



2025 Bucket of Junk Competition

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New York State Fair Wegmans Art and Home Center

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Presented by the New York State Fair, to be held in the Wegmans Art and Home Center at the New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, New York 13209, from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm daily through the Fair.

FEES:

Exhibitor Fee-\$15.00

Adult Entry Fee-\$20.00

Youth Entry Fee - \$10.00

(Any Youth aged 17 years and under beginning after March 1 of the calendar year)

BUCKET OF JUNK RULES:

1. Please see the **Art & Home Center General Rules and Regulations** and the **Art & Home Center Exhibitor Schedule** that is on the NYS Fair website under Art & Home Center. This schedule contains all dates and times that pertain to entering in the NYS Fair Art & Home Center Competitions.
2. The rules printed herein are made a part of the conditions under which all entries of exhibitors are made, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read them carefully, thereby avoiding confusion at the time of the Fair and to ensure they are entering their entry correctly.
3. All sculptures must be delivered to the Wegmans Art and Home Center, New York State Fair, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, New York 13209, **on Monday, August 18, 2025, between 9am – 3pm. If these times are not convenient, please contact Yvonne Bakowski at 315-728-4328 to schedule an appointment for drop off. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

4. Contest is limited to NYS Residents and to the first 15 applicants for Adults and 5 applicants for Youth. Please only one (1) entry per family/household. If all the applicant spots are filled, and you would like to be put on our waiting list, please contact the Art & Home Center office at 315-728-4328. **Buckets may be picked up at the State Fair Photography Department located on the first-floor hallway in the Wegmans Art & Home Center from July 31st, August 1st & 2nd, 9 am – 3 pm. ALL BUCKETS must be picked up by August 2nd, 2025. If any buckets are not picked up by Saturday, August 2nd, 2025, we will refer to our waiting list.**
5. When you drop-off your sculpture, you **MUST** bring back the bucket. **Please remember to attach your Entry Tag.** Sculptures will remain on display from August 20th, 2025, through the remainder of the Fair. Sculptures are to be picked up on Claim Entry Days per the 2025 Exhibitor Schedule.
6. Sculptures will be Judged on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.
7. **JUDGING CRITERIA:**
 - Contestant used only the materials that were provided (required).... 25%
 - Contestant used the materials in a new way to create something different 25%
 - Contestant's ideas are recognizable. (Clarity of the idea)..... 25%
 - Contestant's overall finished appearance of the sculpture 25%
(This includes the difficulty of the piece and how well it was made)
8. **PRESENTATION:**
 - The objective of "Bucket of Junk" is to create a sculpture using only the items in the bucket. A sculpture is defined as a "three-dimensional work of art" that can be viewed from 365 degrees.
 - **All sculptures must be received presentation ready.** Sculptures not meeting this requirement may not be judged. Entry Tag Supplied on Receiving Days.
 - The judges must know where you used each item in the bucket. Please note: You must use each item. You do not need to use the entire item in your sculpture, but there must be enough used to make it visible. The only optional pieces in the bucket are the packaging on the different items, i.e., cardboard package, plastic bag, etc. However, if you want to use it you may, they are just not mandatory.
 - You may not add any additional items to your sculpture. Only the items in the bucket are permitted to be part of your sculpture. There will be a list of contents in each bucket. Please indicate on the list where each item was used. Please return this list filled out when you drop off your sculpture.
 - You may cut, weld, melt, paint, shave, curl, staple, glue, tape or sew these items to make your sculpture.

- You may connect your entry to a solid base for stability if needed. The base **cannot** be part of your sculpture. The base must also be smaller than the sculpture and is **NOT** to be painted. The base will not be considered part of your sculpture, so it will not be judged.
- Your sculpture will be displayed in the Wegmans Art & Home Center for the duration of the NYS Fair.
- The bucket and contents list needs to be returned when you bring your sculpture. The bucket may not be used as part of the entry.
- Any sculpture larger than 20” L x 20” W will be automatically disqualified.
- Your sculpture must be finished when it arrives. **NO** painting, constructing, etc. will be allowed after you bring the sculpture in.

Adult

Class 1:

1st 2nd 3rd

Prizes:

\$100 \$75 \$50

Youth

Class 2:

1st 2nd 3rd

Prizes:

\$50 \$35 \$25