

2026 New York State Fair County Fair Competition

New York State Fair Wegmans Creative Arts Center

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Presented by the New York State Fair, Syracuse, New York 13209,
from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm daily (6:00 pm on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2026)

Should you have any questions on the competition, please feel free to call the Creative Arts Center Office at 315-728-4328, email Yvonne.bakowski2@agriculture.ny.gov or write to the Creative Arts Center at: New York State Fair, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, New York 13209

- A special "County Fair" competition will be featured in the Arts & Crafts Department. Participating county fairs will select a "Best of Show" from their art/craft category for entry in the competition. County Fair submitted work is not eligible in the general New York State Fair competition and will be judged separately.
- Please see the Creative Arts Center Exhibitor Schedule and the Creative Arts Center General Rules and Regulations.
- A first, second and third ribbon will be awarded.
- All competition entries **MUST** be forwarded by the sponsoring county fair to qualify and must be at New York State Fair by Monday, August 24th, 2026.
- A **County Fair Exhibitor Information** form is required with each entry.
- If you are dropping your entry off at the Creative Arts Center, please call ahead to make an appointment at 315-728-4328.
- If you are mailing your County Fair entry, a **New York State County Fair Shipping Form and Entry Label** are required along with the **County Fair Exhibitor Information Form**.
- Items sent/returned by mail must be sent in a sturdy, reusable carton which can be re-shipped. The New York State Fair assumes no responsibility for shipping damages if reusable packing is not provided. All postage must be prepaid. Entries being returned by UPS, Fed Ex, or USPS must include the return UPS/Fed Ex/USPS paid postage receipt. This postage is to be submitted with your entry. No entries will be shipped/returned until after the competition of the New York State Fair. **No Exceptions.**
- Entries can be picked up after the completion of the New York State Fair on Wednesday, September 9th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Thursday, September 10th, 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm, or Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, or by appointment.
- **NOTE:** If your County Fair is held during or after the New York State Fair, you may enter your previous years "Best of Show" winner in the current year of the New York State Fair.