

## DEPT. M-FINE ARTS-2026



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### Quick Reference – Fine Arts

- Entry form deadline: August 10, 2026 at Steele County Free Fair Office on non-livestock entry form or online at [www.scff.org](http://www.scff.org).
- Artwork submitted on Saturday, August 15, between 9:00 a.m. - Noon at the Fine Arts Building. Entries picked up closing day of the fair Sunday, August 23rd from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Monday after the fair, August 24, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### ARTS EXHIBIT SPEICAL RULES AND CONDITIONS

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any permanent resident of Minnesota, Classes 1-4 18 years of age or older. Class 5 high school grades 9-12. Exhibitors display at the discretion of the Fine Arts Dept. and department reserves the right to refuse potential exhibits without cause.

**WHAT TO ENTER:** Any piece of original artwork completed by the artist that has not been exhibited previously at a Steele County Free Fair Fine Arts Exhibit. Work must be entered into the correct Class and Lot. Pieces misrepresented will be disqualified. No nude art. No cookie-cutter art. No craft kits.

**NUMBER OF PIECES PER ARTIST:** Each exhibitor may enter a total of three (3) pieces of work. The three pieces may include any combination of media, for example: one drawing, one watercolor, one acrylic, or two oils and one print. Work can be no larger than 4'x4'.

**CRITERIA FOR JUDGING ART:** Originality, Value, Composition, Use of Medium.

### GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All work submitted will not be insured against damage or theft. This is fair policy.
2. Watercolors, drawings, and prints must be strongly framed and covered with glass or plexiglas to prevent damage to the artwork's surface. Acrylics and oils must be sturdy and ready to hang. Each piece **MUST HAVE A WIRE SUPPORT ON BACK PERMANENTLY FIXED**. Poorly framed paintings will not be accepted. Artwork entered in the wrong Class and/or Lot will be disqualified.
3. Entry deadline is Monday, August 10, 2026. Use entry form: open class/non-livestock entry form, from the Exhibitor's Guide, and submit at the SCFF fair office, Fine Arts Dept., PO Box 650, Owatonna, MN 55060 OR enter on-line at [www.scff.org](http://www.scff.org).
4. All works submitted must be in the hands of the Fine Arts Supt. at the Fine Arts Building on the fairgrounds on Saturday, August 15, 2026 between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. **ABSOLUTELY NO ARTWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME.**
5. All entries must have a label on the lower right-hand corner stating the artist's name, title of the work and the lot used. These will be removed before judging. Also, the name and address of artist on lower right-hand corner on the back.
6. Titles submitted on entry form must be the same as titles on artwork.
7. Each artist will be responsible for picking up their entries on Sunday, the last day of the fair, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. or **MONDAY**, the day after the fair closing, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Artwork cannot be picked up early.
8. Violation of any rules will disqualify the artist.
9. **CLASSES** - Entries will be by Classes - *Masters, Professional, Pro-Am, Amateur and High School*.
  - **MASTERS:** Artists who have competed in the Professional Class, winning 3 firsts in any lot in this fair.
  - **PROFESSIONAL:** A person who creates artwork for monetary gains. This includes commercial artists, designers, those who teach or supervise art programs, have a degree in art or who have won 3 firsts in the Pro-Am lot of this fair.
  - **PRO-AM:** A person through education and experience is an advanced artist, but not a professional. Anyone studying post-secondary art or has won 3 firsts in the Amateur lot of this fair.
  - **AMATEUR:** A person who pursues art as a hobby. This does not exclude those amateurs who occasionally sell artwork.

For questions on any items, call superintendents.

## PREMIUMS

### MASTER CLASS 1

LOT	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
1. Watercolors	\$50.00	\$40.00	
2. Drawings	\$50.00	\$40.00	
3. Acrylics/Oil	\$50.00	\$40.00	
4. *Digital Painting	\$50.00	\$40.00	*Digital Painting: The artist uses software to simulate traditional painting techniques.
5. Mixed Media	\$50.00	\$40.00	
6. Printmaking	\$50.00	\$40.00	

### PROFESSIONAL CLASS 2

LOT	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Honorable Mention
1. Watercolors	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	Ribbon
2. Drawings	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	Ribbon
3. Acrylics/Oil	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	Ribbon
4. *Digital Painting	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	Ribbon
5. Mixed Media	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	Ribbon
6. Printmaking	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	Ribbon

### PRO-AM CLASS 3

LOT	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Honorable Mention
1. Watercolors	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	Ribbon
2. Drawings	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	Ribbon
3. Acrylics/Oil	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	Ribbon
4. *Digital Painting	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	Ribbon
5. Mixed Media	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	Ribbon
6. Printmaking	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	Ribbon

### AMATEUR CLASS 4

LOT	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Honorable Mention
1. Watercolors	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	Ribbon
2. Drawings	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	Ribbon
3. Acrylics/Oil	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	Ribbon
4. *Digital Painting	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	Ribbon
5. Mixed Media	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	Ribbon
6. Printmaking	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	Ribbon

### HIGH SCHOOL CLASS 5

- Eligibility: Any permanent resident of Minnesota in high school (grades 9-12).
- What to enter: Any piece of original artwork completed by the student that has not been exhibited previously at the SCFF and falls under the Lots listed below. This excludes by-the-number painting.
- Number of pieces: Each exhibitor may enter a total of three (3) pieces of work. All general rules & regulations apply.

LOT	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Honorable Mention
1. Watercolors	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	Ribbon
2. Drawings	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	Ribbon
3. Acrylics/Oil	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	Ribbon
4. *Digital Painting	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	Ribbon
5. Mixed Media	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	Ribbon
6. Printmaking	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	Ribbon

The GRAND CHAMPION will be chosen by the judges from all blue-ribbon winners.

Grand Champion: Owatonna Arts Center \$50 or an annual single membership.

People's Choice Award: A trophy will be awarded to the artist chosen by public vote.

