Textile Arts

Join the Textile Arts Department in celebrating *"Whatever Your Flavor,"* at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair

Textile arts exhibits are displayed along with other departments of Competitive Exhibits in the 4H / FFA Fieldhouse

The most efficient way to enter your exhibits is online. Instructions are found on the website, www.statefair.org. For directions on entering by mail or in-person go to the entry information section in this book.

Exhibits may be delivered to the fairgrounds at GATE 5, using NORTH & WEST DOORS OF THE 4H/FFA Fieldhouse on designated entry days or by shipping. See **Shipping Options** for information on mailing or shipping exhibits.

Textile Arts Entry Book Index

Textile Arts Department
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Textile Arts is the use of fibers (plant, animal & synthetic), yarns or fabrics to construct practical or decorative items.

The NSF Textile Arts Department includes:
- **Divisions 5201 to 5208** based on traditional textile art techniques and "new" trends. In most cases a pattern (beginning, intermediate or advanced) guides the construction of the item.
- **Division 5209** Junior & Senior Youth (5-18) and **Division 5210** (senior adult 65 & older) offer classes for traditional techniques.
- **Division 5211** Senior Living Community
- **Division 5291** Best in County Textile Arts Contest. Each county may enter their one top county fair textile arts exhibit in the contest.

New in 2023

- ***All exhibits must be ready to be used by the individual or in the home. No unfinished exhibits will be allowed.***
- TEXTILE ARTS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE 4H / FFA FIELDHOUSE, DELIVERY GATE 5, using the NORTH & WEST DOORS.
- Division 5211, Senior Living Community Classes 1101- 1108
- Some Divisions have changed the class Number &/or Description, please be observant of numbers &/or description changes when entering.
- Div 5208 is now named Creative Fiber Art Technique (CFAT) & redesigned.
- NEW CLASSES, 5206-0646,/ 5208- 0832, 0843, 0845, 0849, 0850, 0851, 0852,0853, 0854, 0855,/

  5209- 0908, 0909, 0910, 0918, 0919, & 0920
- Div 5202-0212, has quantity changes.
- NEW LOCATION: enter **GATE 5**, using **NORTH & WEST DOORS** OF THE **4H/FFA Fieldhouse**
- Senior Adult: **Information Card IS REQUIRED.**
- Senior Adult: An exhibitor can enter Age Group 65 – 75, **OR** Age Group 76 and Older, ***NOT BOTH GROUPS.***
- **A PREPAID RETURN LABEL from USPS, FedEx or UPS must be included with each entry mailed or shipped for return.**
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Important Dates

Entry Deadline: Tues, Aug 8th, midnight
Exhibit Delivery: Wed, Aug 16th, from 3 to 8 pm and Thu, Aug 17th, from 8 am to 3 pm
Exhibit Release**:** Mon, Sept 4th, from 6 to 8 pm, closing night of fair, and Tues, Sept 5th, from 8 am to noon.
Early release is prohibited.

Exhibits not picked during the above designated times or with insufficient payment for return shipment must be retrieved from the NSF Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd, Ste. 200, Grand Island by **Fri, Oct 27th**. *After that, items will be donated to charity.*

Textile Arts Awards: The judge may, but is not required to, award all the ribbons offered in a class (1st through 5th). It is the intention of Fair Management that no premium or distinction of any kind be given to any exhibit deemed unworthy by the judge. The NSF provides the following premiums for classes in the various divisions within Textile Arts:

Place	Competition by Techniques		Best-in-County Contest
	Divisions 5201 through 5210		Division 5291
	premium	ribbon	
1st	$15	blue	$30 and a rosette
2nd	$10	red	$25 and a rosette
3rd	$8	white	$20 and a rosette
4th	-	pink	$15 and a rosette
5th	-	yellow	$10 and a rosette

The NSF provides the following overall awards:

Best of Show overall from Divisions 5201-5210	$55 and rosette
Reserve Best of Show overall from Divisions 5201-5210	$40 and rosette
Best overall exhibit in each Division 5201-5210	$30 and rosette
Reserve Best overall exhibit in each Division 5201-5210	$15 and rosette
Judge's choice award in each Division 5201-5211	$15 and rosette

Judging results will be available at www.statefair.org. Select "Menu"; "Competitions", then click "Open Class Competitive Exhibits".

Textile Arts Department Rules:
It's the exhibitor's responsibility to be familiar with:
- **General Rules & Regulations** – which apply to all NSF departments of Competitive Exhibits
- Specific rules for each department (TA rules listed below).
- Specific rules/guidelines listed in each division.

Additional Rules Specific to Textile Arts Department are:
- All exhibits must be ready to be used by the individual or in the home. **No** _unfinished_ exhibits will be allowed.
- Competition is limited to Nebraska residents.
- With the exception of division 5291 (Best in County Contest), entry of item in a county fair is not a prerequisite.
- All items must be the work of one exhibitor, except for quilted by another person classes (0206, 0209 & 0211 in Division 5202 - Sewing for the Home).
- All items must be clean, odor free, and, in consideration of people with pet allergies, free of pet hair.
- All work must have been completed in the last three years.
- Any item previously entered in the Textile Art Department, or Quilt Department, may not compete again in the Textile Arts Department.
- An exhibitor can enter up to *TWO DIFFERENT* items in the same class. The same item cannot be entered in more than one class.
- The exhibitor selects the division and class for entry. However, the superintendent may move an item to a different class to comply with the class description.
- Youth and senior adults may enter an item in Divisions 5201-5208 or in their respective age-restricted Divisions 5209 (for youth) and 5210 (for senior adults) **but not the same item in both places.**
- Birthdate is required on the entry form for age-restricted classes only, 5209 & 5210. Enter appropriate class based on exhibitor's age as of Jan 1st, 2023.
- Entries using commercial patterns, portions of commercial patterns or replications of other's work are not considered original designs.
- Label exhibits with name and contact information.
- Information Cards (3x5, 4x6, or 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 inch) give the judge details to help them fairly evaluate an exhibit.
- Whether a card is **optional or required** will be noted in each division. Entries being considered for a ribbon placing without a required information card will be lowered one placing.
- Do not include newspaper articles and county ribbons. Include photographs only when requested.
- *Removal of items prior to release time set by the Nebraska State Fair is prohibited and will result in loss of premiums*.

- *Sewing from Home*- All items must be made of three layers (a top, a filling, & a back) held together with thread, string, or machine quilting that goes through all three layers. *Any item with a design that makes it suitable for a wall hanging will not be acceptable in Textile Arts and will need to be entered in the 3-layer wall hanging division in the Quilts department.*

How to Enter – Entry deadline is Tuesday, August 8th, midnight

Exhibitors may purchase $5 Exhibitor Gate Tickets. A maximum of 5 exhibitor tickets per family is allowed. No refunds will be given on any unused or lost tickets. To purchase these tickets, go to https://bit.ly/CEExhibitorTicket and use password CVENT.

Note this year, daily gate admission for Seniors (age 60+) is $5 for any day of the fair. Find additional ticket deals and details at www.statefair.org, "buy tickets".

You have **two** options for entering exhibits.
- **Online Registration:** Entering online is the most time-and-cost-efficient way. Exhibitors can enter all their open class exhibits and order exhibitor tickets (optional) in one session. Online entry begins around July 1st. To enter online: go to www.statefair.org. 1st, click on "Competitions & Participants", 2nd, click on "Competitions", 3rd, click on "Competitive Exhibits."

- **Mail-In or In-Person Registration:** When using mail-in or in-person registration, the exhibitor must use a separate form for each department entered. (Include order for optional tickets on only one of the forms). Eitherprint the entry form from the following hyperlink: **2023 Textile Arts Entry Form** or request form from the Nebraska State Fair Office, Grand Island; phone: 308-382-1620.

Entry Deadline is Tues Aug 8th, midnight.

Entry forms may be:
- Mailed to: Nebraska State Fair Office, PO Box 1387, Grand Island NE, 68802-1387.
  Entry forms MUST be received at the NSF office by Tues August 8th.
- Faxed to: 308-384-1555
  - Hand delivered to: NSF Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd Ste. 200, Grand Island NE, 68801-2200

Guidelines for Entering:
- Enter division and class number for **all** items that you plan to bring. Items not brought to the fair by the deadline they will be deleted.
- Provide a description that gives identifying details to help locate the entry on sight. The description must not exceed 40 characters (letters, numerals, and spaces). Examples of suitable descriptions are listed in italics undereach division/category heading.
- Indicate plans for delivery and pick up of entries.
- *Retain a copy of the entry form. A copy is required with each package mailed/shipped* to Grand Island. For online registration: print either the entry receipt activity report or a packing/loading report. **Package exhibits for other Departments separate with that Departments entry form.**

Delivery Options to the 4H/FFA Fieldhouse – Deadline: Thursday, August 17th, 3 pm

- **In-Person:** Bring exhibit(s) to the 4H / FFA fieldhouse, Gate 5, using the North & West doors, on Wed, Aug 16th, from 3 to 8 pm, or Thu, Aug 17th, from 8 am to 3 pm.
- ☐ **Ship by USPS, UPS, or FedEx:** Refer to the **Shipping Options** for detailed instructions on packaging, where to send exhibits and how to pay for return costs. Note that items sent by mail (USPS) must use the street address and those sent by a delivery service (UPS or FedEx) must use the street address. **See page 21,** Please mail or ship by Aug 8th.

A PREPAID RETURN LABEL from USPS, FedEx or UPS must be included with each entry mailed or shipped for return.

Return Options for Exhibits: *Early release is prohibited.*

- *In-Person: Items can be picked up Mon, Sept 4th, from 6 to 8 pm or Tues, Sept 5th, between 8 am and noon*. You must sign the release list to collect your textile arts entries. If you mailed or shipped exhibits but wish to pick them upin person at the end of the fair, you may do so with identification.

- **Shipping:** Exhibitors who want items returned by mail or a delivery service must make this notation on the entry form enclosed with exhibits. Exhibits will not be accepted or returned by COD. Refer to **Shipping Options** for returninformation.

DIVISION 5201 – SEWING FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
Garments, Accessories & Toys

Guidelines:
- Information card (3x5 or 4x6, or a 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 sheet): *Required in all classes.*
- Hang garments on a sturdy hanger. Place small items in a zipper type bag.

FOR CHILDREN
Examples of descriptions: (1) pink kitty puffy sleeved dress; (2) brown floppy eared furry dog.

Div	Class	
5201	0101	Dress or jumper
5201	0102	Dress: List specific occasion
5201	0103	Jacket or Coat
5201	0104	Outfit (2 or 3 pieces)
5201	0105	Accessory
5201	0106	Toy, stuffed animal, or doll
5201	0107	Doll wardrobe, 2 or more outfits
5201	0109	Other technique, not listed

FOR ADULTS
Examples of descriptions: (1) red lace halter top, long/chiffon/skirt; (2) reversible blue/daisy/print sun hat

Div	Class	
5201	0111	Dress or Jumper
5201	0112	Dress: List specific occasion
5201	0113	Outfit (2 or 3 pieces)
5201	0114	Jacket, coat, or suit
5201	0115	Apron
5201	0116	Bag, purse
5201	0117	Hat
5201	0119	Other technique, not listed

Nebraska State Fair Awards in Division 5201 – Sewing for Children & Adults
- Best in Division- rosette and $30 cash
- Reserve Best in Division- rosette and $15 cash
- Judge's Choice- rosette and $15 cash

DIVISION 5202 SEWING FOR THE HOME
Three-Layer – Two-Layer – Computerized Machine Embroidery - Other

Overall Division 5202 Guidelines:
- Information Card: (3X5, 4X6, or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet of paper) *Required in all classes.*
- Bed Runner: Any length, maximum on width is 36 inches.
- Exhibit must be a decorative or functional item for the home. Unless otherwise indicated the process should involve use of a sewing machine and/or serger.
- The work on the exhibit should be done by exhibitor except for classes 0206, 0209 and 0211, machine quilted by another person.
- Embellishments such as decorative sewing machine stitching, buttons, and trims may be added.
- Hand stitches may be used for finishing or quilting.

THREE-LAYER CATEGORY

All items must be made of three layers (a top, a filling, and a back) held together with thread, string or machine quilting that goes through all three layers. *Any Item with a design that makes it suitable for a wall hanging will not be accepted in this division. Enter three-layer wall hangings in the Quilt Department.*

Guidelines

- Information card (3x5, 4x6, or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet): *Required* for all Classes as stated above.
- For classes 0201–0206 select or design a pattern **specifically** for a long and narrow table runner. Alter the pattern if the item could also be a wall hanging – for example, add triangles or half circles on both ends, alter direction of one-way blocks or add another design feature that makes the design unsuitable for a wall hanging.
- Table runners must be a minimum of 20" in length and a maximum of 30" in width.
- A circular, square, or hexagonal topper must be a minimum of 14" in width (diameter or point to point).
- Three-layer category is for two-dimensional (length & width) items. Three-dimensional items (length, width, & depth/height) should be entered in miscellaneous category, class 0249.
- From a design perspective any item that could hang on a wall will not be accepted.

Classes for THREE-LAYER Category

Examples of descriptions: (1) 22x28 fall print log cabin MQ runner; (2) 4 strip-pieced batik MQ placemats

Div	Class	
5202	0201	Table runner, pieced
5202	0202	Table runner, pieced/appliqued
5202	0203	Table runner, w die/laser cut applique
5202	0204	Table runner, w comp machine emb/stitches
5202	0205	Table runner w hand embroidery
5202	0206	Any table runner *quilted by a 2nd person*. Include person's name on info card.
5202	0207	Table topper, pieced
5202	0208	Table topper w die/laser cut applique
5202	0209	Any topper *quilted by a 2nd person.* Include person's name on info card
5202	0210	Bed runner
5202	0211	Bed runner *quilted by a 2nd person*, Include person's name on info card.
5202	0212	Set of items for kitchen, e.g., set of placemats (2), potholders (2), or hot dish mats, casserole cover (1) or another item (2)
5202	0213	Christmas tree skirt
5202	0219	Other technique, not listed meeting all guidelines

TWO-LAYER CATEGORY

This category is for two-layer items, a front and back with no filling. Items include blankets, throws, coverlets. and wall hangings which may be held together with thread, string or machine quilting. Backing may be flannel, minkie, fleece orother. Computerized machine embroidery will also be accepted in two-layer category. Two-layer tied fleece blankets will not be accepted. See Division 5208 Fiber Arts for wool/wool felt items.

Guideline:

- Information card (3x5 or 4x6 or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet) *Required in all classes.*

Classes for TWO-LAYER Category

Example of a description: 60x70 recy/denim/patch/red back/tied

Div	Class	
5202	0221	Item using heavy material, e.g., jeans, denim, corduroy
5202	0222	Item using lightweight material
5202	0223	Item using knits, terry cloth, e.g., t-shirts, golf towels
5202	0229	Other technique, not listed

COMPUTERIZED MACHINE EMBROIDERY

Guidelines:

- Information card (3x5 or 4x6 or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet) *Required in all classes.*

Include:

- Design/pattern source
- Any editing of the design including changes in thread color
- Stabilizer(s) used
- Kind of thread
- Item, ready-made or constructed by exhibitor
- Other pertinent information.

- Embroidery designs, sometimes called patterns, are created by a technique called digitizing. Embroidery designs/patterns can be purchased or created by exhibitor with embroidery digitizing software.
- Classes 0231-0237 are for items embellished using a computerized sewing-embroidery machine. The item maybe ready-made or constructed by exhibitor.
- When a computerized embroidery design is combined with other techniques the item should be entered in the appropriate division/class. For example, a quilted table runner combining fabric blocks with computerized embroidered blocks should be entered in the 3-layer category (class 0204).

Classes for COMPUTERIZED MACHINE EMBROIDERY
Examples of descriptions: (1) duck app on blue infant t-shirt, (2) happy snowman on white towel

Div	Class	
5202	0230	Table Runner: Embroidery Only
5202	0231	Table Runner: Applique and Embroidery
5202	0232	Table Topper: Embroidery Only
5202	0233	Table Topper: Laser Cut Applique and Embroidery
5202	0234	Wall Hanging: Small, Embroidery Only
5202	0235	Wall Hanging: Small Applique and Embroidery
5202	0236	Wall Hanging: Large, Embroidery Only
5202	0237	Wall Hanging: Large, Applique and Embroidery
5202	0238	Tea Towels (2 or more)
5202	0239	Clothing Article
5202	0240	Accessory
5202	0241	Original design (digitized by exhibitor) on item
5202	0242	In-the-Hoop item, e.g., key chains, tags, small bags, towel toppers, or stuffies
5202	0243	3-D items constructed totally from computer machines embroidered components
5202	0244	Other technique, not listed

MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY *This category is for items that do not fit in any of the above classes, (0201-0240)*

Div   Class
Examples of descriptions: (1) 16x38 pillow w/pre-cut valentine app, (2) oval coiled pastel basket w/handles.

Div	Class	
5202	0261	Pillowcases, pair with cuff
5202	0262	Decorative stuffed animal/doll
5202	0263	Pillow
5202	0264	Pillow, with die or laser cut applique
5202	0265	Fabric basket, any size, any technique
5202	0266	Fabric basket, (no handles) any size, any technique
5202	0267	Accessory made from jelly roll
5202	0268	3-D item, min 16 in diameter or point-to-point. A 3-dimensional item has width, length and depth/height. (i.e., the fold'n stitch wreaths, centerpieces, or toppers)
5202	0270	Other technique, not listed

Nebraska State Fair Awards in Division 5202 – Sewing for the Home
- Best in Division- rosette and $30 cash
- Reserve Best in Division- rosette and $15 cash
- Judge's Choice- rosette and $15 cash

DIVISION 5203 - CROCHET

Guidelines:
- Crocheted items using plastic or non-fiber material should be entered in FINE ARTS.
- Information card (3x5 or 4x6 or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet) *Required in all classes*

Include:
- Fiber content of yarn(s) and % of each
- Hook size
- Gauge
- Weight of yarn
- Pattern stitch
- Other pertinent information

- Yarn may be one color, variegated or two or more colors.
- Beads may be incorporated into any item.
- All items crocheted then felted, should be entered in Division 5207, Weaving, Spinning & Felting.

GARMENTS
Examples of descriptions: (1) child blue/hooded/jacket w/buttons, (2) gray men's vest w/blue/trim/buttons

Div	Class	
5203	0301	Infant or child's garment
5303	0302	Adult's jacket, sweater, or vest
5203	0309	Other technique, not listed

ACCESSORIES
Examples of descriptions: (1) sc blue socks w/red/toe/heel/cuff; (2) 70" royal blue chevron lace scarf

Div	Class	
5203	0311	Infant or child's, 2 or more articles, e.g., bonnet, cap, hat, booties, shoes or other
5203	0312	Shawl, stole, shrug, poncho
5203	0313	Hat, cap
5203	0314	Headband or warmers (e.g., ear, arm, neck, or leg)
5203	0315	Gloves or mittens
5203	0316	Socks or slippers
5203	0317	Scarf
5203	0319	Other technique, not listed (if small, minimum of 6)

AFGHANS / THROWS
Examples of descriptions: (1) 60x72 multi-color granny square afghan, (2) 30x40 red ribbed wh-chair lap robe

Div	Class	
5203	0321	Child afghan/throw
5203	0322	Adult afghan
5203	0323	Throw or lap robe
5203	0329	Other technique, not listed

FOR THE HOME – Functional or Decorative
Examples of descriptions: (1) ecru lacy/thread 12 in doily, (2) gray puff/diamond pillow cover

Div	Class	
5203	0331	Kitchen group – minimum of 3 items
5203	0332	Doily or centerpiece, up to 10 in diameter, up to 10 in diameter, single stitch type
5203	0333	Doily or centerpiece, up to 10 in diameter, multiple stitch type, list stitches on info card
5203	0334	Doily or centerpiece, 11-18 in diameter, single stitch type
5203	0335	Doily or centerpiece, 11-18 in diameter, multiple stitch type, list stitches on info card
5203	0336	Doily or centerpiece, over 18 in diameter, single stitch type
5203	0337	Doily or centerpiece, over 18 in diameter, multiple stitch type, list stitches on info card
5203	0338	Table Covering, 24 in or more in diameter.
5203	0339	Bed Linens, such as spreads, coverlet, bed runner
5203	0340	Bed Accessories, such as pillow, pillowcases (2), shams (2).
5203	0341	Crocheted edging (1 inch or wider) attached to item.
5203	0342	Doll or Doll group, may use purchased figure(s).
5203	0343	Animal or Animal group.
5203	0344	Other technique, not listed

MISCELLANEOUS – Any item
Example of a description: powder blue knook scarf

Div	Class	
5203	0345	Arm crocheted
5203	0346	Knook item
5203	0349	Other technique, not listed

Nebraska State Fair Awards in Division 5203 – Crochet
- Best in Division- rosette and $30 cash
- Reserve Best in Division- rosette and $15 cash
- Judge's Choice- rosette and $15 cash

DIVISION 5204 – KNITTING
Hand Knitting, Lace Knitting, Advanced Pattern & Other

Guidelines:

- Information card (3x5 or 4x6 or 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet) ***Required in all classes***.

Include:

- Fiber content of yarn(s) and % of each
- Needle/hook size
- Gauge
- Weight of Yarn
- Pattern stitch
- Other pertinent information
- Yarn may be one color, variegated or two or more colors.
- Items that are predominately (75% or more) lace knitted should be entered in the lace knitting (LK) classesunless they are made using an advanced pattern technique (AP).
- All items knitted, then felted, should be entered in Division 5207, Weaving, Spinning & Felting.
- Abbreviations:
    - HK: <u>Hand knitting</u> with needles (flat or circular)
    - LK: <u>Lace knitting</u> characterized by stable "holes" arranged with consideration of aesthetic value.
    - AP: <u>Advanced Pattern,</u> e.g., Fair Isle, Scandinavian, Intarsia, Argyle, color work, short rows, entrelac

GARMENTS
Examples of descriptions: (1) HK ch's pink pullover w/cf celtic braid, (2) LK 6x60 scarf lace ribbon pat w/beads

Div	Class	
5204	0401	HK child's garment
5204	0402	LK child's garment
5204	0403	HK adult sweater, jacket, or vest
5204	0404	LK adult sweater, jacket, or vest
5204	0405	AP adult sweater, jacket, or vest
5204	0406	HK shawl, stole, shrug or poncho
5204	0407	LK shawl, stole, shrug or poncho
5204	0408	AP shawl, stole, shrug or poncho
5204	0409	Other technique, not listed

ACCESSORIES
Examples of descriptions: (1) HK slouchy cable knit red cashmere hat, (2) HK mis-matched scrappy pastel socks

Div	Class	
5204	0411	HK child's article(s)
5204	0412	LK child's article(s)
5204	0413	HK hat, cap
5204	0414	LK hat, cap
5204	0415	AP hat, cap
5204	0416	HK headband, warmers (ear, arm, neck, or leg
5204	0417	HK gloves or mittens
5204	0418	HK socks or slippers
5204	0419	LK socks or slippers
5204	0420	AP socks or slippers
5204	0421	HK scarf
5204	0422	LK scarf
5204	0423	AP scarf
5204	0429	Other technique, not listed

ITEMS FOR THE HOME

Examples of descriptions: (1) 50x70 HK blue chunky cable blanket, (2) 14x14 HK garter stitch red pillow

Div	Class	
5204	0431	HK infant afghan or blanket
5204	0432	LK infant afghan or blanket
5204	0433	HK adult afghan, lap robe or throw
5204	0434	LK adult afghan, lap robe or throw
5204	0435	AP adult afghan, lap robe or throw
5204	0436	Decorative item for home, any knitting technique
5204	0437	Animal, or Animal group.

OTHER KNITTING TECHNIQUES

Examples of descriptions: (1) loom knit slouchy/hat w/red/chunky/yarn, (2) MK cowl/rainbow colors

Div	Class	
5204	0441	Machine knitted item
5204	0442	Loom knitted item NEW#
5204	0443	Arm knitted item NEW#
5204	0449	Other technique, not listed

Nebraska State Fair Awards in Division 5204 – Knitting

- Best in Division- rosette and $30 cash
- Reserve Best in Division- rosette and $15 cash
- Judge's Choice- rosette and $15 cash

DIVISION 5205 - LACE MAKING
Bobbin Lace – Tatting – Other Including Needle Lace

Guidelines:

- Information card (3x5 or 4x6 or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet): *Required in all classes*: include pattern/design source and other pertinent information.
- Beads may be used in any of the lace designs.
- Handmade lace embellished garments or accessories should be entered in Division 5208 Fiber Art.

BOBBIN LACE

Example of description: 2x8 pink BL bookmark/hearts/tassel

Div	Class	
5205	0501	Bookmark
5205	0502	Motif or lace corner
5205	0503	Round or oval item
5205	0504	Jewelry, e.g., earrings, bracelets, necklace.
5205	0509	Other item, not listed

TATTING

Examples of descriptions: (1) tatted/beaded red dangle earrings; (2) tatted white cross, blue bkgd, framed

Div	Class	
5205	0511	Bookmark
5205	0512	Motif work
5205	0513	Picture - framed and/or matted
5205	0514	Round or oval item
5205	0515	Jewelry, e.g., earrings, bracelet, necklace.
5205	0519	Other item, not listed

OTHER

Example of description: NL simple leaf, ecru

Div	Class	
5205	0521	Needle lace, item
5205	0529	Lace making technique not listed

Nebraska State Fair Awards in Division 5205 – Lace Making

- Best in Division- rosette and $30 cash
- Reserve Best in Division- rosette and $15 cash
- Judge's Choice- rosette and $15 cash

DIVISION 5206 – STITCHERY
Hand Embroidery, Counted Cross Stitch, Needlepoint & Other Types

Guidelines for all stitchery classes:
- All exhibits <u>MUST</u> be ready to be used by the individual or in the home. No **_unfinished_** exhibits will be allowed.
- Stitchery is the embellishment of fabric or other material with decorative stitching using a needle and thread.
- Beads, pearls, sequins, etc. may be incorporated into item.
- Perimeter refers to the distance around the stitched piece and does not include the width of mat and/or frame or other display materials.
- All pictures, samplers, banners, and bell pulls must be ready to hang. Wires preferable to sawtooth hanger.
- Classes for computerized machine embroidery are in Sewing for the Home, Division 5202, classes 0231-0240.

Information card (3x5 or 4x6 or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet) **_Required_**, attach to entry (will be displayed with entry).
Include: For classes 0601- 0629 and 0641- 0649
- Pattern name and/or designer
- Fabric or other base for stitching, thread, and other materials used
- Techniques used
- Other pertinent information that talks about the piece and how it was created

Include: For Needlepoint classes 0630-0639
- See needlepoint category for required information list.

HAND EMBROIDERY
Perimeter is the distance around the stitched piece **and does not** include the width of mat and/or frame, or other display materials.

Examples of descriptions: (1) 6 fl. sack towels w/fruit designs, (2) Bless our Home redwork on 14x14 pillow

Div	Class	
5206	0601	Embroidered linen <u>set</u>
5206	0602	Embroidered linen item
5206	0603	Picture, individual, perimeter up to 44 in
5206	0604	Picture, individual, perimeter over 44 in
5206	0605	Picture, set or group
5206	0606	Wall hanging perimeter up to 44 in
5206	0607	Wall hanging perimeter over 44 in
5206	0608	Pillow
5206	0609	Other technique, not listed

COUNTED CROSS STITCH
Perimeter is the distance around the finished piece **and does not** include the width of mat and/or frame or other display materials.

Note: Exhibitor may choose to enter Christmas or other holiday items in appropriate class (0611-0619) **or** in Christmas class 0620 or other holiday class 0621, **but only in one class.**

Examples of descriptions: (1) 12x12 cardinal/holly on 14ct, framed, (2) apple blossom biscornu, 32ct, linen

Div	Class	
5206	0611	Framed design worked on <u>up to</u> 26 count
5206	0612	Framed design worked on 27-30 count
5206	0613	Framed design worked on 32-36 count
5206	0614	Framed design worked on 40 or higher count
5206	0615	Hoop finished – Up to 12 inches
5206	0616	Hoop finished -- Over 12 inches
5206	0617	Perforated Paper
5206	0618	Wall hanging, banner, or bell pull
5206	0619	Home item, perimeter 26" or more, e.g., pillow or other stuffed/non-stuffed item
5206	0620	Small item, unframed, perimeter up to 36". e.g., box lid, flat fold, hornbook.
5206	0621	Small item, stuffed**,** perimeter up to 36", e.g., biscornu, needle roll, pin cushion, pillow, scissor fob
5206	0622	Set or group of any items
5206	0623	Holiday, Christmas
5206	0624	Holiday, other (list holiday)
5206	0625	Greeting card
5206	0629	Other technique, not listed

NEEDLEPOINT
Guidelines specific to needlepoint:
- Information card (3x5 or 4x6 or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet): *Required* Attach to entry (will be displayed with entry).

Include:
- Design source (hand painted, printed, charted, free form)
- Type of canvas (i.e., mono, interlock, plastic, waste or perforated)
- Mesh size
- Threads, fibers used
- Type of stitches
- Other information pertinent to entry
- Classes 0631 to 0638 are for needlepoint stitched on cotton or linen canvas. Class 0639 is for plastic canvas.
- Perimeter is the distance around the stitched piece **and does not** include the width of mat and/or frame or other display materials.
- All pictures, and bell pulls must be ready to hang.

Classes for Needlepoint
Classes 0631 to 0637 are for needlepoint stitches on cotton or linen canvas.
Class 0638 is for plastic canvas. Perimeter is the distance around the stitched piece & does not include the width of mat &/or frame or other display materials.
Examples of descriptions: (1) 14x14 pillow, birds/blue bkgd, 13 mesh, (2) oval snowman Christmas ornament

Div	Class	
5206	0630	Case(s), e.g., eyeglass, credit card, cosmetic
5206	0631	Small item(s), e.g., pincushion, ornament, bookmark
5206	0632	Picture, perimeter up to 36 in, framed
5206	0633	Picture, perimeter over 36 in, framed
5206	0634	Bell pull
5206	0635	Pillow cover (include pillow)
5206	0636	Stand-up item(s), holiday
5206	0637	Stand-up item(s), other
5206	0638	Any item on plastic canvas
5206	0639	Other technique, not listed

OTHER TYPES OF STITCHERY
Perimeter is the distance around the finished piece **and does not** include the width of mat and/or frame or any other display materials.

Examples of descriptions: (1) *3 pastel smocked eggs, w/beads, (2) 3 hardanger bookmarks w/tassels*

Div	Class	
5206	0641	Hardanger, any item
5206	0642	Hardanger, with 2nd technique, any item
5206	0643	Hardanger, any size
5206	0644	Smocking, decorative item, e.g., Christmas ornaments, Easter eggs
5206	0645	Smocking, on a garment
5206	0646	Crewel, any size NEW
5206	0649	Other type/style/technique not listed, any item

Nebraska State Fair Awards in Division 5206 – Stitchery
- Best in Division- rosette and $20 cash
- Reserve Best in Division- rosette and $15 cash
- Judge's Choice- rosette and $15 cash

DIVISION 5207 – WEAVING, SPINNING & FELTING

*G*uidelines:
- Information card (3x5 or 4x6 or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet): *Required in all classes*. Attach card to the exhibit with a piece of string/yarn or sew in tag.

Include:
- Division & class number
- Fiber content. If more than one fiber is used include % of each.

- Information requested specifically for weaving, spinning, & felting are noted in those categories.

Abbreviations and terms used:
LW = loom weaving
/ = or
HS = hand spun
HSY = hand spun yarnHC
= hand carded
CR = commercial rovingW
= woven
m/w = made with
W/K/C= woven, knitted or crocheted
WPI= wraps per inch

WEAVING
Guideline:
- Information Card, (3x5 or 4x6 or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet) *Required*

Include:
- sett, epi, picks, type of loom, % of each fiber, pattern name when applicable

Examples of descriptions: (1) 18x68 HW blue shawl, hand twist'd fringe, (2) HW blk/white shawl w/wh/pearl/bead emb

Div	Class	
5207	0701	Band weaving or Kumihimo/finger weaving item
5207	0702	Kitchen linens
5207	0703	Stole, shawl, or garment
5207	0704	Throw, afghan, or coverlet
5207	0705	Item from hand dyed or hand spun yarn
5207	0706	Rug, ethnic/historically inspired, rag, or non-rag
5207	0707	Accessories, personal & home
5207	0708	Seasonal decorations
5207	0710	Other technique, not listed

SPINNING

Hand Spun (HS) Skein – 75% wool or more
Guidelines:
- All entries should be in the form of skeins. Skein must be a minimum of 2 oz. or 50 yards
- All entries must be a minimum of **75 % wool**.
- On **information card** list ply and % of any other fibers.

Example of description: HS red/taupe, 2 ply worsted wt

Div	Class	
5207	0721	HC, lace to DK, WPI: 13 and up
5207	0722	HC, worsted to bulky, WPI: up to 12
5207	0723	CR, lace, WPI: 19 and up
5207	0724	CR, sport/DK, WPI: 13-18
5207	0725	CR, worsted, WPI: 9-12
5207	0726	CR, bulky, WPI: < 8
5207	0729	Other technique, not listed

Hand Spun (HS) Skein – Other
Guidelines:
- All entries should be in the form of skeins. Skein must be a minimum of 2 oz. or 50 yards
- On **information card** list fiber(s) and % of each used and ply.

Example of description: HS Sport/wt alpaca multi-color/2 ply

Div	Class	
5207	0731	Alpaca and/or llama
5207	0732	Hair and/or fur
5207	0733	Cellulose and/or 100% silk
5207	0734	Novelty yarn
5207	0735	Skein made w hand spindle plus photo of fiber/spindle (note: do not include any other identifying items in

photo)

| 5207 | 0739 | Other technique, not listed |

FELTING
Examples of descriptions: (1) crocheted gray/wool/felted slipper, (2) NF white/wooly/baby/lamb standing

Div	Class	
5207	0741	Felting, non-woven article m/w fleece
5207	0742	W/K/C felted, any item
5207	0743	Needle felting, any item
5207	0744	Accessories, personal or home decorations
5207	0749	Other technique, not listed

Nebraska State Fair Awards in Division 5207 – Spinning & Weaving
- Best in Division- rosette and $30 cash
- Reserve Best in Division- rosette and $15 cash
- Judge's Choice- rosette and $15 cash

DIVISION 5208: Creative Fiber Art Techniques (CFAT)
Basketry, (Non-textile fiber), Wool /Felted Wool – Rug Making –
Creative Fiber Art Techniques, (includes new classes) – Fiber Art Dolls

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Guideline for Entry in Division 5208:
- Entries in Fiber Arts must be constructed using 50% or more textile fibers, yarns or fabrics. *If the item is 50% ormore paper, wood, and/or other non-textile fibers it should be entered in Fine Arts.*

BASKETRY
Guidelines:
- Information card (3x5 or 4x6, or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet), will be displayed with the item materials & technique, fiber content & description of the process used. **Required in all classes**.
- The following classes are: baskets made from traditional basket making materials (non-textile fibers), and baskets made from non-traditional material (exp: rope, jute, hot glue & craft glue)
  Enter baskets made from textile fibers in Division 5202 Sewing for the Home or Division 5208, Fiber Arts.
  Example of description: willow/hanging/wall/basket, rope hanger

Div	Class	
5208	0801	Basket using traditional basket making materials
5208	0802	Traditional basket embellishment
5208	0803	Basket using non-traditional basket making materials
5208	0804	Non – traditional basket embellished
5208	0809	Other technique, not listed

WOOL/FELTED WOOL
- Information card (3x5 or 4x6, or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet) **Required in all classes**. The card will be displayed with the exhibit. When applicable, please provide:
  - Material(s) used
  - Design source or inspiration
  - Name of stitches used

Examples of descriptions: (1) 18" PR/green/purple/tulip w/scal edge, (2) 15x20 WH fall/leaves/black/bkgd/pinked

Div	Class	
5208	0811	Penny rug, perimeter up to 50 in
5208	0812	Penny rug, perimeter over 50 in
5208	0813	Table topper, other wool applique technique
5208	0814	Table runner, other wool applique technique
5208	0815	Wall hanging, perimeter up to 50 in
5208	0816	Wall hanging, between 50 inches and 199 inches
5208	0817	Wall hanging, over 200 inches
5208	0818	Wall hanging, framed
5208	0819	Accessories (e.g., needle book, pin cushion, ornaments)
5208	0820	Other technique, not listed

RUG MAKING

Guidelines:
- Information card (3x5 or 4x6, or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet) *Required in all classes*. The card will be displayed with the exhibit. When applicableplease include:
    - Design source, pattern, kit, original design by exhibitor
    - Style (i.e., primitive, realistic, pictorial, abstract, other)
    - Base of item (i.e., burlap, monks cloth, other)
    - Thread, fibers used
    - Technique(s) used
    - Other information pertinent to entry

- Materials used can be new, recycled or a combination.
- Enter loom woven rugs in Division 5207, crocheted rugs in Division 5203, knitted rugs in 5204.

Definitions:
RH = rug hooking Latch H
= latch hooking
Examples of descriptions: (1) RH 24x36 rug, birds on tan bkgd, (2) LH confetti tote, circular wood handles

Div	Class	
5208	0821	RH – rug or wall hanging
5208	0822	RH - 3-dimensional piece, e.g. pillow, purse, tote bag, footstool
5208	0823	RH - other, not listed
5208	0824	Latch H – rug or wall hanging
5208	0825	Latch H – original design by exhibitor
5208	0826	Latch H – other, not listed
5208	0827	Punch needle rug hooking, any item

Other Types

5208	0831	Jelly roll rug
5208	0832	Punch rug
5208	0833	Other Rug, not listed

CREATIVE FIBER ART TECHNIQUES

Creative fiber art is the work of someone who likes to "journey outside the box" by going beyond the suggested pattern instructions, drawing on past experiences with a variety of techniques and finding ways to use these techniques in non- traditional ways. The end result is often a one-of-a-kind item that is aesthetically pleasing. Upcycling, popular now, offers many opportunities for creating unique fiber art.

   To decide where to enter an item (traditional class in other divisions or in Division 5208, Fiber Arts) ask yourself, "wouldmy exhibit look "out of place" with traditional exhibits?" If yes, review following guidelines before making a final decision.

Guidelines:
- **Items can be made from non-usable textile items, new materials, or a combination of both.**
- The visible part of the item must be at least 75% textile and no more than 25 % non-textile media like plastic,glass, wood, metal, & paper, except Diamond Art on Canvas
- At least two techniques beyond the "basic construction" techniques should be used.
- Fiber pictures or other items for the wall must include a feature(s) that make(s) the exhibit unacceptable in the quilt department – such as sharp embellishments, an attached hanging device (like a stick), lights with batterypack or any rigid item inserted that interferes with folding the piece.
- All items must be suitably finished and ready to display. Wall hanging should have a rod pocket or anothermethod for hanging.
- Perimeter is the distance around the stitched piece – and does not include the width of mat and/or frame or otherdisplay materials.
- Classes are listed by technique, not item. Items for possible use in C.F.A.T. are: pillows, wall hangings, purchased or sewn

garments, table runners & toppers, placemats, pictures ornaments (2), etc.

Information Story *Required* **(**replaces info card)
The 1-2-page story will be displayed with the exhibit. Place photos (optional) in plastic bag. The story should include:
- Materials and techniques used
- Design source or inspiration
- Name of piece (optional)
- How item will be displayed
- Description of process used
- Other pertinent information

CREATIVE FIBER ART
Examples of descriptions: (1) 16x20 MQ seascape/shell/emb/driftwood, (2) infinity scarf, upcy/neckties/blues

Div	Class	
5208	0841	Wearable art garment NEW #
5208	0842	Wearable art accessory NEW #
5208	0843	Upcycled garment or item NEW
5208	0844	Keepsake upcycled item and story NEW
5208	0845	Quilted item, stitches not visible on the back NEW
5208	0846	3-dimensional item NEW #
5208	0847	Fiber picture, perimeter up to 80 in NEW #
5208	0848	Fiber picture, perimeter over 80 in NEW #
5208	0849	Macrame item NEW
5208	0850	Sharpie and Alcohol item NEW
5208	0851	Tie Dyed NEW
5208	0852	Iced Dyed NEW
5208	0853	Snow Dyed item NEW
5208	0854	Acrylic fabric paint on fabric NEW
5028	0855	Diamond Art on Canvas NEW
5208	0859	Other technique, not listed

FIBER ART DOLLS

Guidelines:
- Information card (3x5 or 4x6 or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet): *Optional*
- The soft sculptured dolls fabricated by the maker from fibers and/or fabrics may be two or three-dimensional and for decorative use only. Doll may be embellished with beads and other purchased items.
- Group refers to 2 or more dolls.

Examples of descriptions: (1) colorful sewing fairy sitting on spool, (2) grandpa/overalls/rocking chair

Div	Class	
5208	0860	Human likeness, single doll, or group
5208	0861	Character, single doll, or group
5208	0862	Other technique, not listed

Nebraska State Fair Awards in Division 5208 – Fiber Arts
- Best in Division- rosette and $30 cash
- Reserve Best in Division- rosette and $15 cash
- Judge's Choice- rosette and $15 cash

DIVISION 5209 – JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH

Guidelines:
- Information card (3x5 or 4x6 or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet): **Required**. Please include a brief explanation of your answer to the following questions, not just yes or no. Judge will consider responses when reviewing entry.
  - Was this entry your first experience with this technique? If no, what previous experience have you had?
  - Where did you get your inspiration?
  - Did you use a kit?
  - What did you learn? Would you do anything different next time?
  - Did someone teach you or did you learn the technique on your own.

o Do you plan to make more items using this technique?
- Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of Jan 1st, 2023.

- The classes in this division are designed to encourage youth to (1) learn basic sewing skills, (2) explore techniquessuch as knitting, crochet, weaving, embroidery, and (3) interact with adults to learn new things.
- The classes are listed by technique. Unless a specific item(s) is listed youth may make any item using the techniquelisted. Review classes in Divisions 5201-5208 for ideas.
- Use of a kit is acceptable in all classes. <u>If a kit is used, indicate it on information card.</u>
- Youth have the option to enter an item in either Divisions 5201-5208, or in their respective age division in 5209, **butnot same item in both places.**

JUNIOR – AGES 5 – 12 (as of Jan 1st, 2023)
Examples of descriptions: (1) denim bag w/red heart, (2) 5x7 colorful embroidered cat framed

Div	Class	
5209	0901	Sewing, garment
5209	0902	Sewing, personal accessory (e.g., bag, hat, scarf, case for phone or tablet or doll clothes)
5209	0903	Sewing, home accessory, (e.g., pillow, banner, wall hanging, table runner, or stuffed doll/animal)
5209	0904	Knitting, crochet, weaving or spinning
5209	0905	Stitchery: hand embroidery, counted cross stitch, needlepoint
5209	0906	Embellished/decorated garment or accessory
5209	0907	Upcycled garment, personal or home accessory
5209	0908	Macrame item NEW
5209	0909	Computer Machine Embroidery item NEW
5209	0910	Other technique, not listed NEW #

SENIOR – AGES 13 – 18 (as of Jan 1st, 2023)
Examples of descriptions: (1) neon rainbow tie dyed t-shirt, (2) colorful strip pieced 14x14 pillow

Div	Class	
5209	0911	Sewing, garment
5209	0912	Sewing, personal accessory, (e.g., bag, hat, scarf, case for phone or tablet, or doll clothes)
5209	0913	Sewing, home accessory, (e.g., pillow, banner, wall hanging, table runner, stuffed doll or animal)
5209	0914	Knitting, crochet, weaving or spinning
5209	0915	Stitchery: hand embroidery, counted cross stitch, needlepoint
5209	0916	Embellished/ decorated garment or accessory
5209	0917	Upcycled garment, personal or home accessory
5209	0918	Macrame item NEW
5209	0919	Computer Machine Embroidery item NEW
5209	0920	Other technique, not listed NEW #

Nebraska State Fair Awards in Division 5209 – Junior and Senior Youth
- Best in Division- rosette and $20 cash
- Reserve Best in Division- rosette and $15 cash
- Judge's Choice- rosette and $15 cash

DIVISION 5210 – SENIOR ADULTS

Guidelines:
- Information card (3x5 or 4x6 or 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 sheet): ***Required***.
- Please include a brief explanation of your answer to the following questions, not just yes or no. Judge will consider responses when reviewing the entry.

Where did you get your inspiration?
Did you use a kit?
What would you do different next time?
Do you plan to make more items using this technique?

- Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of Jan 1st, 2023.
- An Exhibitor can enter Age group 65-75, or Age group 76 and older. ***Not both groups!***

- Wall hangings will not be accepted in classes 1004 and 1024. Enter wall hangings in the Quilt Department.
- Senior adults have the option to enter an item in either Divisions 5201-5208 or in their respective age divisions in 5210 **but not same item in both places.**

AGE GROUP 65 – 75 (as of Jan 1st, 2023)

Examples of descriptions: (1) 13x24 French braid runner, blue/yellow, (2) 14x14 coral/blue ripple cro pillow

Div	Class	
5210	1001	Sewing, garment
5210	1002	Sewing, personal accessory
5210	1003	Sewing, home accessory (not three-layer)
5210	1004	Sewing, three-layer table runner or topper, bed runner or kitchen set
5210	1005	Computerized sewing machine embroidery
5210	1006	Crochet
5210	1007	Knitting
5210	1008	Lace making
5210	1009	Hand embroidery
5210	1010	Counted cross stitch
5210	1011	Needlepoint
5210	1012	Weaving, spinning, felting
5210	1013	Wool applique or penny rug
5210	1014	Rug making, any technique
5210	1015	Fiber art doll
5210	1016	Wearable art
5210	1017	Upcycled, any item
5210	1019	Other technique, not listed

AGE GROUP 76 & Older (as of Jan 1st, 2023)

Examples of descriptions: (1) 6 emb flour sack towels, coffee cups, (2) 2 multi-color locker hooked placemats

Div	Class	
5210	1021	Sewing, garment
5210	1022	Sewing, personal accessory
5210	1023	Sewing, home accessory (not three-layer)
5210	1024	Sewing, three-layer table runner or topper, bed runner or kitchen set
5210	1025	Computerized sewing machine embroidery
5210	1026	Crochet
5210	1027	Knitting
5210	1028	Lace making
5210	1029	Hand embroidery
5210	1030	Counted cross stitch
5210	1031	Needlepoint
5210	1032	Weaving, spinning, felting
5210	1033	Wool applique or penny rug
5210	1034	Rug making, any technique
5210	1035	Fiber art doll
5210	1036	Wearable art
5210	1037	Upcycled, any item
5210	1039	Other technique, not listed

Nebraska State Fair Awards in Division 5210 – Senior Adults
- Best in Division- rosette and $30 cash
- Reserve Best in Division- rosette and $15 cash
- Judge's Choice- rosette and $15 cash

DIVISION 5211 – SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

Textile Arts **and** Visual Arts departments will now include classes, (previously offered by the Sr. Living Communities department), for the Senior Living Communities. Many Senior residents are learning new skills and crafts in organized activities at the communities. Nebraska State Fair values our Senior Living Community exhibitors and enjoys seeing their exhibits each year at fair.

Sweepstakes points are awarded for placing and participating in each division in both Textile Arts and in Visual Arts. The first place Senior Living Community will receive a $300 grant, second place a $200 grant, and third place a $100 grant.

Rank	Points
1st Place	5
2nd Place	3
3rd Place	1

Guidelines
- Community Coordinators are responsible to read & know the General Rules & Regulations.
- Each exhibitor may have up to 2(two) entries in each class.
- All entries must be accompanied with a label with the name of the Senior Living Community and name of the residents.
- Deadline, delivery, and release are stated on page 3.

Div	Class	
5211	1101	Crochet
5211	1102	Knit
5211	1103	Door Decoration with Fabric
5211	1104	Household Decoration with Fabric
5211	1105	Holiday Decoration with Fabric
5211	1106	Ornament with Fabric
5211	1107	Fabric item
5211	1108	Other item, which contains textiles

DIVISION 5291 – BEST IN COUNTY TEXTILE ARTS CONTEST

Counties are invited to participate in the Textile Arts Best in County Contest by selecting their top textile arts exhibit at the local county fair. Each county in a multi-county fair may have one entry.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent/another county official to determine how the selection will be made. Review the Textile Arts Entry Book to find out what exhibits are accepted in the NSF Textile Arts Department.

If the selection of the Best in County Textiles exhibit happens too late for exhibitor to meet the deadline for entry of exhibit (Aug. 8th, midnight) the county winner will be eligible for recognition the following year provided that the entry still meets the requirement completion within the last three years. Exception: If the exhibitor had already entered the item in the textile art department the entry is eligible for this year's NSF.

To Participate in the "Best in County" Contest:

1. **Prior to the county fair** the superintendent or another official should print the Textile Arts Entry Book.

    a. Two copies of this page—Division 5291, Class 9901, Best in County Textile Arts (copy for superintendent & copy for exhibitor).

    b. One copy of the Best in County Textile Arts Verification Form.

Note: If you don't have an option for printing the forms you may request them from the NSF office.

2. **Immediately following the county fair**, complete the verification form which requires the signature of the superintendent/official and make two copies for the exhibitor. The exhibitor will:

    a. Send one copy of the verification form to Sue Brown, NSF Textile Arts, 518 S Rhode Island, Hastings NE 68901. (If the form will not reach Sue by Tues, Aug. 8[th,] call Sue with the information, 402-460-7988.
    b. Attach a copy of the Verification Form to the exhibit.

3. **Prior to Tues Aug 8th, midnight entry deadline** the Best in County exhibit must be entered In Textile Arts in the appropriate class in Division 5201-5210. <u>The entry must comply with all NSF Textile Art restrictions and rules</u>. Enter online or by using the Textile Arts entry form. Refer to the front of this entry book for details.

4. **Delivery of Exhibit – Deadline is 3 pm Thu, Aug 17th, to the 4H/ FFA Fieldhouse, GATE 5, using the North & West doors.** Note that the receiving date is the same as all other textile arts entries in the 2023 Textile Arts Department. However, the extension staff can pick up the exhibit at the end of fair.
   Exhibit may be delivered by:

   - The exhibitor/another person during the Textile Arts receiving times Wed, Aug 16th, 3 to 8 pm, Thu, Aug17[th], 8 am to 3 pm.

   - Sending by mail or a delivery service with arrival not later than 3 pm on Thu Aug 17th. See ==**Shipping Options**==. ==Mail or ship no later than Tues Aug 8th, for items to reach the NSF by delivery deadline.==

5. **Display** - All textile arts entered in the Best in County Contest are displayed in a designated area in the Concourse. Best in County entries are noted with (1) signage acknowledging them as the top county winner in their respective county fair and (2) with a distinctive Best in County ribbon. Those receiving 1st through 5th place in the contest will also receive a special rosette in addition to the designated cash award.

6. **Return of exhibits** - Exhibits may be picked up on Mon, Sept 4th, 6- 8 pm or Tues, Sept 5[h], 8 am to noon by the exhibitor, another person, or extension staff. For other return options see ==**Shipping Options**==.

Note: Exhibits not picked up by the above options or with insufficient payment for return shipment must be retrieved from the State Fair Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd, Ste. 200, Grand Island no later than Fri, Oct 27th, 2023.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Sites

For Non-Perishable Exhibits

Package each department exhibits separately.

If for example you enter in textile arts and photography, these are different Departments, package separately, with a copy of your entry form taped on the top of package.

We will not accept any exhibits that are not packaged. We will return your exhibits in the same packaging that you drop it off in. We prefer your exhibits to be packaged in some type of box to make transportation easier and safer for your exhibits.

<u>All drop-off's will be Sunday, August 13th, 2023</u>

Omaha 10 am to 12 noon, at the Douglas /Sarpy Ext. 8015 West Center Rd, Omaha, NE 68124 (parking lot)

Seward 3 pm to 5 pm, at the Seward County Ext. 322 S. 14th St, Seward, NE 68434 (parking lot)

North Platte 10am to 12 noon, at the Lincoln/Logan/McPerson County Ext. 348 West State Farm Rd North Platte, NE 69101 (parking lot)

<u>**Nebraska State Fair personnel will leave at the designated departure time**</u>

<u>All returns will be Sunday, September 10th, 2023</u>

Same Locations, Same Times as listed above.

Exhibits not issued back to exhibitor on return date, will be available at the Grand Island Nebraska State Fair office, and must be picked-up by Oct 27th, by end of the business day or the item will be donated. Call 308-382-1620 with questions.