

ART & EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Edith L. Marshall Education Building

General Building Rules:

1. The Art & Education Department features 3 visual art exhibits, each with its own rules of competition:
 - School Art (For Booth information, See Section 400 below)
 - Student Art (See Sect. 401-404 below), and
 - Open Class Art (See Sect. 500).
2. On Tuesday after Labor Day, between 8am and 7pm, all items for display must be brought to the Education Building and registered for competition. All items for display must be accompanied by a completed Official Entry Form which is available online or at the fair upon arrival. Time is saved if these forms are downloaded and completed in advance.
3. All entry is free of charge and all exhibits are non-commercial. Reasonable care will be taken of all such items, but the McCurtain County Fair Board assumes no risk for loss or damage.
4. Wednesday morning, judging begins. Ribbons and winner's lists will be displayed as information become available. All items entered are on display throughout the week until released at the close of the fair.
5. All exhibits are released at 8pm Saturday night. If this time is inconvenient, any unclaimed entries at the close of the fair will be taken to the McCurtain County Extension Office, 1st floor, South end of the McCurtain County Court House, where entries may be picked up during regular Court House business hours. Such items will be kept no longer than 1 week.

DIVISION 1: SCHOOL ART:

Section 400: BOOTHS: All booth entries are eligible for:

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.

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The People's Choice Champion (\$50): Adults and students may vote @ one vote per person per day. Voting ends at 6pm on Saturday and at 7pm, 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 Elementary Schools, Grades K-8 and
- Class 3 Independent Schools, Grades K-12.

Premiums for these Awards are:

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

To obtain and enter a booth, one person authorized by the school must contact the building superintendent before Labor Day to allow variation in building layout as indicated by annual turnout. Each Class member is allowed one booth. Tuesday at 8am or upon arrival, schools will choose specific booths from available locations on a first-come-first-served basis, with a drawing or coin toss used as needed.

Decorating time is Tuesday 8am – 7pm. 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 the People’s Choice Award voting.

Hosts/Hostesses of the Day are voluntary leaders in education and parents of school children from across McCurtain County who greet visitors and watch over the various exhibits. Hosting times are set on entry day on a first-come basis.

Section 401-404: STUDENT ART includes

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

General Rules: All student work entered must have been 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 6th to 8th grade students attending elementary schools will be considered middle school art. Only art which is entirely the work of the individual artist is eligible for prizes.

Display: Art will be sorted and displayed by the exhibit registration team. Unless the artist provides a sturdy, working display method, art will be displayed as practicable, using staples, glue, etc. .

Awards for each Class in all Sections include ribbons and unless otherwise stated: 1st Place (\$5), 2nd Place (\$3) and 3rd Place (\$1). No student may win more than one award per class. Honorable Mention Ribbons recognize close competition but are honorary only. Best of Show (\$50) is a comprehensive prize for best overall student work.

To enter: Look for your grade grouping among the following Sections and enter the Section and Class indicated by each item you wish to exhibit. Follow Rule 2 of the General Building Rules above to enter the fair.

Section 401 (Grades K-5) Each student may win only one award per Class 1-7 below. Students are invited to use any materials to create original work (collage, drawings, yarn, clay, sculpture, crafts, etc.) featuring critters that

1. Live in the barnyard,
2. Swim in the waters,
3. Forage in the woods,
4. Run in the fields,
5. Fly in the sky,
6. Crawl on the ground, and
7. Other creatures fact or fiction

Section 402 Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Section 403 High School and

Section 404 Advanced HS

Each student may win only one award per Class. Competitive Classes are determined by media. They are the same for each of Sections 402-404:

1. Pencil & 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. Paintings
12. Indian Art
13. Yarn art
14. General Crafts
15. Miscellaneous

DIVISION 2: OPEN CLASS ART DEPARTMENT

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See General Building Rules, above

Section 500 Open Class Art includes two classes in which work must have been completed within the last fair year (September-September) and must be entirely original to qualify for awards.

1. Individual Art
2. Faces of McCurtain County

Class 1: INDIVIDUAL ART is primarily for adults, although students may enter. All media is acceptable and must be ready to display properly. Paintings on stretched canvas need not be matted nor framed, but all other two dimensional works must be matted at a minimum. Each artist may enter a total of **THREE EXHIBITS** (no self-portraits, see below) Class 1 Awards include appropriate ribbon and:

1st Place (\$25)

2nd Place (\$15)

3rd Place (\$10)

Honorable Mention Ribbons recognize close competition but are honorary only.

Class 2: FACES OF McCURTAIN COUNTY: All artists may enter **ONE SELF-PORTRAIT**. Portraits may be in any media and any form, and may be two or three dimensional. Paintings on stretched canvas need not be matted nor framed, but all other two dimensional works must be matted at a minimum. Portraits, like all art, should be freely creative, but our judges prefer the attachment of a small picture or snapshot in order to appreciate what the artist has done. All entries must be ready to hang or otherwise displayed properly. The three awards include ribbons and:

1st Place Student Champion (\$25)

1st Place Adult Champion (\$25)

Honorable Mention Ribbons recognize close competition but are honorary only.