



The San Diego County Fair's **Home Arts & Hobbies' Collections & Hobbies** Competition invites makers and collectors to showcase their skills and creative expression in a variety of mediums including table settings, collections, model building, and many other hobbies. This competition provides creative enthusiasts with the chance to win cash prizes and donated awards as well as the unique opportunity to display their work for thousands of fair visitors.

Exhibition Timeline

Entry Deadline	Wednesday, April 30, 2025, by 8pm
Entry Delivery- Collections & Hobbies	Friday, May 16, 2025, 3pm-8pm and Saturday, May 17, 2025, 11am-4pm
Open House - A Celebration of Exhibitors	Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 6-8pm
Fair Dates	Wednesday, June 11 – Sunday, July 6, 2025 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays)
Entry Pickup	Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 10am-4pm

Eligibility

- Adult Divisions are open to all adults aged 18 years old by the Entry Deadline listed above.
- Entries must be original work of the exhibitor and completed in the last two (2) years.
- Work by two (2) or more artists is *not* eligible.
- Work, or nearly identical work, previously shown at the Fair, regardless of title, is *not* eligible.
- Work created by *generative* Artificial Intelligence (AI), either partially or completely, is *not* eligible.

Contact Us

Elena Liu, [Coordinator](#)

Veronica Navarro, [Assistant Coordinator](#)

San Diego County Fair Entry Office

2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014

Office (858) 792-4207 - Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

2025 Local Rules

1. Completion of online entry registration shall be deemed acceptance of all rules. Acceptance includes permission to use your name, photograph, and exhibit for the news media.
2. Online registration is required in all departments and for one-day contests. Online entries are accepted until 8:00pm (Pacific Time) on the deadline day for online entry registration, unless otherwise stated.
3. Once registered, the description, title, and price may not be changed. Substitutions will not be allowed. Fair Management is not responsible for errors on entry forms which may lead to elimination or disqualification of an entry.
4. Processing fees must be paid online at the time of registration. Processing fees are non-refundable.
5. Exhibitors must be living at the time the entry form and/or online entry is submitted.
6. All non-livestock entries must be the creative work of the exhibitor (whose name appears on the entry registration), be in good taste, and suitable for family viewing. Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify any entry/exhibit it deems objectionable or not in accordance with competition standards.
7. If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, no changes will be made to the status of awards given for other entries.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining necessary permission from models and/or to use material in their entry that is considered copyrighted.
9. No entry will be accepted should the exhibitor describe the conditions under which he/she will exhibit, or the exhibit will be displayed.
10. Judges are qualified in the medium(s) they are judging. New judges may be chosen each year, and judges may be assigned to different divisions/classes from year to year.
11. If a coordinator or judge deems an entry to be in the incorrect category, division, class, etc., he or she may direct the Entry Office to move that entry as

- appropriate. The Entry Office may combine divisions or classes to create an adequate judging pool.
12. Fair Management reserves the right to limit entries, and display thereof, to facilities available and to cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.
 13. Entries must be delivered on the date(s) and times specified. Entries will not be accepted before or after the stated entry delivery date. All accepted exhibits must remain on display and shall not be removed until the stated entry pick up date. Any exhibit not picked up on the specified date becomes the property of the San Diego County Fair and will be disposed of promptly.
 14. All exhibits are entered and shown at the owner's risk. Reasonable care will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits, but in no event will the 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) be responsible for any injury or loss which may occur or for the actions of third parties. Insurance, if desired, should be obtained by the exhibitor at his/her own expense.
 15. Any person who violates any Local, State, or Department rule or displays unethical conduct will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) may order.
 16. To ensure reliable award notification, exhibitors are responsible for submitting all address, phone number and email address updates promptly in writing to entry@sdfair.com or Entry Department, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014.
 17. Premium money will be paid per the recorded placings in the official judging books rather than the ribbon attached to the exhibit.
 18. Donated Award recipients will be selected per the instructions given on the Donated Award Confirmation Form submitted by the donor.
 19. Premium, donated cash award, and auction checks will be made payable to the exhibitor as listed on the online entry registration. Checks will be mailed within 30 days after the close of the Fair to the address shown on the online entry registration, or as updated by the exhibitor via written notification to the Entry Office. Auction checks may be held longer if the buyer has not paid. Checks not cashed within 6 months from the date of issue will be forfeited. Replacement checks may be subject to a \$35 stop payment fee.
 20. The 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) is required by the Internal Revenue Service to report any premiums paid totaling the amount of \$600 or more. Exhibitors may be required to submit a W-9 form.

21. The 22nd District Agricultural Association management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules; the 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) assumes no liability or responsibility not herein expressed.

California State Rules apply and are available [here](#).

Home Arts & Hobbies Adult Categories

See each set of entry materials for category-specific information, such as divisions and classes, entry drop-off dates, etc.

Quilts
Needle and Fiber Arts
Clothing and Fashion
Decorative Arts and Crafts
Collections and Hobbies
Preserved Foods and Liqueurs
Baked Goods and Confections

Entry Limit

Two (2) entries per exhibitor per class. Exhibitors may enter as many classes as desired.

Entry Fees

Adult divisions: \$10 per entry

Youth divisions: \$5 per entry

Entry fees are payable online with a credit card and are not refundable.

Fair Tickets

Each exhibitor will receive two (2) Exhibitor Access Passes.

How to Enter

1. After reading all entry materials, click the "Enter Now" link below to go to the ShoWorks Entry Homepage.
2. Register as an **Exhibitor** (or **Quick Group** if entering for members of a club or guild).

3. Select the appropriate division and class and input the required information. (See “Divisions and Classes” below for a list of all divisions and classes.) In the Description field, provide appropriate information, including the technique, so that the work can be identified if the entry tag becomes unattached. For example, “Child’s wool sweater, knit, original pattern,” or “San Diego Padres Bobblehead Collection – 27 pieces.” Character limit is 100 including spaces.
4. Review your entry before completing registration to ensure that you have entered the correct division and class for each entry.
5. Click the check-out button and pay for all entries.
6. Read the confirmation statement and type YES. **Do not click multiple times**, as it will charge you each time.
7. You will receive a confirmation email with a summary of your entry(ies).

If you plan to make changes to your entries or need to leave ShoWorks at any time, SAVE YOUR CART before exiting out.

For additional help with entering, review this detailed step-by-step guide:

[Entry Tutorial](#)

Still have questions? Please call or [email the Entry Office](#).

Phone: (858) 792-4207, Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm

How to Prepare Your Entry for Delivery

Please see individual categories, divisions, and classes for specific entry requirements.

- Fabrics must be clean, reasonably odor-free, and free of pet hair and dander.
- Framed work must be able to stand on its own or be ready to hang with wire.
- Pillows and pillowcases must be finished and have forms inside.
- Wall Hangings, wreaths, and macramé must include a secure means for hanging. Exhibitors may provide a stand that will be returned at entry pick-up.
- Delivery bags, boxes and containers may be used for delivery but will not be saved in the exhibit. Exhibitors should take them away after delivery.

Judging

The Home Arts & Hobbies competition uses the American system of judging for Adult Divisions.

Judging Results

Results will be announced at the Home Arts & Hobbies Open House and posted on the San Diego County Fair's website by the second week of the fair.

Entry Delivery & Pickup

Entries must be delivered to the Fairgrounds. Please refer to the Exhibition Timeline for in-person delivery dates. Exhibitors will be emailed delivery and pick up instructions including **a map** showing access to the Fairgrounds.

Home Arts & Hobbies will provide entry tags at entry delivery. Please allow time to attach entry tags to projects with materials and assistance provided by fair staff. Exhibitors will be responsible for attaching tag.

A claim check will be issued to each exhibitor upon entry delivery and must be presented at the time of entry pick up. If an exhibitor is unable to pick up their artwork, they may arrange for another person to bring in their claim check with a signed written authorization from the exhibitor.

Quick Group Delivery Appointments - If you registered as a Quick Group (clubs, guilds, organizations) and plan to deliver all entries in the group together, please [CLICK HERE](#) to request an appointment time on one of the in-person delivery dates.

Awards

Award checks will be available at entry pick up. Checks not picked up will be mailed within 30 days.

Adult Divisions

1st Place - Awarded in each class	\$25 and ribbon
2 nd Place - Awarded in each class	\$20 and ribbon
3 rd Place - Awarded in each class	\$15 and ribbon
Honorable Mention (awarded at judges' discretion)	Ribbon



Best of Division - Chosen from 1st Place winners in each class	\$25 and ribbon
Best of Show - Chosen from Best of Division winners, awarded in each Adult Category	\$100 and ribbon

Special Awards

Chana Mannen Award for Excellence in Original Design In recognition of Chana Mannen, former Home & Hobby Coordinator	\$100 and rosette
Eva Peterson Award for Superior Craftsmanship In recognition of Eva Peterson, former Home & Hobby Coordinator	\$100 and rosette
Nyla James Award for Innovation In memory of Nyla James, former Home Arts Coordinator	\$100 and rosette
Best Fair Theme Award	\$100 and rosette
Home Arts & Hobbies Employee Award	\$100 and rosette

ADULT COLLECTIONS AND OTHER HOBBIES

See [Glossary](#) for all definitions

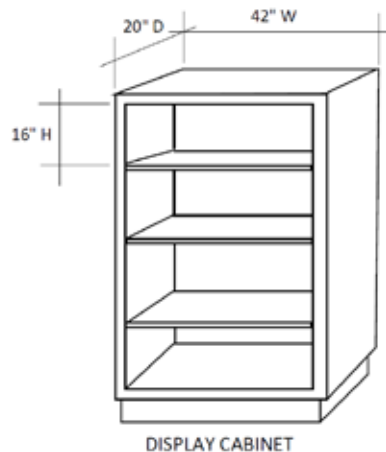
Division 123: Collections

Display Requirements:

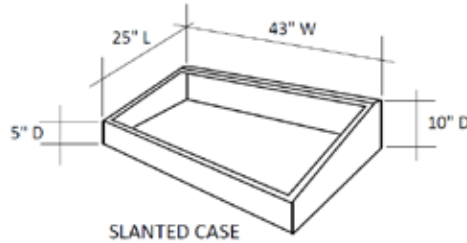
- Collections to be installed by exhibitors on the delivery date(s) and within the time period listed in the Exhibit Timeline.
- Collections must be curated by the exhibitor and fit into allotted display space.
- Items must be secured by the exhibitor. Museum tack will be provided by Fair staff.
- No tape or glue may be applied to display cases.
- Items may be delivered attached to a flat base, if required.
- **The display must include a write-up describing how the exhibitor acquired the collection.** Additional information or narratives may be displayed.
- Collections may only be entered once.

At entry registration, please select one of the following display options that will BEST fit your collection:

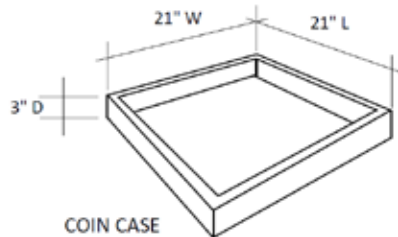
- One (1) 42"W x 20"D x 16"H shelf within a display cabinet
- Two (2) 42"W x 20"D x 16"H shelves within a display cabinet



- One (1) 43"W x 25"L x 5-10"D slanted case



- One (1) 21"W x 21"L x 3"D coin case



The exhibit coordinator will make the final display assignments.

Judging Criteria: Originality, uniqueness, rarity, write up, and presentation.

- Class 001** Oldies but Goodies
- Class 002** Postage Paid
- Class 003** In the Wild
- Class 004** Famous Faces
- Class 005** Around the World
- Class 006** En Vogue
- Class 007** Mi Casa es Su Casa
- Class 008** Toys and Games
- Class 009** You're So Extra
- Class 010** Fair Theme "Summer Pet-tacular"

Division 124: Tablescapes

The exhibitor whose name appears on the entry must set up their display on the delivery date(s) and within the time period listed in the Exhibit Timeline.

One (1) 34" x 34" table with a black linen tablecloth table will be provided.

- Class 001** Ready for Royalty
- Class 002** All Day, Everyday
- Class 003** Let's Celebrate



- Class 004** International Flair
Class 005 Fair Theme "Summer Pet-tacular"

Division 125: Miniatures, Models, and LEGO

Exhibitors must provide protective acrylic for miniatures, models, and LEGO builds that are dimensionally larger than 16"H, 18"W or 18"D.

Judging Criteria: Visual interest, originality, workmanship, skill level and attention to detail.

- Class 001** Miniature Structure and Furnishings
Class 002 Room Boxes, Shadow Boxes, Vignettes, etc.
Class 003 Single Models - Planes, cars, etc. Still or remote-controlled. Kits may be used.
Class 004 3D Printed Models
Class 005 LEGO and Brick-building – Original creations (parts from sets may be repurposed)
Class 006 Fair Theme "Summer Pet-tacular"