

STARR COUNTY FAIR ADULT & SR. CITIZEN ARTS & CRAFTS DIVISION 2012

(updated 12/3/11)

Wednesday, February 22	4:00-6:00 p.m. 6:30-8:00 p.m.	Acceptance of entries at coliseum Judging of entries
Thursday, February 23	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	All entries to be on display
Friday, February 24	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 4:00-6:00 p.m.	All entries to be on display Removal of items
Saturday, February 25	?:00 p.m.** Time to be announced (Grand & Reserve Champions)	Parade of Champions

The Adult Arts and Crafts Division will be divided into two divisions: Adults (18 years of age and up) and Adults at Senior Citizen Centers. All participants must reside in Starr County. Each division will have thirteen categories:

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE 13 ADULT & SENIOR CITIZEN CATEGORIES:

Category 1	Needlework (needlepoint, embroidery)
Category 2	Crochet & Knit
Category 3	Quilts & quilted items
Category 4	Garments (items of clothing)
Category 5	Machine sewn items (not clothing)
Category 6	Hand sewn/hand decorated items
Category 7	Home accessories
Category 8	Wall and door decorations
Category 9	Plastic canvas craft
Category 10	Dolls
Category 11	Woven baskets/plastic craft baskets or purses
Category 12	Popsicle stick craft/woodwork
Category 13	Miscellaneous

NOTE: The Arts & Crafts Division Chair reserves the right to close some categories and open new categories as needed to keep any category from being too full or too scant. (examples: If there are no machine sewn items entered, Category 5 could become leather craft or any other craft better represented by entries that do not fit in any other category. Baskets and purses may be divided into two categories if needed)

1. All items will be accepted from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. No entries will be accepted after designated hours unless special arrangements are made. All articles must be removed between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Friday.

2. All entries must be entirely the work of the person entering the exhibit, and items entered **must have been made during the past year** (since the previous fair) and **never before entered**. Each exhibitor is limited **to one entry per category, and may enter as many as five categories**. There will be a \$2.00 fee charged for each item entered.
3. Entries should have a card attached to the lower left hand corner of the article with the name of the person entering, the name of the center (if applicable), and the category entered. The entrant may include his/her age (optional), hours spent on the project, and how the craft was constructed (if from a kit, etc.)
4. Activity Directors for each center and the committee chairperson will use all diligence and every reasonable precaution to insure safety of all items after their arrival and during the exhibition, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, or for articles that are left after 6:00 p.m. on Friday.
5. All entries will be tagged properly upon arriving at the coliseum. Entry numbers will be issued to each participant, and these will be securely attached to entries where they can be easily seen. Activity Directors and the committee chair will be responsible for seeing that entries are registered and tagged and that information required is included. After being categorized, entries will be arranged for judging and display.
6. Judging criteria will be **general appearance, time spent, creativity, and skill mastered**. Judging will be done by a panel of judges who will award a ribbon to each entry and select a Top Winner and Runner-up from each category. They will then select a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the Adult Division and a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the Senior Citizen Center adults. Grand Champions will be selected from among all the top winners. Reserve Champions will be selected from the remaining top winners and the runner-up in the Grand Champion category.
7. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion winners in both divisions will be required to attend the Parade of Champions on Saturday and should plan to bring their winning craft to show at the Parade of Champions. Crafts will not be auctioned but may be sold privately.
8. The judging session will be closed to everyone except the Adult Arts and Crafts Committee. No one except the chairman will communicate with the judges during the time they are deliberating.
9. **ALL JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL, AS ARE THOSE OF THE DIVISION CHAIR.**

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