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## SENIOR DEPARTMENT

### SENIOR FLORICULTURE

1. NO ENTRY LIMIT PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS (Except Gardens).
2. All Junior Exhibitors who do not belong to FFA or 4-H may enter Specimen Division in Senior Floriculture Department.
3. Whole exhibits or portions of exhibits may not be entered in more than one class.
4. Tables for assembling exhibits will be provided near the entry door and no entries in the arrangements and cut flower division may be assembled at the display place. The Management will provide containers for cut specimens.
5. Management reserved the right to assign locations of displays to achieve the most artistic and harmonious effect for the entire show.

#### ***GLOSSARY OF TERMS***

1. **ANNUAL:** A plant that completes its outdoor cycle of growth in one year.
2. **BIENNIAL:** A plant that normally completes its outdoor cycle of growth in two years.
3. **PERENNIAL:** A plant that lives, blooms and seeds for more than two years. Trees and scrubs are hard wood perennials.
4. **HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS:** A plant that lives longer than two years, but which in colder climates dies back to the ground each winter.

5. **SPIKE:** A flower structure with flowers, stemless or very short-stemmed on a common length stalk. Example: Gladiolus.
6. **SPRAY:** Portion on a plant with a number of flowers on one stem. Example: Cosmos and Salpiglosses.
7. **STEM:** The main ascending part of a plant.
8. **STALK:** A stiff stem which may or may not branch, one or more flowers or buds.
9. **BLOOM:** Individual flowers, one blossom on a stem. Example: Exhibition Dahlias, Carnations, Roses, all disbudded.
10. **SPECIMEN:** A single plant, fruit, vegetable, bloom or spike, spray, stalk or stem.
11. **GARDEN:** Outdoor plot of ground used for cultivating flowers, plants, fruits or vegetables.
12. **NOVICE:** Open to amateurs who have not won more than a total of 4 blue ribbons at any previous Merced County Spring Fair.
13. **INTERMEDIATE:** Open to amateurs who have won 5 to 10 blue ribbons at any previous Merced County Spring Fair.
14. **ADVANCED:** Open to amateurs who have won more than 10 blue ribbons with 5 or more years experience in flower arrangement competition.

### SENIOR GARDENS

ONLINE ENTRIES DUE: March 27, 2019 11:59 p.m.  
 DELIVER EXHIBITS TO FAIR: Starting April 24  
 JUDGING: April 30, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 American System of Judging  
 EXHIBIT CLAIMING: May 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

#### *Best of Show - Rosette*

#### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>
\$290	\$180

1. ONE entry will be accepted per exhibitor per class.
2. Professional gardeners must enter class 3 only. Amateur gardeners may enter in class 1 or 2.
3. Gardens must be designed, constructed and installed only by person, persons, and club organization members of whose name appears on entry form. Leaders or Instructors may supervise only. **Gardens must be the workmanship of the exhibitor only.**
4. Gardens must be completed by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29th. Monday, May 6, gardens must be torn down, all items removed and space returned to original state. **Checks will not be issued until gardens are cleared.**
5. Exhibits are to be maintained in fresh state with care of plant and floral material and replacement of any and all dead or deteriorating material. **Gardens will be watered by fair personnel only.**
6. Garden space is limited. Gardens will be assigned together by class.
7. Garden space plantings must be planted in the ground.
8. Absolutely no dyed, artificial or painted flowers. Materials must be used in their natural form.
9. Space allotted for each display will be approximately 100 square feet.
10. After judging, the exhibitors must display their name on a suitable sign not exceeding 18" by 24". The sign must show only the entrants name and business. Signs need to be displayed Wednesday morning between 8am-8:30am. If exhibitor is unable to come at that time they must arrange for someone to do it for them.
11. All gardening equipment, wagons, wheelbarrows, tools, soil, unused plants or floral material, etc must be removed from gardens no later than 7pm April 30<sup>th</sup>. Any items left behind will become the property of the fair. Nothing may be added or removed from your garden after 7pm April 30<sup>th</sup>.
12. Work schedule for gardens: Starting April 24-28, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. April 29th, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### DIVISION 13: OUTDOOR GARDENS

- Class:
1. Individual, amateur
  2. Any group, club, or organization, amateur
  3. Professional

**BIKES IN BLOOM**

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**PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
\$20	\$15

Limit one entry per exhibitor per class. Amateur gardeners only. Exhibitor must provide bicycle. Bicycle must be designed and constructed by person whose name appears on the entry. Bicycle must be self supportive. All plants, containers, and accessories must be attached to bicycle. Absolutely no dyed, artificial, or painted flowers.

**DIVISION 14: BIKES IN BLOOM**

Class: 1. Bikes in Bloom

**CONTAINER GARDENS**

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EXHIBIT CLAIMING: May 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
\$20	\$15

Limit one entry per exhibitor per class. Amateur gardeners only. Exhibitor must provide container. Absolutely no dyed, artificial, or painted flowers. Materials must be used in their natural form.

**DIVISION 15 : CONTAINER GARDENS**

Class: 1 Garden in a Wagon, standard size wagon  
2. Garden in a Wheelbarrow, standard size

## PLANT DIVISIONS

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JUDGING: April 30, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m.  
American System of Judging  
EXHIBIT CLAIMING: May 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

### *Best of Show Plant \$50.*

#### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$3	\$2	\$1

Plant must be shown in a clean pot with saucer or ornamental tub.

Plant must have been in possession of the exhibitor for no less than 90 days prior to May 1, 2018.

Watering instructions must accompany plants, if not, the exhibitor will be responsible for watering own entries.

#### **DIVISION 16: POTTED & HANGING PLANTS**

Class: 1. Any potted or hanging plant

#### **DIVISION 17: CACTI & SUCCULENTS**

(single potted specimens unless otherwise noted)

Class: 1. Cactus, and or succulents 3-6 varieties growing in a dish garden, to be named if possible  
2. Cactus  
3. Succulent

#### **DIVISION 18: PLANTERS & TERRARIUMS**

(Three or more varieties in a single decorative planter. Plants must be rooted.)

Class: 1. Bonsai, plants must be rooted.  
2. Outdoor Planter  
3. Terrarium, small mouth  
4. Cactus and or succulents collection, 3 or more in a re-purposed or recycled container up to 24". Entry will be judged on both planting selection and uniqueness of container.  
5. Indoor dish garden  
6. Herb garden  
7. Indoor, any other

## PINTEREST DIY GARDEN PROJECT

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Two entries will be accepted per exhibitor per class. Take a DIY (do it yourself) plant/garden idea from Pinterest.com and recreate it using live plants. Entry item must include picture of project from Pinterest.

#### **DIVISION 19: PINTEREST DIY GARDEN PROJECT**

Class: 1. Garden Décor with live plants

**FIRST PERIOD OF JUDGING**

**FLORICULTURE DIVISIONS**

NOTE: All cut flowers should have self-foliage if possible.

ONLINE ENTRIES DUE: April 25, 2019 11:59 p.m.  
DELIVER EXHIBITS TO FAIR: April 30, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Germino Building  
JUDGING: April 30, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m.  
American System of Judging  
EXHIBIT CLAIMING: May 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Best of Show Floriculture Overall - 1<sup>st</sup> Period \$25**  
**Best of Show Iris - 1<sup>st</sup> Period \$25**

**PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS**

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$3	\$2	\$1

**DIVISION 20: IRIS**

(One stalk, named if possible)

- Class:
1. Bearded Iris; white and cream
  2. Bearded Iris; pilcatas, blue, purple, violet and rose
  3. Bearded Iris; pilcatas, yellow, brown or red
  4. Bearded Iris; white and blue or violet bi-color
  5. Bearded Iris; white and yellow bi-color
  6. Bearded Iris; light blue selfs
  7. Bearded Iris; medium to dark blue selfs
  8. Bearded Iris; violet or violet bi-tones
  9. Bearded Iris; blue-blacks, purple-blacks, violet-blacks
  10. Bearded Iris; purple selfs
  11. Bearded Iris; light yellow selfs
  12. Bearded Iris; bright yellow selfs
  13. Bearded Iris; yellow, red, brown or purple bi-color (variegated)
  14. Bearded or Dutch Iris; white
  15. Any other Iris

**DIVISION 21: PERENNIALS**

(Best Display: 3 stems, unless otherwise noted)

- Class:
1. Carnations
  2. Columbine
  3. Daisy
  4. Delphinium, one stem
  5. Dianthus, any variety or color
  6. Geranium, with foliage, two stems
  7. Peony, one stem
  8. Verbena
  9. Any other Perennial

**DIVISION 22: SHRUBS, VINES, LILIES, TUBERS, BULB BLOOMS, DECORATIVE FOLIAGES**

(One stem unless otherwise noted)

- Class:
1. Any shrub, vine, lily, tuber, bulb bloom or Decorative foliage

**DIVISION 23: COLLECTION OF CUT FLOWERS**

(In single containers)

- Class:
1. Bearded Iris, not less than 5 varieties, named if possible
  2. Snapdragons, not less than 5, named if possible

## WALK-IN DIVISION

1. No pre-entry required. Entry will be made at time of delivery.
2. Specimens need not be identified.
3. Any worthy specimen may be entered.
4. Entries are not eligible for Best of Show Award.

WALK-IN ENTRY DUE: April 29, 2019 by 10:00 a.m.  
DELIVER EXHIBITS TO FAIR: April 29, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Germino Building  
JUDGING: April 29, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m.  
American System of Judging  
EXHIBIT CLAIMING: May 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

### *Best of Show Specimen - 1<sup>st</sup> Period \$25*

#### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$9	\$4	\$2

#### DIVISION 24: WALK-IN SPECIMENS

- Class:
1. Walk-In Rose, any type
  2. Walk-In Iris, any type
  3. Walk-In Specimen, any type

## ARRANGEMENT DIVISIONS

1. All arrangements must contain some fresh flowers and/or fresh plant material. No artificial flowers or foliage will be accepted, except where specified. Dried plant material may be altered.
2. Containers for arrangements and accessories must have owner's name on bottom.
3. Fresh foliage may be used in any arrangement of a specified color.
4. No fresh NATIVE plants may be used in flower arrangements unless grown by an exhibitor.
5. Arrangements must be maintained during show.

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### *Best of Show Arrangement Overall - 1<sup>st</sup> Period \$50*

#### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$9	\$4	\$3

#### DIVISION 25: ARRANGEMENTS

(Open Division)

- Class:
1. Dry Arrangement
  2. Fresh Arrangement

**SECOND PERIOD OF JUDGING**

**FLORICULTURE DIVISIONS**

NOTE: All cut flowers should have self-foliage if possible.

ONLINE ENTRIES DUE: April 29, 2019 11:59 p.m.  
DELIVER EXHIBITS TO FAIR: May 3, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Germino Building  
JUDGING: Friday, May 3, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. American System of Judging  
EXHIBIT CLAIMING: May 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Best of Show Rose \$25**

**PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS**

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$3	\$2	\$1

**DIVISION 26: ROSES**

(One stem with self-foliage unless otherwise noted.)

- Class:
1. Hybrid Tea, white or cream colors
  2. Hybrid Tea, copper and/or pink colors
  3. Hybrid Tea, pink colors
  4. Hybrid Tea, red colors
  5. Hybrid Tea, yellow colors
  6. Hybrid Tea, bi-colors and multi-colors
  7. Hybrid Peace
  8. Hybrid Tropicana
  9. Hybrid Tea, any other
  10. Gradiflora, red colors
  11. Gradiflora, yellow colors
  12. Gradiflora, pink colors
  13. Gradiflora, any other
  14. Floribunda, white
  15. Floribunda, yellow colors
  16. Floribunda, red colors
  17. Floribunda, pink colors
  18. Floribunda, any other
  19. Climbing Rose, one color, one branch not to exceed 3 ft.
  20. Any other Rose

**DIVISION 27: ROSE BOUQUETS**

- Class:
1. Exhibitor's Bouquet, must be named
  2. Hybrid Teas, double, one color
  3. Hybrid Teas, double, mixed colors

**DIVISION 28: MINIATURE ROSES**

- Class:
1. White or cream color
  2. Copper and/or orange colors
  3. Pink colors
  4. Red colors
  5. Yellow colors
  6. Bi-colors and multi-colors
  7. Any other

**DIVISION 29: ANNUALS AND BIENNIALS**

(Best display, three stems with self-foliage, unless otherwise noted.)

- Class:
1. Calendula
  2. Cantareau, Bachelor Button
  3. Digitalis, Foxglove, one large or two medium
  4. Larkspur
  5. Pansy
  6. Petunia, single ruffled
  7. Petunia, double ruffled
  8. Poppy, Shirley, single
  9. Poppy, Shirley, double
  10. Snapdragon
  11. Sweet Pea
  12. Sweet William
  13. Any other annual
  14. Any other biennial

## WALK-IN DIVISION

1. No pre-entry required. Entry will be made at time of delivery.
2. Specimens need not be identified.
3. Any worthy specimen may be entered.
4. Entries are not eligible for Best of Show.

WALK-IN ENTRY DUE: Friday, May 3 by 10:00 a.m.  
DELIVER EXHIBITS TO FAIR: May 3, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Germino Building  
JUDGING: May 3, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,  
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### *Best of Show Specimen - 2<sup>nd</sup> Period \$25*

#### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$9	\$4	\$2

#### DIVISION 30: WALK-IN SPECIMENS

- Class:
1. Walk-In Rose, any type
  2. Walk-In Iris, any type
  3. Walk-In Specimen, any type

## ARRANGEMENT DIVISIONS

1. All arrangements must contain some fresh flowers and/or fresh plant material. No artificial flowers or foliage will be accepted, except where specified. Dried plant material may be altered.
2. Containers for arrangements and accessories must have owner's name on bottom.
3. Fresh foliage may be used in any arrangement of a specified color.
4. No fresh NATIVE plants may be used in flower arrangements unless grown by an exhibitor.
5. Arrangements must be maintained during show.

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DELIVER EXHIBITS TO FAIR: May 3, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Germino Building  
JUDGING: May 3, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,  
American System of Judging  
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### *Best of Show Arrangement Overall - 2<sup>nd</sup> Period \$50*

#### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$9	\$4	\$3

#### DIVISION 31: ARRANGEMENTS

- Class:
1. Dry Arrangements
  2. Fresh Arrangements
  3. Arrangements using fresh fruits or vegetables
  4. Arrangements using any foliage materials

#### DIVISION 32: DESIGN IN MINIATURES

- Open division (not to exceed five inches overall, design in miniature 60% for scale)
- Class:
1. Tiny Teacups
  2. A Cook's Creation  
(container must come from a kitchen)
  3. Exhibitor's Choice



## SENIOR CREATIVE ARTS, HOBBY AND CRAFTS DEPARTMENT

*The Exhibitor must have home produced all entries in these divisions within the last year.*

### Best of Division Ribbons Awarded to the Outstanding Exhibit in Each Division

#### Outstanding Home Arts Exhibit Award – Senior Department \$30 - Sweepstakes

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(Pertains only to Divisions 35-71)

## PRESERVED FOOD DIVISIONS

ONLINE ENTRIES DUE: March 27, 2019 11:59 p.m.  
DELIVER EXHIBITS TO FAIR: April 30, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Exhibit Building  
JUDGING: April 30, American System of Judging  
EXHIBIT CLAIMING: May 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$4	\$3	\$2

Two entries will be accepted per exhibitor per class, provided a different recipe is used for each entry. Two identical containers will be required for each entry. One container will be opened for judging and one for display. Exhibitors may pick-up their opened containers May 1st, between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. at the demonstration stage in the Exhibit Building.

**STANDARD JAR:** A container specifically or specially designed for canning purposes. No paraffin seals. All canning must be in sealed jars.

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES:** Clear glass, wide or narrow mouth jar with sealed lids.

**JELLIES:** Clear glass, standard or sculptures, 7 or 8 oz. Jelly jars with sealed lids.

**JAMS:** Clear glass pints or half-pints, fruit jars only with sealed lids. Tomatoes and fruits, not including their juices, must be processed in a boiling water bath.

**BBQ SAUCE:** Clear glass pint jar with lid.

#### DIVISION 33: CANNED FRUIT

- Class:
1. Apricots
  2. Peaches
  3. Pears
  4. Tomatoes
  5. Any other fruit, identify on entry

#### DIVISION 34: PICKLES AND RELISHES

- Class:
1. Cucumber, sweet pickles
  2. Dill pickles
  3. Vegetables, mixed, pickled
  4. Relish, identify on entry
  5. Any other, identify on entry

#### DIVISION 35: JAMS, JELLIES AND JUICES

- Class:
1. Apricot, plain jam
  2. Apricot, pineapple jam
  3. Strawberry jam
  4. Any other jam, identify on entry
  5. Any jelly, identify on entry
  6. Any juice, identify on entry

#### DIVISION 36: SAUCES

- Class:
1. Sweet BBQ sauce
  2. Spicy BBQ sauce
  3. Tomato Sauce (includes pasta sauce)
  4. Any other sauce, identify on entry

## BAKED GOODS AND CONFECTIONS DIVISIONS

ONLINE ENTRIES DUE: March 27, 2019 11:59 p.m.  
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JUDGING: April 30, American System of Judging  
EXHIBIT CLAIMING: May 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

### *Best of Show Foods Overall \$50*

#### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$4	\$3	\$2

Two Entries will be accepted per exhibitor per class provided a different recipe is used for each entry. Recipes using alcohol not allowed.

Minimum Quantities:

- Pie: One 7" or 8" pie
- Cake: ½ cake, plus one slice
- Confections: ½ pound,
- Cookies, biscuits, rolls: ½ dozen
- Breads: ½ loaf

#### **DIVISION 37: BISCUITS AND ROLLS**

- Class: 1. Sweet Rolls  
2. Any other, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 38: BREADS**

- Class: 1. Nut/Fruit bread  
2. Yeast bread  
3. Any other, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 39 : CAKES**

- Class: 1. Layer cake, two of more layers  
2. Fruit cake  
3. Pound or loaf cake  
4. Any other, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 40: CAKE DECORATING**

A mix, styrofoam or cardboard form may be used, provided the shape is one which could reasonably be achieved through baking.

- Class: 1. Decorated cake, amateur  
2. Decorated cake, professional

#### **DIVISION 41: PIES AND PASTRIES**

- Class: 1. Fruit pie, any  
2. Cream pie, any  
3. Lemon, one crust, meringue  
4. Any other pie, identify on entry  
5. Pastry, any six, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 42: COOKIES AND CONFECTIONS**

- Class: 1. Bar cookies  
2. Brownies  
3. Drop cookies  
4. Fudge  
5. Ice Box cookies  
6. Rolled cookies  
7. Any other cookie, identify on entry  
8. Any other confection, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 43: TRICKS WITH A MIX**

Begin with a packaged mix and change it. Recipe MUST be submitted with exhibit when brought to the fairgrounds.

- Class: 1. Cake  
2. Any other (identify on entry)

## TABLE SETTINGS

1. One entry will be accepted per exhibitor per class.
2. Space Allowed: Card table, exhibitor provides.
3. Perishable foods will not be permitted.
4. All tables are limited to four place settings.
5. Menu must be furnished on the table for display.
6. You may show company and pattern names of china, crystal and silver used and any other information, which might be of interest to viewers. This information should be submitted on a 5" X 8" card, neatly lettered or typed.
7. Centerpiece of flowers, fruit or plant material may be used.

ONLINE ENTRIES DUE: March 27, 2019 11:59 p.m.  
DELIVER EXHIBITS TO FAIR: April 27 **OR** 28, 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. Germino Building  
JUDGING: April 30, American System of Judging  
EXHIBIT CLAIMING: May 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

*Best of Show Table Settings \$50*

### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$5	\$4	\$3

#### **DIVISION 44: TABLE SETTINGS**

- Class:
1. Back to Nature
  2. Brunch in the Garden
  3. Island Life
  4. Exhibitors Choice

## CLOTHING AND TEXTILES DIVISIONS

### SPECIAL COTTON CONTEST

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**JESS SMITH & SONS COTTON LLC**

Available to Senior Clothing and Textiles Divisions. Prizes will be awarded to the exhibitor earning the most total points for all entries made with COTTON or cotton blend (65% minimum) and bearing the official COTTON entry labels. Fabrics or materials must be identified by hang tabs, labels, end of selvage, or sales slip, signed at store of purchase stating content. Exhibitor enters contest by noting COTTON on entry form. COTTON labels will be furnished to exhibitors when entries are received.

Prizes shall be awarded on the basis of total ribbon points won as follows:

		PRIZE		
1 <sup>st</sup> place	= 5 points	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	= 3 points	\$25	\$15	\$10
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	= 1 point			

ONLINE ENTRIES DUE: March 27, 2019 11:59 p.m.  
DELIVER EXHIBITS TO FAIR: April 2, 10a.m. to 6p.m. OR April 3, 9a.m. to 12 noon, Exhibit Building  
JUDGING: April 4, American System of Judging  
EXHIBIT CLAIMING: May 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

***Best of Division Ribbons are awarded to the Outstanding Exhibit in each Division.***

***Best of Show Senior Clothing & Textiles \$50***

***Best of Show Quilt, Rosette and \$50 Donated by: LOS BANOS ARTS COUNCIL QUILT GUILD***

#### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$5	\$3	\$2

Three entries will be accepted per exhibitor per class, provided a different pattern is used for each entry. All articles entered must be cleaned and pressed.

All quilts must have a temporary 4" sleeve attached to the top back for display purposes. Due to available space, some quilts may not be shown in their entirety.

#### **DIVISION 45: COUNTED CROSS STITCH**

- Class: 1. Pictured, framed  
2. Any other, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 46 : CROCHET**

- Class: 1. Afghan, continuous crochet  
2. Afghan, exhibitor over 70 years of age  
3. Bedspread  
4. Scarf  
5. Any other, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 47: EMBROIDERY, HAND**

- Class: 1. Clothing  
2. Any other, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 48: EMBROIDERY, MACHINE**

- Class: 1. Clothing  
2. Any other, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 49: KNITTING**

- Class: 1. Afghan  
2. Afghan, exhibitor over 70 years of age  
3. Scarf  
4. Any other, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 50: WOOL STITCHERY**

- Class: 1. Home Decor  
2. Personal Décor  
3. Any other

#### **DIVISION 51 : NEEDLEPOINT**

- Class: 1. Picture, framed  
2. Any other, identify on entry people

#### **DIVISION 52 : WEAVING**

- Class: 1. Rug  
2. Tablerunner  
3. Placemat  
4. Any other, identify on entry

**DIVISION 53: SEWING**

- Class: 1. Apron, any type  
 2. Blouse/Shirt  
 3. Dress  
 4. Skirt  
 5. Slacks/Pants  
 6. Vest  
 7. Pouch with zipper or snap closure  
 8. Purse/tote  
 9. Scarf  
 10. Pin cushion  
 11. Any other accessory, identify on entry  
 12. Any other wearing apparel, identify on entry

**DIVISION 54: HOME DÉCOR**

- Class: 1. Pillow, everyday  
 2. Pillow, holiday  
 3. Art Quilt, meant to be hung as art/mini  
 4. Childrens Quilt, not to exceed 240"  
 5. Potholder, two  
 6. Table Runner Topper  
 7. Any Holiday Table Topper  
 8. Christmas Tree Ornament  
 9. Christmas Stockings  
 10. Christmas tree skirt  
 11. Any Holiday Wall Hanging  
 12. Any other home décor, identify on entry

**DIVISION 55: BURLAP CRAFTS**

- Class: 1. Holiday Décor  
 2. Home Décor

**“QUILT OF VALOR/HOMETOWN HEROES”  
 QUILT CONTEST**

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**PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS**

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>\$5</b>

Three entries per class per exhibitor. Sew a quilt block with red, white and blue fabrics. Block must be a minimum of 6 ½” x 6 ½”, and a maximum 16 ½” x 16 ½”with an unfinished edge. Quilt block must be new 100% cotton, quilting quality fabric.

Each entry will become the property of the Merced County Spring Fair and will be donated to the Los Banos Arts Council Quilters Guild. The guild will assemble them into quilts and the quilts will be presented to military service members, veterans and our local community first responders.

**DIVISION 56: QUILT OF VALOR**

- Class: 1. Red, White and Blue quilt block, machine or hand pieced  
 2. Red, White and Blue quilt block using applique technique

## **DIVISION 57: QUILTING-AMATUER**

- Class :
1. Quilt, appliqued, hand quilted
  2. Quilt, appliqued, machine quilted
  3. Quilt, hand pieced, hand quilted
  4. Quilt, machine pieced, machine quilted
  5. Quilt, machine pieced, hand quilted
  6. Quilt, machine pieced, tied
  7. Embellished quilts, added beading, trims or other embellishments
  8. Top by one, quilted by another
  9. Hometown Heroes Quilt-twin or larger quilt using theme/colors for Military/ Police/Fire rescue (may be donated to Hometown Heroes at the Exhibitors discretion)
  10. Quilt As You Go, using QAYG method
  11. Paper pieced, either foundation or English
  12. Holiday Quilt, Any Holiday
  13. Any other quilted article, identify on entry

**NEW Division 58: QUILTING-PROFESSIONAL**-Entries in this division are not eligible for Best of Show awards.

- Class:
1. Quilt, Applique, Machine Quilted
  2. Quilt, Machine Pieced, Machine Quilted
  3. Hometown Heros
  4. Quilt As You Go
  5. Holiday, Any Holiday
  6. Any other quilted item, identify on entry

**DIVISION 59: COLLAGE QUILTS**-Pieces of fabric layered to create an image. Layers are secured and quilted.

- Class: 1. Any fabric collage, Any size

**DIVISION 60: GROUP QUILTS** – Entries in this division are not eligiable for Best of Show awards.

- Class:
1. Quilts made by groups of 2-4 people
  2. Quilts made by groups of 5 or more

## **QUILT CHALLENGE**

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### **PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS**

**1st place \$25  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place, ribbons only**

**This years challenge is: SEWING WITH CURVES    NEW**

Two entries will be accepted per class.

Any pieced and quilted item using curves in the design. Can be any item, tote bag ,table runner, small or large quilt, wall hanging, etc.

### **DIVISION 61: Quilting Challenge**

- Class:
- 1 Any, not to exceed 96" perimeter
  2. Any, over 96" perimeter

## HOBBY AND CRAFTS DIVISION

Two entries will be accepted per exhibitor per class. Entries must not exceed 3' x 7' due to space restrictions. Any paper entry over 2'x3' must be flame retardant. All hanging articles must be ready to hang (sturdy hardware please).

Fine Art sculpture should be entered in the Fine Art department. Any hobby or collections entered in previous competition must show a substantial increase to be eligible for competition this year. Display cases will be locked for security purposes.

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### *Best of Division Ribbons Awarded to the Outstanding Exhibit in Each Division*

#### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$5	\$3	\$2

#### **DIVISION 62: CRAFTS**

- Class:
1. Beadwork
  2. Ceramic, original design
  3. Ceramic, pre-molded
  4. Lined baskets
  5. Silk and dry flowers
  6. Soft sculpture
  7. Stained glass
  8. Stenciling
  9. Tole painting
  10. Wearable Art, quilted, painted, or otherwise embellished clothing
  11. Woodwork or carving
  12. Any other, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 63: SCULPTURE**

- Class:
1. Wood
  2. Any other, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 64: SENIOR CRAFTS**

Exhibitors over 70 years of age.

- Class:
1. Wall hanging, any kind
  2. Woodwork, any kind
  3. Any other, identify on entry

#### **DIVISION 65: HOBBY AND COLLECTIONS**

Space available per exhibit is limited to one display case.

- Class:
1. Hobby; group of 10 or more items which the exhibitor has made or worked on.
  2. Collection; group of 10 or more items collected by the exhibitor.

#### **DIVISION 66: SCRAPBOOKING**

Scrapbook must contain a minimum of 10 pages. Scrapbook must contain photos. Entrant must be 13 years or older to enter Senior Scrapbook Division.

- Class:
1. Mini Scrapbook, no larger than 8"x 8"
  2. Scrapebook, up to 12"x 12"

#### BIRDHOUSE CONTEST

Flight of Fancy! Decorate a Birdhouse of any size. Entries will be judged on:

- . Aesthetics
- . Imaginative theme or concept and exceptional use of form, texture, and/or color composition, and execution
- . Craftmanship
- . Functionality for birds (hole, roof, chamber, etc)

#### **DIVISION 67: DECORATED BIRDHOUSE**

- Class 1 Homemade Birdhouse  
Class 2. Purchased Birdhouse

## WOODWORKING

Exhibitor must construct all items. No refinished entries will be accepted. Limit one entry per exhibitor per class.

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**Grand Prize \$50**

### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$9	\$7	\$5

### DIVISION 68: WOODWORKING

- Class:
1. Furniture – Examples: table, dresser, nightstand, bookshelf, etc.
  2. Wall Decoration – Example: wall sconce, frames, mirrors, etc.
  3. Wood Turning – Examples: bowls, vases, etc.
  4. Any other – Examples: planters, step stool, decorative items

## PINTEREST DIY PROJECT

Two entries will be accepted per exhibitor per class. Take a DIY (do-it-yourself) idea from Pinterest.com and recreate it. Item must include picture of project from Pinterest. NO FOOD ITEMS.

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### PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$5	\$4	\$3

### DIVISION 69: PINTEREST DIY CONTEST

- Class:
1. Home Décor, identify on entry, estimate size of project
  2. Personal Décor, clothing, jewelry or personal item
  3. Yard or Garden Décor, no live plants, identify on entry, estimate size of project



**SENIOR ARTS & CRAFTS,  
DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED**

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JUDGING: April 5  
EXHIBIT CLAIMING: May 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

This division is open to challenged persons with physical or learning disabilities who are over 18 years of age. Three entries per class per exhibitor. **Danish, ribbons only.**

**DIVISION 70: CRAFTS**

- Class:
1. Beads, Jewelry
  2. Ceramics, clay
  3. Holiday Decorations
  4. Mosaic
  5. Sewing
  6. Wood
  7. Any other not listed, specify

**DIVISION 71: PAINTING & DRAWING**

- Class:
1. Collage
  2. Colored Markers
  3. Crayons
  4. Paint by Numbers
  5. Pencil, Colored Pencil
  6. Watercolor Paints
  7. Any other not listed, specify

**DIVISION 72: FINE ART**

- Class:
1. Any Art, identify on entry
  2. Photography

**SENIOR FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT**

1. No limit to the number of entries in the Original Arts Divisions.
2. Once an exhibit item is received at the fairgrounds it can not be altered in any way. Exhibit items will be judged 'as received'. Exhibit items may not be removed prior to May 6, 2019.
3. All entries must be originals and must have been completed by the artist/exhibitor within the past two years. No wet paintings will be accepted.
4. Pictures must be framed, securely wired, backed and ready to hang. No strings, tape, saw tooth hangers or thumb tacks allowed.
5. A label bearing title, medium, price (if for sale) or NFS (not for sale), name and address of the exhibitor must be attached to the back of the exhibit.
6. Any exhibit to be displayed shall not exceed 25 lbs.
7. Art entered in any previous Merced County Spring Fair is not eligible.

**NOVICE:** A person who has never entered an artshow, sold artwork or won awards.

**AMATEUR:** Those persons who engage in arts as a hobby or for the love of the work, whose return for sales, if any, do not exceed the cost of the materials for the articles sold and who are not otherwise compensated on account of engaging in this work except cash awards.

**ADVANCED AMATEUR:** A person whose work sells or wins awards at juried shows. These persons may not enter the amateur divisions.

**PROFESSIONAL:** A person who engages in art or teaches art as a profession.

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**PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS**

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$9	\$7	\$5

**FINE ARTS SPECIAL AWARDS**

**Judges Award of Merit:** \$25, Winner from previous year not eligible.

**Best of Show, Professional:** \$25, Sponsored by the **Merced County Arts Council Inc.**

**Novice Award:** \$30, Sponsored by **The Frame Shop**; for an exhibitor who has never entered an art show, sold paintings, or won awards.

**Overall Best of Show:** \$75

**Best of Show Amateur & Advanced Amateur:** Rosette

**DIVISION 73: NOVICE**

- Class: 1. Oils or Acrylics  
2. Sculpture  
3. Watercolor or Acrylic  
4. Other Media  
5. Quilts on Canvas, any quilt pattern painted on canvas, no size limitations-

**DIVISION 74: OILS OR ACRYLICS, AMATEUR**

- Class: 1. Animal life  
2. Landscape  
3. Marine  
4. Portrait, figures  
5. Still life, flowers, objects  
6. Quilts on Canvas, any quilt pattern painted on canvas, no size limitations

**DIVISION 75: WATERCOLOR OR ACRYLIC, AMATEUR**

- Class: 1. Landscape  
2. Marine  
3. Still life, flowers, objects

**DIVISION 76: OTHER MEDIA, AMATEUR**

- Class: 1. Pastel  
2. Pen and Ink  
3. Pencil  
4. Any other, including mixed media

**DIVISION 77: SCULPTURE, AMATEUR**

- Class: 1. Ceramics  
2. Wood  
3. Any other

**DIVISION 78: OILS OR ACRYLICS, ADV AMATEUR**

- Class: 1. Animal life  
2. Landscape  
3. Marine  
4. Portrait, figures  
5. Still life, flowers, objects

**DIVISION 79: WATERCOLOR OR ACRYLIC, ADV AMATEUR**

- Class: 1. Landscape  
2. Marine  
3. Portrait, figures  
4. Still life, flowers, objects

**DIVISION 80: OTHER MEDIA, ADVANCED AMATEUR**

- Class: 1. Charcoal  
2. Pastel  
3. Pen and Ink  
4. Pencil  
5. Any other, including mixed media

**DIVISION 81: SCULPTURE, ADVANCED AMATEUR**

- Class: 1. Ceramics  
2. Wood  
3. Any other

**DIVISION 82: OILS OR ACRYLICS, PROFESSIONAL**

- Class: 1. Landscape  
2. Marine  
3. Portrait, figures  
4. Still life, flowers, objects

**DIVISION 83: WATERCOLOR OR ACRYLIC, PROFESSIONAL**

- Class: 1. Animal life  
2. Landscape  
3. Portrait, figures  
4. Still life, flowers, objects

**DIVISION 84: OTHER MEDIA, PROFESSIONAL**

- Class: 1. Pastel  
2. Pencil  
3. Any other

**DIVISION 85: SCULPTURE, PROFESSIONAL**

- Class: 1. Any Sculpture

## PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

1. Two entries will be accepted per exhibitor per class.
2. All prints must be **MOUNTED AND MATTED** . Frames with or without glass will be accepted but GLASS IS DISCOURAGED FOR SAFETY REASONS. Fair staff will use extreme care in handling, but assumes no responsibility for breakage. Any photo frame or glass not safe and secure will not be displayed.
3. The fair will attach velcro on the back of photographs for hanging, **NO HOOKS**. Call 826-5166, Exhibits Supervisor, with questions.
4. In order to display an effective photo exhibit, exhibitors are encouraged to mat their photographs using black, white or gray.
5. Sizes limited to a **minimum** of 5" X 7".
6. Novice Exhibitors must enter NOVICE Division to be eligible for Novice Award.
7. Photography entered in any previous Merced County Spring Fair is not eligible.
8. **A label bearing title, price (if for sale) or NFS (not for sale), name and address of the exhibitor must be attached to the back.**

## PHOTOGRAPHY SPECIAL AWARD

**Best of Show Color:** Rosette and \$25

**Best of Show Black & White:** Rosette and \$25

**Best of Show Photography Overall:** \$50

**Judge's Award of Merit:** \$25, Sponsored by:

Merced County Arts Council Inc.

(Winner from previous year not eligible.)

**Novice Award:** \$30, Sponsored by:

The Frame Shop.

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1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$5	\$4	\$3

## SELFIES

**Entrant must be the photographer. Entrant must be in the photo. Photo minimum 5X7 must be mounted.**

**Matting photo is optional. 2 entries per class.**

### DIVISION 86: SELFIES

Class: 1. Individual selfie

2. Group (2 or more) selfie

## My Silly Pet Photo

**Share a photo of your pet caught in the act of looking silly. Limit 2 per class.**

### DIVISION 87: My Silly Pet Photo

Class: 1. Any Pet

**DIVISION 88: NOVICE**

- Class: 1. Black & White
- 2. Color

**DIVISION 89: BLACK AND WHITE, AMATEUR**

**DIVISION 90: COLOR, AMATEUR**

- Class: 1. Abstract
- 2. Action
- 3. Agricultural
- 4. Animal
- 5. Architectural
- 6. Autumn
- 7. Everyday life
- 8. Landscape
- 9. Nature
- 10. Portrait, children
- 11. Portrait, men
- 12. Portrait, women
- 13. Seascape
- 14. Spring
- 15. Summer
- 16. Winter
- 17. Still Life
- 18. Any other, identify on entry

**DIVISION 91: SPECIAL EFFECTS AND TECHNIQUES, AMATEUR**

- Class: 1. Special effects (double exposures, silhouettes, etc.)

**DIVISION 92: BLACK AND WHITE, PROFESSIONAL**

**DIVISION 93: COLOR, PROFESSIONAL**

- Class: 1. Abstract
- 2. Action
- 3. Agricultural
- 4. Animal
- 5. Architectural
- 6. Autumn
- 7. Everyday life
- 8. Landscape
- 9. Nature
- 10. Portrait, children
- 11. Portrait, men
- 12. Portrait, women
- 13. Seascape
- 14. Spring
- 15. Summer
- 16. Winter
- 17. Still Life
- 18. Any other, identify on entry

**DIVISION 94: SPECIAL EFFECTS AND TECHNIQUES, PROFESSIONAL**

- Class: 1. Special effects (double exposures, silhouettes, etc.)

<b>FAIR PHOTOGRAPHY</b>
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- 1. Open to all photographers
- 2. Four entries per exhibitor per class
- 3. This competition is limited to Merced County Spring Fair photographs. Photos taken during the 2017 Spring Fair are eligible for this competition.
- 4. Prints must be 5" x 7", **mounted and matted** on an 8"x10" mat board.
- 5. The Merced County Spring Fair may retain the prizewinner for its collection.

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<b>PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS</b>		
1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
\$5	\$4	\$3

**DIVISION 95: FAIR PHOTOGRAPHS**

- Class: 1. Amateur, black & white or color
- 2. Professional, black & white or color