



BIG SKY COUNTRY STATE FAIR
JULY 17-21, 2024

COMPETITOR'S GUIDE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This guide is for all open class entries at Big Sky Country State Fair.

Two Ways to Enter:		Deadline
1. Online (preferred) at 406StateFair.com-No entry fee		12pm, July 13
2. Paper entry form to Fair Office-No entry fee		5pm, July 10
*No late entries.		

Check-In	Monday, July 15	11am-6pm	Exhibit Bldg 1
Check-Out	Monday, July 22	12pm-5pm	Exhibit Bldg 1

Address in this manner:

Gallatin County Fairgrounds
 State Fair Article of Entry
 901 N Black
 Bozeman, MT 59715

Fair is not responsible for damage to any articles during shipping, nor articles that arrive too late for judging. All deadlines strictly adhered to.

Gate Admission	Advance Weekly	Advance Daily	Onsite Daily
Children 5 and under..	Free	Free	Free
Youth 6 - 12	\$15	\$4	\$5
Adult	\$40	\$10	\$12
Seniors 62+	\$30	\$7	\$8

1. All entries shall be made on the appropriate entry forms available in this Competitors Guide or at 406StateFair.com. No entries accepted by phone.
2. Any entry which may have been inadvertently or erroneously entered in the wrong class or division may, at the discretion of the Superintendent or Judge, be transferred to the proper class prior to judging.
3. Only articles entered in competition may be offered for public sale. Sale cards are available through the Department Superintendent. No self-made signage of any kind allowed. Sale must take place after the Fair.
4. Should an individual enter an article in the name other than that of the bona fide owner, or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresentation of any fact, the entry thus made must be removed from competition and all fees paid will be forfeited.
5. Exhibitors will cooperate in conduct to best represent Big Sky Country State Fair at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and any offending exhibitor will forfeit all fees paid and premiums earned and may be immediately dismissed from the grounds at management discretion.
6. Articles mailed to Big Sky Country State Fair for competition must be mailed to the Fairgrounds office (see address and mailing manner above). Entry forms must be completely filled out and enclosed with the article. All incoming mailing fees must be prepaid or the exhibit will be refused. For return mailing, include complete instructions including credit card information to cover all mailing costs including necessary insurance as requested. Estimated value of article(s) will be helpful.
7. Static Exhibits previously entered in the Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.
8. Static exhibits will be under secured confinement during evenings. Exhibit buildings are opened to Superintendents at 10:30 am daily and closed at Fair close. Superintendents shall have personnel on duty throughout the day at their corresponding departments. Articles shall be secured overnight between July 15 thru 22nd.
9. Release of all static exhibits shall occur Monday, July 22, 12pm-5pm.

10. Exhibitors must provide proper identification that matches each entry tag upon claiming articles.
11. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Articles remaining after 30 days become the property of Big Sky Country State Fair.
12. Animal release is listed per department; see this Guide for further details.

Judging

1. All exhibitors entering shall accept all judging and agree to abide by their decisions.
2. Every effort is given to provide qualified judges. No exhibitor, spectator or Superintendent will be allowed to interfere with a judge in the performance of his/her duties.
3. Exhibitors interfering with judges in any manner during time of judging will be excluded from further competition and will forfeit any prizes and premiums earned.
4. Unworthy articles in competition shall not be worthy of a prize/premium.

Protests

1. Objections to judges and/or all formal protests must be submitted in writing, include full name, address and phone number, and be signed.
2. Objections and protests must be accompanied by \$50 cash or certified check (refundable if protest sustained). Protest must state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Superintendent within 24 hours after the occasion for the protest. Protests shall be brought before management for final decision, with a complete investigation of the matter to follow. No objection or protest that a judge overlooked an entry will be considered. Protests not sustained will forfeit the \$50.

Premiums (Prize Monies Awarded)

1. Premiums for static classes shall be awarded to all first place winners at \$5 each. Other exhibits in competition shall not earn premiums.
2. Cash paid out for total premiums earned shall occur at Check-Out in Exhibit Building 2 on Monday, July 22, 12pm-5pm.
3. Management does not guarantee the payment of special prizes offered by sponsors and/or private parties. These special prizes are signed by the sponsor or donor and are accepted by management in good faith of fulfillment.

*** Premiums & Special Awards**

1st Place = \$7, 2nd Place = \$5, 3rd Place = \$3
 Ribbon Placings to Third Place (if warranted by judge)
 Premiums are paid at Ex Building 1 at Check-Out on July 22nd.

Special rosettes and gift card may be awarded for the following:

- Adult Best of Show—\$100
- Adult Reserve Best of Show- \$50
- Youth Best of Show-\$75
- Youth Reserve Best of Show-\$25
- People’s Choice Award
- Superintendent’s Award

Best of show is defined as that which demonstrates the best technique and skill as determined by the judges.
People’s Choice Award– a special rosette ribbon will be awarded to an entry voted on Wednesday- Saturday of fair by fair-goers and awarded on Sunday.
Superintendent’s Award – a special rosette ribbon will be awarded to the entry that merits special recognition by the department superintendent. It does not need to be a placing entry.

Department 01 - Culinary

Department Rules

1. Entry must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Limit of two (2) entries per class per exhibitor.
3. **A 3 x 5 card listing all ingredients must be attached. Omit name of exhibitor. If no card is attached, item will not be judged.**
4. **Follow safe food handling procedures:** Wash hands, thoroughly, with soap and warm water, including under fingernails and between fingers, before handling food; Do not prepare or handle food if ill (have diarrhea, are vomiting, have a sore throat with a fever, or have an *infected* cut or wound on your hands, wrists, or arms); Keep hands from touching nose or face, while preparing food.
5. **After food preparation**, these foods require refrigeration (temperature control) – a) dairy products, such as homemade cream cheese frosting and butter frosting, b) cheesecakes, c) pumpkin pies, d) cream pies.
6. No commercial package mixes or fillings allowed with the exception being Class 6.
7. Baked goods must be transported on sturdy, disposable plates/trays AND **completely covered** in clear wrap or zip lock bags. Cakes and breads need to be out of baking pans.
8. **During transport**, foods requiring refrigeration, must arrive in a clean and sanitized (sanitize with 1 tsp chlorine bleach to 1 quart water, allow to air-dry) insulated cooler. Thoroughly cover and place with ice.
9. Entries presented as individual servings (for example: cupcakes, rolls, cookies), must have six (6) servings or pieces only.
10. Safe canning procedures must be followed. Time and method of process are to be in accordance with the National Center for Home Food Preservation, <http://nchfp.uga.edu> or refer to the current edition of the Ball Blue Book or Kerr Home Canning Guides, www.freshpreserving.com.
11. If any food becomes non-presentable after being displayed for a few days, it may be disposed of and a photograph of the food may be presented for the remainder of the Fair.
12. Judging will be by qualified culinary judges.
13. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition or item has been incorrectly entered, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
14. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on **Monday, July 22nd 12pm-5pm. This is strictly enforced as there is a check-out process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until Check-Out on Monday.** Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
15. All participants in Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations and complying with all policies therein.

DIVISION 1 - BAKED GOODS

CLASS

- 01 Breads
- 02 Cakes
- 03 Cupcakes
- 04 Cookies
- 05 Bars/Brownies
- 06 Cinnamon Rolls/Carmel Rolls
- 07 Muffins
- 08 Creations from Mixes
- 09 Pies
- 10 Cheesecakes (baked or unbaked)
- 11 Cake Pops
- 12 Baked Goods, other than listed

THEME GOODIES—no cross entries

- 13 **Barnyard Animals**—Any dessert shaped or decorated like barnyard animals. (cows, horses, sheep, goats, pigs, chicken, ducks, rabbits, etc.)
- 14 **Family Generational Favorites**—Any dessert that has been passed down through the generations.
- 15 **Carnival Themed Decorations**— Any Cookie or Cake decorated in a Fair Carnival Theme!

DIVISION 2 - HEALTHY BAKED GOODS— Gluten or Sugar Free

CLASS

- 16 Breads
- 17 Cakes
- 18 Cupcakes
- 19 Cookies
- 20 Bars/Brownies
- 21 Cinnamon Rolls/Carmel Rolls
- 22 Muffins
- 23 Creations from Mixes
- 24 Pies
- 25 Cake Pops
- 26 Cheesecakes (baked or unbaked)
- 27 Baked Goods, other than listed

DIVISION 3 - PRESERVED

CLASS

- 28 Pickles (any vegetable)
- 29 Relish
- 30 Salsa
- 31 Canned Jams/Jellies/Preserves
- 32 Dehydrated Foods— Fruit, Herbs, Meat, etc.
- 33 Preserved, other than listed

Department 02 - Arts

Department Rules

1. Entries must be the work of the Exhibitor.
2. Limit of two (2) entries per class per exhibitor.
3. Subject matter deemed not suitable for display in a family exhibit will be returned to the exhibitor.
4. Framed art with glass or entries that are heavy will be accepted, but they MUST have a sturdy wire hanger appropriate for the weight of the frame for hanging. Any framed or heavy entries that do not have a wire, may be rejected.
5. Exhibits previously entered in Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.
6. Articles exhibited and also available for sale to the public must have a sale card available through the Department Superintendent. No self-made signage of any kind allowed. No other advertising is allowed in the area. Sale must take place after completion of Fair.
7. Artwork must be dry.

Department 03 - Horticulture

- Fabric crafts can easily overlap with Textiles. If the emphasis for your piece is the artistic quality, enter it in Creative Arts. If the emphasis is the needlework quality, enter it in Textiles. Superintendents can help determine the appropriate department.
- Judging will be by qualified judges of Creative Arts.
- The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
- All exhibits and awards will be checked out on **Monday, July 22 12pm-5pm. This is strictly enforced as there is a check-out process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until Check-Out on Monday.** Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
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DIVISION 1 - PAINTING

CLASS

- Acrylic
- Oil
- Watercolor
- Mixed Medium
- Painting, other than listed

DIVISION 2- DRAWING

CLASS

- Charcoal (please shrink wrap or frame)
- Pastel (please shrink wrap or frame)
- Colored Pencil
- Pen & Ink
- Crayon/Markers
- Pencil
- Mixed Medium
- Drawing, other than listed

DIVISION 3 - SCULPTURE

- Clay
- Origami
- Recycled Materials
- Woodworking
- Metal Art
- Sculpture- any not listed

DIVISION 4 - OTHER ARTS

CLASS

- Digital Art/Graphic Design
- Hand-lettering (calligraphy, graffiti, etc.)
- Crafts (lego, pottery, ceramics)
- Fantasy Arts
- Character Design
- Environmental Design
- Illustration
- Typography
- Other creative art not listed

Rules - All Horticulture

- Judging is the evening of Tuesday, July 18. Judges will be by locally and regionally recognized people in the gardening world.
- The show committee will water all exhibits. Due care will be taken of all entries. The show committee cannot be held responsible for loss or damage.
- The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
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Rules - Gardening

- An Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class or sub-class, if each is a different species, variety, cultivar, type, size, or color.
- All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor minimally 6 weeks.
- Each exhibit is required to have genus, preferred to have species, preferred to have any type of cultivar, required to have full common name.
- Each exhibit must contain the specified amount.
- Exhibits will be judged on uniformity, maturity, variety characteristics and freedom from disease and injury.
- Youths may enter all Sections. They will be judged and staged separately.

General Rules - Fruits & Vegetables

- All Root Crops: Cut off tops leaving approximately 1" at top and the roots should be cut off leaving approximately 1" except beets which should be 2 inches. Wash all vegetables thoroughly but do not use a brush.
- Spinach and Lettuce: Roots should be left on. Spinach and lettuce will be displayed in canning jars to prolong their display. Wash thoroughly but do not use a brush.
- Peas: Leave ¼ to ½ inch stems and select uniform pods. Avoid over-mature pods.
- Carrots: Select uniform length and thickness, avoid green shoulders.
- Mushroom kits and homemade portable growth containers all acceptable. Mushrooms must be still attached onto growth medium.
- Chives: Should be the entire plant with roots washed.
- Dry Onions: Twist tops and remove outer layer of dirty skin; just one layer. Remove tops leaving about 1 inch and clip roots to approximately 1 inch. **DO NOT PEEL ONIONS TO MAKE THEM SHINY.**
- Green Onions: Lift just prior to exhibition, avoiding damage to root node. Trim roots leaving ½ inch uniformly. Leave 6" top. Remove outer layer to get dirt off and wash. Choose plants that are well blanched and white.
- Tomatoes: Leave stems on.
- The Fair will provide paper plates for entry exhibition.

General Rules - Flowers

1. Please enter only the specified number of stems.
2. A stem means one bloom. A spray means more than one bloom; attached foliage optional.
3. Include foliage where requested. All foliage must be clean and attached. No foliage should appear below the water line.
4. The exhibitor must have grown all flowers and plants for at least 6 weeks.
5. Big Sky Country State Fair IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FLOWER CONTAINERS OR ACCESSORIES.
6. All floral entries that are stems, stalks or sprays will be exhibited in test tubes in blocks, which will be provided by the Fair unless they are very tall, (like delphiniums) then the exhibitor should provide a clear glass container for each entry.
7. Exhibitors are encouraged to replace specimens with fresh, identical material if wilted during Fair exhibition.
8. NO artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted.
9. Living plant material may not be treated in any way, other than Fair Staff may put floral food in water for flower displays.

DIVISION 1 - FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

CLASS

- 01 Beets, *Beta vulgaris* – 3
- 02 Chives, *Allium schoenoprasum* – 3 plants with roots
- 03 Kale, *Brassica*, all types or cultivars—1 plant with roots
- 04 Lettuce, *Lactuca sativa* – leaf – 1 plant with roots
- 05 Onions, green, *Allium* – 5
- 06 Onions, *Allium* – 3
- 07 Peas, *Pisum sativum* – 10 pods
- 08 Radishes, *Raphanus sativus* – 5
- 09 Cherry Tomato—*Solanum lycopersicum* var. *cerasiforme*
- 10 Spinach, *Spinacia oleracea* – 1 plant with roots
- 11 Any other leaf crop, include name – 1 bunch or 1 plant with roots
- 12 Any other root crop, include name – 3
- 13 Any other vegetable, include name – 1
- 14 Rhubarb, *Rheum*, 5 stalks, trim leaf 1" above stalk, pull stalks, do not cut
- 15 All berries – stem on – 5 berries
- 16 Any other fruit not listed, include name – 5 specimens

DIVISION 2 – ANNUALS

Cut flowers will be judged on the following criteria:
Bloom: correct to type, texture, freshness, size, color, shape
Foliage: color, condition, healthy, insect free
Stem condition: sturdiness, length, color
Presentation: correct quantity and clean

CLASS

- 17 Calendula, *Calendula Officianalis* *Fair Flower – 3 stems
- 18 Cosmos, *Cosmos bipinnatus* – 3 stems
- 19 Geranium, *Pelargonium* – 1 blossom cluster
- 20 Marigold, tagetes patula- 3 blooms same type can be different colors
- 21 Marigold—same type—different color flowers – 3 blooms
- 22 Nasturtium, *Tropaeolum* – 3 blooms same color
- 23 Pansies, *Viola* – same color – 3 blooms, no foliage
- 24 Pansies, *Viola*—different color flowers – 3 blooms, no foliage
- 25 *Petunia*—single – 3 stems with foliage *
- 26 *Petunia*—double – 3 stems with foliage *
- 27 *Petunia*—Supertunia, Wave Hybrids— 3 stems *
- 28 Poppy, *Papaver nudicale*, *Iceland poppy* – 3 stems same color

- 29 Poppy—papaver spps— 3 stems different color
- 30 *Scabiosa atropurpurea*—3 stems
- 31 Snapdragons, *Antirrhinum* – 3 spikes
- 32 Sweet Peas, *Lathyrus odoratus* – 1 color – 5 stems
- 33 Sweet Peas, *Lathyrus odoratus* – mixed colors – 5 stems
- 34 Zinnia, *Zinnia* – 3 blooms
- 35 Any other annual, named – 3 stems, sprays or spikes

DIVISION 3 – BIENNIALS

CLASS

- 36 Any biennial-named

DIVISION 4 – PERENNIALS

CLASS

- 37 Catmint, *Nepeta spp*—3 stems
- 38 Bee Balm, *Monarda didyma* – 3 stems
- 39 *Campanula bell flower* – 3 stems of same type
- 40 Clematis any variety – 3 blooms
- 41 Columbine, *Aquilegia* – 3 blossoms
- 42 Daisy, Shasta, *Leucanthemum x superbum* – 3 stems
- 43 Delphinium, *Delphinium* – 1 spike
- 44 Gaillardia, *Blanket Flower* – 3 stems
- 45 Lily, Day, *Hemerocallis* – 1 stalk (multiple buds)
- 46 Lily, *Lilium spp* – 1 stalk
- 47 Lupine, *Lupinus spp* – 1 stalk
- 48 Penstemon – all species and cultivars – 1 stalk
- 49 Rose, Hybrid Tea, *Rosa* – 1 bloom with foliage attached
- 50 Rose, *Rosa floribunda* – 1 spray with foliage attached
- 51 Rose, *Rosa grandiflora* – 1 stem with foliage attached
- 52 Rose, Climbing – 1 spray with foliage attached
- 53 Rose, Shrub – 1 stem or spray with foliage attached
- 54 Rose, miniature – 1 stem or spray with foliage attached
- 55 Rose, full blown – 1 stem with foliage attached
- 56 *Salvia spp* – 3 stems
- 57 *Scabiosa columbria* – 3 stems
- 58 Yarrow spp, *Achillea* – 3 sprays
- 59 Any other perennial, named – 3 stems or sprays if small, 1 if large
- 60 Any other native perennial, named – 3 stems or sprays if small, 1 if large

DIVISION 5 – HERBS

Herbs judging will be based on the following criteria:

Foliage color
Condition
Health
Aroma strength
Presentation

CLASS (Cut specimens – 3 stems)not in bloom)

- 61 Basil, *Ocimum basilicum*— Traditional flavor all types— 3 stems
- 62 Basil, *Ocimum basilicum*—Flavored varieties— 3 stems
- 63 Catnip, *Nepeta cataria* – 3 stems
- 64 Cilantro, *Coriandrum*—3 stems
- 65 Lavender, *Lavandula officinalis* – 3 stems
- 66 Lemon Balm, *Melissa officinalis* – 3 stems
- 67 Mint, *Mentha* – 3 stems
- 68 Oregano, *Origanum* – 3 stems
- 69 Parsley, *Petroselinum crispum* – 3 stems

- 70 Sage, *Salvia officinalis* – 3 stems
- 71 Tarragon, *Artemisia dracunculus* – 3 stems
- 72 Thyme, *Thymus vulgaris* – 3 stems
- 73 Any other herb, named – 3 stems

DIVISION 6 – CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS (Houseplants)

Rules:

- * Plants in these containers may extend past the edges
- * All plants must have been grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of 3 months
- * Hanging plants allowed with hardware to hang them
- * Flowering Plants (must be in bloom)

Container grown plants will be judged on the following criteria:

- * Blooming houseplants
 - * Bloom color
 - * Bloom size and shape
 - * Foliage: healthy, insect free with good color
- * Foliage Houseplants
 - * Fresh foliage
 - * Color: appropriate to type of plant
 - * Foliage: insect free and healthy
- * Cactus and Succulents use same judging as Foliage Houseplants
- * Orchids use same judging points as Blooming Houseplants

BLOOMING HOUSEPLANTS

CLASS

- 74 African Violet– *Saintapaulia*
- 75 Begonia
- 76 *Spathiphyllum* – Peace Lily
- 77 Any other – (Must have Latin and common name)

FOLIAGE PLANTS

CLASS

- 78 Schefflera – *Brassia*
- 79 Spider Plant – *Chlorophytum*
- 80 Any other (Must have Latin and common name)

CACTUS AND SUCCULENTS

CLASS

- 81 Aloe
- 82 Cacti
- 83 Any other succulent

Combination Plantings

- Includes containers of any kind – see below class list
- All Combination Plantings must have been grown together for a minimum of 6 weeks. And can contain annuals, perennials and houseplants.

CLASS

- 84 Fairy Garden
- 85 Dish Garden

- 86 Planter
- 87 Tea Party Planter– Combo of tea herbs planted w/ accompanying China in the container.
- 88 Team (organizations, businesses, schools) container

DIVISION 7 - FLORAL DESIGN

Flower Designs will be judged on the following criteria:

- * Creativity of design
- * Color and balance
- * Degree of difficulty
- * Use of appropriate props to enhance the design.

THEME CLASSES

CLASS

89 **Tea Time**– arrangement utilizing Team items and fresh team herbs & flowers.

90 **Colorful Quilts**– A bouquet of fresh and brilliant flowers Space allowed is 24 inches wide and 24 inches deep.

91 **Beer Bottle Bouquet**– 6 beer bottles in a cardboard bottle carrier with flowers in each that match colors of the bottle carrier.

DIVISION 8 – HONEY AND APIARY PRODUCTS

Rules:

1. Limit one entry per class per exhibitor.
2. Exhibited honey may be produced the previous year or season.
3. Exhibited honey shall be clear, un-granulated, have appropriate viscosity, moisture content, sugar content and density and be free from foreign material, smoke and/or fermentation.
4. Comb honey will be judged on appearance, completeness, cleanliness, free from foreign material, damage, and discoloration, unless noted differently at class designation.

Filtered Honey

Rules:

1. Glass containers only (1 pound [12 oz.] Queenline OR 1 pint canning jars)
2. Two samples constitute an entry

CLASS

- 92 Light color extracted honey
- 93 Amber color extracted honey

Unfiltered Raw Honey

Rules:

1. Glass containers only (1 pound [12 oz.] Queenline OR 1 pint canning jars)
2. Two samples constitute an entry

CLASS

- 94 Light color unfiltered raw honey
- 95 Amber color unfiltered raw honey

Comb Honey

CLASS

- 96 Comb honey, 4” square or extracting frame inside a glass or plastic container, one sample

Pure Beeswax Products

CLASS

- 97 Dipped Tapers Natural wax
- 98 Molded Candles
- 99 Beeswax cosmetics

Honeybees Educational Display

A creative, educational display utilizing photographs, posters, signs, and products to interpret a specific subject related to bees.

Subject suggestions are:

- Bee friendly plantings
- Distinguishing honey bees from wasps and other insect-pollinators.
- Honey bee culture and being a beekeeper

CLASS

- 100 Educational Display

Department 04 - Photography

General Information

1. Any exhibit can be moved into a different class if so needed by the Photography Superintendent or judges.
2. The Photography Superintendent may reject any entry not having sufficient merit, and may re-classify where necessary.
3. Subject matter deemed not suitable for display in a family exhibit will be returned to the exhibitor.
4. Permission should be requested of all recognizable people in photographs.
5. Judging will be by qualified photography judges.
6. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
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2. Entries must be original works of the exhibitor and must have been photographed since the previous Big Sky Country State Fair date.
3. Photography entries either must be in a frame with NO glass or secured on a foam board.
4. ALLOWED ENTRY SIZES:
 - 6x 8", 8" x 10" & 11" x 14" prints
 - 4" x 6" are only allowed in Division 3-Mobile Device
5. To assist with safe displaying of frames, please securely apply the back of the artwork with hanging hardware appropriate to the size and weight of the display.
6. Photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor but

may be finished commercially.

7. Videography Rules— Length no longer than 60 seconds, Present: 1080p, Format H.2.64 mp4, File: Name__Fair2023_Title_Division#_Class#—Must be emailed to photographer superintendent by July 12th. NO late entries will be accepted.
8. All Photos may be submitted digitally or by print. Digital Entries must be sent in to photographer superintendent by July 12th. NO late entries will be accepted. JPEG or TIFF files only.
9. Exhibitor's name, address, and phone number, title of entry, class #, and Film or Digital must be on the back of the print.
Example: John Doe
123 Elm St
555-555-5555
"Sunrise over the Mountains"
Class #04 Landscape
Film

DIVISION 1 – DIGITAL AND FILM, COLOR & BLACK & WHITE CLASS

- 01 PEOPLE – a posed or candid photo of a person where the person is the focus of the image.
- 02 ANIMALS – pets, farm animals, wildlife, etc.
- 03 LANDSCAPE – depicts natural scenery, mountains, fields, nature, water, flowers, etc.
- 04 ARCHITECTURAL – a structure, such as a building or bridge that is the focal point, includes cityscapes.
- 05 CLOSEUP/MACRO – the subject is photographed at a very close range and is clearly defined and recognizable.
- 06 ACTION – the focal point is a moving object; includes sports.
- 07 PHOTOJOURNALISM – depicts a newsworthy event portrayed in a timely, objective/impartial or narrative manner.
- 08 STILL LIFE – images where the focus is inanimate objects which are found or arranged, but not close-ups. This could include food, vessels, clothing, photographed diorama setups, flower arrangements and farm equipment.
- 09 OTHER-photography not listed

DIVISION 2– OPEN CLASS

- 10 DIGITALLY ENHANCED PHOTOGRAPHY- 10 DIGITALLY ENHANCED PHOTOGRAPHY – images produced using non-traditional or alternative photo processes, or images that have been significantly altered in the camera, darkroom or with computer editing. Examples can include but are not limited to photo emulsion lifts, alternative image transfers, hand-colored/tinted/manipulated photos, pinhole photographs and heavily edit images using image software. Also includes any photos printed on any media other than paper, such as metal, wood, etc.
- 11 LARGE PRINT PHOTOGRAPHY – 20" x 24"

DIVISION 3— MOBILE DEVICE PHOTOGRAPHY

Rules:

1. Do not enter mobile photography in any other divisions.
2. Will include photographers of any ages and abilities. A photo lab can let you know what size your image will clearly print as an enlargement. Please identify what type of mobile device your image has been taken with. **4x6 ONLY**

CLASS

- 12 SELFIE—take a picture of yourself with an interesting background
- 13 CUTE KID— images of children that are memorable, fun or overall image is extremely endearing.
- 14 CUTE PET— images of pet(s) that are memorable, fun or overall extremely endearing.
- 15 BOKEH— in the image the background is blurry with lights and the subject in the foreground in focus
- 16 Other- mobile photography not listed

DIVISION 4—THEME PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS

- 17 *WHERE MEMORIES ARE MADE* – Any photo taken of a place where memories are made.–
- 18 *THE SKY IS THE LIMIT* – Any photo that includes the sky. (Sunsets, sunrises, etc.)
- 19 *BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS*—Any photo of flowers.
- 20 *MONTANA* – Any photo that captures the beauty of Montana.
- 21 *WESTERN LIFESTYLE*— Any photo of western culture. (Cowboys, Ranching, Horses, Cattle, etc.)
- 22 *ASTRO PHOTOGRAPHY* - Images of astronomical objects, celestial events, or of the night sky.

Department 05 - Quilting

Department Rules

1. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Limit of two (2) entries per class per exhibitor.
3. Kits may be used, but “KIT” must be specified on the entry tag.
4. Exhibits should be clean and ready for exhibiting or they will not be accepted.
5. Exhibits previously entered in Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.
6. Articles exhibited and also available for sale to the public must have a sale card available through the Department Superintendent. No self-made signage of any kind allowed. No other advertising is allowed in the area. Sale must take place after completion of Fair.
7. Judging will be by qualified quilting judges.
8. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
9. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on **Monday, July 22, 12pm-5pm**. **This is strictly enforced as there is a check-out process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until Check-Out on Monday.** Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
10. All participants in Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations and complying with all policies therein.

AGE/ABILITY (age as of January 1)

- Youth 7 Years & Under
- Youth 8-12 Years

- Youth 13-17 Years
- Adult Novice (Little or no experience)
- Adult Intermediate (Some experience, additional training, no sales, etc.)
- Adult Advanced (Experienced, award winners, sales, etc)
- Special Needs (all ages)

DIVISION 1 – BED QUILTS (65” & OVER)

CLASS

- 01 Hand pieced, hand quilted bed quilt
- 02 Machine pieced, hand quilted bed quilt
- 03 Machine pieced, machine quilted by self bed quilt
- 04 Machine pieced, commercially quilted bed quilt (provide name of quilter)
- 05 Bed quilt, appliquéd
- 06 Bed quilt, produced by a group
- 07 Bed quilt, other than listed

DIVISION 2 – LAP QUILTS (45” – 65”)

- 08 Hand pieced, hand quilted lap quilt
- 09 Machine pieced, hand quilted lap quilt
- 10 Machine pieced, machine quilted by self lap quilt
- 11 Machine pieced, commercially quilted lap quilt (provide name of quilter)
- 12 Lap quilt, produced by a group
- 13 Lap quilt, other than listed

DIVISION 3 – CRIB/MINIATURE QUILTS (45” & UNDER)

- 14 Hand pieced, hand quilted crib/mini quilt
- 15 Machine pieced, hand quilted crib/mini quilt
- 16 Machine pieced, machine quilted by self crib/mini quilt
- 17 Machine pieced, commercially quilted crib/mini quilt (provide name of quilter)
- 18 Crib/mini quilt, other than listed

DIVISION 4 – QUILTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- 19 Hand pieced, hand quilted household item
- 20 Machine pieced, hand quilted household item
- 21 Machine pieced, machine quilted by self household item
- 22 Machine pieced, commercially quilted household item (provide name of quilter)
- 23 Quilted household item, other than listed

DIVISION 5— ART QUILTS

A creative visual work that is layered and stitched

CLASS

- 24 Hand pieced, hand quilted
- 25 Machine pieced, machine quilted
- 26 Art quilt produced by a group
- 27 Art Quilt other than listed

DIVISION 6— MODERN QUILTS

Modern quilts primarily function and inspire modern design. Modern quilters work in several ways, but several characteristics often appear, which may help identify a modern quilt. These include, but are not limited to: the use of bold colors, prints, high contrast and greater areas of solid colors. Improvisational piecing, minimal and small expansive negative space and alternate grid work. Modern Traditional or updating of classic quilt designs is also often seen in Modern Quilts.

CLASS

- 28 Hand pieced, hand quilted
- 29 Machine pieced, machine quilted
- 30 Modern quilt produced by a group
- 31 Modern Quilt other than listed

DIVISION 7— 56 COUNTY QUILTS SPECIAL CONTEST

Awards:

- 1st Place \$350
- 2nd Place \$200
- 3rd Place \$100

Rules:

1. Open to bed quilts 65" and over only.
2. **Entry deadline is July 1, 2023.** If we receive multiple entry forms from the same county, we will inform subsequent entrants.
3. Entries must be the work of exhibitor listed on the entry form.
4. Quilts must be clean and ready for exhibiting.
5. Quilts previously entered into Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.
6. All participants in Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations and complying with all policies therein. These will be available online after April 1 at 406StateFair.com.
7. **Quilts need to arrive on or before Monday, July 17, 2023.**
8. Shipping information:
 - a. Ship to: **BSCSF 56 County Quilts
c/o Gallatin County Fairgrounds
901 N Black
Bozeman MT 59715**
 - b. Include a copy of your entry form and your return address label.
9. BSCSF will not pay for return shipping of quilts by UPS Ground during the week following BSCSF. Please send UPS return label if you want quilt shipped back.
10. BSCSF is not responsible for any damage to quilts in shipping or on display. Every effort possible will be made to care for quilts while on display during BSCSF.
11. For exhibitors that are close enough to deliver their quilt, please bring your quilt to the Gallatin County Fairgrounds Office, 901 N Black in Bozeman by Monday, July 17th at 11-6 pm.
12. People Choice voting will occur throughout Fair week.
13. Winners will be notified by contacting the entrant. Checks will be distributed via US Mail to prize winners.
14. Quilts will be displayed from the ceiling throughout the Fair.
15. The "56 County Quilts" display will be monitored for the entirety of the Fair, 11 am-10pm; buildings are locked at night.
16. Check-Out is Monday, July 24, 2-7pm for those that delivered their quilts.

CLASS

01 56 County Quilts Entry

Department 06 - Textiles

General Rules for Textiles:

1. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Limit of two (2) entries per class per exhibitor.
3. Kits may be used, but "KIT" must be specified on the entry tag.
4. Exhibits should be clean and ready for exhibiting or they will not be accepted.
5. Exhibits previously entered in Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.
6. Fabric crafts can easily overlap with Creative Arts. If the emphasis for your piece is the artistic quality, enter it in Creative Arts. If the emphasis is the needlework quality, enter it in Textiles. Superintendents can help determine the appropriate department.
7. Articles exhibited and also available for sale to the public must have a sale card available through the Department Superintendent. No self-made signage of any kind allowed.

No other advertising is allowed in the area. Sale must take place after completion of Fair.

8. Judging will be by qualified needlework judges.
9. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
10. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on **Monday, July 22, 12pm-5pm. This is strictly enforced as there is a check-out process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until Check-Out on Monday.** Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
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DIVISION 1 – SEWING**CLASS**

- 01 Sewn Household Item (pillow cases, napkins, pot holders)
- 02 Sewn Adult Clothing
- 03 Sewn Baby/Child Clothing
- 04 Sewn Holiday Crafts (ornament, wreath, wall hanging)
- 05 Sewing/Crafts, other than listed

DIVISION 2 – CROCHETING**CLASS**

- 06 Crocheted Household Item (doily, potholder)
- 07 Crocheted Blanket
- 08 Crocheted Adult Clothing
- 09 Crocheted Baby/Child Clothing
- 10 Crocheted, other than listed

DIVISION 3 - KNITTING**CLASS**

- 11 Hand Knit Household Item (doily, potholder)
- 12 Hand Knit Blanket
- 13 Hand Knit Adult Clothing
- 14 Hand Knit Baby/Child Clothing
- 15 Hand Knit, other than listed

DIVISION 4 – HANDHELD NEEDLE**CLASS**

- 16 Embroidery (Brazilian, etc)
- 17 Needlepoint
- 18 Appliqué
- 19 Cross Stitch
- 20 Beaded Stitchery
- 21 Handheld Needle, other than listed

DIVISION 5 – OTHER TEXTILES**CLASS**

- 22 Hand Woven Items
- 23 Hand Spun Items
- 24 Felted Items
- 25 Other Textiles, other than listed



**2024 BIG SKY COUNTRY STATE FAIR
COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS ENTRY FORM**
(One Exhibitor per Entry Form Please)

Indoor Open Class Competitive Exhibits deadline: July 13, 2024 *No Late Entries

PRINT EXHIBITOR'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DEADLINES: **Online Entries:** July 13, 12pm at *406StateFair.com*
Paper Entries: July 10, by 5pm-mail, deliver or fax to Fairgrounds Office
Late Entries: No late entries

<p>AGE/ABILITY (Note: Refer to Age/Ability for Each Department)</p> <p>___ 01 Youth 7 Years & Under Age _____</p> <p>___ 02 Youth 8-12 Years Age _____</p> <p>___ 03 Youth 13-17 Years Age _____</p> <p>___ 04 Adult Novice (Little or no experience)</p> <p>___ 05 Adult Intermediate (Some experience, additional training, no sales, etc.)</p> <p>___ 06 Adult Advanced (Experienced, award winners, sales, etc.)</p> <p>___ 07 Special Needs</p> <p>___ 08 All Youth Combined</p> <p>___ 09 All Adults Combined</p> <p>___ 10 No Age Distinction</p>	<p>DEPARTMENT CODES</p> <p>01 Culinary Arts</p> <p>02 Creative Fine Arts</p> <p>03 Horticulture</p> <p>04 Photography</p> <p>05 Quilting</p> <p>06 Textiles</p>
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DEPT CODE	DIVISION NUMBER	CLASS NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OR TITLE OF ITEM (Not Class Name) <i>Limit of two (2) Entries/Exhibitor/Class unless otherwise specified</i>	TAG # (Staff Use Only)

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ABOVE ENTRIES FOR THE BIG SKY COUNTRY STATE FAIR, SUBJECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EACH OF THE CLASSES.

Exhibitor shall be responsible for any damages to county property and shall assume all responsibility for damages or injuries to persons and/or property at the event. Exhibitor also agrees to protect and defend the County and its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees and to hold them harmless from and against any and all claims, demands and causes of action of any nature whatsoever arising from the acts of omissions of Exhibitor and or its agents, employees or representatives under this Agreement.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge all rules and regulations and hereby release Big Sky Country State Fair from any liability from loss or damage to article while said article is displayed at the Fair. Nor will Big Sky Country State Fair be held responsible for the safe return of any exhibit to owner.

X _____
 (Signature of Exhibitor or Parent/Guardian if Exhibitor is under 18 years of age)

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ENTER ONLINE, PLEASE MAIL, FAX OR DELIVER THIS FORM TO:

Big Sky Country State Fair, 901 N Black, Bozeman, MT 59715

PHONE: (406) 582-3270 **FAX:** (406) 582-3273 **EMAIL:** fairgrounds@gallatin.mt.gov

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