc., award made if item or article is deemed unworthy.
11. Judges are urged to consider that exhibits, in general, are exhibited by amateurs; and, if their work shows promise in any way, this should be considered in giving that exhibit an award of some kind to encourage the exhibitor to participate again next year, and to strive for better workmanship and higher award.
12. If competition does not justify the prizes for any lot, the Judge(s) have the right to omit such prizes.

PROTEST AND APPEALS

1. All protests from a decision of a Judge must be made to the Fair and filed within thirty-six (36) hours after the award has been made, it being considered that an award is made when the notation of the Judge is entered in the department's Judges' Book.
2. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$40 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. This deposit is to cover administrative costs in handling the protest. Protest must state plainly cause of complaint or appeal, with specific charges and recital of the facts relied upon on the rule violated, naming witnesses and their addresses to whom proof is to be made.
3. The right of an exhibitor to appeal the decision of a Judge to the Fair will be only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit; or when it is charged that the decision of the Judge has been influenced or interfered with by another.
4. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the Judge(s) are incompetent or have overlooked an article will be considered by the Fair.
5. All questions in dispute or differences not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Fair whose decision shall be final.

Special Rules Building Exhibits

Official Entry Forms Official entry forms can be submitted by mail, email, by internet (online entry) or in person. Entry forms must be filled out completely including accurate mailing address, telephone number, birth date, and signature. Mailed entry forms must be postmarked by Sunday, March 8, 2026. Mail entry forms to Pinal County Fair, Attn: Competitive Exhibits, 512 S. Eleven Mile Corner Road, Casa Grande, AZ 85194. Do not mail entry form to department superintendents. Make checks payable to CAFA (Central Arizona Fair Association)

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IDENTIFICATION TAGS Identification tags (claim checks) will not be mailed to the exhibitor. Upon receiving the entry form, tags will be prepared and held in exhibitor's name in the department entered. On Receiving Day, the exhibitor can pick up the tags in the respective departments. Tags will be attached by the Building Superintendent.

RELEASING DATE Exhibits will be released upon presentation of claim check stubs to the Department Superintendent between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026. Exhibits not picked up within thirty (30) days will be disposed of.

EXHIBITOR PASSES Each exhibitor will receive one (1) complimentary, one-day pass to the fair. For those exhibitors who expect to attend the Fair every day, we will have exhibitor passes available for purchase through the Fair Office. Exhibitor passes will be sold for \$25.00 for weeklong passes for ages 6 and above. Children aged 5 and under are free. These passes will be attached to the entry form and will be good for the duration of the Fair. Fees for passes must accompany the entry form and the appropriate place must be marked. These passes WILL NOT BE SOLD at the gate or Fair Office during the Fair. Passes will only be issued through the entry form purchase and issued from your superintendent, on receiving day, or purchased at the Fair Office until TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026.

CONDITIONS Only residents of Pinal County and adjoining counties are eligible to enter these departments. Regular winter visitors of Pinal County may also exhibit. The number of entries to be made by one person for competition shall not be limited; however, two or more persons from the same family cannot exhibit the same article in the same lot. Premium money will be paid only on two entries per lot. The Fair reserves the right to limit the number of entries made by an exhibitor. This will be done on a first come, first accepted basis. Any return of entries under this rule will be done generally and without discrimination. In all cases the management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally an application or entry. Exhibitor is responsible for selecting proper division and class. Entries improperly classified will not be judged. Any exhibit found offensive in any way will not be displayed or judged.

LOSS OR DAMAGE

The Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage; however, all possible precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of items entered. Insurance, if desired, must be arranged by the exhibitor. EXHIBITORS No exhibit will be accepted unless there is a class and lot covering it as listed in the Fair Book. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Superintendents will make all assignments for space with the exhibits. Every exhibit will be in the charge of the Superintendent who will arrange all exhibits in these departments. EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING THEIR EXHIBITS READY TO BE IDENTIFIED AND TAGGED WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT THE EXHIBIT BUILDING ON RECEIVING DAY!

JUDGING

Judging will be done prior to the opening of the Fair. Judging will not be open to the public or exhibitors. Information on winners will not be given out until the Fair opens. It shall be at the sole discretion of the Judge(s) whether the exhibits are awarded first, second, or third place ribbons and corresponding premium money. If any entries are judged not worthy of a premium, the Judge(s) are instructed not make an award. Exhibitors shall not be permitted in the immediate vicinity of the judging area during judging. The decision of the Judge(s) shall in all cases be final. No exhibitor or person will be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the Judge(s) during their adjudications, or to offer any criticism of an entry or another exhibitor. Any exhibitor who shall attempt to criticize or interfere with them in any such manner, whether verbally or otherwise, shall be excluded immediately from competition. If it is ascertained that any exhibitor has, in an unsportsmanlike and public manner, taken exception to the findings of the Judge(s), the Superintendent may exclude said exhibitor or person from competing for premium or exhibiting on the fairgrounds.

PREMIUM AWARDS

Premiums are as follows, unless otherwise designated:

1st Place \$3.00
2nd Place \$2.00
3rd Place \$1.00

Premiums are paid only from the records of the Judges' Books. Premium ribbons, tags, or cards have no value as to payment. Judge(s) may award a "Best of Class" rosette to outstanding entries. SEE DEPARTMENT ENTERED FOR ANY SPECIAL RULES PERTAINING ONLY TO THAT INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT.

Exhibit Building Volunteer Needed!

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Department A

Culinary

SUPERINTENDENT:

MaryEllen Simmons - 480-748-9108 - marysim@msn.com

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per item

Receiving Dates:

Friday, March 13, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (perishable items)

JUDGING: Judging criteria is pointed with emphasis on:

1. Appearance
2. Texture
3. Taste

CULINARY ARTS EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

In this department we have Youth: age 5 – 12, Teen: age 13 – 18, Adult: age 19 + and Person(s) with Disabilities. **Be sure to indicate the correct division on your entry form.** If exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, include your age and your parent signature where indicated. Failure to comply with these rules may result in entry disqualification of the entry.

*** The Culinary Arts Department and the Pinal County Fair are *not* responsible for entries remaining after MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026, 3:00 pm.**

Read instructions carefully:

1. Exhibitors **cannot** be Professional, there is a separate category for those individuals.
2. **Entries must have been prepared after the 2025 Pinal County Fair.**
3. Exhibitor is responsible for determining proper Division and Class of entry.
4. Product labels must be securely attached to the back of the entry form.
5. The Culinary Arts Department reserves the right to remove *and* dispose of foods showing signs of spoilage.
6. Displaying exhibits:
 - Entries must be inserted into a clear plastic bag and sealed with a Ziplock or twist - ties. Attach entry tag to the plate or pan.
 - Candies / Cookies: exhibited on a sturdy disposable plate.
 - Six candies per plate
 - Six cookies per plate (cookie dia. up to 3")
 - Put iced cookies in see through plastic boxes, not bags
 - Put cakes in see through plastic boxes, not bags
 - Half - Cakes, plus one slice, *only* will be accepted. Include extra slice with cake entry on a sturdy disposable plate.
 - Pies exhibited in a sturdy disposable pan.
 - Breads / rolls exhibited on a sturdy disposable plate. Enter whole loaves of bread. No mini loaves accepted.
7. Containers:
 - Jars: standard canning jars identified by the manufacturer name on the container.
 - *Do Not* use half - gallon jars or mayonnaise jars.
 - Use caps and seals free from rust or scratches ~ preferably new
 - Screw rim must be loosened but not removed.
 - Seal must be tight and intact when opened for judging.
 - Jellies: in standard jelly glasses or standard half - pints with lids. Do not use wax.
 - Preserves, jams, conserves, pickles and relishes: exhibited in pints.
 - Dill pickles are accepted in quart jars.
 - Canned products - meat - fruit - vegetables: exhibited in pint or quart canning jars.
 - Canned goods must be clearly labeled and free from stickiness.
 - Labels: placed on the bottom of each jar, should show date made and name of product. *Do not include exhibitor name on labels.*
 - Items not labeled will not be accepted.



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8. Exhibitors are allowed to enter unlimited number of entries per class as long as each is paid with a \$1 entry fee prior to deadline day.

Premiums: First \$3.00 Second \$2.00 Third \$1.00

****A maximum of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid****

Division 1300: Bread machine specialties - Youth

Division 1301: Bread machine specialties - Teen

Division 1302: Bread machine specialties – Adult

Division 1303: Bread machine Spc. – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
100	Sourdough bread: whole loaf	103	Wheat bread - part white flour: whole loaf
101	Sweet bread: whole loaf	104	White bread: whole loaf
102	100% Whole wheat bread: whole loaf	105	Other, please describe

Division 1304: Quick Breads - Youth

Division 1305: Quick Breads - Teen

Division 1306: Quick Breads - Adult

Division 1307: Quick Breads – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
110	Banana Nut bread: whole loaf	115	Date bread: whole loaf
111	Biscuits: baking powder - five	116	Muffins: five
112	Coffee cake: not over 10"	117	Pumpkin bread
113	Corn bread: 6"x 6" square	118	Zucchini bread
114	Cranberry bread: whole loaf	119	Other, please describe

Division 1308: Yeast Breads - Youth

Division 1309: Yeast Breads - Teen

Division 1310: Yeast Breads – Adult

Division 1311: Yeast Breads – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
125	Coffee cake: not over 10"	129	100% Whole wheat bread: whole loaf
126	Rolls: five	130	Wheat bread - part white flour: whole loaf
127	Sweet rolls: five	131	White bread: whole loaf
128	Sourdough bread: whole loaf	132	Other, please describe

Div. 1312: Microwave innovations - Youth

Div. 1313: Microwave innovations - Teen

Div. 1314: Microwave innovations – Adult

Div. 1315: Microwave innovations – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
135	Cake: any - half	138	Jam, jelly, conserves or preserve
136	Candy: any - six pieces	139	Pie
137	Cookie: any - six	140	Other, please describe

Div. 1316: Pasta specialties - Youth

Div. 1317: Pasta specialties - Teen

Div. 1318: Pasta specialties – Adult

Div. 1319: Pasta specialties – Person(s) with Disabilities

Enter ½ pound - dry

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
145	Egg	147	Plain
146	Flavored	148	Other, please describe

Div. 1320: Southwest specialties - Youth**Div. 1321: Southwest specialties - Teen****Div. 1322: Southwest specialties - Adult****Div. 1323: Southwest Specialties – Person(s) with Disabilities**

Entry must be sealed in canning jar.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
150	Barbecue sauce	155	Nuts
151	Chili sauce	156	Prickly pear jelly
152	Honey	157	Pyracantha jelly
153	Hot peppers	158	Salsa
154	Hot sauce	159	Other, please describe

Division 1324: Cakes - Youth**Division 1325: Cakes - Teen****Division 1326: Cakes – Adult****Division 1327: Cakes – Person(s) with Disabilities**

Enter half cakes, plus one slice only. No whip cream frostings.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
165	Angel food	171	Fruit
166	Applesauce	172	Marble
167	Bundt	173	Pound
168	Carrot	174	Pumpkin
169	Chiffon	175	Spice
170	Chocolate	176	Sponge
		177	Other, please describe

Division 1328: Layer cakes - Youth**Division 1329: Layer cakes - Teen****Division 1330: Layer cakes – Adult****Division 1331: Layer cakes – Person(s) with Disabilities**

Enter two 8" layer - half cakes, plus one slice only. No whip cream frostings.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
180	Carrot	185	Marble
181	Chocolate	186	Spice
182	Coconut	187	White
183	Devil's food	188	With fruit: name fruit
184	German chocolate	189	Yellow
		190	Other, please describe

Div. 1332: Decorated Exhibits - Youth**Div. 1333: Decorated Exhibits - Teen****Div. 1334: Decorated Exhibits – Adult****Div. 1335: Decorated Exhibits – Person(s) with Disabilities**

Entries will be judged on decoration only. Non-edible exhibits are acceptable. Half cakes can be up to 3 layers

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
195	Birthday	198	Holiday
196	Cookies: six pieces	199	Wedding
197	Gingerbread house	200.	Other, please describe

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Div. 1336: Decorated Group Exhibits - Youth**Div. 1337: Decorated Group Exhibits - Teen****Div. 1338: Decorated Group Exhibits – Adult****Div. 1339: Decorated Group Ex – Person(s) with Disabilities**

Two or more individuals contributing to entry. Include 3"x5" card listing exhibit participants.

Class Description

205	Candy House: all construction using candy	207	Gingerbread house
		208	Holiday
206	Fancy Dessert	209	Wedding
		210	Other; please describe

Div. 1340: Homemade Candy-Youth**Div. 1341: Homemade Candy- Teen****Div. 1342: Homemade Candy- Adult****Div. 1343: Homemade Candy – Person(s) with Disabilities****Class Description**

215	Caramel - 6 pieces	218	Mints - 6 pieces
216	Fudge - 6 pieces	219	Peanut brittle - 6 pieces
217	Hard candy - 6 pieces	220	Peanut butter fudge - 6
		221	Other; please describe

Div. 1344: Cookies - Youth**Div. 1345: Cookies - Teen****Div. 1346: Cookies – Adult****Div. 1347: Cookies – Person(s) with Disabilities****Class Description**

225	Bar	231	Oatmeal
226	Chocolate chip	232	Peanut Butter
227	Coconut	233	Pumpkin
228	Drop cookies: misc.	234	Rolled and cut
229	Filled	235	Refrigerator: rolled and sliced
230	Gingersnaps	236	Sugar
		237	Other, please describe

Div. 1348: Pies - Youth**Div. 1349: Pies - Teen****Div. 1350: Pies – Adult****Div. 1351: Pies – Person(s) with Disabilities**

Use 8" or 9" disposable pans. *Do not* enter cream or meringue pies.

Class Description

240	Apple	244	Mince
241	Berry	245	Peach
242	Cherry	246	Pecan
243	Cobblers: fruit	247	Pumpkin
		248	Other, please describe

Div. 1352: Misc. - Youth**Div. 1353: Misc. - Teen****Div. 1354: Misc. – Adult****Div. 1355: Misc. – Person(s) with Disabilities****Class Description**

255	Brownies	260	Gingerbread: 6"x 6"
256	Cheesecake	261	Jelly roll
257	Cupcakes: five	262	Petit-fours: five
258	Doughnuts: five	263	Tarts: cup - fruit
259	Fried pies	264	Tortillas: five
		265	Other, please describe

Div. 1356: Jams - Youth

Div. 1357: Jams - Teen

Div. 1358: Jams – Adult

Div. 1359: Jams – Person(s) with Disabilities

Made with crushed fruit

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
270	Apple Butter	277	Grape
271	Apricot	278	Peach
272	Apricot-pineapple	279	Plum
273	Butter: any - describe	280	Raspberry
274	Cherry	281	Strawberry
275	Fig	282	Other, please describe
276	Freezer jam: any fruit		

Div. 1360: Jelly - Youth

Div. 1361: Jelly - Teen

Div. 1362: Jelly – Adult

Div. 1363: Jelly – Person(s) with Disabilities

Example: good jelly is made from fruit juice - clear - sparkling. Consistency should be tender when cut - retain its shape and quiver.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
285	Apple	290	Peach
286	Cranberry	291	Plum
287	Grape	292	Pomegranate
288	Mint	293	Strawberry
289	Mixed fruit: list fruits	294	Other, please describe

Div. 1364: Marmalades - Youth

Div. 1365: Marmalades - Teen

Div. 1366: Marmalades – Adult

Div. 1367: Marmalades – Person(s) with Disabilities

Entries made of fruit or combinations of fruit including citrus. Example: fruit appears in small pieces throughout clear - transparent - jelly.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
300	Apricot	302	Orange
301	Pear	303	Other, please describe

Div. 1368: Preserves - Youth

Div. 1369: Preserves - Teen

Div. 1370: Preserves – Adult

Div. 1371: Preserves – Person(s) with Disabilities

Entries consisting of larger pieces of fruit suspended in a clear - thick syrup.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
305	Apricot	309	Strawberry
306	Peach	310	Tomato: ripe or green
307	Pineapple	311	Watermelon
308	Plum	312	Other, please describe

Div. 1372: Pickles & relishes - Youth

Div. 1373: Pickles & relishes - Teen

Div. 1374: Pickles & relishes – Adult

Div. 1375: Pickles & relishes – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
315	Pickled beans	321	Dill Pickles
316	Pickled beets	322	Sweet Pickles
317	Pickled carrots	323	Corn Relish
318	Pickled peppers: red or yellow	324	Red Pepper Relish
319	Pickled zucchini	325	Zucchini Relish
320	Bread & Butter Pickles	326	Other, please describe

Div 1376: Canned fruits - Youth

Div 1377: Canned fruits - Teen

Div 1378: Canned fruits - Adult

Div 1379: Canned fruits – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
330	Apples	334	Figs
331	Applesauce	335	Mixed: list fruit
332	Apricots	336	Peaches
333	Cherries	337	Plums
		338	Other, please describe

Div 1380: Canned vegetables - Youth

Div 1381: Canned vegetables - Teen

Div 1382: Canned vegetables – Adult

Div 1383: Canned vegetables – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
340	Asparagus	344	Corn
341	Beans: wax or green	345	Mixed: list vegetables
342	Beets	346	Tomatoes
343	Carrots	347	Other, please describe

Div. 1384: Spiced fruits - Youth

Div. 1385: Spiced fruits - Teen

Div. 1386: Spiced fruits - Adult

Div. 1387: Spiced fruits – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
350	Apples	354	Pears
351	Figs	355	Plums
352	Grapes	356	Watermelon
353	Peaches	357	Other, please describe

Div. 1388: Dried foods - Youth

Div. 1389: Dried foods - Teen

Div. 1390: Dried foods - Adult

Div. 1391: Dried foods – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
360	Apples	365	Dried vegetable: any vegetable
361	Apricots	366	Fruit leather
362	Banana	367	Peaches
363	Dried fruit: any fruit	368	Pineapple
364	Dried meat: any meat	369	Raisins
		370	Other, please describe

Div. 1392: Honey cooking - Youth

Div. 1393: Honey cooking -Teen

Div. 1394: Honey cooking – Adult

Div. 1395: Honey cooking - Person(s) with Disabilities

Class Description

346 Breads

347 Cake

348 Candy

349 Cookies: six

350 Other, please describe

Division 1396 - Professional Culinary Experience

Exhibitors can be professional bakers, cooks or chefs. Any person who sells their product to the public is eligible for entry. Enter this contest using entry form

Class Description

360 Pastry- please submit 6 pieces of item

361 Cake-please submit half of cake plus one slice

362 Cupcakes- please submit 6 cupcakes

363 Cake Decoration- cake must not be larger than 12" x 12" and does not have to be edible

364 Cookies- please submit 6 cookies

365 Pies- please submit whole pie

366 Fair Themed Cake Decorating Contest - must be edible



Special Contest

Ugly Cake Contest

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

1. Ugly Cake Contest Entries will be accepted until March 8, 2026, at the Pinal County Fairgrounds Office or online at www.pinalfairgrounds.com. Entries mailed must be postmarked by March 8, 2026, to Pinal County Fair, Attn: Ugly Cake Contest, 512 S. 11 Mile Corner Road, Casa Grande, AZ 85194. For questions contact: MaryEllen Simmons at 480-748-9108 or marysim@msn.com. Entry Fee is \$1.00 per cake entered. Make check payable to CAFA (Central Arizona Fair Association).
2. All cakes must be ugly! No pretty or average looking cakes.
3. Cakes can be from your own recipe or package mix. Please no whipped cream frostings and you can have as many layers as you wish.
4. The entire cake and decorations must all be edible. Cakes with nonedible decorations or foreign objects will be DISQUALIFIED!!!
5. Only two (2) entries allowed per person. A separate entry form must be completed for each cake. Copies can be made of the entry form.
6. Cakes must be on disposable containers such as a cardboard or cake round. Only whole cakes will be accepted.
7. Name, address and phone number on bottom of plate not visible.
8. Cakes must be given a Name or Title. Example: "Cow Patty Cake." Cake name/title must be on the plate for all to see.
9. Cakes must be brought to the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
10. Judging will take place Tuesday, MARCH 17, 2026, after 3:00 p.m.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners in Each Age Class for special contest

1st Place Blue Ribbon \$25.00

2nd Place Red Ribbons \$15.00

3rd Place White Ribbons \$10.00

DEMONSTRATIONS

There will be an area set aside in the exhibit building for demonstrations.

If you would like to participate, please contact MaryEllen Simmons at 480-748-9108 or marysim@msn.com to schedule a date and time to demonstrate your craft. EXAMPLE: Quilting, Needlepoint/counted cross-stitch, Tatting/hardanger, Embroidery, Sewing, Ceramics, Beadwork, Plastic canvas, Woodwork/carved or sawed, Photography, and Fine Arts, technique points, etc. able containers, such as a paper plate, cardboard or cake round.

Department B

Models and Misc.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Entry Supervisor

MaryEllen Simmons - 480-748-9108 - marysim@msn.com

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per item

Receiving Date:

Friday, March 13, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



JUDGING: Placing ribbons will be awarded by merit and not by the number of entries in each Division.

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

In this department we have Youth: age 5 – 12, Teen: age 13 – 18, Adult: age 19 + and Person(s) with Disabilities. **Be sure to indicate the correct age group on the entry form.** If exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, include your age and your parent signature where indicated. Failure to comply with these rules may result in entry disqualification.

Read instructions carefully:

1. Entry must be listed in the Exhibitor Handbook.
2. Entry must be created by exhibitor.
3. **Entries should be created after 2025 Fair.**
4. Entries stained or unsanitary will not be accepted.
5. Exhibits consisting of one or more pieces must be mounted or securely fastened together. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
6. The Pinal County Fair is not responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit.
7. The Pinal County Fair is not responsible for items left after release date.
8. Exhibitors are allowed to enter unlimited number of entries per class as long as each is paid with a \$1 entry fee prior to deadline day and \$2 entry fee after deadline.
9. **Items may be marked for sale on entry form. Prices are not negotiable. The fair will handle the sale and deduct 10%. Money for sold items will be mailed in a separate check from fair premiums within 30 days of the closing of fair.**

Premiums: First \$3.00 Second \$2.00 Third \$1.00

****A maximum of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid****

Division 1236: Models - Youth

Division 1237: Models - Teen

Division 1238: Models – Adult

Division 1239: Models – Person(s) with Disabilities

Models- Stock Build: Model built from a commercial kit as per instructions with the kit. Model will be judged for neatness of construction, quality of finish and adherence to the build instructions. A color picture of the model as it should look and instruction sheet for the build will be required.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Automobile
101	Truck

102	Motorcycle
103	Off-Road Vehicle
104	Large Ship- Commercial

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105	Large Ship- Military	112	Aircraft- Military
106	Small Boat- Private	113	Aircraft- Personal
107	Small Boat- Military	114	Rocket- Static
108	Watercraft- Personal	115	Rocket- That Flies
109	Watercraft- Military	116	Structure/using interlocking pieces
110	Trains	117	Structure/using metal, wood, etc
111	Aircraft- Commercial	118	Diorama

Division 1240: Modified Kit - Youth

Division 1241: Modified Kit - Teen

Division 1242: Modified Kit - Adult

Division 1243: Modified Kit - Person(s) with Dis.

Model built from a commercial kit but modified to represent a variation of an original or a new interpretation of the model from the builder. Model shall be modified physically or visually but still retain some semblance to the original. This class allows modeler to add more details or modify the paint scheme to an existing kit in order to add to the look of the model to represent an actual full size vehicle or one of some future concept.

Class Description

100	Automobile	110	Trains
101	Truck	111	Aircraft- Commercial
102	Motorcycle	112	Aircraft- Military
103	Off-Road Vehicle	113	Aircraft- Personal
104	Large Ship- Commercial	114	Rocket- Static
105	Large Ship- Military	115	Rocket- That Flies
106	Small Boat- Private	116	Structure/using interlocking pieces
107	Small Boat- Military	117	Structure/using metal, wood, etc
108	Watercraft- Personal	118	Diorama
109	Watercraft- Military		

Division 1244: Scratch Built - Youth

Division 1245: Scratch Built - Teen

Division 1246: Scratch Built - Adult

Division 1247: Scratch Built - Person(s) with Dis.

Class Description

100	Automobile	110	Trains
101	Truck	111	Aircraft- Commercial
102	Motorcycle	112	Aircraft- Military
103	Off-Road Vehicle	113	Aircraft- Personal
104	Large Ship- Commercial	114	Rocket- Static
105	Large Ship- Military	115	Rocket- That Flies
106	Small Boat- Private	116	Structure/using interlocking pieces
107	Small Boat- Military	117	Structure/using metal, wood, etc
108	Watercraft- Personal	118	Diorama
109	Watercraft- Military		

Division 1248: Taxidermy - Youth

Division 1249: Taxidermy - Teen

Division 1250: Taxidermy - Adult

Division 1251: Taxidermy - Person(s) with Disabilities

Class Description

100	Small Animal
101	Large Animal

Department C

Fine Arts



SUPERINTENDENT:

MaryEllen Simmons - 480-748-9108 - marysim@msn.com

Entry fee: \$1.00 per item

Receiving Date:

Friday, March 13, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

JUDGING: All works will be juried by competent, noncompeting artists, or qualified experts selected by the Pinal County Fair Fine Arts Department. Artists whose works are not accepted will be notified by phone and may arrange art pick up at that time. Decisions of the judges are final.

AWARDS:

1. First place through fifth place will receive ribbons.
2. Honorable mentions will receive ribbons.
3. Best of Show and The People's Choice Award will receive a Rosette.
4. The People's Choice Award - selected by fairgoers - will be announced the final day of fair.
5. Premiums will be mailed to the address on the entry form, after the Fair.

Premiums: First place \$3.00 Second Place \$2.00 Third Place \$1.00

****A maximum of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid****

FINE ART EXHIBITORS ELIGIBILITY:

Exhibitor must be a Pinal County/seasonal resident 18 years and older. (Exhibitors under 18 may enter in the Youth & School Arts Department).

Read instructions carefully:

1. **All work must be original, entered by the artist, and created within the last 5 years. Art must not have been exhibited at any previous Pinal County Fair Fine Art Exhibit.** No Kits or commercial patterned work used or copied. Computer generated, photographic prints, copies and color copies are not accepted. Exceptions to this would be the AI Software-Generated Artwork Division.
2. Eligibility: Age 18 and older, Pinal County Resident (including seasonal)
3. Label each work (including unattached base or stand if applicable) with name, phone #, email address, title of work, & medium.
4. 2D Maximum size: 54" in either dimension, including frame.
5. 2D art must be under glass or Plexiglas with mat and frame. Wire firmly to frame for hanging. No saw tooth hangers.
6. Painting must be framed or use gallery wrap around canvas. Wire firmly to frame for hanging. No saw tooth hangers.
7. Poorly presented, incomplete, broken and extremely fragile entries will not be accepted. No mobiles.
8. Nude, obscene or violent entries will not be accepted. Management and judges reserve the right to remove entries which are considered obscene or harmful to minors as defined in the Arizona Criminal Code.
9. A class must have a minimum of 5 entries for judging. Classes with less than 5 entries may be combined with another class for judging. This is a juried art show; some items entered may not be accepted into the show. Decisions of the judges are final.
10. All accepted artwork will be exhibited and may not be removed until art release day at the end of the fair.
11. Exhibitors are allowed to enter unlimited number of entries per class as long as each is paid with a \$1 entry fee prior to deadline day.

12. Items may be marked for sale on entry form. Prices are not negotiable. The fair will handle the sale and deduct 10%. Money for sold items will be mailed in a separate check from fair premiums within 30 days of the closing of fair.

*** The Fine Arts Department and the Pinal County Fair are *not* responsible for entries remaining after MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026, 3:00 pm.**

DEMONSTRATIONS: Attach a separate note to your entry form or email Superintendent. Indicate the type of medium you would like to demonstrate. Please include preferred date and time, and the amount of space needed. Contact Entry Supervisor for more information and scheduling.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME: We welcome any help with greeting the public, answering questions.

SHOW SITTING: The Fine Arts Show is monitored by the Fine Arts Department Superintendent and volunteers daily.

DIVISION 2600: DRAWING

Indicate size and title of entry.

CLASS DESCRIPTION

100	Black & White: Charcoal, Pencil, etc.	102	Color Pencil
101	Pen & Ink: Black & White or Color	103	Pastels
		104	Other; please denote medium

DIVISION 2601: JEWELRY

Indicate size and title of entry.

CLASS DESCRIPTION

100	Open: bead, Carved, Cast, other
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DIVISION 2602: PAINTING

Indicate size and title of entry.

CLASS DESCRIPTION

100	Acrylics	102	Watercolor
101	Oils	103	Porcelain Painting
		104	Other: Please denote medium

DIVISION 2603: POTTERY AND CERAMICS

CLASS DESCRIPTION

100	Clay Pottery
101	Ceramics

DIVISION 2604: PRINTMAKING

Indicate size and title of entry

CLASS DESCRIPTION

100	Printmaking: Hand-pulled by artist; monoprints, linocut, etching, woodcut, linoleum, lithographs, silkscreen. Original art only; no commercial prints, color copies, photography prints or computer generated prints.
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DIVISION 2605: SCULPTURE

Indicate size and title of entry

CLASS DESCRIPTION

100	Sculpture: Free-Standing	102	"Green": Creative use of found materials
101	Sculpture: Relief or Wall Hanging	103	Mixed Media: Combine 2 or more mediums

DIVISION 2606: FAIR THEME

Indicate size and title of entry

CLASS DESCRIPTION

100	Any Medium: Artistic interpretation of Fair Theme -
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DIVISION 2607: MISCELLANEOUS

Indicate size and title of entry

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Graphic Art/Illustration: Fashion illustration, Anime, cartooning, poster, etc.
101	Open: All other techniques not listed above; Please denote medium

DIVISION 2608: THEATER ART

Oversize pieces may be accepted in this division; please denote size, materials and description

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Scenic Painting - Backdrops
101	Set Design Elements
102	Props Design
103	Costume Design
104	Puppets

DIVISION 2609: Person(s) with Disabilities \$1 entry fee

Oversize pieces may be accepted in this division; please denote size, materials and description

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Drawing
101	Jewelry
102	Painting
103	Pottery & Ceramics
104	Printmaking
105	Sculpture
106	Fair Theme

*****New Division in 2025*****

DIVISION 2610: Artificial Intelligence Software-Generated Artwork

Indicate size and title of entry

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Abstract AI Art: Artwork generated by AI that focuses on abstract forms and patterns.
101	Portrait AI Art: AI-generated portraits of people, animals, or fictional characters.
102	Landscape AI Art: AI-created depictions of natural or urban landscapes.
103	Conceptual AI Art: Art that explores concepts, ideas, or narratives through AI generation.
104	Mixed Media AI Art: Artwork that combines AI-generated elements with traditional media (e.g., painting, sculpture).

Department D

Floriculture and Horticulture



SUPERINTENDENT:

MaryEllen Simmons - 480-748-9108 - marysim@msn.com

Entry fee: \$1.00 per item.

Receiving Date:

Friday, March 13, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

HORTICULTURE & FLORICULTURE EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

Entries: Youth: age 5 – 12, Teen: age 13-18, Adult: age 19 + and Person(s) with Disabilities. **Be sure to indicate your age group on the entry form.** If the exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, include your age and your parent signature where indicated. Failure to comply with these rules may result in entry disqualification of the entry.

Read instructions carefully:

1. The exhibitor must grow **all** exhibits, unless otherwise specified. Exceptions will be noted before each class.
2. The exhibitor for **ALL** Divisions must furnish containers for arrangements. All plant entries must be labeled with the common plant name and/or variety.
3. Premiums will be mailed to the address on the entry form, after the Fair.
4. Exhibitors are allowed to enter unlimited number of entries per class as long as each is paid with a \$1 entry fee prior to deadline day.
5. Items may be marked for sale on entry form. Prices are not negotiable. The fair will handle the sale and deduct 10%. Money for sold items will be mailed in a separate check from fair premiums within 30 days of the closing of fair.

Premiums: First \$3.00 Second \$2.00 Third \$1.00

****A maximum of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid****

RULES FOR DIVISION #'s 1400 - 1406:

More than two entries can be made, in designated Class, only if each variety "of kind" is very different and named. If three or more entries of the same variety or kind are in any one of these Classes, a new Class will be added. All produce must be washed, not trimmed, and be market size for show.

VEGETABLE, FRUIT & HERB SCORE:

Condition and maturity.....	35%
Shape, color, texture, size according to variety ..	20%
Freshness	20%
Bug damage, weather imperfections, etc.	10%
Grooming	10%
Correct labeling	5%
Total	100%

Division 1400: Vegetables - Youth

Division 1401: Vegetables - Teen

Division 1402: Vegetables – Adult

Division 1403: Vegetables – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
100	Chili Peppers - three loose	101	Cilantro
		102	Onions - five dry bulbs

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103	Onions - five tied green with roots and tops on	105	Tomatoes - three loose
104	Spinach - three plants with roots in plastic bag	106	Other, please describe

Division 1404: Fruits & Other Horticulture Crops - Youth

Division 1405: Fruits & Other Horticulture Crops - Teen

Division 1406: Fruits & Other Horticulture Crops – Adult

Division 1407: Fruits & Other Horticulture Crops – Person(s) with Disabilities

Class Description

100	Lemons - three with stems	102	Grapefruit - three with stems
101	Oranges - three with stems	103	Nuts - pint
		104	Other, please describe

GARDEN FLOWERS

1. Exhibitor may make more than one entry per Class. Each entry must be a different color and/or variety.
2. Classes will be subdivided regarding variety and/or color.
3. Potted plants, dish gardens, scenic gardens and bottled gardens must have been cared for, by the exhibitor, for at least 60 days prior to fair. Terrariums must be cared for 30 days prior to fair.

FLOWER SCORE:

Form or symmetry, according to variety	20%
Foliage: condition, shape, color, texture, size, according to variety.....	20%
Maturity and condition of blossom(s).....	20%
Bug damage, weather imperfections	10%
Proportion to container	10%
Grooming	15%
Correct labeling.....	5%
Total	100%

Division 1412: Garden Flowers - Youth

Division 1413: Garden Flowers - Teen

Division 1414: Garden Flowers – Adult

Division 1415: Garden Flowers – Person(s) with Disabilities

Class Description

100	Carnations - one bloom	106	Marigolds - Small head, three stems with one blossom
101	Carnations-mini - three stems		
102	Daisy - three stems	107	Nasturtium - three blooms, same color
103	Gazania - three stems	108	Pansy - three blooms, same color
104	Geranium - one stalk	109	Petunia - one stem
105	Marigolds - Large head, three stems with one blossom	110	Other, please describe

Division 1420: All American Roses: One Stem - Single Bloom - Youth

Division 1421: All American Roses: One Stem - Single Bloom - Teen

Division 1422: All American Roses: One Stem - Single Bloom – Adult

Division 1423: All American Roses: One Stem - Single Bloom – Person(s) with Disabilities

Name must be attached.

Class Description

100	Angel Face-FL	112	Olympiad-HT
101	Arizona-GR	113	Perfume Delight-HT
102	Betty Boop-FL	114	Rio Samba-HT
103	Cherish-FL	115	Scentimental-FL
104	Double Delight-HT	116	Secret-HT
105	Europeana-FL	117	Sheer Elegance-HT
106	First Prize-HT	118	St. Patrick-HT
107	Gene Boerner-FL	119	Sun Flare-FL
108	Honor-HT	120	Touch of Class-HT
109	Livin' Easy-FL	121	Tournament of Roses-GR
110	Midas Touch-HT	122	Any other All American not listed- HT
111	Mr. Lincoln-HT	123	Any other All American not listed-GR
		124	Any other All American not listed-FL

Division 1424: Flowering or Fruited Branches - Youth**Division 1425: Flowering or Fruited Branches - Teen****Division 1426: Flowering or Fruited Branches – Adult****Division 1427: Flowering or Fruited Branches – Person(s) with Disabilities**

One stem - 12"-24" in length - can branch. Name must be attached.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
100	Bougainvillea - red	107	Pomegranate
101	Bougainvillea - any other color	108	Poinciana Pulcherima (Red Mexican Bird of Paradise)
102	Grapefruit	109	Flowering branch - any not listed
103	Lantana - orange or red	110	Citrus - any not listed
104	Lantana - yellow	111	Fruited branches - any not listed
105	Oleander - any color	112	Flowering vine - any not listed
106	Orange	113	Yellow Mexican Bird of Paradise

PLANTS

List entries by common name and variety/varieties. Potted plants, dish gardens, scenic gardens, bottled gardens, terrariums and cactus gardens must have been cared for, by the exhibitor, at least 60 days prior to the fair.

PLANT SCORE

Form or symmetry according to variety	30%
Foliage: shape, color, texture & size according to variety.....	20%
Condition of plant.....	20%
Grooming	15%
Proportion to container	10%
Correct Labeling	5%
Total	100%

Division 1428 Potted Plant - Youth**Division 1429: Potted Plant - Teen****Division 1430: Potted Plant – Adult****Division 1431: Potted Plant – Person(s) with Disabilities**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
100	Foliage plant - fern	103	Cactus
101	Foliage plant - other	104	Succulents
102	Flowering plant - in bloom	105	Tree
		106	Two or more plants in container

Division 1432: Propagated Plants - Youth**Division 1433: Propagated Plants - Teen****Division 1434: Propagated Plants – Adult****Division 1435: Propagated Plants – Person(s) with Disabilities**

Entries can be any assortment of six cuttings, at least, in a tray 4"x8" or larger.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
100	Flower - propagated in container	102	Foliage plant - one plant in container
101	Propagated tree or shrub established plant in a one gallon container	103	Propagation tray - indoor or outdoor plants
		104	Bird seed - your choice of container and size
		105	Other, please describe

Division 1436: Dish Garden - Youth**Division 1437: Dish Garden - Teen****Division 1438: Dish Garden – Adult****Division 1439: Dish Garden – Person(s) with Disabilities**

No less than two varieties and not less than three plants in each dish.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
100	Cactus garden	103	Scenic garden
101	Succulent garden	104	Terrarium - covered
102	Dish garden	105	Other, please describe

Division 1440: Mini Garden - Youth**Division 1441: Mini Garden - Teen****Division 1442: Mini Garden – Adult****Division 1443: Mini Garden – Person(s) with Disabilities**

Enter one or more varieties, in soil, started from seed or cuttings. Container should be a one-gallon size or larger.

Class Description

100	Vegetable	102	Flowers
101	Herbs	103	Other, please describe

Artistic Arrangement

Arrangement is fresh cut plant material in container with base, if desired. Composition includes accessories. Six inch or eight-inch wreaths can be vine or straw bases. Materials are to be dried and/or natural. Fabric ribbon and/or raffia bows allowed. All entries must be prepared, at home, by exhibitor. Repair areas will be provided.

Artistic Arrangement Score

Originality of design	20%
Color harmony	20%
Balance of design	20%
Proportion: design to container.....	10%
Condition of flowers & foliage	10%
Suitability of materials, accessories, container, etc.....	10%
Total	100%

Division 1449: Artistic Arrangement - Youth**Division 1450: Artistic Arrangement - Teen****Division 1451: Artistic Arrangement – Adult****Division 1452: Artistic Arrangement – Person(s) with Disabilities****Class Description**

100	Spring Bloom – all fresh material in arrangement	105	Festive Wreath – dried, artificial or mixed
101	Woodland – all dried native material composition	106	Wreath- made with recycled materials* NEW*
102	Grand Canyon – fresh and/or dried material composition – wood, rocks permitted	107	Wheel Barrow Garden- fresh material arrangement with Fairy/Gnome design within if desired.
103	Joys of Summer – basket arrangement, fresh and/or dried produce predominant	108	Recyclable Container Garden- fresh material arrangement with Fairy/Gnome design within if desired. **NEW**
104	County Fair – miniature composition. Less than 8" should be fresh material. Less than 5" should be dried material.	109	“Odd” Container Garden- fresh material arrangement in an item that is typically not used for gardening. **NEW**

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT**EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT SCORE**

Educational Message	30%
Accuracy of information	25%
Originality of entry	25%
Presentation: cleanliness, spelling, grammar, and printing, etc.....	10%
Use of color, graphics and design	10%
Total	100%

Division 1453: Educational Exhibit - Youth**Division 1454: Educational Exhibit - Teen****Division 1455: Educational Exhibit – Adult****Division 1456: Educational Exhibit – Person(s) with Disabilities****Class Description**

100	Plant family collection poster	105	Miscellaneous, i.e., birds, etc.
101	Plant propagation poster	106	Research project
102	Landscape design	107	Group poster display (two or more posters required)
103	Irrigation design	108	School plant science project
104	Horticulture career poster	109	Recyclable landscaping poster

Department E

Youth and School Arts

SUPERINTENDENT:

MaryEllen Simmons 480-748-9108 - marysim@msn.com

Entry fee: Free

Receiving Date:

Friday, March 13, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

AWARDS:

1. Participant ribbons for each student exhibitor
2. First place through fifth place will receive ribbons.
3. Honorable mentions will receive ribbons.
4. Best of Class: each grade level



EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

1. Teachers, list as many students as possible - forms can be duplicated. Include: School name, student name, division and class number for each entry. Teachers are responsible for placing entry tags on artwork. Tags will be provided by the fair on receiving day.
2. Students entering without a school affiliation - Parents may enter their child's exhibit – family members cannot share an entry form.
3. No entry limit, assuming space is available.
4. **Each entry must be marked on the back with the following- Name, Age, Grade, School/Home Address**
5. **Entries must be created by exhibitor after the 2025 Fair.**
6. Models and/or kits are not accepted.
7. Mount artwork onto construction paper or poster board with 1" border or less. Entries may be stapled or taped for exhibit. Matting is not necessary.
8. Optional: Protect pastels, charcoal, oil pastels, watercolor entries with spray sealant, plastic Mylar sheet or plastic wrap - No Glass.

****The Pinal County Fair/Youth & School Art Dept. is not responsible for loss of damage to any exhibit or for entries remaining after Monday, March 23, 3:00 pm. If you must pick up projects after the release time, arrangements need to be made with the office at receiving.***

DIVISION 4700: Preschool

DIVISION 4701: Kindergarten

DIVISION 4702: 1st grade

DIVISION 4703: 2nd grade

DIVISION 4704: 3rd grade

DIVISION 4705: 4th grade

DIVISION 4706: 5th grade

DIVISION 4707: 6th grade

DIVISION 4708: 7th grade

DIVISION 4709: 8th grade

DIVISION 4710: Special Education Class - Elementary

DIVISION 4711: 9th grade

DIVISION 4712: 10th grade

DIVISION 4713: 11th grade

DIVISION 4714: 12th grade

DIVISION 4715: Special Education Class - High School

DRAWING

Class Description

100	Pencil	105	Marker
101	Color Pencil	106	Chalk Pastels
102	Pen & Ink	107	Oil Pastels
103	Charcoal	108	Scratchboard
104	Crayon	109	Mixed Drawing Media

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PAINTING

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
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110	Acrylic	112	Watercolor
111	Oil	113	Tempera
		114	Painting Mixed Media

POTTERY & CERAMICS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
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115	Ceramic: functional, utilitarian	116	Ceramic: figures, sculptural
		117	Clay Pottery

PRINTMAKING

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
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118	Prints; potato, sponge
119	Prints: linoleum, serigraph, woodcut

SCULPTURE

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
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120	Free Standing - Any Medium	122	"Green": Creative use of found materials
121	Relief or Wall Hanging: must be wired across the back for hanging	123	Masks
		124	Mixed Media: Combine 2 or more mediums

FAIR THEME

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
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125	Fair Theme: Any medium, artistic interpretation of fair theme
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MISCELLANEOUS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
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126	Paper Collage	130	Photography **NEW**
127	Yarn: Weaving - original stitchery	131	Open: All other techniques not listed above, please denote medium
128	Jewelry	132	Group or Class Project - any medium
129	Graphic Art/Illustration: Fashion illustration, anime, cartooning, poster art, etc.	150	Coloring Page-Fair Theme

Department F

Crafts and Hobbies

SUPERINTENDENT:

Entry Supervisor

MaryEllen Simmons 480-748-9108 - marysim@msn.com

Entry fee: \$1.00 per item

Receiving Date:

Friday, March 13, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



HANDCRAFT EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

In this department we have Youth: age 5 – 12, Teen: age 13 – 18, Adult: age 19 + and Person(s) with Disabilities. **Be sure to indicate the correct division number on your entry form.** If exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, include your age and your parent signature where indicated. Failure to comply with these rules may result in entry disqualification.

Read instructions carefully:

- Do not enter items/exhibits used in prior Pinal County Fairs.**
- Entry must be created by the exhibitor.
- Children in the same family should work on individual projects. Individual family members use separate entry forms. Every entry form must have a parent or guardian signature.
- The Superintendent reserves the right to combine or divide Classes, depending on entries.
- Misclassified entries will be re-designated at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Items offensive to the general public will not be accepted.
- Premiums will be mailed, to the address on the entry form, after the Fair.
- Exhibitors are allowed to enter unlimited number of entries per class as long as each is paid with a \$1 entry fee prior to deadline day.
- Items may be marked for sale on entry form. Prices are not negotiable. The fair will handle the sale and deduct 10%. Money for sold items will be mailed in a separate check from fair premiums within 30 days of the closing of fair.

Premiums: First \$3.00 Second \$2.00 Third \$1.00

****A maximum of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid****

Division 1200: Bead &/or Featherwork- Youth

Division 1201: Bead &/or Featherwork - Teen

Division 1202: Bead &/or Featherwork - Adult

Division 1203: Bead &/or Featherwork-Person(s) w/ Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

100	Jewelry: Beaded Necklace	103	Headdress: Beaded, Beaded & feathered
101	Jewelry: Beaded Earrings OR Bracelet	104	Hair accessory: Beaded, Beaded & feathered
102	Clothing: Beaded or Beaded & feathered	105	Other; please describe

Div. 1204: Ceramics, Pottery & Plastercraft-Youth

Div. 1205: Ceramics, Potter & Plastercraft - Teen

Div. 1206: Ceramics, Pottery & Plastercraft-Adult

Div. 1207: Ceramics, Pottery & Plastercraft-Person(s) w/ Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

110	Thrown pot: glazed and fired	113	Plastercraft: animal
111	Dishes: glazed and fired	114	Plastercraft: miscellaneous
112	Plastercraft: holiday	115	Other, please describe

Div. 1208: 2026 Fair Theme: Youth

Div. 1209: 2026 Fair Theme: Teen

Div. 1210: 2026 Fair Theme: Adult

Div. 1211: 2026 Fair Theme: Person(s) w/ Disabilities

Exhibits that capture the character and theme of this years' fair. Use standard poster board showing *Who - What - When - Where* at the fair.

CLASS DESCRIPTION

130	Decoupage item	134	Tote Bag
131	Fabric painted pillow	135	Painted and decorated paper plates
132	Quilted item	136	Posters:
133	Apron	137	Metalcraft
		138	Other, please describe

Division 1212: Woodcraft - Youth

Division 1213: Woodcraft - Teen

Division 1214: Woodcraft – Adult

Division 1215: Woodcraft – Person(s) w/ Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

145	Wood: inlaid	152	Pens
146	Wood: turned	153	Walking Stick
147	Wood: carved - animal	154	Cane
148	Wood: carved - figurine	155	Wood Carve Kachina
149	Wood: carved - miscellaneous	156	Step Stool
150	Wood: cut - miscellaneous	157	Clock
151	Gun Stock	158	Other than Classified

Division 1216: Leathercraft - Youth

Division 1217: Leathercraft - Teen

Division 1218: Leathercraft – Adult

Division 1219: Leathercraft – Person(s) w/ Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

160	Braiding: horse item	166	Moccasins
161	Braiding: belts or hat bands	167	Framed Art
162	Braiding: miscellaneous	168	Tooled
163	Hand tooled: bag - purse - wallet	169	Painted Landscape
164	Hand tooled: belt or hat band	170	Wild Game
165	Other than tooled: bag - purse - wallet	171	Unpainted Western
		172	Other, please describe

Div. 1220: Dollhouses, Furnishings & Mini-Youth

Div. 1221: Dollhouses, Furnishings, & Mini-Teen

Div. 1222: Dollhouses, Furnishings, & Mini-Adult

Div. 1223: Dollhouse, Furnish, & Mini- Person(s) w/ Disabilities

Handmade items for brand name dollhouses can be entered. Factory made, brand name dollhouses, etc. do not qualify for this Division

CLASS DESCRIPTION

175	Doll house: original design	180	Miniatures: furniture - 3 pieces only
176	Doll house: kit	181	Miniature dishes and/or pottery: hand made
177	Doll house furnishings: kit - 3 pieces only	182	Landscape/garden
178	Doll house and miniature furnishings: needle work rugs - afghans - pillows - etc. - 3 pcs only	183	Scale 1/12
179	Miniatures: full rooms	184	City Scene
		185	Other, please describe

Division 1224: Miscellaneous Arts & Crafts-Y

Division 1225: Miscellaneous Arts & Crafts-T

Division 1226: Miscellaneous Arts & Crafts-A

Division 1227: Misc. Arts & Crafts–Person(s) w/ Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

190	Decoupage: any item	208	Dream Catcher
191	Metalcraft	209	Memory Book
192	Mosaic: up to 24"x 24"	210	Carved Fishing Lure
193	God's Eye/Ojo de Dios	211	Fly Fishing Tie
195	Popsicle stick	212	Puppet
196	Plastic item	213	Kite built from scratch
197	Dough art	215	Stained Glass: copper foil
198	Origami	216	Stained Glass: lead came
199	Macramé	217	Plastic Canvas: Needlepoint any article
202	Rope art or String art	218	Hairbows
204	Floral head garlands: silk and/or dried flowers	219	Headbands
205	Glass decorating	220	Fabric Flowers
206	Magnets: up to 4"	221	Other, please describe
207	Masks		

Division 1228: Scrapbook Pages - Youth

Division 1229: Scrapbook Pages - Teen

Division 1230: Scrapbook Pages – Adult

Division 1231: Scrapbook Pages – Person(s) w/ Disabilities

Enter Scrapbook pages in plastic sleeves only (no notebooks)

CLASS DESCRIPTION

235	Baby	240	Birthdays
236	Family fun	241	Wedding
237	Pets	242	Anniversary
238	School Days	243	Holiday
239	Vacation	244	Celebrations / Special Occasions
		245	Other, please describe

Division 1232: Rubber Stamping - Youth

Division 1233: Rubber Stamping - Teen

Division 1234: Rubber Stamping – Adult

Division 1235: Rubber Stamping – Person(s) w/ Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

250	Stationery
251	Cards
252	Other, please describe

Division 1240: Collectibles - Youth

Division 1241: Collectibles - Teen

Division 1242: Collectibles – Adult

Division 1243: Collectibles – Person(s) with Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

285	Miscellaneous collections: up to 10 items
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Division 1244: Gourds - Youth

Division 1245: Gourds - Teen

Division 1246: Gourds – Adult

Division 1247: Gourds – Person(s) with Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

290	Birdhouses/ Birdfeeders	298	Woven
291	Decoupage	299	Masks
292	Holiday	300	Southwestern Designs
293	Painting	301	Animals
294	Wood Burning, must be dominate	302	Reptiles
295	Pyrography - must be dominate	303	Miniatures - 3" or smaller
296	Jewelry, a large portion to be made from gourd	304	Flowers
297	Dolls made from gourds	305	Musical
		306	Miscellaneous - All other gourds

Division 1248: Homemade Soaps - Youth

Division 1249: Homemade Soaps - Teen

Division 1250: Homemade Soaps – Adult

Division 1251: Homemade Soaps–Person(s) w/ Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

310	Animal Shampoo Soaps	313	Laundry Soap
311	Glycerin Soaps	314	Goat Soap
312	Hand Soap	315	Other; please describe

Division 1252: Cards - Youth

Division 1253: Cards - Teen

Division 1254: Cards – Adult

Division 1255: Cards – Person(s) with Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

320	Holiday Card	325	Birthday Card
321	Get Well Card	326	Valentine Card
322	Thank You Card	327	Congratulations
323	Invitation	328	Mixed Media
324	Three-Dimensional Card	329	Other; please describe

Division 1260: Woodworking - Youth

Division 1261: Woodworking - Teen

Division 1262: Woodworking – Adult

Division 1263: Woodworking – Person(s) with Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

350	Any article made for the home	355	Small Livestock or crop device – up to 5 hours construction time
351	Any article made for the shop	356	Pre-cut kit
352	Bird House; any size	357	Wooden tool or nail box
353	Foot stool	358	Workbench
354	Large Livestock or crop device – at least 5 hours construction time	359	Other; please describe

Div. 1264: Creative Writing and Journalism- Y

Div. 1265: Creative Writing and Journalism- T

Div. 1266: Creative Writing and Journalism-A

Div. 1267: Creative Writing and Journalism –Person(s) with Disabilities

CLASS DESCRIPTION

365	Poetry	368	Newsletter and Bulletin
366	Short Story	369	Essay
367	News Article and Press Release	370	Book written by exhibitor
		371	Group or Club Project

Division 1268: Recyclable - Youth**Division 1269: Recyclable - Teen****Division 1270: Recyclable – Adult****Division 1271: Recyclable – Person(s) with Disabilities**

Entry must include a card listing the items used in making the recycled item.

CLASS DESCRIPTION

380	Jewelry – limit 2 pieces	390	Shoes
381	Accessories – limit 2 pieces: hairbows, belts, etc.	391	Bank
382	Room decoration	392	Any other Item – limit 2 pieces
383	Holiday Craft: Tabletop	393	Educational Exhibit – What a great opportunity to use your imagination and get really creative! Display size not to exceed 22"x24"
384	Holiday Craft: Door		
385	Holiday Craft: Wall		
386	Tree Decoration – limit 2 entries	394	Wallet
387	Any other decoration – limit 2 entries	395	Purse
388	Birdfeeder	396	Article of clothing
389	Clothing – limit 2 entries		

*****New in 2026*******Division 1272: Creative Expressions with a Twist – Youth****Division 1273: Creative Expressions with a Twist – Teen****Division 1274: Creative Expressions with a Twist – Adult****Division 1275: Creative Expressions with a Twist – Person(s) with Disabilities****Entry Guidelines:**

Projects must be original and primarily handcrafted by the exhibitor. Entries may include functional or decorative elements and must be securely built for display. Any electrical or mechanical components must be self-powered (battery or solar); no access to on-site power is available. Entries using AR (augmented reality) must include printed instructions or a QR code for viewers. Please label all mixed-media components (e.g., fabric, tech, clay, etc.) and include a brief artist statement (50–100 words) explaining your inspiration or concept.

Class Description

397	Fiber Fusion: Knitting, crochet, or textile art that incorporates non-traditional materials (e.g., LEDs, metal, plastic)	400	Interactive or Kinetic Art: Pieces that move, light up, make sound, or respond to touch/viewer interaction
398	Mini Worlds: Miniatures, dollhouses, or dioramas (realistic or fantasy-based)	401	Augmented Reality Art: AR-integrated visual pieces; must include instructions for viewing
399	Fandom Crafts & Cosplay Props: Handmade items inspired by books, games, movies, or anime (costumes, wands, masks, etc.)	402	Mash-Up Madness: Anything that blends traditional arts with modern technology or pop culture; please describe
		403	Other – Please Describe

Department I

Sewing and Fiber Arts

SUPERINTENDENT:

Entry Supervisor

MaryEllen Simmons - 480-748-9108 - marysim@msn.com

Entry fee: \$1.00 per item

Receiving Date:

Friday, March 13, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



JUDGING: Placing ribbons will be awarded by merit and not by the number of entries in each Division.

HOME ARTS- Sewing and Fiber Arts EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

In this department we have Youth: age 5 – 12, Teen: age 13 – 18, Adult: age 19 + and Person(s) with Disabilities. **Be sure to indicate the correct age group on the entry form.** If exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, include your age and your parent signature where indicated. Failure to comply with these rules may result in entry disqualification of the entry.

Read instructions carefully:

1. Entry must be listed in the Exhibitor Handbook.
2. Entry created by exhibitor.
3. Pin name on paper inside garment.
4. Judges will turn garments inside out to check seams and for loose threads. **Please iron garment.**
5. **Entries should be created after 2025 Fair.**
6. Entries stained or unsanitary will not be accepted.
7. Exhibits consisting of one or more pieces must be mounted or securely fastened together. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
8. The Pinal County Fair is not responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit.
9. The Pinal County Fair and/or the Home Arts- Sewing and Fiber Arts Department are not responsible for items left after release date.
10. Premiums will be mailed, to the address on the entry form, after the Fair.
11. Exhibitors are allowed to enter unlimited number of entries per class as long as each is paid with a \$1 entry fee prior to deadline day and \$2 entry fee after deadline.
12. Items may be marked for sale on entry form. Prices are not negotiable. The fair will handle the sale and deduct 10%. Money for sold items will be mailed in a separate check from fair premiums within 30 days of the closing of fair.

Premiums: First \$3.00 Second \$2.00 Third \$1.00

****A maximum of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid****

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Division 1000: Misc. Sewing-Youth**Division 1001: Misc. Sewing-Teen****Division 1002: Misc. Sewing-Adult****Division 1003: Misc. Sewing-Person(s) w/ Disabilities**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
101	Machine embroidery-clothing	108	Hat
102	Machine embroidery-household item	110	Fabric accessory: belt, handbag, jewelry.
103	Rag Quilt	111	My First Sewing Project
104	Rag clothing/purse	112	Hand Sewn Object
105	Tied fleece blanket	113	Tote Bag
106	Tied Quilt	114	Backpack
107	Purse	116	Other; please describe

Division 1004: Adult Clothing-Youth**Division 1005: Adult Clothing-Teen****Division 1006: Adult Clothing-Adult****Division 1007: Adult Clothing- Person(s) w/ Disabilities**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
120	Dress with zipper	129	Skirt: long or short - no zipper
122	T-shirt or Sweatshirt	130	Pants: ladies
123	Blouse	131	Coat or Jacket
125	Boxer Shorts	132	Vest
126	Dress	133	Apron
127	Skirt with zipper	134	Original design
128	Shirt: mans	135	Bathrobe
		136	Other, please describe

Division 1008: Children's Clothing-Youth**Division 1009: Children's Clothing-Teen****Division 1010: Children's Clothing-Adult****Division 1011: Children's Clothing-Person(s) w/ DIS.**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
140	T-shirt or Sweatshirt	150	Shirt: boys
141	Blouse	151	Pants: boys
142	Dress with zipper	152	Shorts: boys
144	Dress: other	154	Coat or Jacket
145	Pajamas	155	Bathrobe
146	Pants: girls	156	Boxer Shorts
147	Skirt: long or short - no zipper	157	Skirt with zipper
148	Shorts: girls	158	Other, please describe
149	Vest		

Division 1012: Serger-Youth**Division 1013: Serger-Teen****Division 1014: Serger-Adult****Division 1015: Serger- Person(s) w/ Disabilities**

Entries must be 90% serged with up to 10% regular stitching. Collars and hems may be top stitched after finished with serger. (excluding zipper/buttonhole)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
170	My First project	175	Swimwear or Activewear
171	Accessories	176	Creative use of Decorative threads
172	Sportswear	177	Heirloom Serging
173	Skirt	178	Home Decor Item
174	Blouse	179	Other, please describe

Division 1016: Costumes - Youth

Division 1017: Costumes - Teen

Division 1018: Costumes – Adult

Division 1019: Costumes- Person(s) w/ Disabilities

Class Description

185	Most original	187	Period
186	Renaissance	188	Early American
		189	Other: Please Describe

Div. 1020: Decorated Tee's & Sweatsuits - Y

Div. 1021: Decorated Tee's & Sweatsuits - T

Div. 1022: Decorated Tee's & Sweatsuits –A

Div. 1023: Decorated T & Sweat. - Person(s) w/ DIS.

Class Description

190	Painted	192	Embroidery
191	Appliqué	193	Beaded
		194	Other: Please describe

Division 1024: Afghans - Youth

Division 1025: Afghans – Teen

Division 1026: Afghans – Adult

Division 1027: Afghans – Person(s) w/ Disabilities

Class Description

200	My First Afghan	204	Navajo
201	Afghan stitch: embroidery	205	Raised flower: crochet
202	Shell pattern	206	Ripple: crochet
203	Granny squares: crochet	207	Knitted
		209	Other, please describe

Division 1028: Misc. Crochet - Youth

Division 1029: Misc. Crochet - Teen

Division 1030: Misc. Crochet – Adult

Division 1031: Misc. Crochet – Person(s) w/ Disabilities

Class Description

215	My First Project	226	Doily: all crochet -more than 10"
216	Lap Robe	227	Doily: all crochet - less than 10"
217	Gloves or Mittens	228	Hat or Beret (not child's or infant's)
218	Apron: all crochet	229	Pot Holders (2)
219	Bag or Purse	230	Slippers
220	Bedspread	231	Stole or scarf
221	Collar: ladies	232	Sweater: ladies
222	Crochet on handkerchiefs (3)	235	Vest
223	Crochet on fabric	236	Other, please describe

Division 1032: Infant & Children Crochet - Y

Division 1033: Infant & Children Crochet - T

Division 1034: Infant & Children Crochet – A

Division 1035: Infant & Child. Crochet–Person(s)w/ DIS

Class Description

240	Afghan or Carriage Robe	244	Dress
241	Baby Set: 3 pieces	245	Sacque or Sweater: infant
242	Booties	246	Sweater: child
243	Cap	247	Other, please describe

Division 1036: Infant & Children Knit - Youth
Division 1037: Infant & Children Knit - Teen
Division 1038: Infant & Children Knit – Adult
Division 1039: Infant & Children Knit – Person(s) w/ DIS
Class Description

250	Afghan or Carriage Robe	254	Dress
251	Baby Set: 3 pieces	255	Sacque or Sweater: infant
252	Booties	256	Sweater: child
253	Cap	257	Other, please describe

Division 1040: Hand Knitting - Youth
Division 1041: Hand Knitting - Teen
Division 1042: Hand Knitting – Adult
Division 1043: Hand Knitting – Person(s) w/ Disabilities
Class Description

260	My First Project	264	Stole or Scarf
261	Cap other than child's or infant's	265	Sweater: mans
262	Shell	266	Ladies: Fine yarn
263	Slippers	267	Ladies: Heavy yarn
		268	Other, please describe

Division 1044: Tatting - Youth
Division 1045: Tatting - Teen
Division 1046: Tatting – Adult
Division 1047: Tatting – Person(s) w/ Disabilities
Class Description

270	My First Project	272	Handkerchief: on edge - 2 pieces
271	Lace	273	Doily: all Tatting
		274	Other, please describe

Division 1048: Embroidery - Youth
Division 1049: Embroidery - Teen
Division 1050: Embroidery - Adult (no pillows)
Division 1051: Embroidery – Person(s) w/ DIS
Class Description

280	My First Project	286	Wall hanging
282	Pillowcases: 2 - in color thread	287	Other, please describe

Division 1052: Counted Cross-stitch - Youth
Division 1053: Counted Cross-stitch - Teen
Division 1054: Counted Cross-stitch – Adult
Division 1055: Counted Cross-stitch – Person(s) w/ DIS
Class Description

290	My First Project	293	Picture or wall hanging - kit or pattern: less than 12"
291	Picture or wall hanging-original design: less than 12"	294	Picture or wall hanging - kit or pattern: more than 12"
		296	Other, please describe

Division 1056: Misc. Needlework - Youth
Division 1057: Misc. Needlework - Teen
Division 1058: Misc. Needlework – Adult
Division 1059: Misc. Needlework – Person(s) w/ DIS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
300	My First Needlework Project	301	Crewel: any article
305	Other, please describe	302	Needlepoint: any article

Division 1060: Pillows - Youth
Division 1061: Pillows - Teen
Division 1062: Pillows – Adult
Division 1063: Pillows – Person(s) w/ Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
310	Ribbon and Lace	317	Fabric Painting
311	Crewel	318	Needlepoint
312	Crochet	319	Quilted
313	Knitted	321	Applique
314	Candle Wicking	324	Decorator Pillow with Zipper
315	Latch Hook	326	Quillow
316	Embroidery-any not listed	327	Other: Please Describe

Division 1064: Miniature Quilts - Youth
Division 1065: Miniature Quilts - Teen
Division 1066: Miniature Quilts – Adult
Division 1067: Miniature Quilts – Person(s) w/ DIS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
330	My First Mini	334	Less than 18": appliquéd
331	Less than 36": pieced	335	Less than 12": pieced
332	Less than 36": appliquéd	336	Less than 12": appliquéd
333	Less than 18": pieced	337	Other: Please Describe

Division 1068: Quilts - Youth
Division 1069: Quilts - Teen
Division 1070: Quilts – Adult
Division 1071: Quilts – Person(s) w/ DIS (no miniature or pillows)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
340	My First Quilt	351	Machine appliquéd: machine quilted
341	Embroidery: hand quilted	352	Original design: pieced
342	Embroidery: machine quilted	353	Original design: appliquéd
343	Machine pieced: tied	354	Embroidered
344	Machine pieced: hand quilted	355	Childs Quilt
345	Machine pieced: machine quilted	356	Group Quilt
346	Hand pieced: hand quilted	357	Cross Stitched: machine or hand quilted
347	Hand pieced: machine quilted	358	Vintage Quilt (started by 1 generation & finished by another)
348	Hand appliquéd: hand quilted		
349	Hand appliquéd: machine quilted	359	Other; please Describe
350	Machine Appliqued: hand quilted		

Division 1072: Rugs - Youth
Division 1073: Rugs - Teen
Division 1074: Rugs – Adult
Division 1075: Rugs – Person(s) w/ Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
365	My First Rug	368	Crocheted
366	Tooth Brush	369	Hooked
367	Braided	370	Other, please describe

Division 1076: Holiday Items - Youth

Division 1077: Holiday Items - Teen

Division 1078: Holiday Items – Adult

Division 1079: Holiday Items – Person(s) w/ DIS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
375	Valentine's Day	379	Halloween
376	Easter	382	Thanksgiving
377	Fourth of July	383	Party Favor
378	Holiday place mat	384	Other, please describe

Division 1080: Christmas Items - Youth

Division 1081: Christmas Items - Teen

Division 1082: Christmas Items – Adult

Division 1083: Christmas Items – Person(s) w/ DIS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
390	Stocking	400	Snowman: less than 36"
391	Tree Skirt	401	Angel: less than 36"
392	Ornament	402	Reindeer
397	Ornament: other than listed	403	Centerpiece
398	Santa Claus: less than 36"	404	Wall hanging
399	Mrs. Claus: less than 36"	405	Other, please describe

Division 1084: Misc. Home Arts - Youth

Division 1085: Misc. Home Arts -Teen

Division 1086: Misc. Home Arts – Adult

Division 1087: Misc. Home Arts – Person(s) w/ DIS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
410	Basket	415	Jewelry: beaded
412	Ceramic: glazed	416	Jewelry: not beaded
413	Ceramic: unglazed	419	Picture frame: Fun Foam
420	Fun Foam: any article	428	Hat made from a loom
421	Plaster Craft	429	Scarf made from a loom
423	Porcelain painting	430	Blanket made from a loom
425	Table decor	431	Woven basket home decor item
426	Temari ball	432	Other, please describe
427	Tole painting		

Division 1088: Toys - Youth

Division 1089: Toys - Teen

Division 1090: Toys – Adult

Division 1091: Toys – Person(s) w/ Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
435	Doll: handmade - crocheted or knitted - handmade clothing	440	Toy: crocheted
436	Doll: handmade - fabric clothing, handmade	441	Toy: knitted
437	Doll clothes: 3-5 pieces, attach together	442	Toy: wooden
		443	Toy: fabric
		444	Item w/ Fair theme
		445	Other, please describe

Division 1096: Wreaths - Youth

Division 1097: Wreaths - Teen

Division 1098: Wreaths – Adult

Division 1099: Wreaths – Person(s) w/ Disabilities

Class Description

460	Christmas	463	Wall decoration
461	Easter	464	Patriotic: red - white - blue
462	Halloween	465	Other, please describe

HAND SPUN YARN

One entry - per Class - per spinner. Contestant should spin skein of yarn after April 2025. Each skein should be 100% plant fiber or 100% animal fiber - 2oz. weight.

Judging guidelines:

1. Purpose of your knitting: weaving (weft or warp), etc. Be specific.
2. Preparation of fiber: cleanliness and even color distribution.
3. Consistency of twist: size and strength
4. Hand and Finish: correct skeining and feel of yarn
5. Important ~ not all yarns to spun smooth and even.

Division 1100: Hand Spinning Plant Fiber - Y

Division 1101: Hand Spinning Plant Fiber - T

Division 1102: Hand Spinning Plant Fiber – A

Division 1103: Hand Spin. Plant Fib. – Person(s) w/ DIS

Class Description

470	Cotton: fine single ply	472	Cotton: two or more plies
471	Cotton: medium single ply	473	Other, please describe

Division 1104: Hand Spinning Animal Fiber-Y

Division 1105: Hand Spinning Animal Fiber-T

Division 1106: Hand Spinning Animal Fiber-A

Division 1107: Hand Spin. Animal Fib.–Person(s) w/ DIS

Class Description

475	Sheep wool: fine single ply	478	Angora Goat - Mohair: single or multi ply
476	Sheep wool: medium single ply	479	Other goat: single or multi ply
477	Sheep wool: two or more plies	480	Other, please describe

Division 1108: Hand Weaving - Youth

Division 1109: Hand Weaving - Teen

Division 1110: Hand Weaving – Adult

Division 1111: Hand Weaving – Person(s) w/ DIS

Class Description

485	Clothing: men	490	Rug
486	Clothing: women	491	Tapestry
487	Clothing: children	492	Wall Hanging
488	Neck Scarf	493	Other, please describe
489	Shawl		

Division 1112: Baby Boutique - Youth

Division 1113: Baby Boutique - Teen

Division 1114: Baby Boutique – Adult

Division 1115: Baby Boutique – Person(s) w/ DIS

Class Description

495	Clothing	499	Handmade Gift Items
496	Nursery Accessories	500	Baby Blanket - not quilted
497	Diaper Bags	502	Other: Please Describe

Division 1116: Lace - Youth

Division 1117: Lace - Teen

Division 1118: Lace – Adult

Division 1119: Lace – Person(s) w/ Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>		
505	My First Project: Bobbin Lace	520	My First Project: Knitted Lace
506	Bobbin Lace: Bookmark, torchon only	521	Knitted Lace: Doilies or tablecloth, all knitting
507	Bobbin Lace: Bookmark, other than torchon	522	Knitted Lace: Edging or insertion, minimum 1 yard
508	Bobbin Lace: Doilies, torchon only	523	Knitted Lace: Garment or accessories (i.e. shawls)
509	Bobbin Lace: Doilies, other than torchon	525	Knitted Lace: Other than classified
510	Bobbin Lace: Edging or insertion, torchon only, min.1 yard	526	My First Project: Netted or Knotted Lace
511	Bobbin Lace: Edging or insertion, other than torchon	527	Netted or Knotted Lace: Doilies, all netted or knotted
514	Bobbin Lace: Ornament	530	Netted or Knotted Lace: Other than classified
515	Bobbin Lace: Other than classified		
516	Handkerchief trim (mounted on handkerchief)		

Saturday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m.

FASHION SHOW

The Fair Fashion Show will showcase Needlework and Sewing Entries at the 2026 Pinal County Fair on Saturday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. All ages are encouraged to show their stuff by modeling a garment they have made and entered in the Fair. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded in each age division.

Special Rules for fashion show:

1. Exhibitors may enter only ONE garment/article into the fashion show.
2. Fashion Show is for any garment completely made by an exhibitor. Entry being shown must not be primarily comprised of store-bought item(s).
3. Fashion Show garments must have a 5"x7" index card attached with the Age Class and Seamstress name at the top. A detailed description of the garment/article and two (2) "get to know" sentences about the seamstress. Model's name must be included at the top if different from the seamstress.

We are pleased to announce our partnership with "Arizona Make it with Wool" and its parent organization the Arizona Wool Producers. Winners will be given a length of Pendelton wool yardage. Thanks to Rail Burlison, Director of Arizona Make it With Wool.

Division 1830: Fashion Show

Class --- 100 Youth - 101 Teen - 102 Adult - 103 Person(s) with Disabilities

1st Place - \$25.00

2nd Place - \$20.00

3rd Place - \$15.00

(Prizes awarded in each class)

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Photography

SUPERINTENDENT:

MaryEllen Simmons - 480-748-9108 - marysim@msn.com

ENTRY FEE: \$1.00 per item

Receiving Date:

Friday, March 13, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



JUDGING: All works will be juried by competent, noncompeting artists, or qualified experts selected by the Pinal County Fair Photography Department. Artists whose works are not accepted will be notified by phone and may arrange art pick up at that time. Decisions of the judges are final.

AWARDS:

1. First place through third place and Honorable Mentions will receive ribbons.
2. Best of Class, Best of Show and The People's Choice Award will receive a Rosette.
3. The People's Choice Award - selected by fairgoers - will be announced the final day of fair.
4. **Premiums will be mailed to the address on the entry form after the Fair.**

Premiums: First \$3.00 Second \$2.00 Third \$1.00 Best of Show for Youth and Adult \$3.00

****Premiums are limited to the 2 highest placings per class per exhibitor****

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

If exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, include your age and your parent signature where indicated. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification of the entry.

Read instructions carefully:

1. Entries must be original photographs taken by exhibitor. Prints do not have to be printed by the exhibitor
2. **Previously entered works are not acceptable.**
3. Photos with artist's signature on the front of the work will not be accepted.
4. Photos may be between 8' X 10" and 16" X 20". All photos must be mounted on a 16 X 20 mat. Mats must be pure white or black. Metal, plexie, canvas, or other substrates are not allowed as they are too heavy for our hanging purposes. Float mounts are not allowed. Photos will be hung using binder clips.
5. No names, signatures or watermarks are allowed on the fronts of the image or it's mat. No double mats or over mats are allowed. Digital borders and mats are not allowed. Secure photos with avid-free Linen or Artist Tape. Do not use photo corners or spray glue to mount your image. Tape should not be visible once photo is attached to the mount board.
6. Prints must have a 3"x5" information card attached to the back showing the exhibitor's name - home address - phone number - title of the print plus Division/ Class number.
7. Nude, obscene, or violent entries will not be accepted. Management and judges reserve the right to remove entries which are considered obscene or harmful to minors as defined in the Arizona Criminal Code.
8. A class must have a minimum of 5 entries for judging. Classes with less than 5 entries may be combined with another class for judging. This is a juried show; some items entered may not be accepted into the show. Decisions of the judges are final.
9. All accepted artworks will be exhibited and may not be removed until art release day after the fair.

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10. Items may be marked for sale on entry form. Prices are not negotiable. The fair will handle the sale and deduct 10%. Money for sold items will be mailed in a separate check from fair premiums within 30 days of the closing of fair.

DIVISION 2500: Professional - Adult 18 and Older - Photographers who are compensated for their work.

DIVISION 2501: Amateur - Adult 18 + - Hobbyists who are not usually paid professionally for their work.

DIVISION 2502: Preparatory - High School Level - Photographers at High School level.

DIVISION 2503: Apprentice - Elementary School Age - Photographers in Elementary School.

DIVISION 2504: Person(s) with Disabilities – Adult 18+ - Any individual with documented development delays

CLASS DESCRIPTION

100	Abstract - experimental - Black & White	109	Animals - Color
101	Abstract - experimental - Color	110	Close - up - Black & White
102	Scenic - landscapes - Black & White	111	Close - up - Color
103	Scenic - landscapes - Color	112	Buildings - Black & White
104	Portraits - Black & White	113	Buildings - Color
105	Portraits - Color	114	Open Division - Black & White
106	Still Life - Black & White	115	Open Division - Color
107	Still Life – Color	116	Arizona - Black & White
108	Animals - Black & White	117	Arizona - Color



Special Contest

Amateur Photography Contest

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Cash Prizes Awarded

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

1. Amateur Photography Contest Entry Forms will be accepted until March 8, 2026, at the Pinal County Fairgrounds Office or online at www.pinalfairgrounds.com. Entries mailed must be postmarked by March 8, 2026, to Pinal County Fair, Attn: Photo Contest 512 S. Eleven Mile Corner Road, Casa Grande, AZ 85194. For questions contact: MaryEllen Simmons at 480-748-9108 or marysim@msn.com. Entry fee is \$1.00 per item. Make checks payable to CAFA (Central Arizona Fair Association). One award per exhibitor per class will be awarded.

2. Photographs may be entered into two (2) divisions: Color Prints and Black and White Prints. Within each division entries must be entered into one of the four subject matter classes.

- A) Baby/Cute & Funny in Pinal County
- B) Pets/Cute & Funny in Pinal County
- C) Nature Scene with NO man-made objects in Pinal County
- D) Historical Buildings, Ruins, Museums, etc. in Pinal County

3. **Photographs must have been taken within one calendar year prior to the contest. (Since the 2025 Pinal County Fair)**

4. Photos must be submitted under the name of the photographer.

5. Photos may be between 8" X 10" and 16" X 20". All photos must be mounted on a 16 X 20 mat. Mats must be pure white or black. Metal, plexie, canvas, or other substrates are not allowed as they are too heavy for our hanging purposes. Float mounts are not allowed. Photos will be hung using binder clips.

6. No names, signatures or watermarks are allowed on the fronts of the image or it's mat. No double mats or over mats are allowed. Digital borders and mats are not allowed. Secure photos with avid-free Linen or Artist Tape. Do not use photo corners or spray glue to mount your image. Tape should not be visible once photo is attached to the mount board.

7. The photographer's name, address and phone number must be clearly printed on back of each entry. A caption or title for each photograph on front. A separate entry form (download entry forms) must be sent in for each photo entered. ie: If you choose to send a baby photo and a nature scene photo then an entry form must be completed for each entry.

8. Ribbons and Cash Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each class (subject matter) in each division. Cash prizes awarded will be: 1st Place – \$20.00, 2nd Place – \$15.00, and 3rd Place – \$10.00. All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning photos will be exhibited at the Fair (March 18-22, 2026) in the Fine Arts and Photography Department.

9. No more than two (2) entries per person in each subject matter.

10. Photographs must be brought to the Fairgrounds on Friday, March 13, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm or Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Final judging will take place on Monday, March 16, 2026, by qualified persons.

11. Items may be marked for sale on entry form. Prices are not negotiable. The fair will handle the sale and deduct 10%. Money for sold items will be mailed in a separate check from fair premiums within 30 days of the closing of fair.

Amateur Photography Contest

ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

A Division and Subject Matter Class Must Be Selected:

Division 3001: ☐ Color Print

Division 3002: ☐ Black and White Print

☐ Class 100: Baby/Cute & Funny in Pinal County

☐ Class 101: Pet/Cute & Funny in Pinal County

☐ Class 102: Nature Scene in Pinal County (No man-made Objects)

☐ Class 103: Historical/Buildings, Ruins, Museums, etc. in Pinal County

Photograph Caption or Title: _____

A separate entry form must be submitted with each picture. Copies can be made of this entry form. \$1 Entry fee must accompany entry form. Make checks to CAFA

Only two (2) entries per person in each selected subject matter is permitted.

All photographs entered can be picked up at the Fairgrounds on MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Signature _____

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