

DEPARTMENT: CREATIVE ARTS

DIVISION 302: PHOTOGRAPHY

DIVISION 303: PAINTING AND DRAWING

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Rules:

1. Entries in this department must be registered prior to fair. Registrations must be made in the fair office no later than August 15, 2026. Entries that are not preregistered will not be accepted. See the Open Fair Entry form and/or Entries and Admission for requirements.
2. Entries are open to any Ohio resident.
3. Check-in will be in the Arts and Crafts Building from 5-8 p.m. the Friday night prior to the opening of the fair. No entries will be accepted prior to check in time.
4. The Fair will not be responsible for lost or damaged items.
5. The Arts and Crafts building is open from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. every day and is locked at all other times. All exhibits can be picked up Saturday evening at the end of the fair, 5 pm to 7 pm, and the Sunday immediately following the fair from 9 a.m. - noon. Any items remaining will be taken to the fair office and held 2 weeks.
6. Photography judging will be the first Saturday of the fair and will begin at 8 a.m. Art judging will follow.
7. While the building is open during judging, the judging area will be roped off and closed to the public.
8. All entries must remain in place as part of the exhibition for the duration of the fair – no early releases. If an exhibit is removed early, the exhibitor will not be allowed to enter in this department for two years.
9. All entries must be the original work of the exhibitor. Any exhibit that has received an award at the Delaware County Fair in any previous year may not be entered. Exhibitors should be aware that the exhibition area is not a climate controlled environment and could subject exhibits to heat, cold, or moisture.
10. All exhibitors' tags will be in the possession of the department and will be available at check in. Entry tags will be attached during the check in process. A claim tag will be issued during the check in process and is required to claim artwork (Division 303) exhibits during check out. You may not hang exhibits at check-in; this will be done by the department.
11. All Entries should be entered into the class that item best fits the item. No class changes will be permitted after the entry deadline. Entry class or section for exhibits entered cannot be changed during check in. If a different exhibit class or section is brought as a replacement, it will not be accepted.
12. There is a maximum of 3 entries per exhibitor per class. Up to three places in each class may be awarded but is not required. If nothing is deemed worthy a placing will not be made.
13. All photography will be displayed in a clear plastic sleeve provided by the department and attached to the wall by the department. No frames or matting will be permitted. Judging is based 100% on the photograph. Entries not properly presented or sized will be disqualified. All photos must be 8" x 10" in size. Place an arrow on the back of photo depicting top of photo.
14. **New in 2026: All artwork larger than 24" x 24" must provide an easel for display.**

15. All photographs and art work must have the entrants name, address, phone #, and class that the item is being entered into permanently written or attached to the back of the entered item.
16. Photos may be digitally enhanced (brightness, contrast, color saturation, tint, hue, HDR) but not altered.
17. All monochrome photos must be entered in the monochrome category. Photos may be black & white or sepia.
18. Please read the fair general rules.

Amateur Youth

This section is for all photographers under the age of 19 years old that do not teach, sell for profit, or participate in private or public shows or other like activities for monetary gain.

Amateur Division

This section is for all photographers that do not teach, sell for profit, or participate in private or public shows or other like activities for monetary gain. Any exhibitor that receives a placing in an amateur section will be checked to insure they are an amateur.

An exhibitor deemed to be advanced or professional that shows in an amateur section in that area will lose their placing, premium, and not be allowed to exhibit in any section in this department for two years. Any exhibitor that has ever entered as a professional must continue to do so in the future.

Professional

Photographers, painters, and artists that sell, or participate in activity for monetary gain must enter in the Professional Photography or Advanced Art classes. The integrity and ethics of the advanced/ professional should preclude them from competing against amateurs. Any photographer or artist may enter as a professional if they wish.

All entry fees are 20% of the first place premium.

Premiums	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00

Amateur youth entries for both photograph and artwork are entitled to one free entry in each division per year per youth. Please contact the county fair office to coordinate this entry discount.

Classes

Division 302: Photography

Amateur Youth Photography Color or Monochrome

A Best of Show Rosette will be awarded to the overall winner.

30201 School related

30202 Friends & Family

30203 All Animals

30204 Garden, Flowers, or Landscape

Amateur Adult Photography Color or Monochrome

A Best of Show Rosette will be awarded to the overall winner.

30210 People

30211 Macro

30212 Still Life

30213 Delaware County Fair Related

30214 Garden, Flowers, or Landscape

30215 Wildlife/Zoo Animals

30216 Pets

30217 Buildings/Architecture

30218 Sports

30219 Monochrome

30220 After Dark

30221 By the Water

30222 Unusual/Funny

30223 Farm Related/Farm Animals

Professional Photography Color or Monochrome

A Best of Show Rosette will be awarded to the overall winner.

30250 Still Life

30251 Wildlife/Nature/Pets

30252 Landscape

30253 People/Portraits

30254 Monochrome

30255 **Macro**

30256 **Sports related**

Division 303: Artwork

30301 Youth Painting Monochrome or Color Oils, Watercolors, Acrylic, and Mixed Media

30302 Youth Drawing Monochrome or Color Pencil, Pen, and Pastels

A Best of Show Rosette will be awarded to the overall youth winner.

30311 Amateur Painting Monochrome or Color Oils, Watercolors, Acrylic, and Mixed Media

30312 Amateur Drawing Monochrome or Color Pencil, Pen, and Pastels

A Best of Show Rosette will be awarded to the overall amateur winner.

30321 Professional Painting Monochrome or Colors Oils, Watercolors, Acrylic, or Mixed Media

30322 Professional Drawing Monochrome or Colors Pencil, Pen, and Pastels

A Best of Show Rosette will be awarded to the overall professional winner.