

ADULT HOME ARTS

ENTRY FORMS DUE

August 1, 2026

LATE ENTRY FEE – Due August 8 – \$10.00 per entry

ENTRY FEES

Adult Home Arts – \$2.00 per Item

Special Friends – No Fee

Thank A Veteran – No Fee

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

ALL NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026, ~ 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Monterey Room

PERISHABLE ITEMS

Sunday, August 30th, 2026, ~ 11:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Monterey Room (enter through Gate 4)

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Adult Home Arts is an extended division; it is open to all residents in all counties of the State of California.
2. Only items listed in this Entry Guidebook will be accepted.
3. Limit 2 Items per class.
4. Exhibitor's name must not appear on front of exhibit.
5. Entries are limited to amateurs unless otherwise noted. **Amateur:** A person attached to a pursuit, study, or hobby in a nonprofessional or unpaid manner. \$1,000.00 per year in sales is allowed.
6. Items entered in "Any Other" classes must be described in online entry and fall in the Division category (e.g., Cheese in Any Other Biscuits). If three or more "Any Other" items are similar enough, they will be judged as a separate class.
7. All perishable entries must be home prepared from scratch. Any exceptions will be noted in appropriate Divisions. Preserved foods may not be made more than one year in advance. REFRIGERATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.
8. Non-perishable items must be the personal work of the exhibitor and may NOT have been previously entered in the Monterey County Fair.
9. ITEMS NOT CLAIMED BY SEPT. 13, 2026, WILL BE FORFEITED UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE IN ADVANCE.
10. **JUDGING:** The Fair will pay cash awards only to those classes specified in this Entry Guidebook and only judging sheets will be the basis for any cash award payments. Ribbons and exhibitor tags have no value as to payment.
11. The American system of judging will be applied in Adult Home Arts Divisions.
12. Judges' decisions are final and anonymous.
13. Sweepstakes Scoring will be as follows: 1st Place = 5 points, 2nd Place = 3 points, 3rd Place = 1 point.

Sweepstakes shall be awarded only when three separate exhibitors have achieved a combined total of at least 30 points. To receive Sweepstakes awards, an exhibitor must have a minimum of 10 points. In the event of a tie, the exhibitor with the greater number of Best of Shows will prevail. If that results in a tie, the Sweepstakes premium will be split among those exhibitors.

14. **LIABILITY:** Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of work; however, the Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Submission of entries implies acceptance of all conditions stated in the rules (Local and State).

SPECIAL RIBBONS

Best of Show – Rosette per Department

SWEEPSTAKES PER DEPARTMENT

1st Place \$30.00

2nd Place \$20.00

3rd Place \$10.00

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

BAKED GOODS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All baked goods must be made from scratch. No boxed or packaged mixes are allowed.
2. Baked Goods become the property of the Fair, except Decorated Cakes. Decorated Cakes will be released at the time specified at the beginning of this Department.
3. Baked Goods must be submitted on disposable plates or pans and well wrapped. THE FAIR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RETURN OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS. Special plates or trays do not affect the scoring.
4. **The Fair will not provide refrigeration.**
5. **Quantities:**
 - Biscuits, Cupcakes, Muffins, Rolls – 6, large or small, in uniform size and shape
 - Bread – 1/2 loaf
 - Cakes – 1/2 cake
 - Confections – 1/2 pound
 - Cookies, Brownies, or Bar Cookies – 6 cookies, in uniform size and shape
 - Pies – 2 mini pies or 1/4 8" or 9" pie
 - Pastries – 6 pastries

BREADS

DIVISION 300 QUICK BREADS

CLASS:

- 1) Banana or Banana nut
- 2) Fruit or Citrus, please specify
- 3) Pumpkin
- 4) Zucchini
- 5) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 301 MUFFINS

CLASS:

- 6) Banana or Banana nut
- 7) Fruit or Citrus, please specify
- 8) Pumpkin
- 9) Zucchini
- 10) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 302 BISCUITS

CLASS:

- 1) Plain or Buttermilk
- 2) Scones
- 3) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 303 YEAST BREADS

CLASS:

- 1) French
- 2) Rye
- 3) Sourdough

DIVISION 304 YEAST ROLLS

CLASS:

- 1) Cinnamon
- 2) Dinner
- 3) Sourdough
- 4) Any Other, please specify

CAKES & CUPCAKES

DIVISION 305 LAYER CAKES (2 OR MORE LAYERS)

DIVISION 306 LOAF, POUND, OR OTHER CAKE

DIVISION 307 CUPCAKES

CLASS:

- 1) Banana
- 2) Carrot
- 3) Chocolate
- 4) Coffee Cake
- 5) Lemon or Citrus
- 6) Any Other, please specify.

DIVISION 308 DECORATED CAKES

- Base may be real cake, cardboard, or Styrofoam, if the shape is such that could be reasonably achieved by baking.
- All decoration must be edible, except card, candle holders, figures, dividers, and stands.

CLASS:

- 1) Special Occasion Layer Cake (8, 9, or 10")
- 2) Fair Theme
- 3) Any Other, please specify.

CONFECTIONS

DIVISION 309 CONFECTIONS

CLASS:

- 1) Candied Nuts
- 2) Caramels
- 3) Fudge, Chocolate
- 4) Fudge, all other
- 5) Toffee
- 6) Any Other, please specify

COOKIES

DIVISION 310 COOKIES

CLASS:

- 1) Bar, please specify type
- 2) Biscotti
- 3) Brownies
- 4) Chocolate Chip
- 5) Chocolate Drop
- 6) including base
- 7) Decorated Cookies
- 8) Ginger
- 9) Lemon Bar
- 10) Oatmeal
- 11) Peanut Butter
- 12) Snickerdoodles
- 13) Sugar
- 14) Thumbprint
- 15) Any Other, please specify

PIES & PASTRY

DIVISION 311 PIES

CLASS:

- 1) Apple
- 2) Berry
- 3) Any Other, Two Crust or Lattice Top, please specify

- 4) Pecan or Walnut
- 5) Pumpkin
- 6) Any Other, please specify
- 7) Any Meringue Pie, please specify
- 8) Any Crumb Top Pie, please specify
- 9) Pastry

PRESERVED FOODS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries in these Divisions must be home prepared and canned or packaged by the exhibitor within one year of the opening date of the Fair. Items which have been shown at any previous Fairs are not eligible. All products being considered for cash awards which have not otherwise been eliminated from consideration will be opened.
2. STANDARD JAR: A container specifically or specially designed for home canning purposes. No paraffin seals. All canning must be in sealed jars.
3. Low-acid fruits, such as figs, should be made more acidic by adding lemon juice as directed in the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.
4. Tomatoes and fruits, not including their juices must be processed in a boiling water bath.
5. EXHIBITS MUST BE PROPERLY LABELED with date of canning and method used.
6. Use clear glass containers, wide or narrow mouth jars.
One standard canning jar per entry, any size.
FOUR-OUNCE JARS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

DIVISION 312 CANNED FRUITS & JUICES

CLASS:

- 1) Any Canned Fruit or Juice, please specify

DIVISION 313 CANNED VEGETABLES

CLASS:

- 1) Any Canned Vegetable, please specify

PICKLED ITEMS

DIVISION 314 PICKLES AND RELISHES

CLASS:

- 1) Chutney
- 2) Cucumber Pickles, Dill or Sweet, please specify
- 3) Any Relish, please specify
- 4) All Other Pickled Vegetable, please specify
- 5) Any Pickled Fruit, please specify

CONDIMENTS & SAUCES

DIVISION 315 SAUCES, TOPPING, VINEGAR, & SALAD DRESSING

CLASS:

- 1) Barbecue Sauce
- 2) Herb/Garlic Vinegar
- 3) Mustard
- 4) Salad Dressing – Not Refrigerated
- 5) Dessert Toppings or Filling
- 6) Syrup
- 7) Any Other Condiment or Sauce, please specify

JAMS, JELLIES, & PRESERVES

DIVISION 316 JAMS

CLASS:

- 1) Apricot
- 2) Blackberry
- 3) Blueberry
- 4) Raspberry
- 5) Strawberry
- 6) Olallieberry
- 7) Peach
- 8) Plum
- 9) Any Two-Fruit Combinations
- 10) Any Other not listed, please specify

DIVISION 317 JELLIES

CLASS:

- 1) Blackberry
- 2) Grape
- 3) Pomegranate
- 4) Raspberry
- 5) Pepper
- 6) Plum
- 7) Any Two-Fruit Combination
- 8) Any Other not listed, please specify

DIVISION 318 BUTTERS, MARMALADES PRESERVES, & CONSERVES

CLASS:

- 1) All Fruit Butters
- 2) All Citrus Marmalades
- 3) All Fruit Preserves
- 4) All Conservees
- 5) Any Other not listed, please specify

DRIED FOODS

DIVISION 319 DRIED FOODS

CLASS:

- 1) Dried Fruit or Fruit Leather

- 2) Beef Jerky
- 3) Dried Herbs
- 4) Any Other not listed, please specify

ARTS & CRAFTS, JEWELRY, AND TOYS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries in these Divisions must be homemade. Collectibles will not be accepted.
2. Items crafted from wood must be entered in Visual Arts, Woodworking.

ARTS & CRAFTS

DIVISION 320 CRAFTS & DECORATIVE ARTS

CLASS:

- 1) Candle Making
- 2) Ceramics (hand-formed)
- 3) Glass Craft or Glass Fusion, please specify
- 4) Leather Craft
- 5) Metal Art – Indoor or Outdoor Décor, please specify
- 6) Mosaics
- 7) Paper Art (ie., Origami, Quilling, Papier-mâché)
- 8) Soap Making (must submit 2 pieces)
- 9) All That Glitters
- 10) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 321 PLASTIC CANVAS

CLASS:

- 1) 3D Printer
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Any Other, please specify

JEWELRY

DIVISION 322 JEWELRY MAKING

CLASS:

- 1) Bead Work – Necklace, Bracelet, or Earrings
- 2) Beads – Ceramic or Clay
- 3) Pendant – Gems, Stone, or Metal, please specify
- 4) Pendant – Ceramic or Clay
- 5) Ring – Complete
- 6) Ring – Setting Only
- 7) Set of Two
- 8) Set of Three
- 9) Any Other Jewelry not listed, please specify

TOYS AND DOLLS

DIVISION 323 DOLLS

CLASS:

- 1) Any Handmade (including clothing)
- 2) Ceramic (not purchased)
- 3) Original Design
- 4) Any Other Crafted Doll not listed, please specify

DIVISION 324 TOYS

CLASS:

- 1) Animal, Any Handmade
- 2) Non-Animal, Any Handmade
- 3) Original Design
- 4) Any Other Toy not listed, please specify

HOME FURNISHINGS & DECORATIONS

DIVISION 325 HOME FURNISHINGS AND ACCESSORIES

CLASS:

- 1) Rug – Any Method
- 2) Decorated Mirror
- 3) Lamp/Lighting
- 4) Re-purposed Item
- 5) Upholstered Item
- 6) Decoupage Item
- 7) Decorated Picture Frame, other than painted
- 8) Garden/Outdoor Item, other than metal work
- 9) Wall Hanging
- 10) Any Other Home Furnishing or Accessory, other than metal work or woodwork, please describe

DIVISION 326 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

CLASS:

- 1) Spring Decoration: Valentine's, St. Patrick's, Easter
- 2) Fall Decoration: Halloween, Thanksgiving

- 3) Winter Decoration: Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza
- 4) Christmas Stocking, any method
- 5) Holiday Ornament, please specify
- 6) Patriotic Decoration
- 7) Wearable Holiday Item
- 8) Any Other, please specify

HOOK & NEEDLE CRAFTS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All Department Rules and Regulations under the Home Arts Department section apply to these Divisions along with the following rules.
2. The exhibit must be clean and pressed.
3. The exhibitor's name must NOT be on the article.
4. Any wall hanging or pictures must be ready for hanging.
5. **Hand Knitted Items:** Please attach a card to the item with description of the item, pattern, yarn information, and any other information that could be helpful to the Judge.
6. Novice Classes are for anyone with less than two years of experience in that medium.

CROCHET

DIVISION 327 CROCHET

CLASS:

WEARING APPAREL

- 1) Infant
- 2) Hat
- 3) Scarf
- 4) Any Crocheted Wearing Apparel

AFGHANS

- 5) Afghan - Crib or Lap Size
- 6) Afghan - Bed size, specify
- 7) Afghan - Original Design

CROCHETED ACCESSORIES - NON-WEARABLE ITEM

- 8) Potholder or Doily, please specify
- 9) Embellished Item (ex. pillowcase edge or any other edged item)
- 10) 3-D Design or Toy
- 11) Any Other, please specify
- 12) Novice Crochet

KNITTING

Knitters' Awards

Best of Show - \$25.00

Sponsored by: Monarch Knitting

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR FEATURE CLASS					
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$15	\$9	\$6	\$3	\$3	\$3

2026 FEATURE CLASS:

CLASS 3: BAGS

DIVISION 328 HAND KNITTED ITEMS

CLASS:

- 1) Afghan or Blanket
- 2) Baby Item, describe
- 3) Bag
- 4) Hand Coverings
- 5) Hat
- 6) Scarf or Cowl (around the neck)
- 7) Shawl or poncho (around the shoulders)
- 8) Socks or Slippers

- 9) Sweater, Any Size, Design, or Pattern
- 10) Vest
- 11) Toy
- 12) Any Accessory (head band, eye glass case, leg warmers, etc.), please specify
- 13) **Any Home Item (pillows, place mats, etc.), please specify**
- 14) Any Machine Knit Item
- 15) Novice Knitter
- 16) Any Other Item not listed, Describe

NEEDLEPOINT & STITCHING

DIVISION 329 CREWEL

DIVISION 330 CROSS STITCH

DIVISION 331 SURFACE EMBROIDERY

CLASS:

- 1) Framed, any size
- 2) Home Decor (pillow, wall hanging, bell pull, etc.)
- 3) Holiday, any style (Patriotic or Seasonal)
- 4) Hardanger, Pulled Thread, Drawn Thread
- 5) Blackwork, Sashiko
- 6) Stumpwork, Brazilian, Crewel, Samplers
- 7) Schwalm, Ukrainian, Mount Mellick
- 8) Other, Please Identify Technique
- 9) Novice

TATTING

DIVISION 332 SHUTTLE TATTING

CLASS:

- 1) Jewelry, please specify
- 2) Edging/Embellishment
- 3) Doily
- 4) Ornament or Snowflake
- 5) Novice Tatting
- 6) Any Other, please specify

WEAVING AND SPINNING

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Items entered in Weaving may be made from any material with one exception, entries of 51% wool or mammalian fiber and handspun must be entered in the Wool Department. Handwoven items made from commercial yarn are to be entered in Adult Home Arts, Weaving. Any item not entered correctly may be transferred to the proper department by the Judge.
2. The Weaving & Spinning Entry form must be attached to each item when submitted for judging.
3. **Creative Collaboration:** Open to teams of two. One person spins or weaves the yarn/cloth, and another person makes the finished item. List both team members on entry form.
4. **Blend:** Materials where 51% or more of yarn is made from non-mammalian fibers

SPECIAL AWARD

Special Spinning & Weaving Award – \$25.00

Sponsored by: Carmel Crafts Guild

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR FEATURE CLASS					
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
\$15	\$9	\$6	\$3	\$3	\$3

2026 FEATURE CLASS: CLASS 2: WOVEN GARMENT

DIVISION 333 WEAVING

CLASS:

- 1) Scarf or Shawl (around the neck)
- 2) Woven Garment
- 3) Household Item (table linens, towels, pillows)
- 4) Rug or Saddle Blanket
- 5) Creative Collaboration
- 6) Novice Weaver
- 7) Rigid Heddle
- 8) Woven Band, Strap, or Belt
- 9) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 334 BASKET WEAVING

CLASS:

- 1) Twining
- 2) Plating
- 3) Wicker
- 4) Coiling
- 5) Any Other, please specify

DIVISION 335 SPINNING

CLASS:

- 1) Yarn Made from Plants (i.e., cotton, linen)
- 2) Silk, Synthetic, or Yarn Blend, please specify
- 3) Creative Collaboration
- 4) Novice Spinner

MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR WEAVING & SPINNING ENTRY FORM

Submit this form with a Weaving or Spinning entry. Attach samples as necessary.

Divisions (circle one) **333** 334 335 Class: _____ Exhibitor Age (if Minor): _____

Type of Loom/Equipment: _____

Weave Structure: _____

Fiber Weight/Content/Source:

Weft _____

Warp _____

Intended Use: _____

Additional Information: _____

QUILTING AND SEWING

QUILTING

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries are limited to amateurs. **AMATEUR:** One who engages in an art or craft as a hobby or for love of the work, and whose income from sales is less than \$1,000 per year.
2. All work must be done by exhibitor ONLY, excluding machine quilting.
3. Quilt MUST be in good condition, free of loose threads, clean, free from pet hair, dirt, and smoke or other odors, or it will NOT be judged.
4. Quilts must NOT have been entered in a prior Monterey County Fair.
5. Quilts entered in the wrong Division may be eliminated from judging at the discretion of the Judge or Quilt Show Committee. Review the Definitions of Terms.
6. **NO CLASS ENTRY LIMIT:** Entries must have different characteristics if entered in the same class.
7. Quilts must have a 4" deep sleeve for hanging. Sleeving should be on the upper back and may be permanent or temporary. For presentation, quilts larger than 60" wide require a split sleeve.
8. All quilts must have the length, width listed on the entry form. **Fold quilts so the bottom right corner is on top with the quilt length, width pinned to that corner.**
9. Except for Division 336 Hand-Quilted, quilts may be machine or longarm/midarm machine quilted.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

Quilt: A quilt consists of three layers - a fabric top, a soft inner layer, and a fabric back. Layers are held together with patterned hand stitches or machine stitching that pierces all three layers.

Pieced: Piecing is the only technique used.

Appliquéd: Appliquéd is added to a large piece of fabric or a pieced face and predominates other techniques.

Pieced & Appliquéd: Both piecing and applique are present, but piecing predominates.

SPECIAL QUILTING AWARDS

Judges' Choice - \$25.00
Best of Show Overall - \$50.00

*Best of Show Sponsored by:
The Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild*

DIVISION 336 HAND-QUILTED QUILTS

DIVISION 337 PIECED QUILTS

DIVISION 338 APPLIQUÉD QUILTS

DIVISION 339 PIECED AND APPLIQUÉD QUILTS

DIVISION 340 ART AND SPECIALTY QUILTS

CLASSES: FOR DIVISIONS 336-340

BEGINNER QUILTERS

(HAS COMPLETED THREE OR FEWER QUILTS)

- 1) Large: 5100 sq. inches and up (full, queen, king)

- 2) Medium: 2916 to 5099 sq. inches (throw, twin)
- 3) Small: 401 to 2915 sq. inches (lap, baby/crib, wall hanging)
- 4) Miniature Quilt: 400 sq. in or less

OPEN QUILTERS

(HAS COMPLETED FOUR OR MORE QUILTS)

- 5) Large: 5100 sq. inches and up (full, queen, king)
- 6) Medium: 2916 to 5099 sq. inches (throw, twin)
- 7) Small: 401 to 2915 sq. inches (lap, baby/crib, wall hanging)
- 8) Miniature Quilt: 400 sq. in or less

SEWING

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries must be the handiwork of the exhibitor.
2. Sewn items must NOT have been entered in a prior Monterey County Fair.
3. Any sewn item that requires a hanger for display must be submitted with such a hanger.
4. All items must be clean and pressed.

DIVISION 341 SEWING

CLASS:

- 1) Blouse or Shirt
- 2) Jacket or Coat, Lined
- 3) Skirt - Long or Short
- 4) Pants - Men's or Women's
- 5) Dress
- 6) Two- or Three-Piece Outfit
- 7) Apron
- 8) Accessory: Bag, Purse, Backpack, Wallet, please specify
- 9) Any Other, please specify

SCRAPBOOKING AND CARD MAKING

DIVISION 342 SCRAPBOOKING

CLASS:

SINGLE- OR DOUBLE-PAGE LAYOUT

- 1) Celebration (i.e., Baby, Birthday, Wedding)
- 2) Holiday
- 3) Sport
- 4) Vacation or Travel
- 5) Any Other, please specify

ENTIRE SCRAPBOOK

- 6) Journal
- 7) Any, please specify

DIVISION 343 CARD MAKING

CLASS:

- 1) Baby (Announcement or Shower)
- 2) Birthday
- 3) Congratulations or Celebration
- 4) Father's Day or Mother's Day
- 5) Get Well
- 6) Holiday: Christmas
- 7) Holiday: Easter
- 8) Holiday: Valentine's Day
- 9) Holiday: Any Other
- 10) Sympathy
- 11) Thank You
- 12) Any Other Occasion, please specify

SPECIAL FRIENDS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. These divisions are limited to handicapped or Special Education residents of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties.
2. Entry form should include individual exhibitor's name along with school or program name and be signed by a program administrator or representative.
3. For group or class projects, please list the number of participants on the entry form.
4. All items intended for hanging must be framed or matted and have appropriate hooks.

DIVISION 344 ADULT INDIVIDUAL PROJECT

DIVISION 345 GROUP OR CLASS PROJECT

No Entry Fee, No Cash Awards

CLASS:

- 1) Arts and Crafts
- 2) Collage
- 3) Craft or 3-D Art, please specify
- 4) Fine Arts: Drawings or Paintings (matted or framed)
- 5) Fiber Arts, Clothing or Textile Item, please specify
- 6) Wood or Metal Projects
- 7) Photography Project, please specify
- 8) Any Other, please specify

THANK A VETERAN -CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY!

Our Veterans have given so much to us, this is our opportunity to give back!

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

items entered here will become property of the Monterey County Fair in a collaborative effort to bring comfort and say Thank You to the many Veterans that serve our country. Special ribbons will be given to all entrants.

DIVISION 2222 THANK A VETERAN!

No Entry Fee, No Cash Awards

CLASS:

- 1) Afghan or Lap Quilt 48" x 48" or 48" x 72"
- 2) Afghan or Quilt, any size
- 3) Greeting Card (handmade)
- 4) Crocheted or Knitted Hat or Scarf
- 5) Any Other, please specify