

# COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

## HANDWORK & NEEDLEWORK INFORMATION GUIDE

Department I



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### EXHIBIT LOCATION | IRWIN BUILDING

**[For mail-in instructions, please review the Competitive Exhibits General Information Document \(click here to view\)](#)**

Credentials are not required to enter the Fairgrounds. Entrants drive to their respective exhibit building, enter items, and leave to accommodate others.

#### **Exhibit Entry:**

Friday, August 7, 11 am – 7 pm

Saturday, August 8, 11 am – 7 pm

#### **Exhibit Pick-up:**

Wednesday, September 9, 1 pm – 6 pm

Saturday, September 12, 1 pm – 6 pm

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Enter only once per class. Entries must have been completed within the last year, appear new, and be clean. Soiled, smelly, or wet items will be disqualified. Entries must be properly finished: framed to hang, stuffed, blocked, and hemmed.

Embroidery classes use the same framing requirements as Art, except they need not be under glass. Attach a sleeve to the back top edge of quilted wall hangings, or superintendent may fold and pin them for display. All doilies and collars are to be blocked, starched and mounted on a contrasting color foam-core board with pins.

#### **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

- Overall appearance - 10 pts
- Workmanship - 15 pts
- Finishing - 10 pts.
- Difficulty - 10 pts

***Bonus for originality 5 pts. (i.e. 1 or 2 pts. For changing the color scheme or altering a pattern in some way – 4 or 5 pts. For complete original design.)***

All divisions are open to all ages. If you are entering as a Junior or Professional, place the appropriate letter on the entry form under sub-category. A professional is someone who sells or instructs.

### **Sub-Categories:**

- A: Junior, ages 12 and under
- B: Junior, ages 13 through 17
- P: Professional

If sub-category is not specified, entry will be classified as OPEN.

**“New Professional Policy”** New in 2026, professional exhibitors (judged in professional categories) may display their professional business card beside one entry. Exhibits Attendants will be instructed to direct attention to cards when fairgoers are interested in purchasing entries.

*Entries without entrant contact/ mailing information will be automatically disqualified and not judged.*

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## **DIVISION 01: CROCHET - AFGHANS**

### **Class:**

#### **Afghans under 40”x50” perimeter under 180”01 Mandala**

- 01 Corner to Corner
- 02 Mandala
- 03 Mosaic
- 04 Ripple
- 05 Shell
- 06 Squares
- 07 Tunisian
- 08 Scrap
- 09 Holiday/Seasonal
- 10 Other

#### **Afghans over 40”x50” and perimeter over 180”**

- 11 Corner to Corner
- 12 Mandala
- 13 Mosaic
- 14 Ripple
- 15 Shell
- 16 Squares
- 17 Tunisian
- 18 Scrap
- 19 Holiday/Seasonal
- 20 Other

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## **DIVISION 02: CROCHET – ACCESSORIES**

### **Class:**

- 01 Collar
- 02 Cowl
- 03 Footwear
- 04 Hat
- 05 Headband
- 06 Jewelry
- 07 Mittens/Gloves Children's
- 08 Mittens/Gloves Adult's
- 09 Purse/Bag
- 10 Scarf
- 11 Other

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## **DIVISION 03: CROCHET – APPAREL**

### **Class:**

- 01 Capes, Shawls, Ponchos
- 02 Cardigan/Jacket
- 03 Dresses
- 04 Lace Apparel
- 05 Pullover w/ Sleeves
- 06 Pullover, Sleeveless, vest, tank
- 07 Other

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## **DIVISION 04: CROCHET - BABY ITEMS**

### **Class:**

- 01 Baby Afghan
  - 02 Cap
  - 03 Cardigan
  - 04 Dress
  - 05 Footwear
  - 06 Pullover w/ Sleeves
  - 07 Set – Any combo of above classes
  - 08 Other
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## **DIVISION 05: CROCHET - CENTERPIECES**

### **Class:**

#### **Centerpieces / Doilies under 12”**

- 01 Edges only
- 02 Holiday/Seasonal Theme
- 03 Solid Crochet with Thread
- 04 Solid Crochet with Yarn
- 05 Other

#### **Centerpieces/ Doilies over 12”**

- 06 Edges only
- 07 Holiday/Seasonal Theme
- 08 Solid Crochet with Thread
- 09 Solid Crochet with Yarn
- 10 Other

#### **Mandala over 14” – On Hoop**

- 11 Holiday/Seasonal Theme
  - 12 Solid Crochet with Thread
  - 13 Solid Crochet with Yarn
  - 14 Other
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## DIVISION 06: CROCHET - HOUSEHOLD GOODS OR HOLIDAY

**Class:**

### Household Goods – Other

- 01 Containers, Baskets and Dispensers
- 02 Lace – Household
- 03 Miniature 3" or less
- 04 Pillowcase
- 05 Pillows
- 06 Rug
- 07 Scrubbie
- 08 Wall Hanging
- 09 Other

### Tableclothes

- 10 Filet
- 11 Other

### Holiday Theme / Seasonal

- 12 Ornaments, Set of Three or More
- 13 Miniature 3" or less
- 14 Stocking
- 15 Holiday Collection or Set
- 16 Other

### Kitchen Items

- 17 Dishcloth
  - 18 Potholder
  - 19 Towels
  - 20 Other
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## DIVISION 07: CROCHET TOYS

**Class:**

- 01 Amigurumi (size 3-6")
  - 02 Amigurumi (size 6-12")
  - 03 Amigurumi (size over 12")
  - 04 Dolls/People
  - 05 Miniature 3" or less
  - 06 Stuffed Toys – Animals
  - 07 Stuffed Toys – Plants
  - 08 Stuffed Toys – Cartoon Character/Creatures
  - 09 Stuffed Toys – Alaska Animals
  - 10 Misc. Objects or sets
  - 11 Other
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## DIVISION 08: HAND KNITTING – ACCESSORIES

### Class:

- 01 Beaded Accessory
- 02 Cowl or Smoke Ring
- 03 Cowl Kerchief
- 04 Hat
- 05 Headband
- 06 Mittens or Gloves
- 07 Purse or Bag
- 08 Scarf
- 09 Scarflet
- 10 Shawl or Wrap
- 11 Slippers
- 12 Socks – Tube
- 13 Socks – Turned Heel
- 14 Sock a month, 12 pairs
- 15 Set – any Combo from Division
- 16 Other

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## DIVISION 09: HAND KNITTING - APPAREL

### Class:

- 01 Beaded Apparel
- 02 Cardigan - Men's
- 03 Cardigan – Men's Cable
- 04 Cardigan – Men's Colorwork
- 05 Cardigan - Women's
- 06 Cardigan – Women's Cable
- 07 Cardigan – Women's Colorwork
- 08 Pullover w/ sleeves - Men's
- 09 Pullover w/sleeves – Men's Cable
- 10 Pullover w/sleeves – Men's Colorwork
- 11 Pullover w/ sleeves - Women's
- 12 Pullover w/sleeves – Women's Cable
- 13 Pullover w/sleeves – Women's Colorwork
- 14 Vest (sleeveless) - Men's
- 15 Vest (sleeveless) – Men's Cable
- 16 Vest (sleeveless) – Men's Colorwork
- 17 Vest (sleeveless) - Women's
- 18 Vest (sleeveless) – Women's Cable
- 19 Vest (sleeveless) – Women's Colorwork
- 20 Lace apparel
- 21 Dress
- 22 Other

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## DIVISION 10: HAND KNITTING - BABY & CHILDREN'S ITEMS

### Class:

- 01 Baby Afghan
  - 02 Cap, baby
  - 03 Dress
  - 04 Footwear
  - 05 Hat, children
  - 06 Sweater, baby
  - 07 Sweater, child
  - 08 Sweater, cap, bootie set
  - 09 Other
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## DIVISION 11: HAND KNITTING - OTHER

### Class:

- 01 Afghans
  - 02 Amigurumi
  - 03 Bookmark
  - 04 Doll clothes
  - 05 Household Item
  - 06 Lace – Household Item
  - 07 Miniature 3" or less
  - 08 Pillows
  - 09 Toys
  - 10 Other
- Holiday Theme / Seasonal**
- 11 Hat
  - 12 Ornaments, Set of Three or More
  - 13 Holiday Stocking
  - 14 Centerpiece
  - 15 Miniature 3" or less
  - 16 Other
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## DIVISION 12: KNOOKING

### Class:

- 01 Apparel
  - 02 Household
  - 03 Other
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## **DIVISION 13: LOOM OR MACHINE KNITTING**

### **Class:**

- 01 Apparel
  - 02 Household
  - 03 Other
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## **DIVISION 14: EMBROIDERY**

### **Class:**

- 01 Beading
  - 02 Crazy Quilting
  - 03 Brazilian
  - 04 Digitized from photo (include photo)
  - 05 Hardanger
  - 06 Crewel Work
  - 07 Machine embroidered item
  - 08 Needlepoint
  - 09 Metal / Goldwork
  - 10 Miniature 3" or less
  - 11 Silk Ribbon
  - 12 Thread Painting
  - 13 Other
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## **DIVISION 15: COUNTED CROSS STITCH - PICTURES**

### **Class:**

- 01 Animals, birds, floral scenes
  - 02 Holiday/Seasonal
  - 03 People
  - 04 Sampler
  - 05 Set of Framed Pictures – any theme
  - 06 Other
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## DIVISION 16: COUNTED CROSS STITCH - OTHER

### Class:

- 01 Centerpieces
- 02 Miniature 3" or less
- 03 Pillowcases
- 04 Pillows
- 05 Quilt

### Holiday Theme

- 06 Miniature 3" or less
  - 07 Ornaments
  - 08 Stockings
  - 09 Other
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## DIVISION 17: APPLIQUE

### Class:

- 01 Byhand
  - 02 By machine
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## DIVISION 18: LATCH HOOK / TRADITIONAL RUG HOOKING / WOOL WORK

### Class:

- 01 Miniature 3" or less
  - 02 Ornaments
  - 03 Pillow
  - 04 Rug
  - 05 Table Runner
  - 06 Wall Hanging
  - 07 Other
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## **DIVISION 19: PLASTIC CANVAS**

### **Class:**

- 01 Centerpiece
  - 02 Holiday/Seasonal
  - 03 Miniature 3" or less
  - 04 Tissue Box Holder
  - 05 Toys
  - 06 Other
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## **DIVISION 20: TATTING**

### **Class:**

- 01 Applique
  - 02 Edges
  - 03 Household item
  - 04 Garment embellishment
  - 05 Wearables
  - 06 Other
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## **DIVISION 21: PROJECTS FROM NON-TRADITIONAL OR RECYCLED MATERIALS**

### **Class:**

- 01 Accessories
  - 02 Apparel
  - 03 Household
  - 04 Other
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## **DIVISION 22: NOVICE**

### **Class:**

- 01 Any first time counted stitch project
  - 02 Any first time Crochet Project
  - 03 Any first time Embroidery Project
  - 04 Any first time Knit Project
  - 05 Any first time Project
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## **DIVISION 23: ORIGINAL DESIGN**

*No pattern used.*

### **Class:**

- 01 Crochet
  - 02 Embroidery
  - 03 Knit
  - 04 Mixed Media
  - 05 Project with the best use of Color
  - 06 Other
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## **DIVISION 24: ALASKA THEMED**

### **Class:**

- 01 Crochet
  - 02 Embroidery
  - 03 Knit
  - 04 Project using an Alaskan Designer Pattern, bring pattern
  - 05 Other
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## **DIVISION 25: 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALASKA STATE FAIR**

Use a vintage 1930's pattern to make a project to show Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Fair!

### **Class:**

- 01 Crochet
  - 02 Embroidery / Needlework
  - 03 Knit
  - 04 Latch Hook / Rug Making / Woolwork
  - 05 Cross Stitch
  - 06 Tatting
  - 07 Other
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## DIVISION 26: 250<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY OF OUR NATION

Show your love of our country in a Red, White & Blue way.

### Class:

- 01 Crochet
  - 02 Embroidery / Needlework
  - 03 Knit
  - 04 Latch Hook / Rug Making / Woolwork
  - 05 Cross Stitch
  - 06 Tatting
  - 07 Other
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## SPECIAL AWARDS - HANDWORK & NEEDLEWORK

Outstanding entries will be recognized by these generous donors



**Fiber N' Ice**

**Shawnalee Whitney Award**

Outstanding Junior Exhibitor

