

GENERAL RULES - 2026

All exhibits must have been made or grown by the exhibitor; family members or club members may enter for servicemen.

Exhibitors must enter exhibits according to the classification of the premium list. Any articles not listed in the premium list may be shown, but may not receive premium money. Final decisions will be made by the building superintendent.

No exhibit shall be entered in more than one lot and no exhibitor shall enter more than one exhibit in any one lot. An exhibitor may enter in as many different lots as desired.

Awards in all classes will be made on the Danish point system: The blue-ribbon group will include all exhibits scoring over 90 percent, with 100 percent as the standard of perfection. The red-ribbon group will include all exhibits scoring from 80 to 89, inclusive. The white-ribbon group will include all exhibits scoring from 70 to 79, inclusive. Point values will be listed for each class of exhibits. The money value per point will be the same for all exhibits. Rosettes will be awarded in each department for 'Best of Show.'

Due to lack of proper facilities **NO HORSES** will be accepted for exhibit.

Anyone entering adult open class must earn at least \$5 in premium money to be paid.

Please check department sections for additional rules.

Exhibit Entry Dates Week of Fair:

- **Baked Goods:** Thursday, 8:30am to 11:00am
- **Cereal Grains and Forage:** Tuesday, 9:00am to 9:00pm
- **Crafts:** Tuesday, 9:00am to 9:00pm
- **Fine Arts:** Tuesday, 9:00am to 9:00pm
- **Floral:** Thursday, 8:30am to 11:00am
- **Food Preparation and Canning:** Tuesday, 9:00am to 9:00pm
- **Fruits and Vegetables:** Tuesday, 9:00am to 9:00pm
- **Livestock:** Thursday, 9:00am to 9:00pm. All feeding and watering must be completed by 10:00pm.
- **Needlework:** Tuesday, 9:00am to 9:00pm
- **Photography:** Tuesday, 9:00am to 9:00pm
- **Quilting:** Tuesday, 9:00am to 9:00pm

- **Rabbits and Poultry:** Thursday, 2:00pm to 9:00pm. All feeding and watering must be completed by 10:00pm.
- **Sewing:** Tuesday, 9:00am to 9:00pm
- **Special Contests:** Tuesday, 9:00am to 9:00pm

Exhibit Release

- No exhibits or livestock may be removed before 6:00pm on Sunday. Any violations will result in forfeiture of premiums.

**While the fair committee will make every effort to protect your exhibit, we will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Security will be provided day and night to patrol the grounds.

FINE ARTS (DEPARTMENT K)

Superintendents: Carrie Roecks

Only original work by the exhibitor, finished within the last two years and not previously shown at the SE Spokane County Fair will be eligible.

SALES: Those desiring to sell their work must put their price on the entry form. The Fair will charge a 20% commission fee on all sales. The Fair Office will mail payment for work sold, less the 20% commission, after the close of the fair. Sales will be handled by the department superintendent. No sold items will be released until the close of the fair.

Department Information:

- All entries must be suitably matted or framed, and wired for hanging. Do not tape wire or string to the back of the artwork for hanging purposes.
- No glass, please.
- Poured Paint or Fluid Art will be accepted in the Craft Departments
- Size of exhibits will be limited to available space.
- You may enter as a(n):
 - Amateur: creates artwork for the pleasure involved and has little or no training
 - Professional: has won an award or ribbon for their work, considers their work to be somewhat above the amateur level, and is paid for their art work
- Only one exhibit per class and lot will be accepted.
- No kits or crafts will be accepted in the fine arts department.
- Preschool, five years and under, will be accepted in the crafts department.
- Youth exhibits that are not matted or ready to hang will be accepted in the youth crafts department.
- Private business cards, notes, advertising, or any other type of commercialism on art work will not be allowed.

THE DALE HAMILTON AWARD

Dale Hamilton (1963-2020) was a volunteer for our fair for many years. Not only was he the superintendent of our Fine Arts Department, but he was a community staple, and an amazingly talented artist. He was encouraging to all the artists that entered their work and loved to see the transformations from year to year. To credit him for his years of service to our organization, we have created an award in his honor.

Each year Dale's sister donates \$100, to be awarded to the artist that exhibits their love of art through their work. It can be any medium, but the winner will be something that we feel would speak to Dale's artistic persona. Any fine art entry, both adult and youth, are eligible to win this award. No additional entry information will be required.

DIVISION 1 - YOUTH – AGE 5-11DIVISION 2 - JUNIOR – AGE 12-17DIVISION 3 - ADULT – AGE 18+DIVISION 4 - PROFESSIONAL

Point Values: Blue 25, Red 20, White 15

Class

- A: *Portraits*
- B: *Still Life*
- C: *Landscapes*
- D: *Abstract art*
- E: *Animals*
- F: *Seascape*
- G: *Architecture/Buildings*
- H: *Miscellaneous*
- I: *Sculptures*
- J: *Figurative*
- K: *Floral*
- L: *Collage*
- M: *Fantasy*

Lot

1. Oil
2. Acrylic
3. Watercolor
4. Charcoal
5. Chalk/Pastels
6. Pen and Ink
7. Pencil
8. Mixed media
9. Air brush
10. Marker
11. Graphic art: calligraphy, etching, lithograph, serigraph, calligraphy monoprint, drawings, digital
12. Other

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS (DIVISION 5)

Point Value: Blue 20, Red 15, White 10

The purpose of this contest is to share your knowledge of any subject related to this department with other fairgoers. Display must be of educational value and fair quality. It should be presented on poster board no bigger than 22" x 28".

Posters will be judged in three categories:

Subject and Content/Information - 40%

- Educational value
- Accuracy of information
- Clear and concise

Design/workmanship - 40%

- Overall impact
- Use of white space/illustrations/easy to read
- Eye-catching/attractive

Originality/creativity - 20%

- Unique aspects
- Personality of presenter shows