



CRAFTS AND NEEDLEWORK

Department 24—Open Show

Amount Offered: \$900.00

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry (1 entry per class)

Late Entry Fee – Approval Required: \$25.00 per entry

Judging Time: Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, at 9:00 am

Location: Building F

Superintendent: Linda Bachar.....(847-650-6061)

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 19th, 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 F** on **Monday, August 3rd, 2026, between 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm.**
5. Home and Creative Arts Committee/Home Art exhibits will be released on the **SUNDAY of fair week between 6 pm and 7 pm OR MONDAY AFTER FAIR (AUGUST 10th) from 8 am-10 am, 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 4 pm on the Friday following the Fair will be donated or discarded.
6. All entries **MUST** be the sole creation, design and executed by the entrant.
7. Superintendent reserves the right to disqualify any item that does not qualify for a specific category. Exhibitors are encouraged to contact the Superintendent to define categories, if necessary.
8. The decision of the judge is final.
9. Pottery, sculpture, clay originals, etc. must be entered in ART Department-25.
10. **Descriptive 3 x 5 index cards encouraged for all entries.**
11. 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

Best of Show (one per Division): Rosette

| CRAFTS | | |
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| Division | Class | |
| A Woodworking | 1 Furniture | 4 Turned |
| | 2 small item, box, birdhouse | 5 Other item constructed from wood |
| | 3 Wood Carving | 6. Pinewood Derby Car |
| B Paper Crafts | 1 Card Making | 4 Origami |
| | 2 Scrapbook Page | 5 Other paper craft |
| | 3 Quilling | |
| C Legos Must be mounted on foam or similar board 12"x12" max. 1 per class | 1 Original Vehicle No kits. | 5 Original motorized object, no kits |
| | 2 Original Animal, no kits. | 6 Any other original creation, no kits |
| | 3 Original room in a house, no kits | |
| | 4 Original outside scene, no kits | |

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| D Other Crafts | 1 Stained Glass 2 Collections (In a container or box 12"x12" maximum) 3 Jewelry, any original item, any material | 4 Model Building (no LEGOS™) 5 Any metal craft, hammered, welded, forged, etc. 6 Other Crafts, no needlework |
| E Pillows, must be stuffed | 1 Knit or Crocheted 2 Needlepoint 3 Cross Stitch | 4 Crewel 5 Embroidered 6 Applique |
| DIVISION | CLASS | |
| F Christmas, any needlework technique | 1 Stocking 2 Ornament | 3 Tree Skirt 4 Other |
| G Crochet: single color, variegated, striped | 1 Afghan, Blanket, or Tablecloth 2 Scarf or Shawl 3 Hat, Mittens, or Gloves 4 Socks | 5 Sweaters 6 Amigurumi 7 Sets 7 Sets (scarf & hat, baby sweater & booties, etc.) 8 Any other Crochet item |
| H Crochet: Intarsia, fairisle or stranded techniques. No variegated. | 1 Afghan, Blanket, or Tablecloth 2 Scarf or shawl 3 Hat, Mittens, or Gloves 4 Socks | 5 Sweaters 6 Amigurumi 7 Sets (scarf & hat, baby sweater & booties, etc.) 8 Any other Crochet item |
| I Knitting: Single color, variegated or striped | 1 Afghan, Blanket, or Tablecloth 2 Scarf or Shawl 3 Hat, Mittens, or Gloves 4 Socks | 5 Sweaters 6 Amigurumi 7 Sets (scarf & hat, baby sweater & booties, etc.) 8 Any other knit item 8 Any other knitted item |
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| K Other Needlework (All framed articles must use screw eyes and picture wiring for hanging). | 1 Hand Spun Yarn, basket of three skeins 2 Felted Garment 3 Counted Cross Stitch 4 Needlepoint 5 Crewel | 6 Hand Embroidery 7 Machine Embroidery 8 Needle Felting 9 Any Handwoven Item 10 Any Other Needlework item |

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| Little Crafters with Little Help | | |
| L Little Crafters with a Little Help (ages 7 and under with a little adult help) Please note, painted canvas belongs in Art, Jr Open Show Department 125 – Class 24L | 1 Lego (no larger than 12" x 12" and no kits) 2 Recycled Crafts 3 Collections (no larger than 12" x12") | 4 Decorated Flower Pots 5 Other Crafts |

Crafts and Needlework Open Entry Form

- Register online at 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 2nd, Tuesday July 7th 2-7pm and July 19th 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 |
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| | \$1.00 per Open entry | |
| | \$25.00 Late Entry Fee – per entry | |
| | \$15 Exhibitor Pass (one required per Exhibitor) | |

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| | Total | \$ |
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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

Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) _____ Date _____

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