

Hamilton County Fair

Exhibitor Book 2026



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Rules and Regulations

1. All entries must be accompanied by and Exhibitor Ticket, tickets must be secured to the items.
2. Single exhibit tickets are \$3.00 each or \$20 for up to 20 exhibits. Collage/Collection pricing is \$25 for one 7ft wide space, no maximum of items in the space.
3. Limit 2 items per category, no more than 20 entries per person (not including collage space)
4. Work must be original work of exhibitor.
5. No entries that have been previously displayed within the past 5 years.
6. Any item improperly entered will not be considered by judges. You must make final decision as to which category your entries belong.
7. Judging will be based on originality, creativity, execution quality and overall presentation. If desired, you may include a small card to be displayed with entry with interesting facts. Antiques will be judged based on age, condition, and original appearance. Judges may also consider rarity, historical significance, and craftsmanship. Please include a small card to be displayed with antiques with interesting facts.
8. All pictures, prints, and clothing should be ready to hang, if necessary, upon entering. Food items must be on a paper plate within a plastic bag. Party snacks can be entered in a disposable plastic container
9. Awards will only be given when entries are deserving. Hamilton County Fair reserves the right to not award and entry if it is not high quality or is the only entry in the category.
10. All entries may be used by the Hamilton County Fair for publication, marketing or social media purposes; appropriate acknowledgement of the artist will be noted.
11. Hamilton County Fair is not responsible for damage or loss of items on display.
12. All fruit, vegetable, and food items will become property of the Hamilton County Fair and will be disposed of. No containers or items will be kept.
13. All exhibit items can be picked up on Monday June 29th 12:00 pm – 3:00 PM, or on Friday July 3rd 2:00 PM – 6:00PM. You must have your copy of the entry form and photo id for pick up. Premiums will be available for pick up at this time as well.
14. Arts and Crafts Drop off day will be Sunday June 21st 12:00pm – 5:00PM, Food Drop off day will be Wednesday June 24th 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Pie drop off will be Friday June 26th 12:00 PM – 3:00PM. If you will need to drop of exhibit items at different time contact Kristy Cook at kbarlion@gmail.com and we will do our best to accommodate a time that will work for you.
15. All judging will take place on Wednesday June 24th after 7:00PM, no entries will be accepted after this time. Pie judging will take place on Friday evening after fair is over.
16. If you have an item that you do not see a category for contact Kristy at thehamiltoncountyfairohio@gmail.com

Entry Classes:

Senior: Ages 55+

Adult: Ages 18-54

Junior: Ages 15-17

Youth: Ages 10-14

Child: Ages 5-9

Premiums (Arts Categories)

First Place: \$8.00

Second Place: \$5.00

Third Place: Ribbon

Premiums (Fruits/Vegetables and Food)

First Place: \$5.00

Second Place: \$3.00

Third Place: Ribbon

Premiums (Scarecrows)

First Place: \$30.00

Second Place: \$15.00

Third Place: \$8.00

Premiums (Collage/Collection)

First Place: \$75.00

Second Place: \$50.00

Third Place: \$25.00

Best of Show will be awarded in each class and category.

“Presidents Pick” will be awarded to the single exhibit for the best “America’s 250”.

Collection / Collage

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FRUIT CATEGORY #13

Category Number	Category Name
13.1	Apples
13.2	Pears
13.3	Peaches
13.4	Plums
13.5	Cherries
13.6	Bananas
13.7	Apricots
13.8	Cantaloupe
13.9	Watermelon
13.10	Black Raspberries
13.11	Raspberries
13.12	Grapes
13.13	Strawberries
13.14	Tomato
13.15	Sweet Bell Peppers
13.16	Hot Peppers
13.17	Potato
13.18	Yam
13.19	Beets
13.20	Carrots
13.21	Radish
13.22	Zucchini
13.23	Squash
13.24	Eggplant
13.25	Cucumber
13.26	Pumpkin
13.27	Broccoli
13.28	Cauliflower
13.29	Cabbage
13.30	Brussel Sprouts
13.31	Kale
13.32	Spinach
13.33	Green Bean
13.34	Fresh Green Peas

FOOD CATEGORY #16

Category Number	Category Name
16.1	Cheeseball
16.2	Chip Dip
16.3	Hors D'oeuvres
16.4	Cold Soup
16.5	Cereal Snack
16.6	Cheese Cake
16.7	Other Refrigerated Dessert
16.8	Cake (No Icing)
16.9	Cup cakes (6 total)
16.10	Single Real Cake (Iced)
16.11	Two or More Tiers
16.12	Gingerbread House
16.13	Sugar Cookies
16.14	Chocolate Chip Cookies
16.15	Other Cookie
16.16	Quickbread Fruit
16.17	Quickbread Vegetable
16.18	Quickbread Other
16.19	Yeast Bread
16.20	Yeast Sweet Rolls
16.21	Yeast Coffe Cake
16.22	Yeast Shaped Sweet Bread
16.23	Candy: Covered Fruit
16.24	Candy Covered Nut
16.25	Candy Fudge
16.26	Candy Buckeye
16.27	Candy Other
16.28	Jelly Single Fruit
16.29	Jelly Mixed Fruit
16.30	Preserve Single Fruit
16.31	Preserve Mixed Fruit
16.32	Canned Fruit
16.33	Canned Vegetable

VISUAL ARTS CATEGORY #17

Category Number	Category Name
17.1	Acrylic Painting
17.2	Oil Painting
17.3	Watercolor Painting
17.4	Charcoal
17.5	Mixed Media
17.6	Pastel
17.7	Chalk
17.8	Pen/Ink
17.9	Pencil
17.10	2D Collage
17.11	Graphic / Digital Art
17.12	Comic / Anime
17.13	Crayon
17.14	Painted Rock
17.15	America 250
17.16	Finger Painting
17.17	Photo: Color Portrait
17.18	Photo: Color Landscape
17.19	Photo: Color Nature
17.20	Photo: Color Hamilton County Fair
17.21	Photo: Color Cincinnati
17.22	Photo: Color America 250
17.24	Photo: Color Other
17.25	Photo: B&W Portrait
17.26	Photo: B&W Landscape
17.27	Photo: B&W Nature
17.28	Photo: B&W Hamilton County Fair
17.29	Photo B&W Cincinnati
17.30	Photo: B&W America 250
17.31	Photo: B&W Other

ANTIQUES #18

Category Number	Category Name
18.1	China
18.2	Glass
18.3	Metals
18.4	Printed Books/Albums
18.5	Printed Paper Currency, Coins
18.6	Printed Publication
18.7	Pictures/ Prints
18.8	Religious Item
18.9	Tool
18.10	Sport Items
18.11	Clothing
18.12	Jewelry
18.13	Child Item
18.14	Household Item
18.15	Lamps
18.16	Musical Items
18.17	Cameras

FIBER ARTS CATEGORY #19

Category Number	Category Name
19.1	Crochet: Dollies
19.2	Crochet: Shell/wrap/shawl
19.3	Crochet: Hat
19.4	Crochet: Sweater
19.5	Crochet: Purse
19.6	Crochet: Holiday Item
19.7	Crochet: America 250
19.8	Crochet: Other
19.9	Knitted: Blanket
19.10	Knitted: Dollies
19.11	Knitted: Hat
19.12	Knitted: Sweater
19.13	Knitted: Purse
19.14	Knitted: Baby/Child Item
19.15	Knitted: Holiday Item
19.16	Knitted: America 250
19.17	Knitted: Other
19.18	Embroidery: Counted Cross-stitch Picture
19.19	Embroidery: Counted Cross-stitch Pillow
19.20	Embroidery: Embroidered Picture (Crewel/surface)
19.21	Embroidery: Beaded Embroidery
19.22	Embroidery: Clothing Item
19.23	Embroidery: Household Item
19.24	Embroidery: America 250
19.25	Embroidery: Other
19.26	Sewing: Adult Clothing
19.27	Sewing: Baby/Child Clothing
19.28	Sewing: Household Item
19.29	Sewing: Holiday Item
19.30	Sewing: America 250
19.31	Sewing: Other
19.32	Dolls: Stuffed toy or handmade
19.33	Dolls: Other
19.34	Quilting: Pieced
19.35	Quilting: Small Quilt (30X40 max)
19.36	Quilting: Quilted Purse
19.37	Quilting: Quilted Wall Hanging
19.38	Quilting: Original Design
19.39	Quilting: Patchwork
19.40	Quilting: Applique
19.41	Quilting: Heirloom
19.42	Quilting: Holiday Quilt
19.43	Quilting: America 250
19.44	Quilting: Other
19.45	Weaving: Wall Hanging
19.46	Weaving: America 250

ARTS AND CRAFTS CATEGORY #20

Category Number	Category Name
20.1	Ceramics: Hand Molded
20.2	Ceramics: Hand Molded
20.3	Ceramics: Pottery Wheel
20.4	Handmade Dolls
20.5	Floral: Wreaths
20.6	Floral: Swags
20.7	Floral: Holiday
20.8	Nature Crafts
20.9	Holiday: Crafts
20.10	Holiday: Ornament
20.11	Stained Glass
20.12	Woodworking
20.13	Metal Craft
20.14	Jewelry
20.15	Paper Crafts
20.16	Yarn Crafts
20.17	Recycled Material
20.18	Duct Tape Art
20.19	Cincinnati
20.20	Ohio
20.21	America's 250
20.22	Scarecrows

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