

DEPT. O-HOBBIES



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Quick Reference - Hobbies

- Pre-registered entries only - Use Open Non-Livestock entry form on www.scff.org. Due online or to the fair office by Monday, August 4th.
- Bring your entries on Friday, August 8th from 5-7 or Saturday, August 9th from 9-Noon to the Hobbies Department. (Under the grandstand) No early or late entries are accepted.
- If you feel that is helpful, include a 3x5 card explaining your process. It will only be used for judging, not for display.
- Project Pickup - Monday, the day after the fair closing from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **ONLY PREREGISTERED ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON REGISTRATION DAY.** Exhibitors are encouraged to register all items they are thinking of bringing to the fair. Please remember that you are not obligated to enter what you have preregistered. Items can be deleted but will not be allowed to be added on entry day. Use Open Non-Livestock entry form from www.scff.org, or entry forms are available at the Steele County Free Fair Office. These can be dropped off or mailed to Steele County Free Fair office - 1525 S Cedar Ave PO Box 650, Owatonna, MN 55060. Exhibitors may also register online. Exhibitors will be grouped as Junior (6-12), Teen (13-17), Adult (18-64), and Senior (over 65). For those under 6, enter projects into Dept. T-Youth Art.
2. Each age category is judged separately. Please label all juniors and teens entry sheet with their age.
3. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor and be a completely finished project. No collections are accepted.
4. Entries will be judged equally on 1) Craftsmanship; 2) Originality and Design; 3) Difficulty of Project; and 4) Presentation.
5. The Department Superintendents reserve the right to screen entries for quality, cleanliness and to fit available facilities. Entries must fit through a doorway 80" high, 28" wide, and the base of the exhibit should be no larger than 15 sq. ft. and no larger than 5' deep. Soiled items will not be judged.
6. No item which has been judged in the Hobbies Department of the Steele County Free Fair previously is eligible for entry.
7. The Fair Management will use diligence to help ensure the safety of articles in the exhibit, but in no case will they be responsible for loss or damage which may occur.
8. Only two (2) entries in a lot will be accepted per each exhibitor (unless otherwise noted); however, an exhibitor may enter as many lots as you choose. Purses and tote bags should be entered in the Textiles Department.
9. All entries meant to be hanging must be framed and ready for display, wire hangers or chain preferred for hanging. Binder clips work well for foam core board hanging.
10. Prize winners will be selected from each class where judge feels an outstanding item exists.

Premiums for each lot are:

1 st	\$4.00
2 nd	\$3.00
3 rd	\$2.00

These items will compete for additional Reserve Champion \$4.00

Champion \$6.00

Reserve Grand Champion \$8.00

Grand Champion \$10.00

Superintendents may award a \$5.00 Special Award to an entry for its uniqueness and/or time involved.

CLASS 1A-FABRIC & BEAD CREATIVE CHALLENGE

Beads are donated by

The "Tiny" Shop @ Glass Garden Beads, Faribault, MN.

Use your imagination to create any hand-crafted item incorporating the required fabric and beads, which may be picked up at the Fair Office for \$4 per packet. You may use any technique and may add other craft mediums. The item will be judged on creativity and workmanship.

Special Rules:

1. Purchase a packet with a (18"x22") of selected fabric and beads from the Fair Office for \$4 (can use more than one if you desire).
2. The fabric and beads must be recognizable, but you don't have to use the entire packet.
3. The item must be entirely hand crafted by the exhibitor.
4. The item must be under 36" in length, width and height.
5. The item may be made using any technique, using any medium. It does not need to be sewn but could be quilts, jewelry, woodcraft, basketry, etc.

Lot

1. All items

CLASS 1-NEEDLEWORK

(Such as wall hangings, pictures, etc.)

Lot

1. Counted cross-stitch framed
(completed project meant to be framed)
2. Counted cross-stitch unframed
(completed project not meant to be framed)
3. Embroidery, crewel and stamped cross-stitch
4. Canvas work (Needlepoint)
5. Latch hook
6. Plastic Canvas
7. Combination of stitches
8. Needle punch
9. Other

CLASS 2-FIBER CRAFTS

(Enter wearables, purses and tote bags in Textile Dept.)

Lot

1. Primitive wool rug hooking
2. Boiled wool felting
3. Wool applique with embroidery (i.e. penny rug)
4. Machine embroidery (enter wall hangings in Class 3)
5. Tree skirt
6. Holiday stocking
7. Pin cushions
8. Yarn spinning
9. Other (if counted cross stitch-enter in CLASS 1)

CLASS 3 - FABRIC QUILTED WALL HANGINGS

Projects that are displayed on your wall at home and are larger than 24" square go in this class. All need to be ready to hang on the wall with sleeve, rings, or tabs.

Exhibitor must also bring a dowel rod or curtain rod to hang it on.

Champion and Reserve Champion will receive Gift Certificates from Calico Hutch Quilt Shop-Hayward, MN. All entrants will receive a discount coupon.

Lot

1. Appliquéd - Constructed by entrant and quilted on household sewing machine by the entrant.
2. Pieced - Constructed by entrant and quilted on household sewing machine by the entrant.
3. Paper Pieced - Constructed by entrant and quilted on household sewing machine by the entrant.
4. Combination of techniques - Constructed by entrant and quilted on household sewing machine by the entrant (Please include a 3x5 card with note of which techniques used).
5. Appliquéd - Constructed by entrant and quilted on a long arm machine.
6. Pieced - Constructed by entrant and quilted on a long arm machine.
7. Paper Pieced - Constructed by entrant and quilted on a long arm machine.
8. Combination of techniques - Constructed by entrant and quilted on a long arm machine. (Please include a 3x5 card with note of which techniques used).
9. Machine Embroidery - All "In the Hoop" Wall Hangings
10. Group wall hanging (pieced, appliqued or mixed, hand or machine quilted-must be made by at least 5 people)
11. Other

CLASS-4 FABRIC MINATURE QUILTED WALL HANGINGS

(Equal to or smaller than 24" on each side)

All need to be ready to hang on the wall with sleeve, rings, or tabs. Exhibitor must also bring a dowel rod or way to hang it.

Champion and Reserve Champion will receive Gift Certificates from Calico Hutch Quilt Shop-Hayward, MN. All entrants will receive a discount coupon.

Lot

1. Appliquéd
2. Pieced
3. Paper Pieced
4. Combination of techniques - (Please include a 3x5 card with note of techniques used).
5. Machine Embroidery
6. Other

CLASS 5-QUILTED ON A STICK

Free corn dog on a stick coupon for all entrants from
Troy Temple-Temple Concessions

Special Rules: Entry must be made out of fabric no larger than 8" wide and 9" tall using any quilt construction method and must be hand or machine quilted by the exhibitor. Quilt backing must include a centered vertical sleeve which has an inserted paint stick.

Lot

1. "Good Vibes in 2025" fair theme
2. Other

CLASS 6-DOLLS & TOYS

Lot

1. Doll clothes made of fabric
2. Doll clothes made of yarn
3. Fabric Stuffed Animals/Dolls
4. Doll Accessories
5. Knit or Crochet Stuffed Animals/Dolls
6. Other

CLASS 7-WOODCRAFT

(Label all items made from kits.) For information during judging, please summarize the steps used to complete your project on a 3x5 card. This will not be displayed.

Note Department Rule #5 for size restrictions.

Lot

1. Toy, game, or whirlingig
2. Birdhouse or feeder
3. Coping, fret, scroll or jigsaw work
4. Furniture
5. Refinished article
6. Carved-not painted
7. Home furnishings (such as clocks, shelves, etc.)
8. Turned items
9. Other

CLASS 8-PAINTED CRAFTS

Framed or original artwork should be entered in the
Fine Arts or Youth Art Department

Lot

1. Rosemaling or tole painting
2. Wood cutouts (painted)
3. Painting on clothing or fabric
4. Carved & painted
5. Barn quilts - no larger than 4'x4'
6. Other

CLASS 9 -ETHNIC/HISTORICAL CRAFTS

Examples are American Indian or pioneer theme such as beadwork, leatherwork, peace pipe, dream catcher, etc.

Lot

1. All Entries

CLASS 10-BASKET WEAVING

Weave fiber over and under each other
to create a shape.

Champion & Reserve Champion will receive a special
award from Friends of Basket Weaving.

Lot

1. Plaited (flat material)
2. Round reed
3. Woven on mold
4. Combination
5. Rib
6. Double wall
7. Naturals
8. Twill
9. Other

CLASS 11-MODELS

No "Legos" or snap together construction
toys accepted.

Lot

1. Kits
2. Original designs
3. Plans-No kits

CLASS 12-PAPER CRAFT

See Class 14 for full size scrapbook pages. Cards can be
securely mounted on foam core board no larger than
18" x 24", but do not need to be if it shows the design
better to not be on a board. Choose the best Lot, but do
not duplicate lots with the same designs. You can
include a 3x5 card explaining your process for judging if
you'd like. It will not be displayed.

Lot

1. Origami
2. Books
3. 3-D Cards
4. Shadow Boxes
5. Handmade Mini Books
6. Gift Tags
7. Other

CLASS 13-CARD MAKING

Please include 3-6 items. If project is flat, securely
mount on foam core board no larger than 18" x 24" and
should be ready to hang on the wall for display.
(Binder clips work well for hanging). Choose the best
Lot, but do not duplicate lots with same designs. You
can include a 3x5 card explaining your process for
judging if you'd like. It will not be displayed.

Lot

1. Backgrounds
2. Special Folds
3. Coloring
4. 3-D
5. Most Creative
6. Other

CLASS 14-SCRAPBOOKING

Display to be 2 pages (any size) mounted on foam core or heavy cardboard no larger than 18" x 24" (or the size of your 2 pages) and have binder clips to be ready to hang on the wall. Pages must stay within the board boundaries. For protection of the pages, please use plastic sleeves and securely mount to the foam core or cardboard.

Lot

1. Children
2. Nature
3. Vacation Trips or Holiday
4. Wedding or Baptism
5. Special Events and Other
6. Shadow Box with Photo
7. Mini scrapbook with Photo

CLASS 15-BEADED JEWELRY

Enter pony beads, plastics and rubber-band creating in Class 20.

Lot

1. Necklace stitched
2. Necklace strung
3. Bracelet stitched
4. Bracelet strung
5. Earrings - set of 6 pair
6. Wirework
7. Lapidary
8. Jewelry with beads made by exhibitor (i.e. lampwork, fimo, fused, etc.)
9. Art bead weaving (i.e. loom, flatwork, etc.)
10. Other

CLASS 16-UPSCALED RECYCLE

Take that item from the trash and invent a new life and purpose for it. Use the lot that relates to what item you are starting with.

Lot

1. Beads & Buttons
2. Wood
3. Metal
4. Glass or Ceramic
5. Fabrics
6. Furniture
7. Other

CLASS 17-POTTERY

Lot

1. Wheel thrown
2. Hand formed
3. Other

CLASS 18-STAINED GLASS

Lot

1. Foiled
2. Leaded
3. Other

CLASS 19-HAND MADE FISHING TACKLE

Lot

1. Rods
2. Flies
3. Lures

CLASS 20-MISCELLANEOUS

No collections, Lego or snap together projects, artificial and dried flower arrangement will be accepted. Framed art should be in Fine Arts or Youth Art.

Lot

1. Decorative Bird House
2. Synthetic Clay
3. Fiber Weaving (Rugs should be in Textiles)
4. Rubber Band Loom
5. Natural - wheat, corn husk, pinecones, herbs or grapevines
6. Gourds
7. Jewelry (using pony beads or other plastic beads)
8. Ornament Set (all handmade ornaments should be in this lot). Minimum of 3 ornaments mounted or displayed. Can be made of fabric, wood, metal, etc.
9. Wreath
10. Duct Tape
11. Wood Burning
12. Nail & String Art
13. Macrame
14. Diamond Art
15. Other

CLASS 21 – NURSING HOME, GROUP HOME OR OTHER SPECIAL CITIZEN

Quality items will be judged with the same criteria as listed in department rules. Two entries per exhibitor accepted.

Lot

1. All Entries

STEELE COUNTY FREE FAIR AUGUST 12-17, 2025
ENTRY BLANK-NON-LIVESTOCK

- If making entries in TWO OR MORE DEPARTMENTS use SEPARATES FORMS for each.
- Return completed form to Department Superintendent or to Fair Office in Muckle Building.
- **See Exhibitor's Guide for entry closing date and time – This will be enforced**
- Only one person per entry form.
- Make a copy of form if more lines are needed.
- Fine Arts & Wood Carving – Artists are responsible for providing their own insurance.

To Enter Online go to www.scff.org click on Exhibitor's Guide and you will see the place to enter.

Please accept the entries indicated below for exhibition at the Steele County Free Fair subject to the rules and classifications published in the Exhibitor's Guide by which I hereby agree to be governed. I declare all statements made in connection with said entries are true.

Exhibitor's Name _____ Phone _____
 Email _____ Cell # _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Exhibitor Signature _____

If under 18 yrs. Put age_____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

If over 65 yrs Put X here_____

FILL IN

Department

Grains & Grasses, Vegetable,
Flowers, Flowers, Fruit Crops,
Hobbies, Culinary Arts, Fine Arts,
Textile Fabrics, Organic Crops,
Homemade Wine, Homemade
Beer, Photography, Woodcarving,
Youth Art.

Exhibitor Number

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Office Staff**

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