

McCurtain County Free Fair
Official Fair Book
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All Arts & Education Rules



McCurtain County

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Art and Education Department

Nancy Childers, building Superintendent Edith Marshall Education Building

Rules

1. All Exhibits to be displayed in the Edith L Marshall Education Building must be submitted on Tuesday between 8am and 7pm. All entry is free of charge, all exhibits are non-commercial and all exhibits remain in place until the following Saturday at 8pm.
2. The Arts & Education Department includes 3 types of entries:
School Booth Entries (See Sections 400)
Individual Student Artwork (See Sections 404-404 below), and
Open Class Artwork (See Section 500)
3. **School Division, Section 400:** Booths: All booth entries are considered for the following prizes

Grand Champion (1st place) for Highest Educational Quality (\$50)
Reserve Grand Champion (2nd place) (\$25)

Grand Champion (1st Place) for Best Artistic Presentation (\$50)
Reserve Grand Champion (2nd Place) (\$25)

Fair Theme Champion (\$50) for best adherence to annual fair theme

Peoples Choice Champion (\$50) Adults & Students may vote @ one vote per person per day. Voting ends at 6pm on Saturday and at 7:30pm, the winner is announced

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Booth Awards will be given in these participating Classes:

Class 1 Pre-kindergarten Schools
Class 2 Dependent Schools, grades K-8
Class 3 Independent Schools, Grades K-12

In each participating class, prizes are awarded to:

1st Place (\$25)
2nd Place (\$20)
3rd Place (\$15)

To Reserve a booth, one person authorized by the school needs only to contact the building superintendent before Labor Day. Each Class member is allowed one booth. Tuesday at 8am or upon arrival, schools will choose specific booth locations on a first come first serve basis, with a drawing or coin toss used as needed. Decorating time is Tuesday 8am---7pm. Reservations are good until noon. Each booth must include a feature identifying the school represented. Aisles in front of booths must be clear of obstructions. As decoration is completed the booths will be clearly numbered for People's Choice award voting.

Judging occurs Wednesday morning, with awards and ribbons distributed and winners prominently posted as lists become available. After judging the building is open to the public through Saturday night at 8pm when booth breakdown begins.

1. Sections 401-404: INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBIT:

Section 401 Elementary Division (Grades K-5)
Section 402 Middle School Division (Grades 6-8)
Section 403 High School Division (Grades 9-12)
Section 404 High School Advanced Division (Grades 10-12)

Sections 401, 402, 403 and 404 are for student art work generated in the previous Fair year (September-September). Home- schooled and private school students may enter at the grade level determined by ordinary public school age divisions. Art entered by the 6th to the 8th grade students attending elementary schools will be considered middle school art. Only original artwork is eligible for prizes.

Each student is allowed **ONE ENTRY PER CLASS** in his/her section. The Classes are:

1. Pencil and Graphite

2. Colored Pencil & Crayon
3. Charcoal
4. Ink
5. Pastel
6. Marker
7. Collage
8. Mixed Media
9. Scratch Art
10. Ceramics & Sculpture
11. Tempera
12. Watercolor
13. Oil/Acrylic
14. Crafts
15. Misc

To enter, bring artwork to the building, complete a label for each piece and attach each label to its work. Students with multiple entries may compete in his/her division, and in higher Divisions but are not eligible for an award in the higher division if their entry is the only one there. Art will be sorted and displayed by the exhibit registration team. Unless the artist provides a sturdy display method, art will be hung using staples, glue, etc. Awards for each Class in all sections are:

- 1st Place (\$5)
- 2nd Place (\$3)
- 3rd Place (\$1)

Best of Show (\$50) is a comprehensive prize for the best student work submitted for Sections 401-404. Honorable Mention awards are honorary only.

At the close of the fair at 9pm Saturday, any entries not claimed will be taken to the McCurtain County Extension Office, 1st floor, South end of the McCurtain County Courthouse, after which entries may be claimed during regular Court House business hours. Such items will be kept no longer than 1 week.

OPEN CLASS ART DEPARTMENT (in Edith Marshall Education Building)
Nancy Childers, Building Superintendent

Section 500 OPEN CLASS ART includes two categories in which work must have been completed within the last Fair year (September-September) and must be entirely original to qualify for awards.

1. Open Class Art, and
2. Faces of McCurtain County

Class 1: Open Class Art is primarily for adults, although students may enter if standards are met. Items entered must be matted at a minimum. Pieces to be hung must be sturdily wired and ready for hanging. Ordinary care will be taken of all exhibits, but two-dimensional work is better protected under glass and framed. Artists are allowed to enter a total of THREE EXHIBITS (no self portraits). Class 1 Awards are:

- 1st Place (\$25)
- 2nd Place (\$15)
- 3rd Place (\$10)

Class 2: Faces of McCurtain County All artists may enter ONE MATTED SELF-PORTRAIT. Entries may be viewed more favorably if the artist includes a color photo to allow some comparison to the work, though the artist should work from life and not the photo. Any photo provided must be of the subject, unframed, small but clear and attached at the front corner. Portraits may be presented in any media, including mixed media. For award purposes, "student" means under age 18 and "adult" means age 18 and over. Awards are:

- 1st Place Student Champion (\$25)
- 1st Place Adult Champion (\$25)

ART TEACHER SHOWCASE is a non-competitive voluntary display of examples of artwork by McCurtain County art teachers

At the close of the fair at 9pm Saturday, any entries not claimed will be taken to the McCurtain County Extension Office, 1st floor, South end of the McCurtain County Courthouse, after which entries may be claimed during regular Court House business hours. Such items will be kept no longer than 1 week.

Agriculture Mechanic Department

Section 405

Robert Spalding– Superintendent

Rules

1. Entries may be individually, chapter or club owned.
2. Articles must have been constructed by an individual or group participation by chapter or club.
3. An article can be shown only once at the county fair, but not have to be constructed during the year of county fair.
4. All articles must be clean and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used during the year.
5. Each exhibitor must have a tag or sign showing ownership.
6. Exhibits can be constructed of either metal or wood.
7. Exhibits will be judged on workmanship, structure and design, practicability and materials used.
8. To be eligible to compete on a chapter or club basis, the chapter must have a minimum of 3 exhibits.
9. If an exhibit is entered in wrong section, the superintendent will make determination and transfer to proper section.
10. The judge will not award premiums or points for entries in any section that does not meet acceptable standards of quality.

Class

1. Livestock trailers, other trailers including machinery transporting equipment and truck beds.
 2. Home improvement, picnic table, clothes line poles, wood racks, etc.
 3. Livestock production projects, head gates, portable chutes, gates, etc.
 4. Crop production projects.
 5. Specialty items – Items not fitting above category.
 6. Farm shop items – Built to be used around the farm to increase usefulness of farm shop.
 7. Chapter awards – Must have minimum of 1 entry in each division.
- Awards 1st - \$50 2nd - \$30 3rd - \$20**

Open Agronomy Division

Section 409

Open Crops

Rules

1. All exhibits in this department will be judged according to standard score cards and premium awarded only to worth exhibits. All exhibits must be produced by exhibitor.
2. Only one exhibit allowed in each class per individual. All crop exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor as a part of a project during the year exhibited.

Class

1. Peanuts, 1 gallon or 1 plant
2. Soybeans, 2 gallon
3. Milo, 1 gallon
4. Wheat, 1 gallon

Class

5. Dried corn, 6 ears
6. Roasting ear corn, 6 ears
7. Sunflower seed, 1 gallon or 1 pod

Awards 1st - \$3 2nd - \$2 3rd - \$1

Section 410

Open Forage Plants

Entries are limited to one bale each variety per exhibitor. Hay will be judged on quality, cure and eye appeal.

Class

1. Alfalfa
2. Common Coastal
3. Coastal Bermuda
4. Perennial Grass– Legume Mix
5. Sudan– Hay Grazers
6. Annual Lespedeza
7. Mixed Grasses

Awards 1st - \$6 2nd - \$4 3rd - \$3

Open Horticulture Division

Section 411

Open Home Gardening

This exhibit is a quality selection of different kinds and/or varieties of mature fruits and vegetables. Amounts of fruits and vegetables in this exhibit should be such that they can be arranged in a neat, orderly manner and have good eye appeal. There must be enough of each fruit or vegetable for the judge to determine quality. All fruits and vegetables exhibited must be grown by the exhibitor. One-third of the judging will be on how well the exhibit is prepared and presented. Packing such as straw or cloth may be used but the fruits and vegetables should be the main attraction of the exhibit.

Class

1. White potatoes, 5 specimens
2. Red potatoes, 5 specimens
3. Sweet potatoes, red or yellow, 5 specimens
4. Onions, yellow, 5 specimens
5. Onions, white, 5 specimens
6. Pumpkin, field type (oblong), 1
7. Pumpkin, jack-o-lantern (round and flat), 1
8. Squash, winter, 1
9. Squash, summer, zucchini, 2 specimens
10. Squash, summer, yellow, 2 specimens
11. Pepper, sweet bell pepper, 5 specimens
12. Pepper, sweet banana pepper, 5 specimens
13. Pepper, hot, small, 5 specimens
14. Pepper, hot, large, 5 specimens
15. Okra, 6 specimens
16. Green peas, 12 specimens
17. Green beans, 12 specimens
18. Tomatoes, large type, 5 specimens
19. Tomatoes, cherry type (1 ½" or less in diameter), 5 specimens
20. Watermelon, oblong type, 1
21. Watermelon, round type, 1
22. Cantaloupe, 1
23. Eggplant, 3 specimens
24. Cucumber, 5 specimens
25. Miscellaneous

Open Fruit Exhibit

26. Red apples, 5 specimens
27. Yellow apples, 5 specimens
28. Pears, 5 specimens
29. Muscadines, 12 specimens
30. Miscellaneous

Awards 1st - \$3 2nd - \$2 3rd - \$1

Section 410

Hay Exhibit

Rules

1. Entries are limited to one bale each variety per exhibitor.
2. Hay will be judged on quality, how well cured, and eye appeal.

Class

1. Alfalfa
2. Common Bermuda
3. Coastal Bermuda
4. Perennial Grass – Legume
5. Sudan
6. Annual Lespedeza
7. Mixed Grasses

Awards 1st - \$6 2nd - \$4 3rd - \$3

Section 412

Home Garden Food Basket Exhibit

This exhibit is a quality selection of different kinds and/or varieties of mature fruits and vegetables. Amounts of fruits and vegetables in this exhibit should be such that they can be arranged in a neat, orderly manner and have good eye appeal. There must be enough of each fruit or vegetable for the judge to determine quality.

Rules

1. All fruits and vegetables exhibited must be grown by the exhibitor.
2. No specimens in this exhibit may be entered in another class. Any combination of fruits and vegetables may be used. Those not listed in the catalog may be included.
3. The exhibit must be in a container such as a basket or box. It may be covered with a clear plastic cover but judges must be able to handle produce to determine quality.
4. One third of the judging will be on how well the exhibit is prepared and presented. Packing such as paper, straw or cloth may be used, but the fruits and vegetables should be the main attraction of the exhibit.

Class

1. Food basket exhibit

Awards 1st - \$3 2nd - \$2 3rd - \$1

Photography

Robert Lairson– Superintendent
McCurtain County Photography Club, Sponsor

Rules

1. Photographs must have been taken on or after Sept. 1 of the preceding year. Photographs entered in the children's division must be 5x7 or 8x10. Photographs entered in the adult division must be 8x10 or 11x14. Photographs can be black and white or color. All photographs must be framed and/or matted and must be hangable. The picture entered must be your own work.
2. All entries will be judged based on technical merit, composition and inventiveness of subject matter.
3. Each photograph must have entrant's name, address and telephone number clearly written on back. Two photographs may be entered in each category for maximum of 14 photographs per entrant. No photography can be entered in more than one category.
4. There is no entry fee. Entries should be brought to the building on the opening day of the fair from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. All entries will remain in place until 8pm Saturday.
5. The McCurtain County Free Fair Photographers Association assumes no responsibility for loss or damage of photographs; however, all reasonable care will be taken.
6. At the close of the fair at 9pm Saturday, any entries not claimed will be taken to the McCurtain County Extension Office, 1st floor, South end of the McCurtain County Courthouse, after which entries may be claimed during regular Court House business hours. Such items will be kept no longer than 1 week.

Division 2

Section 501

Children (Age 17 and Under)

Rules

1. Photographers may enter two photographs in each class.

Class

1. Portrait– People
2. Portrait– Animal
3. Action– People or animals or both
4. Flowers
5. Scenic– Landscape or seascape, etc.
6. Special Effects– Fireworks, etc.
7. Open Class– Everything else

Division 3

Section 502

Adults (Age 18 and Over)

Amateurs

Rules

1. Photographers may enter two photographs in each class.
2. Entrants must be amateurs.

Class

1. Portrait– People
2. Portrait– Animal
3. Action– People or animals or both
4. Flowers
5. Scenic– Landscape or seascape, etc.
6. Special Effects– Fireworks, etc.
7. Open Class– Everything else

Section 503**Adults (Age 18 and Over)****Rules**

1. Photographers may enter two photographs in each class.
2. Entrant must be a professional.

Class

1. Portrait– People
2. Portrait– Animal
3. Action– People or animals or both
4. Flowers
5. Scenic– Landscape or seascape, etc.
6. Special Effects– Fireworks, etc.
7. Open Class– Everything else

Awards: Photographs from the two divisions will be judged and ribbons will be awarded in each of the seven categories.

There will be over–all grand champion and reserve champion, and reserve champion photographs chosen to receive rosettes and prize money of \$10 grand champion and \$5 reserve champion. If there are more than five entrants in the children's division, grand champion and reserve champion rosettes and prize money will be awarded for this division also.

Awards: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category will be awarded ribbons.

There will also be a People's Choice ribbon awarded to the photograph receiving the most votes. Votes are cast by persons viewing the photographs during the first three days of the fair. Votes are cast into a people's choice box where they will remain until counted.

Awards: Grand champion, reserve champion and people's choice rosettes will be supplied and awarded by the McCurtain County Photographers Association. All other ribbons and awards will be supplied by the McCurtain County Free Fair.