



## ART

### Department 25—Open Show

**Amount Offered:** \$408.00

**Entry Fee:** \$1.00 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)

**Late Registration Fee – Approval Required:** \$25.00 per entry

**Judging Time:** Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 9:00 am

**Location:** Building E

**Superintendent:** Angela Boe.....(815-353-7993)

**Assistant Superintendents:** Jenny Oliver, Erin Kaye, and Jackie Lawler

### Rules and Regulations

**NEW THIS YEAR: Curfew Enforced – Quiet time and curfew is 12:00am midnight – 5:00am.**

**All exhibits are closed. This includes grandstands, midway, campground and barns. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult during these times.**

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. All exhibitors are required to purchase a week long exhibitor pass.
3. Home Arts General Rules apply.
4. Bring entries to **Building E** on **Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**, between **12:00 pm and 7:00 pm**.
5. Non-livestock/Home Art exhibits will be released on the **SUNDAY of fair week between 6 pm and 8 pm OR MONDAY AFTER FAIR (AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>) from 10 am-1 pm, exhibits may not be removed before then.** Ribbons and exhibits will be available for pick up at these time slots only. Any exhibits that remain unclaimed after 4pm on the Friday following the Fair will be donated or discarded.
6. There is a limit of 2 entries per person per Class and a maximum of 10 entries per person total.
7. All entries must be designed and executed solely by the entrant. Kits and copies of any kind will be disqualified.
8. Suspected copies must be reported in writing to a superintendent by Sunday of fair week by noon.
9. No work larger than 30" x 40", including the frame, will be accepted.
10. All work should be neatly framed in a wood, plastic, Plexiglas or metal frame.
11. No entries will be accepted without a hanger securely attached to the back. Wire hangers are preferred over saw-tooth hangers, as they come off when hooked over pegboard hooks. No string and/or tape hangers. Artwork with no or faulty hangers will be taken down and not shown, even if this happens before judging. McHenry County Fair Association and the Home Arts Department are not responsible for damage to artwork due to faulty hangers or matting.
12. The Superintendent reserves the right to disqualify artwork that does not qualify for a specific category of fine art quality or is suggestive of violence or other negative subject matter.
13. Open Show is for persons who have NOT sold any of their artwork. If you are experienced and have sold some of your artwork, enter in the Semi-Professional Classes.
14. Semi-Professional Show is for persons who have become experienced artists and are now selling their artwork.
15. The McHenry County Fair Association, for the safety of those attending the Fair (including the rider), prohibits the use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar wheeled riding items of the Fairgrounds, during the Annual Fair, including set-up and take-down.

**Premiums** First-\$5; Second-\$4; Third-\$3; Forth-ribbon; Fifth-ribbon; Sixth-ribbon

Best of Show Open Division (three given; Painting, Drawing, Other Media): Rosette

Best of Show Semi-Pro Division (three given; Painting, Drawing, Other Media): Rosette

Best Overall Open Show: Plaque

Best Overall Semi-Pro Division: Plaque

| Division                   | Class                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>A</b> Open Division     | <b>1</b> Landscapes – Painting<br><b>2</b> Landscapes– Drawing<br><b>3</b> Still Life – Painting<br><b>4</b> Still Life – Drawing<br><b>5</b> Portraits – Painting<br><b>6</b> Portraits – Drawing<br><b>7</b> Animals – Painting<br><b>8</b> Animals – Drawing<br><b>9</b> Abstract – Painting | <b>10</b> Abstract – Drawing<br><b>11</b> Printmaking, Graphic, or Digital Art<br><b>12</b> Small works, any medium, overall size 5x7 or less including frame<br><b>13</b> Sculpture – clay originals (hand-built, no preform, and not exceed 3’x3’)<br><b>14</b> Sculpture– metal, paper or other (not to exceed 3’x3’)<br><b>15</b> 3-Dimensional Mixed Media ( <b>without</b> a flat surface, but hang-able)<br><b>16</b> 2-Dimensional Mixed Media (flat surface)<br><b>17</b> USA 250 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Them, patriotic – any medium |
| <b>B</b> Semi-Pro Division | <b>1</b> Landscapes – Painting<br><b>2</b> Landscapes– Drawing<br><b>3</b> Still Life – Painting<br><b>4</b> Still Life – Drawing<br><b>5</b> Portraits – Painting<br><b>6</b> Portraits – Drawing<br><b>7</b> Animals – Painting<br><b>8</b> Animals – Drawing<br><b>9</b> Abstract – Painting | <b>10</b> Abstract – Drawing<br><b>11</b> Printmaking, Graphic, or Digital Art<br><b>12</b> Small works, any medium, overall size 5x7 or less including frame<br><b>13</b> Sculpture – clay originals (hand-built, no preform, and not exceed 3’x3’)<br><b>14</b> Sculpture– metal, paper or other (not to exceed 3’x3’)<br><b>15</b> 3-Dimensional Mixed Media ( <b>without</b> a flat surface, but hang-able)<br><b>16</b> 2-Dimensional Mixed Media (flat surface)<br><b>17</b> USA 250 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Them, patriotic – any medium |

# Art Open Show Entry Form

*Use a separate form for each show.*

- Register online at [www.mchenrycountyfair.com](http://www.mchenrycountyfair.com) or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Tuesday from 9 am – 2 pm. In person registration dates: Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2-7pm and July 19<sup>th</sup> 11 am-2pm ONLY.
- Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

|    | Dept. Number | Division Letter | Class Number | Description of Entry |
|----|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1  |              |                 |              |                      |
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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2026 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of the competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the Home Arts Department Rules as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: [mchenrycountyfair.com](http://mchenrycountyfair.com)

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Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) Date

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Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) Date

| # | Fee                                                 | Total     |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|   | \$1.00 per Open entry                               |           |
|   | \$25.00 Late Registration Entry Fee – Per Entry     |           |
|   | \$15 Exhibitor Pass<br>(one required per Exhibitor) |           |
|   | <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>\$</b> |