

# Arts & Crafts (Junior)

## COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS



## FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

MARIN COUNTY FAIR   FAIR OFFICE	10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903
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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

### ARTS & CRAFTS (JUNIORS)

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## 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, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

The full Competitive Exhibits Calendar is available on [www.marinfair.org](http://www.marinfair.org).

## REGISTRATION

To register for the 2025 Competitive Exhibits, please visit <https://marin.fairwire.com/>

## DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

*Local and State Rules govern this competition.*

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - Open to California competitors ages 5 - 18.
  - a. Works of art previously shown at the Marin County Fair are not eligible.
  - b. Entries must be the original design/current work of the artist, created within the last two years.

### ENTRY INFORMATION

2. **ENTRY FEES** - \$2.00 per Entry | \$4.00 per Entry - For The Birds | Free for Coloring Contest
  - a. Fees are NON-refundable.
  - b. Admission ticket not included.
3. **ENTRY LIMIT** - One Entry PER Exhibitor PER Class (Unless otherwise specified)
  - a. The same entry may not be entered in more than one class or division.
4. **IDENTIFICATION** - Entries **MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED** with Title, Exhibitor Name, and Division/Class# on the **back** of the entry.
5. **ENTRY REMOVAL** - Accepted works shall not be removed from the 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.

### ENTRY SUBMISSION

7. Be sure to enter the appropriate division for your age. Specific rules can be found under the Division headings.

### SALES

8. Indicate sale price or not for sale (N.F.S.) during Registration. The Fair will retain a 25% commission. Sales will be handled through the Fair Office. Artists will be paid by check approximately six weeks following the Fair. Please note: Sales Price may not be changed after Registration is submitted. Under \$600, you will receive a check (minus the 25% commission). Over \$600 total (across all sold art), you must register as a vendor with the County.

### PUBLICITY

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

### LIABILITY

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

## SCORECARD

<b>APPEARANCE</b>	How does it look?	<b>25%</b>
<b>WORKMANSHIP</b>	The overall presentation and neatness of the piece.	<b>25%</b>
<b>ORIGINALITY</b>	Design and creativity of the piece.	<b>25%</b>
<b>HARMONY</b>	How color and materials were utilized.	<b>25%</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>100%</b>

## DIVISIONS 311 - 314 | JUNIOR ARTS & CRAFTS

*Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry*

Entries must follow these guidelines:

- 1 Entry PER Exhibitor PER Class
- Entries may not exceed 48" in any direction.
- Entries may be matted or framed. Framed pieces need to have screw eyes and braided wire on the back for hanging.

**DIVISION 311** | AGES 5 - 8

**DIVISION 312** | AGES 9 - 12

**DIVISION 313** | AGES 13 - 15

**DIVISION 314** | AGES 16 - 18

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

#### TWO DIMENSIONAL (2D Specific Classes)

1. **Collage**
2. **Drawing** | Felt pen, pencils, charcoal, chalk, crayon, scratch art, etc.
3. **Painting** | Acrylic, oil, watercolor, tempera, finger painting, Asian brush, etc.
4. **Printmaking - Any Type** | citrus, vegetable, stamp, woodcuts, linoleum, etc.
5. **Digital Art** | Art created with a computer
6. **Self-Portrait - Painting, Drawing, or Any Combination** | You may include a snapshot of yourself with your original self-portrait.
7. **Tangle Art (Zentangle® Style)** | Black & White or Color
8. **Cartoon Art** | Must be original. Must be a single panel or strip of multiple panels. It should have a narrative, caption, or word balloons.

#### TWO OR THREE DIMENSIONAL

9. **Mixed Media - Any Combination**
10. **Recycled Art** | Art created from any recycled objects
11. **Special Category – BUG-TASTIC!** | Celebrating the 2025 Marin County Fair theme, BUG-TASTIC! Any two-dimensional or three-dimensional work of art that includes your interpretation of the theme.

## 🌀 THREE DIMENSIONAL (3D Specific Classes)

12. Ceramics

13. Sculpture | Wood, metal, paper mâché, or any other medium

### AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | JUNIOR ARTS & CRAFTS

*Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges*

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST OF DIVISION (PER AGE GROUP)</b>	<b>\$5 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST OF THEME (PER AGE GROUP)</b>	<b>\$5 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST OF SHOW - MOST OUTSTANDING</b>	<b>50 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		

## DIVISION 315-318 | CELEBRATING MARIN COUNTY AGRICULTURE

*Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry*

*Entries must follow these guidelines:*

- 1 Entry PER Exhibitor PER Class
- Entries may not exceed 36" in any direction.
- Entries may be 2 or 3-dimensional, painting, drawing, mixed media, ceramics, sculpture, etc.
- Entries may be matted or framed. Framed pieces need to have screw eyes and braided wire on the back for hanging.

**DIVISION 315** | AGES 5 - 8

**DIVISION 316** | AGES 9 - 12

**DIVISION 317** | AGES 13 - 15

**DIVISION 318** | AGES 16 - 18

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. Art – Farm Animals | Cows, Sheep, Chickens, etc.
2. Art – Farm Products | Fruit, Vegetables, Oysters, Eggs, etc.
3. Art – Farm Scenes | Landscapes, Barns, Vineyards, etc.
4. Agriculture Photography | Mounted or Framed prints not over 9" x 12"

## AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | CELEBRATING MARIN COUNTY AGRICULTURE

*Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges*

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST OF CLASS</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST OF DIVISION (PER AGE GROUP)</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		

### DIVISION 319 | COLORING CONTEST

*Entry Fee - FREE*

*Entries must follow these guidelines:*

- *Download a copy of the artwork at [marinfair.org](http://marinfair.org), or collect a themed Coloring Form from the Fair Office starting in April. Fair Theme – BUG-TASTIC!*
- *Pictures will be judged on originality, and appearance.*
  - *Entries may be mounted on stiff paper with a 2" border.*
  - *Any combination of paint, crayons, markers, and glued-on or applied material (glitter, sequins, etc.) may be used.*

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. AGES 5 - 8
2. AGES 9 - 12
3. AGES 13 - 15
4. AGES 16 - 18

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## AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | COLORING CONTEST

*Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges*

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST OF DIVISION (PER AGE GROUP)</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		



## DIVISION 321 | GOURD ART

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow these guidelines:

- Decorate a clean gourd of any size or shape. Remove surface dirt and membrane from gourd.
- Any combination of techniques may be used such as beading, weaving, mosaic, inlay, coloring (paint, stain, or dye), carving, woodburning, and decoupage.
- Any combination of applied materials may be used such as beads, flowers, pebbles, pine needles, seeds, and grains.

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. AGES 5-8
2. AGES 9-12
3. AGES 13-15
4. AGES 16-18

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### AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | GOURD ART

Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST OF DIVISION (PER AGE GROUP)</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		

## DIVISION 322 | FOR THE BIRDS - JUNIOR

Entry Fee - \$4.00

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

#### AGES 5 - 8

1. **Birdhouse** | Handmade and/or Decorated by Exhibitor
2. **Birdfeeder** | Handmade by exhibitor
3. **Bird Cage** | Handmade and/or Decorated by Exhibitor
4. **Fair Theme – *BUG-TASTIC! with a Birdbath*** | Handmade by Exhibitor

#### AGES 9 - 12

5. **Birdhouse** | Handmade and/or Decorated by Exhibitor
6. **Birdfeeder** | Handmade by exhibitor
7. **Bird Cage** | Handmade and/or Decorated by Exhibitor
8. **Fair Theme – *BUG-TASTIC! with a Birdbath*** | Handmade by Exhibitor

#### AGES 13 - 15

9. **Birdhouse** | Handmade and/or Decorated by Exhibitor
10. **Birdfeeder** | Handmade by exhibitor
11. **Bird Cage** | Handmade and/or Decorated by Exhibitor
12. **Fair Theme – *BUG-TASTIC! with a Birdbath*** | Handmade by Exhibitor

#### AGES 16 - 18

13. **Birdhouse** | Handmade and/or Decorated by Exhibitor
14. **Birdfeeder** | Handmade by exhibitor
15. **Bird Cage** | Handmade and/or Decorated Exhibitor
16. **Fair Theme – *BUG-TASTIC! with a Birdbath*** | Handmade by Exhibitor

➤ *A limited number of pre-made birdhouses are available at the fair office starting April. Please call ahead to check availability.*

### AWARDS | AMERICAN SYSTEM | FOR THE BIRDS

*Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges*

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST IN DIVISION</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; RIBBON</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>\$7 &amp; RIBBON</b>		
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>\$5 &amp; RIBBON</b>		
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		



## DIVISION 323 | INTERLOCKING BUILDING BLOCKS

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow these guidelines:

- Use interlocking building blocks to construct a model (Legos, K'NEX, Lincoln Logs, or Tinker Toys.)
- Entries must be securely mounted on a cardboard or wood base not over 26 x 26 inches maximum.
  - A Plexiglas cover is recommended, but not required.
- Fair will not be held responsible for missing parts or pieces.

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. AGES 5 - 8
2. AGES 9 - 12
3. AGES 13 - 15
4. AGES 16 - 18

### AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | INTERLOCKING BUILDING BLOCKS

Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST OF CLASS</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST OF DIVISION</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		

## DIVISION 324 | JEWELRY

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow these guidelines:

- Each exhibitor may enter 2 separate entries, such as a bracelet, anklet, ring, necklace, and ear cuff.
- Entries with multiple pieces such as a Pair of Earrings or set of pieces meant to be worn together will be judged as a single entry and must be labeled as such.

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. AGES 5 - 8
2. AGES 9 - 12
3. AGES 13 - 15
4. AGES 16 - 18

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### AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | JEWELRY

Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST OF DIVISION (PER AGE GROUP)</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		

## DIVISION 325 | MASKS

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow these guidelines:

- Masks to be made of materials of your choice such as paper maché, ceramic, and recycled objects.

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. AGES 5 - 8
2. AGES 9 - 12
3. AGES 13 - 15
4. AGES 16 - 18

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### AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | MASKS

Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>	<b>BEST OF DIVISION (PER AGE GROUP)</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>		

## DIVISION 326 | MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTS

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. **Beadwork**
2. **Bookmark Art**
3. **Button Art**
4. **Costumes** | Original or inspired by other media
5. **Creatures** | Original or inspired by other media
6. **Glass** | Stained, Fused, Slumped, Lampworked, etc.
7. **Hand-Made Paper**
8. **Leathercraft**
9. **Metal Art**
10. **Models** | Original design or inspired by other media
11. **Models** | Other
12. **Mosaics**
13. **Paper Art** | Handmade cards, papel picado, etc.
14. **Pipe Cleaner Art**
15. **Scrapbooking** | Family, Vacation, School, Special Occasion, etc.
16. **Sculpey/Fimo Art** | Oven-Baked Clay
17. **Stenciling**
18. **Toothpick Art**
19. **Woodburning**
20. **Any other Miscellaneous Craft** | Specify

### AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | GENERAL CRAFTS

*Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges*

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>SPECIAL AWARDS</b>	
<b>BEST OF DIVISION (UP TO 4 MAY BE AWARDED)</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; ROSETTE</b>

## DIVISION 334 | FROM TRASH TO TREASURE

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow these guidelines:

- Recycle any material to make a new functional or decorative item such as recycled wood furniture, recycled plastic bottle bird feeder, recycled paper greeting cards, etc.
- Any combination of material may be used, (fabric, styrofoam, plastic, wood, etc.) be creative!

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. AGES 5 - 8
2. AGES 9 - 12
3. AGES 13 - 15
4. AGES 16 - 18

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### AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | FROM TRASH TO TREASURE

Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>SPECIAL AWARDS</b>	
<b>BEST OF DIVISION (PER AGE GROUP)</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; ROSETTE</b>

## DIVISION 336 | STUDENT ART & PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIOS

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow these guidelines:

- Division open to all High School students who have recently completed their Junior or Senior year of High School.
- Each Entry consists of 5 pieces of art, or 5 high-quality 8"x10" photos, that were completed during the student's Junior or Senior school year.
- Any combination of 5 pieces of artwork may be entered.
  - Example: 1 Sculpture & 4 Paintings
  - Example: 5 Photographs
  - Example: 2 Paintings, 1 Drawing, 1 Ceramic Piece, & 1 Sculpture
- Please submit a brief typed description (printed on one 8" x 11" page) with your Entry about your artwork and your artistic aspirations.
  - Description will be displayed - must be matted or framed and ready to hang. Frames with plexiglass required. Fair may require exhibitor to remove photos from frame if necessary.

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. Student Portfolio – 2D Art and/or Photography | Any combination of five (5) pieces.
2. Student Portfolio – 3D Art | Any combination of five (5) pieces.

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### AWARDS | AMERICAN SYSTEM | STUDENT ART & PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIOS

Offered per Class at the Discretion of the Judges

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>\$50 &amp; RIBBON</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>\$25 &amp; RIBBON</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>

### SPECIAL AWARDS

<b>BEST OF DIVISION</b>	<b>\$100 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
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## DIVISION 340 | JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Entry Fee - \$2.00 per entry

Entries must follow these guidelines:

- Be sure to enter the appropriate division for your age.
- **ENTRY LIMIT** - 5 Prints per exhibitor
  - The same image may NOT be entered in more than one class or division.
- Prints may be framed or unframed.
  - Framed prints must be framed with screw eyes or D-ring hangers with braided wire. NO clip frames or table frames. Frames with plexiglass are preferred. The fair may require the exhibitors to remove photos from the frame if deemed necessary.
  - Unframed Prints must be mounted on mount board or foam core which cannot be larger than the Print or the board size of 16" x 20".
  - Prints may be matted. Any color mat board is acceptable.
- Film processing and printing may be done commercially.
- Individual print only. No photo series.
- Photos may be taken with any device (camera, mobile phone, field glasses, GoPro, drone camera, etc.)

## DIVISION 340 | JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY | SCORECARD

<b>IMPACT</b>	Effect on the viewer-storytelling quality. Catches the eye, holds the attention.	<b>35%</b>
<b>COMPOSITION</b>	Arrangement of elements – Contains all necessary elements. Contains few or no distracting or unnecessary elements. All elements are arranged to tell the story and lead the eye into the picture.	<b>35%</b>
<b>TECHNICAL QUALITY</b>	Photograph is clear & sharp & shows details in areas where appropriate.	<b>20%</b>
<b>WORKMANSHIP</b>	Picture is mounted neatly and securely, as required.	<b>10%</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>100%</b>

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. AGES 5 - 8 | Black & White or Monochrome Print
2. AGES 5 - 8 | Color Print
3. AGES 9 - 12 | Black & White or Monochrome Print
4. AGES 9 - 12 | Color Print
5. AGES 13 - 15 | Black & White or Monochrome Print
6. AGES 13 - 15 | Color Print
7. AGES 16 - 18 | Black & White or Monochrome Print
8. AGES 16 - 18 | Color Print



## SPECIAL CLASSES\*

- 9. **AGES 13 - 18 | Self-Developed Print** | Must be hand-developed from film by the exhibitor
- 10. **AGES 13 - 18 | Creative/Manipulated Print** | Polaroid transfer, hand colored, digitally altered, collage, series, etc. (Max. size 16" x 20")
- 11. **AGES 5 - 18 | Special Category – BUG-TASTIC!** | Celebrating the 2025 Marin County Fair theme. Any photo that includes your interpretation of the theme.

*\*High school Juniors & Seniors may also enter Photography Portfolios in Division 336 in Junior Arts.*

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## AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | PHOTOGRAPHY

*Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges*

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>

## SPECIAL AWARDS

<b>BEST OF CLASS (EACH AGE GROUP)</b>	<b>\$10 &amp; ROSETTE</b>
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