



## Storytelling: A One-Day Contest

*Step into a storybook world where artworks bring the theme Once Upon a Fair to life. Artists are invited to get creative and draw inspiration from the magic of books, imagination, and storytelling, transforming the Fair into scenes filled with wonder, characters, and adventure.*

### Exhibition Timeline

<b>Entry Deadline</b>	Tuesday, June 16, 2026, by 11:59pm
<b>Contest Date</b>	Friday, June 19, 2026
<b>Entry Pickup (Award-Winning Art Only)</b>	Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 10am-6pm

### Eligibility

- Exhibitors must be 18 years old by the Entry Deadline listed above.
- Entries must be the original work of the exhibitor.
- Artwork by two (2) or more artists is *not* eligible.
- **Two-dimensional artwork must be no larger than 20"x 20" of painted area (excluding frame) and must be framed.**
- Artwork, or nearly identical artwork, previously shown at the Fair, regardless of title, is *not* eligible.
- Artwork created by *generative* Artificial Intelligence (AI), either partially or completely, is *not* eligible.
- Computerized graphics will not be accepted.

### Contact Us

**San Diego County Fair Entry Office**  
 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014  
 Office (858) 792-4207 - Mon-Fri 10am-4pm



The Local and State Rules apply to this contest. Copies are available at [sdfair.com](http://sdfair.com). Exhibitors acknowledge that they enter at their own risk and that these entries do not violate copyright or trademark laws.

## Entry Limit

One (1) entry per exhibitor

## Fair Ticket

One (1) Fair Entry Ticket, for each registered participant for this date only, will be available at Will Call on the day of the contest. Please click [here](#) for a list of discounted and free parking options for the day of the event.

## How to Enter

Please pre-register at [sdfair.com](http://sdfair.com). **There will be NO on-site registration.**

## Entry Delivery

Contest entries must be **delivered in person by exhibitors between 11am and 2pm** on the day of the contest. Please bring artwork to the fountain in front of the Fine Art Exhibit Building, East Grandstand.

## Judging

All entries must be delivered to the judging area no later than 2pm. The judging will be of artwork only.

## Awards

<b>First Place</b> awarded in each class	\$50 + Ribbon
<b>Second - Fourth Place</b> awarded in each class	Ribbon

Awards will be presented following the judging process. Artwork will be returned to artists after the awards presentation. First-place winners will have the option to display their work in the Fine Art Exhibit through July 5, with artwork available for pickup on July 7. All other artwork must be retrieved immediately following the awards presentation. Any artwork not collected at that time will become the property of the San Diego County Fair and may be disposed of.

## Division 1011: Storytelling

- Class 001** Oil or Acrylic
- Class 002** Watercolor
- Class 003** Pastel or Drawing