

Creative Writing (Adult)

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS



FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

MARIN COUNTY FAIR FAIR OFFICE	10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903
WEBSITE	www.marinfair.org
EMAIL	FairExhibits@MarinCounty.Gov
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS	Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
FAIR OFFICE HOURS	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 8:00am to 8:00pm
MARIN COUNTY FAIR HOURS	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 11:00am to 11:00pm

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS STAFF

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COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS MANAGER	Jennifer Olvera
ONLINE SUBMISSIONS COORDINATOR	Carole Sanders
DEPARTMENT MANAGER	Francesca Bell

COMPETITION CALENDAR

ONLINE ENTRY FORMS DUE	JUNE 15, 2025 – 11:59 PM
ENTRY RECEIVING & DROP OFF	JUNE 20, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM & JUNE 21, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
ENTRY RELEASED	JULY 7, 2025 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The full Competitive Exhibits Calendar is available on www.marinfair.org.

REGISTRATION

To register for the 2025 Competitive Exhibits, please visit marin.fairwire.com/

DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Local and State Rules govern this competition.

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - Writings previously shown at the Marin County Fair are not eligible.
 - a. All Entries must be the original content and current work of the writer and created within the last two years.

ENTRY INFORMATION

2. **ENTRY FEES** - \$5.00 per Entry
 - a. Fees are NON-refundable.
3. **ENTRY LIMIT** - 2 entries PER exhibitor PER class
 - a. The same entry may not be entered in more than one class or division.
4. **IDENTIFICATION** - Only the TITLE may appear on the front of the entry. Exhibitor Name, Division/Class# should be listed on the back of the entry.
5. **ENTRY REMOVAL** - Accepted works shall not be removed from exhibition until the Fair closes.
6. **ENTRY RELEASE** - Entries must be picked up on release day. Entries will only be released by presenting your claim check, personal identification, or a signed letter of authorization from the exhibitor.

COMPETITION RULES

7. Entries must either be neatly mounted with a MAXIMUM SIZE of 9" x 11.5" or submitted in a folder.
 - a. Folders may or may not be included in the displays.

PUBLICITY

8. The Marin County Fair reserves the right to photograph any work in the exhibition for educational, catalog, website, or publicity purposes.

LIABILITY

9. The County of Marin, Marin County Fair, and/or its contractors will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Any entries received damaged will not be juried.
10. Work held more than 5-days after Release Date is Fair property and may be sold/donated to offset storage costs.

SCORECARD

ORIGINALITY	25%
FORM	25%
STRUCTURE	25%
NEATNESS	25%
TOTAL:	100%

DIVISION 62 | CREATIVE WRITING

Entry Fee - \$5.00

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. Creative piece, any genre, about the oversized role insects play in ecology, about how such large issues rest on such tiny backs (1500-word limit)
2. Illustrated children’s story where a bug is the main character (1,000-word limit)
3. Flash fiction about a “bug” in a system (1500-word limit)
4. Short memoir about a time you “bugged out” (1500-word limit)
5. Short essay about something (or someone) that really “bugs” you (1500-word limit)
6. Short prose from the perspective of an insect or spider (1500-word limit)
7. Ode to an insect or spider
8. Poem in the voice of an insect or spider
9. Haiku, any subject

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Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges

FIRST PLACE	RIBBON	HONORABLE MENTION	RIBBON
SECOND PLACE	RIBBON	BEST OF CLASS	\$10 & ROSETTE
THIRD PLACE	RIBBON	BEST OF DIVISION	\$20 & ROSETTE