

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR 2026
INDOOR OPEN
DIVISON

OPEN TO ALL CITIZENS OF LINCOLN COUNTY
PLEASE CHECK FOR CATEGORY CHANGES
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OPEN DIVISION

- ALL EXHIBITORS AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR.

ADULT- 16 +

SENIOR CITIZEN- 65+

YOUTH – 15 AND UNDER

ANY EXHIBITOR WHO HAS EVER SOLD AN ARTICLE WILL BE PLACED IN THE COMMERCIAL DIVISION.

***CHECK- IN: Entries will be taken Monday from 3PM- 7PM
Tuesday from 8AM- 11AM**

*The Fair Building will be open to the public for viewing of the exhibits :
Wednesday through Thursday from 8AM – 8PM and Friday 8AM–2PM

***Exhibits will be released and available for pick-up on
Friday from 2PM-4PM and
Saturday from 9:00AM - 11:00AM***

Anything not picked up during these times will be taken to the Lincoln County Extension Office in Carrizozo.

- Competition will be restricted to Lincoln County Residents Only

****THE FAIR BOARD AND EXTENSION SERVICE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY EXHIBITS LEFT AFTER 1 1:00AM ON SATURDAY! Every precaution will be taken to insure the safety of all exhibits but in no case will the Fair Board or Extension Service be responsible for loss of, or injury to exhibits.**

- Any item entered that does not conform to general rules will be placed on exhibit only.
- Any class may be divided if the judge feels the class warrants such division and there are at least three items on each new class.
- Additional classes can be added at the discretion of the Open Division Superintendent.
- Entries must have been completed since the previous year's County Fair.
- Only ribbons will be awarded unless otherwise specified.
- **An annual "Homemaker Award" will be given to an exhibitor in the open class who enters five (5) different divisions. Points will be awarded as follows:**
 - 5 points for 1st**
 - 4 points for 2nd**
 - 3 points for 3rd**
 - 2 points for 4th**
 - 1 point for 5th**

If only 3 places are awarded, points will only be given to the places awarded.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR USES THE AMERICAN JUDGING SYSTEM. EACH ENTRY IS CONSIDERED AGAINST EVERY OTHER ENTRY AND JUDGED AGAINST A STANDARD OR IDEAL. IF NO ENTRIES ARE WORTHY OF A FIRST PLACE SCORE AS SET IN THE STANDARD, THEN FIRST PLACE IS NOT AWARDED.

BAKING UNIT 1

- Adult (ages 16 and older)
- Senior (ages 65+)
- Youth (ages 15 and under)

BAKED GOODS

No baked goods requiring refrigeration will be allowed. None of the following will be allowed: cream/meringue pies; custard- type pies (i.e. pumpkin, cheesecake); cream cheese icings/frostings or fillings; sour cream frosting/icings/frostings or fillings; icings/frostings with raw eggs; melted cheese toppings or fillings; and anything baked in a canning jar, can, bag, or clay pot. Items must be at room temperature at the time of entry. Baked goods must be entered on paper plates or in non breakable containers. No mixes.

YEAST BREADS LOT100

1. 2 slices
2. 2 Rolls
3. Other

QUICK BREADS LOT 110

1. 2 slices
2. 2 Rolls
3. Other

MACHINE PRODUCED BREADS LOT 120

1. 2 slices
2. 2 Rolls
3. Other

UNLEAVENED BREADS LOT 130

1. 2 Tortillas
2. 2 Crackers
3. Other

UN-ICED CAKES LOT 140

1. 2 slices of cake
2. 2 Cupcakes
3. 2 Doughnuts
4. 2 Brownies
5. 2 slices Gingerbread

ICED CAKES LOT 150

1. 2 slices of Cake
2. 2 Cupcakes

COOKIES (2 cookies) LOT 160

1. Chocolate Chip
2. Peanut Butter
3. Sugar
4. Wedding Cookies
5. Other

PASTRY /PIE/COBBLER LOT 170

1. 2 slices of pie
2. 2 Pastries
3. 2 serving size portions of cobbler

CANDY 4 PIECES LOT 180

1. Peppermint
2. Peanut Brittle
3. Fudge
4. Other

DECORATED ITEMS LOT 185

DRIED FRUITS AND LEATHERS

<u>Fruits</u>	<u>Lot 80</u>
<u>Vegetables</u>	<u>Lot 85</u>
<u>Meat</u>	<u>Lot 90</u>
<u>Herbs and Spices</u>	<u>Lot 95</u>
<u>Leathers</u>	<u>Lot 96</u>
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Lot 97</u>

HORTICULTURE/GARDENING

Vegetables Lot 200

1. Asparagus, 1 bunch (5)
2. Beans, any variety, 1 Cup
3. Beets, stock, 3
4. Broccoli, 1 Cup
5. Brussel Sprouts, 1 Cup
6. Cabbage, any kind, 1
7. Cantaloupe, any variety, 1
8. Carrots, 3 (with tops)
9. Cauliflower, 1 head
10. Celery, any variety, 3 stalks
11. Corn, any variety, 3 ears
12. Cucumbers, any variety, 3
13. Squash, any variety, 1
14. Egg Plant, 1
15. Garlic, 3
16. Green Peas, 5
17. Muskmelons, any variety, 1
18. Okra, table size, 3
19. Onions, green, 3

*These should be brought in the morning of judging by 10:00 AM for set up

* This Garden Display Exhibit will not be judged against other classes in Horticulture Division! It will be judged against other Garden Display Exhibits

FLORICULTURE/FLOWERS PLANTS

SPECIAL RULES:

1. All entries will be classified to kinds
2. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor
3. Containers will be furnished for stems

If your flower variety is not listed, it will be added to the list. Every entry is welcome!

Divisions:

Adult- 16+

Senior- 65+

Youth 15 and under

ANNUALS LOT 230

EXHIBITS IN THIS LOT TO BE ONE STEM OR BUNCH
UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

1. Aster
2. Bells of Ireland
3. Calendulas
4. Celosia
5. Cosmos
6. Larkspur
7. Marigold
8. Nasturtium
9. Pansy
10. Petunia
11. Phlox
12. Poppy
13. Stock
14. Sweet Alyssum
15. Sweet Pea
16. Zinnia
17. Bachelor's Button
18. Moss Rose
19. Bougainvillea
20. Any unlisted annual

PERENNIALS LOT 240

EXHIBITS IN THIS LOT TO BE ONE ITEM OR
BUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

21. Aster
22. Ageratum
23. Alyssum
24. Chrysanthemum
25. Columbine
26. Delphinium
27. Gaillardia
28. Phlox
29. Poppy
30. Snapdragon
31. Stock
32. Sweet Pea
33. Shasta Daisy
34. Sweet William
35. Achillea
36. Yarrow
37. Coreopsis
38. Dianthus
39. Chenille
40. Red Hot Poker

BULBS, CORMS AND TUBERS LOT 250

One Stalk

41. Cannas
42. Dahlias
43. Gladiolus
44. Iris
45. Lilies
46. Peonies
47. Liatris, blazing star
48. Any other bulb, corm or tuber

ROSES LOT 255

EXHIBITS IN THIS LOT TO BE ONE STEM OR SPRAY

49. Hybrid Tea
50. Floribunda or Polyanthia
51. Any other roses

FLOWERING SHRUBS, VINES LOT 260

52. Lilacs
53. Clematis
54. Honeysuckle
55. Trumpet Vine

- 56. Wisteria
- 57. Snow Wreath
- 58. Butterfly Bush
- 59. Forsythia
- 60. Snowball Bush
- 61. Any other flowering vine or bush

POTTED PLANTS LOT 265

ENTIRE PLANT TO BE DISPLAYED IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTAINER, PLANTS TO HAVE BEEN GROWN AND NURTURED BY THE GARDENER FOR AT LEAST 4 MONTHS PRIOR TO FAIR.

SIZE LIMIT IS 12" POT

- 62. Foliage
- 63. Flowering
- 64. Succulent
- 65. Cactus
- 66. Combination

LIVE ARRANGEMENT LOT 270

SIZE LIMITS 12" AROUND TO 24" AROUND POTS AND CONTAINERS.

CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
WREATH
POTTED LIVE DESIGN
DRIED ARRANGEMENT
CREATIVE OPEN

FLORICULTURE DESIGN

NO FAKE FLOWERS ALLOWED IN DESIGNS. ACCESSORIES MAY BE USED FOR ENHANCED PRESENTATION. DRIED GRASS, FLOWERS, FILLERS ARE ALLOWED.

HOME ARTS

SEWING

Items exhibited in this division are created primarily by sewing, although they may have minor use of other media such as needlework

CLOTHING LOT 430

1. Baby clothing
2. Children's clothing
3. Men's clothing
4. Women's clothing
5. Quilted clothing
6. Holiday items
7. Kitchen and household
8. Recycled
9. Miscellaneous

CLOTHING SERGER LOT 440

Classes same as above

MIXED MEDIA LOT 441

Items in this division are created by a combination of techniques, one of which must be either machine or hand sewing.

1. Wearable art with sewing
2. Household items
3. Stuffed items
4. Holiday items
5. Recycled
6. Miscellaneous

QUILTS LOT 445

1. Large Quilt, (Full/Queen/King) Hand quilted by an individual
2. Large Quilt, (Full/Queen/King) Machine quilted by an individual
3. Small Quilt, (Lap/Twin) Hand quilted by an individual
4. Small Quilt, (Lap/Twin) Machine quilted by an individual
5. Quilt for Baby
6. Quilt made by a group
7. Quilt Pieced by one, quilted by another
8. Hand Tied Quilt, any size
9. Pieced Quilt Top
10. Quilt, Recycled
11. Quilt, Miscellaneous
12. Quilt, Professional

Quilt, Professional** For individuals who make quilts to sell, make patterns and sell them, or charge to make a quilt for someone else.

IF A QUILT DOES NOT FIT IN A CLASS, AND THE PARTICIPANT DOESN'T WANT IT IN MISC.

PLEASE CHECK WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT AND GET AN OK TO WRITE IN A NEW CLASS

WE WANT TO TRY TO ACCOMMODATE ALL ENTRIES!

FIBERCRAFT

NEEDLEWORK

Embroidery/Crewel/Candlewicking LOT450

1. Clothing or Accessories
2. Home Decoration
3. Cards
4. Pillows

Needle point LOT 460

1. Bargello
2. Framed picture
3. Pillow

Counted Cross Stitch LOT 470

1. Framed Picture
2. Wall hangings
3. Household Articles

Hand Weaving LOT 480

1. Recycled
2. Miscellaneous

Crochet LOT 490

1. Afghans/ Bedspreads
2. Clothing
3. Miscellaneous

Hand Knit LOT 500

1. Afghans
2. Clothing
3. Baby Items
4. Household Items
5. Miscellaneous

Wool Weaving LOT 520

1. Rugs
2. Wall Hangings
3. Weaving (loom)
4. Wearable art (no sewing)
5. Spinning, yarn only
6. Spinning, finished item
7. Recycled

Handicrafts **LOT 530**

1. Beadwork
2. Wall hanging
3. Clock
4. Covered Albums
5. Decoupage
6. Doll Furniture
7. Paint By Number
8. Diamond Art
9. Sand Painting
10. Flower Wreath
11. Collage
12. Calligraphy
13. Photo Album Coll
14. Recycled Craft
15. Gourd craft
16. Potpourri
17. Holiday handicrafts
18. Toys

Additional Classes may be added to accommodate

Paper crafts **LOT 540**

1. Cards
2. Stationary

3. Recycled
4. Art Work on paper
5. Miscellaneous

Basketry **LOT 550**

1. Reed
2. Pine Needle
3. Miscellaneous

Dolls **LOT 560**

1. Cloth dolls
2. Porcelain
3. Other

Wood Crafts **LOT 570**

1. Furniture, Household, Misc
2. Recycled, rebuilt item
3. Wood Burning (also in fine arts)
4. Wood Carvings (also in fine arts)

Jewelry **LOT 580**

1. Beaded
2. Metal
3. Miscellaneous

Scrapbooking **LOT 590**

1. 2 pages
2. Full Book

Latch Hook Lot 591

Ceramics Lot 1000

Categories will be created at time of entry

COLLECTIONS EXHIBIT- Exhibit for the collector

3 x 3 foot space allowed

Collector responsible for safe display

REPURPOSED AND REUSABLE EXHIBIT- For the

Creative Junker

3 x 3 foot space allowed

SCHOOL ART SHOW- Art displayed from schools

around the county

K-5

6-8

9-12

OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Youth (15 and under)

Adult (16+)

Senior (65+)

Professional

Color Photography LOT 660

Black and White LOT 670

1. Landscape/ Seascape
2. Architecture
3. Historic
4. Portrait
5. Action
6. Transportation
7. Flowers
8. Animals
9. Sunrises and Sunsets
10. Lincoln County

SPECIAL RULES: PHOTO SHOW

1. Each photograph must be mounted in a window mat
2. NO FRAMED or GLASS COVERED photographs will be accepted
3. Minimum overall matted size is 8" x 10"
4. Maximum overall matted size is 20" x 24"
5. Each matted photograph must be backed with a sturdy cardboard or foam board of the same size as the mat. Mat, photograph and backing board must be **securely held together to create a displayable unit.**

6. Do NOT sign or mark the front of the mat or the photograph in any way that can identify the photographer.
7. No titles or captions
8. On the lower right hand corner of the back:
Title of photograph, category, and location for the "Lincoln County" category.
Photographer's name, address, phone number and email.
Date the photograph was taken.
9. Photographs must have been taken within the past 12 months
10. No re-entry of previously entered photographs
11. Photographer must choose category
12. For the "Lincoln County" category, the location within the county must be identified and written on the back of photograph with other required information.

FINE ARTS SHOW

Categories:

- * Youth Ages 11 and under (Limit 2 Pieces)
- * Youth Ages 12-17 years of age (Limit 2 Pieces)
- * Non-Professional Artist: (one who does not receive income from art)
- * Professional Artist: (one who shows or has sold any piece of art)

SPECIAL RULES

1. No picture will be accepted unless framed or matted and wired and ready to display. The only exception will be for "Youth", which will be accepted as is.
2. The public will vote for Best of Show.
3. Each Entry will be judged on its own merit.
4. Each entry must have been completed after the 2024 Lincoln County Fair.
5. The Lincoln County Fair uses the American Judging System. Each entry is considered against every other entry in its class and judged against a standard or ideal. If no entries are worthy of a First Place score as set in the standard, then First Place is not awarded.

PAINTING AND DRAWING

Oil Painting	LOT 700
Watercolor	LOT 710
Pastel	LOT 720
Acrylic	LOT 730
Pen and Ink	LOT 740
Charcoal and Pencil	LOT 750
Crayola/Colored Pencil	LOT 760

Each lot will have the following classes:

1. Portrait
2. Still Life
3. Landscape

4. Abstract
5. Animal
6. Flowers
7. Human Interest
8. Architectural
9. Sepia
10. Seascape
11. Mechanical
12. Surrealistic
13. Any other

**THREE DIMENSIONAL FINE ART
FREE HAND CREATIONS**

**At the discretion of the artist and what they
consider Fine Art**

Wood	LOT 770
Clay	LOT 780
Metal	LOT 790
Glass	LOT 800
Leather	LOT 810
Paper	LOT 820
Recycled	LOT 830
Any other	LOT 840
Digital Art	LOT 850

Two- dimensional art created partially or totally through the use of the computer. Components such as photos and graphics should be the original work of the submitting artist. Eligible artwork may include photographs enhanced and artistically altered by computer manipulations or by over-painting, drawing, or other creative means.

JUDGING PROCEDURES- FINE ART

1. Judges will work independently and at different times
2. Judges will evaluate each print on a tally sheet
3. Entries will be judged on creativity, composition, technical quality, and image content on a scale of 1 to 5 for each criteria/lot/class
4. Highest score in each lot/class will win 1st place and so on
5. Judges will indicate their choices for highest awards overall in Painting/Drawing, 3 Dimensional Arts and Digital art. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons and awards will be given respectively.

6. The committee chairman will break any tie.

AWARDS

1. Only the top three in each adult category/division will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. Youth division will be awarded to the top 6 in each category and participation ribbons will be given to all youth who participate.
2. The Best of Show print will be selected by the judges from the highest score of all divisions and categories.

We will be happy to answer any of your questions.

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