

129<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

# EXHIBITOR GUIDEBOOK

OPEN FINE ARTS

## Special Awards for the 2025 Open Fine Arts Department

**This is not a fully inclusive list – updates to the guidebook will stop after May 15<sup>th</sup>. All special awards provided after this deadline will be available for review on our website.**

### Overall Fine Arts Special Awards:

**Ferndale Garden Club** “Judge’s Choice Award” - \$10 Cash Award

**Ferndale Chamber of Commerce** “Best of Show” - \$200 Cash Award

### Advanced Amateur & Professional Art:

**Rodoni Family** “Best Depiction of What Makes Humboldt Great” - \$50 Cash Award

### Juried Show:

**Ferndale Arts** “Best of Show” - \$100 Gift Certificate to Ferndale Arts Gallery

### Photography:

**Fortuna Camera Club** “Photo That Makes You Laugh” - \$25 Cash Award

## Changes for the 2025 Fair

### Changes to the 2025 State Rules for California Fairs

These changes are an update to the 2025 State Rules for California Fairs and is applicable to the 2025 Humboldt County Fair:

1. Animal projects may NOT be shown by another person at ANY other show/jackpot regardless of the other shows' rules, within the animal's ownership period. The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor. The days are counted prior to the opening day of the fair unless the event in the case of horse shows is held separately from the Fair. Ownership must be maintained through show date(s) of fair or event.
2. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class using American judging system. When an exhibitor earns more than two awards in a class, the exhibitor will receive the two highest cash awards, and the lesser cash awards will be moved down the placings to other exhibitors; ribbons will be awarded as placed.

## Fine Arts Department Rules

### Rules

1. Exhibitors who have entries in both Fine Arts and Home Arts departments will be able to drop off their exhibits for the Home Arts department as well on the Fine Arts receiving dates.
2. All entries MUST be the original work of the artist. No reproductions of other art, no kits or paint by numbers. No copies (artwork drawn or painted from a photo in a magazine, book or downloaded from online) except in Division 26, Class 7. All artwork that does not meet this requirement will be disqualified.
3. Only 2 entries will be hung per exhibitor, regardless of how many Divisions are entered.
4. All work must have been completed within one year of the Fair dates.
5. All divisions within the Open Fine Arts Department have no age restrictions for exhibitors. Adult Fine Arts is limited to those who are 18 years of age or older on the first day of the Fair.
6. Artwork may be listed for sale after being judged if the exhibitor chooses.
  - a. To sell artwork during the Fair, exhibitor must select "yes" to sell listed entry during ShoWorks online entry process
  - b. To sell the entry, ShoWorks must reflect an entered price or else sale will be made invalid.
    - i. Make sure to verify listed price as errors by exhibitor are not the fault of the Association and will not be reimbursed by the Association or the buyer.
  - c. Sale of entries is encouraged; the Fair will retain 20% commission.
  - d. Checks will be issued to the name and address entered by the exhibitor within 30 days of the Fair's closing date.
7. Artwork will remain on display in the Fine Arts building until the conclusion of the Fair for the viewing pleasure of the public.

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8. The buyer is responsible for pick up in person during scheduled release dates, see each division for details.
9. The Humboldt County Fair will not package or ship purchased art pieces.
10. Maximum width for two-dimensional wall pieces is 54" including frame. Entries may be rejected on the basis of excessive fragility or excessive size.
11. All two-dimensional pieces must be suitably framed and/or matted per the division's specific instructions. If an exhibit does not meet this requirement, judges or the division superintendent retains the right to refuse entry into the division.
12. No saw tooth hangers or glass clips are permitted for any entries of any division, however, all framed entries require a wire for hanging.
13. The Humboldt County Fair will not ship exhibits back to an exhibitor and the Fair is not responsible for any exhibits not picked by the release date.
14. The Fair will only hold such exhibits for 2 weeks after the release date. After that date, the Fair reserves the right to dispose of or donate items not picked up.
15. The Humboldt County Fair or the State of California do not insure or accept any liability for damage or loss of art. Submission implies acceptance of all stated conditions.

*The Humboldt County Fair Superintendent reserves the right to reject any exhibit deemed offensive to fair patrons - no obscene material will be accepted in any art form.*

## Exhibitor of the Year

### Winning Prizes and Awards:

<b>Judging System in Effect:</b>	Point Total Accumulation
<b>Humboldt County Fair Issued Premiums:</b>	No premiums are awarded for Exhibitor of the Year
<b>Humboldt County Fair Issued Ribbons:</b>	Exhibitor of the Year Rosette
<b>Additional Special Awards or Premiums:</b>	Rings Pharmacy: \$25
	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.

**Theme for the 2025 Fair:** “You County Fair with a Redwood Fair! Come Celebrate your Hometown Roots!”

### Previous Open Exhibitor of the Year:

**2024:** Kate Dore

**2023:** Hazel Christiansen

**2022:** Vicki Dillard

### Additional Rules & Guidelines:

1. To be eligible for this award, the exhibitor must enter and have been judged in no less than three of the following categories for a minimum of nine separate exhibits judged.
  - a. Fine Arts Department
    - i. All Divisions within the department including Juried Show
  - b. Floriculture and Horticulture Department
    - i. Flower Specimens, Potted Plants, or Arrangements;
    - ii. Vegetables, Fruits, Scarecrows
  - c. Home Arts Department
    - i. Baked Foods or Preserved Foods;
    - ii. Sewing, Needle Art, Knitting, Crocheting, Quilting, Decorative Painting, Crafts, Rugs, or Miniatures
2. Points given for placement as follows:
  - a. Each 1<sup>st</sup> Place awarded receives 5 points;
  - b. Each 2<sup>nd</sup> Place awarded receives 3 points;
  - c. Each 3<sup>rd</sup> Place awarded receives 1 point.
3. An exhibitor is unable to win the Exhibitor of the Year award more then once in a three year period. In the event of exhibitor qualifying for second win within this three year period, the next placing eligible individual will instead be awarded the title.
4. In the case of a tie for eligible exhibitors, the number of entries judged and placings will determine the winner.
5. No pre-entry necessary.

## Amateur Arts

<b>Entry Close Date:</b>	7/14/2025	<b>Entry Submission:</b>	8/1/2025 - 8/2/2025, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
<b>Entry Fees:</b>	\$10.00 per Entry		Received at the Fine Arts Building
<b>Entry Limitations:</b>	2 Entries per Class	<b>Entry Release:</b>	8/25/2025 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Released at the Fine Arts Building

### Winning Prizes and Awards:

<b>Judging System in Effect:</b>	American Style of Judging
<b>Humboldt County Fair Issued Premiums:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: \$10.00, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00
<b>Humboldt County Fair Issued Ribbons:</b>	Small Rosette awarded 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Places per Class Best of Show Rosette
<b>Additional Special Awards or Premiums:</b>	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.

### Additional Rules and Guidelines:

1. To qualify for Amateur Divisions, the exhibitor must have won fewer than five blue ribbons in related fair competitions, has not sold their work and does not exhibit regularly. Exhibitors cannot enter both the Amateur and Advance Amateur / Professional Divisions.
2. Only two entries will be hung per exhibitor, whether in Divisions 026, 027, 028, 029, 037, or 038.
3. Photography will not be accepted in Divisions 026 or 027.

#### Division 026: Painting & Drawing

Class <b>1</b>	Acrylic or Oil	<b>2</b>	Watercolor
<b>3</b>	Ink	<b>4</b>	Mixed Media Painting
<b>5</b>	Pencil, Charcoal	<b>6</b>	Pastels, etc.
<b>7</b>	Computer Art	<b>8</b>	Any Other Art

#### Division 027: Applied & Three-Dimensional Art

Class <b>1</b>	Functional Pottery	<b>2</b>	Stained Glass
<b>3</b>	Jewelry & Small Metals	<b>4</b>	Sculpture
<b>5</b>	Any Other Art		

## Advanced Amateur / Professional Arts

<b>Entry Close Date:</b>	7/14/2025	<b>Entry Submission:</b>	8/1/2025 - 8/2/2025, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
<b>Entry Fees:</b>	\$10.00 per Entry		Received at the Fine Arts Building
<b>Entry Limitations:</b>	2 Entries per Class	<b>Entry Release:</b>	8/25/2025 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Released at the Fine Arts Building

### Winning Prizes and Awards:

<b>Judging System in Effect:</b>	American Style of Judging
<b>Additional Special Awards or Premiums:</b>	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.

### Additional Rules and Guidelines:

1. To qualify for Advanced Amateur / Professional Divisions, the exhibitor must sell their work or exhibit regularly. Exhibitors cannot enter both the Amateur and Advanced Amateur / Professional Divisions.
2. Only two entries will be hung per exhibitor, whether in Divisions 026, 027, 028, 029, 037, or 038

### Division 028: Advanced Amateur / Professional

Class **1**      Open Two-Dimensional Competition      **2**      Open Three-Dimensional Competition

## Photography

<b>Entry Close Date:</b>	7/14/2025	<b>Entry Submission:</b>	8/1/2025 - 8/2/2025, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
<b>Entry Fees:</b>	\$10.00 per Entry		Received at the Fine Arts Building
<b>Entry Limitations:</b>	2 Entries per Class	<b>Entry Release:</b>	8/25/2025 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Released at the Fine Arts Building

### Winning Prizes and Awards:

<b>Judging System in Effect:</b>	American Style of Judging
<b>Humboldt County Fair Issued Premiums:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$4.00
<b>Additional Special Awards or Premiums:</b>	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.

### Definitions and/or Qualifications

1. Amateur: An individual who has won fewer than 5 blue ribbons, has not sold their work and does not exhibit regularly.
2. Advanced Amateur: May have exhibited previously and or sell occasionally but not on a regular schedule or professional level.
3. Professional: One who sells their work or exhibits regularly as either a side income or main source of income.

### Additional Rules and Guidelines:

1. These rules are to be followed in congruence with the Adult Fine Arts Department rules and definitions.
2. Photos must be taken within one year of the current Fair dates.
3. You may not enter 2 copies of the same image in the Fair.
4. Rules specific to Divisions 035 & 036:
  - a. No more than 6 entries are allowed per exhibitor across divisions 035 & 036 and no more than two of those can be applied to a singular class within those divisions.
  - b. All exhibits must be mounted on mount board or matted- NO FRAMES.
  - c. Must not exceed 192 square inches.
  - d. See class list for relevant entries.
5. Division 037 & 038:
  - a. See Class list for relevant entries.
  - b. May not enter Amateur divisions
  - c. Entries must be framed and ready for hanging, including wire.
  - d. Saw tooth hangers or eyelets are not acceptable
  - e. Not to exceed 54" wide including frame



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**f.** No more than 2 entries are allowed per exhibitor across both divisions 037 & 038

**Division 035:** Amateur - Black & White Photos

(Limit 2 Exhibits per class for a total of 6 Entries Across Divisions 035 & 036)

Class <b>1</b>	Abstract	<b>2</b>	Animals	<b>3</b>	Landscape
<b>4</b>	People	<b>5</b>	Seascape	<b>6</b>	Portrait
<b>7</b>	Flowers & Plants	<b>8</b>	Any Other Subject	<b>9</b>	Digitally Enhanced

**Division 036:** Amateur - Color Photos

(Limit 2 Exhibits per class for a total of 6 Entries Across Divisions 035 & 036)

Class <b>1</b>	Abstract	<b>2</b>	Animals	<b>3</b>	Birds
<b>4</b>	Children/Babies	<b>5</b>	Flowers & Plants	<b>6</b>	Buildings/Structures
<b>7</b>	Landscape	<b>8</b>	Seascape	<b>9</b>	People
<b>10</b>	2024 Fair Photo	<b>11</b>	Portrait	<b>12</b>	Any Other Subject
<b>13</b>	Digitally Enhanced				

**Division 037:** Advanced Amateur

(Only 2 Entries per Exhibitor Across Divisions 037 & 038)

Class <b>1</b>	Black & White, Any Subject	<b>2</b>	Color, Any Subject
<b>3</b>	Digitally Enhanced		

**Division 038:** Professional

(Only 2 Entries per Exhibitor Across Divisions 037 & 038)

Class <b>1</b>	Black & White, Any Subject	<b>2</b>	Color, Any Subject
<b>3</b>	Digitally Enhanced		

## Poetry

<b>Entry Close Date:</b>	7/14/2025	<b>Entry Received:</b>	8/1/2025 - 8/2/2025, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
<b>Entry Fees:</b>	\$10.00 per Entry		
<b>Entry Limitations:</b>	2 Entries per Class, 6 per Exhibitor	<b>Entry Release:</b>	Received at the Fine Arts Building 8/25/2025 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Released at the Fine Arts Building

### Winning Prizes and Awards:

<b>Judging System in Effect:</b>	American Style of Judging
<b>Humboldt County Fair Issued Premiums:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: \$4.00
<b>Additional Special Awards or Premiums:</b>	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.

### Additional Rules and Guidelines:

- Poems of any length in any form will be accepted; they can be single or double spaced.
- Poems must be submitted in English or an English translation must be provided for judging.
- Poems must be submitted in duplicate;
  - One copy must be written on white 8 ½" x 11" paper with 2" left margin to support judging. Exhibitor's name and city must NOT be on the judging copy.
  - The Second copy is for display purposes and may be more freeform, but not to exceed 18" x 24". Exhibitor's name and city are required on the display copy.
- Division and class must be written or typed in the upper right corner of both pages.
- Exhibitors name and city must be provided on one copy. One copy must not include any personal information.
- Judging will be done prior to Fair, using American system of judging.
- Management reserves the right to eliminate from judging any entry that is not in the best interest of the Fair or is inappropriate.
- Poems may be displayed in a binder by department superintendent.
- Published poems or those previously awarded cash prizes in any competition are ineligible.
- Poems remain the property of the author and will be destroyed if not picked up after Fair.
- Anyone wishing to have poems returned by mail must provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

### Division 020: Poetry

Class 1	Adventure	2	Haiku	3	Humor
4	Inspiration	5	Love	6	Free Verse
7	Nature	8	Limericks	9	Sonnet
10	Broadsides	11	Any Other		

## Juried Show

<b>Entry Close Date:</b>	7/14/2025	<b>Entry Submission:</b>	8/1/2025 - 8/2/2025, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
<b>Entry Fees:</b>	\$15.00 per Entry		Received at the Fine Arts Building
<b>Entry Limitations:</b>	2 Entries per Class	<b>Entry Release:</b>	8/25/2025 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Released at the Fine Arts Building

### Winning Prizes and Awards:

<b>Judging System in Effect:</b>	American Style of Judging
<b>Humboldt County Fair Issued Premiums:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: \$100.00, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$50.00
<b>Metric for Best of Show:</b>	Best of Show will be awarded to the entry with the highest technical score in the Juried Show. This may or may not be the 1 <sup>st</sup> Place winner. Metrics used to determine Best of Show will be added to this page when available.
<b>Additional Special Awards or Premiums:</b>	Visit our website to see up-to-date Special Awards as confirmed by members of the community.
<b>Additional Special Award Limitations:</b>	Special Awards are limited to 1 awarded per entry, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place may receive one Special Award in addition to the premiums earned by judged placement

### Additional Rules For Juried Show Entries

1. To ensure your artwork qualifies for the Juried Show you must enter in an Amateur, Advanced Amateur, or Professional Division: 26,27,28,37 or 38 concurrently with the Juried Art Show Division 29. Selection will take place approximately August 16 – No refunds on unaccepted work.
2. Only artwork selected by the juror will be exhibited in the Juried Show.
3. Works previously shown at any juried exhibition are not eligible – No copies.
4. Unaccepted work by local artists may be rolled over into Divisions 26 or 27 (Amateur) or Division 28 (Advanced amateur/professional) by entering it in both divisions online and paying the second entry fee. Professional photographers must roll over photos to Division 38 by entering both divisions and paying a second entry fee.

### DIVISION 029: Juried Art Show

Class 1 Open Competition: 2-D Art, Photo, Sculpture, Hand-Painted, Fired Porcelain, etc.