

DIVISION N - EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Division Rules & Regulations:

Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEMS FOUND AT www.marylandstatefair.com** Internet entries are due July 15th. Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All release forms are to be completed online through the entry system at time of registration.

- Exhibitors and exhibits must comply with the "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations".
- All exhibits must be clean and free of labels and tags, unless otherwise specified in the section rules or class description.
- Judging:** All exhibits will be judged on their own merit and receive a rating of Excellent, Very Good or Good. The Judges will then at their own discretion give placings up to 10th Place in each class. Unless otherwise noted in section, exhibits will be judged in one of the 4-H Age Divisions: Junior (ages 8-10 as of 1/1/26); Intermediate (ages 11-13 as of 1/1/26); Senior (ages 14-18 as of 1/1/26). Entries not conforming to class description and/or division/section rules & regulations will be disqualified.
- Awards:** Ribbons will be awarded to the 1st – 10th Place exhibits in each class. Premiums: 1st (\$7), 2nd–10th (\$5). Rosettes will be awarded to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Champions and Reserve Champions in each section, if there are sufficient entries as determined by the Superintendent.
- Entries for this division will be received Tuesday, August 25th from 2pm to 8pm in the 4-H/FFA Home Arts Building and released on Monday, September 14th from 9am to 7pm. An early-bird release period will be made available on Sunday, September 13th from 8pm to 10pm AFTER the building is closed to the public.

SECTIONS I-II - PHOTOGRAPHY

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Section Rules & Regulations:

- EXHIBITORS WILL BE LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF 4 ENTRIES IN PHOTOGRAPHY ACROSS CLASSES – (Example: 2 Black & White, 2 Color for a total of 4)**
- All entries must be the work of the Exhibitor and completed between September 2025 and August 2026.
- All photos must be at least 5" x 7" in size and not larger than 8" x 10", except sequence/story classes, which should be a minimum 4" x 6" and a maximum of 5" x 7" in size. (Example: buildings, flowers, people)
- All photos must be mounted on a firm board using spray adhesive, heat seal or other permanent mounting medium. Use a pre-cut mat if needed. **Foam Core is not acceptable. Do not frame the photos and do not use clips of any kind.** Photos may be mounted horizontally or vertically. Mat size should correspond to photo size, for example: Photo: 5" x 7" = Mat: 8" x 10"; Photo: 8" x 10" = Mat: 11" x 14".
- Do NOT cover photos with plastic, cellophane, or ANY other covering.**
- The following information must be printed on the back of the mount: Exhibitor's Name, Age, 4-H County/City, title of picture, date picture was taken, and type of camera used.** *Entries in experimental photography or digitally altered must specify what was experimental or digitally altered. ** Entries in Photograph developed by the Exhibitor must specify the kind of film used.
- The entry tag should be attached with string and taped to the back to hang on the right side (top front) of the photo.
- Judging:** composition (40 pts); storytelling ability; (30 pts); photo quality (20 pts); developing & printing (5 pts, except classes **N X009 and N X024**); mounting (5 pts).

COLOR PHOTOGRAPH CLASSES (Section 1)

BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH CLASSES (Section 2)

Junior	Inter.	Senior	Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description
N1001	N2001	N3001	N1016	N2016	N3016	Building
N1002	N2002	N3002	N1017	N2017	N3017	Landscape
N1003	N2003	N3003	N1018	N2018	N3018	Flowers or Plants
N1004	N2004	N3004	N1019	N2019	N3019	People - Individual
N1005	N2005	N3005	N1020	N2020	N3020	People - Two or more
N1006	N2006	N3006	N1021	N2021	N3021	Animals, Birds, or Insects
N1007	N2007	N3007	N1022	N2022	N3022	First Year Photographer
N1008	N2008	N3008	N1023	N2023	N3023	Picture Maryland - a photo that captures the spirit of the state
N1009	N2009	N3009	N1024	N2024	N3024	Photograph developed by the Exhibitor**
N1010	N2010	N3010	N1025	N2025	N3025	Sequence of two or four related pictures matted on one board. Not to exceed 16"x30"
N1011	N2011	N3011	N1026	N2026	N3026	Photo Story-4 or more pics/collage telling a story, mounted on 1 board. 16"x30' or smaller.
N1012	N2012	N3012	N1027	N2027	N3027	Experimental Photography* (pinhole camera, photograms, special effects)
N1013	N2013	N3013	N1028	N2028	N3028	Miscellaneous (Not any of the above)
N1014	N2014	N3014	N1029	N2029	N3029	Digitally altered image*
N1015	N2015	N3015	N1030	N2030	N3030	Seascape

SECTION 3 - ART

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitor must be enrolled in a 4-H Hobby or Craft Project or FFA Vo-Ag Instruction Unit for the current year.
2. All entries must be the work of the Exhibitor and completed between September 2025 and August 2026. Entries that have won at a previous Maryland State Fair are not eligible for entry.
3. Entries are limited to **original paintings and drawings** in all media. 3-dimensional art is not allowed. Pictures painted by numbers are not allowed. Cartoon figures, such as Sponge Bob, Mickey Mouse, Snoopy and other copyrighted images such as Nike, Coke, McDonalds, and or business names and logos, and celebrities (living or deceased) etc. may not be used.
4. **All exhibits must be framed and ready to hang with picture framing wire and eye hooks.** All clip type poster frames will not be accepted. Paintings presented on canvas stretchers will be accepted but must be ready to hand with wire. Please do not use the following items when preparing your art for entry day – Duct tape, 3M hangers, soda tabs, thumbtacks, yarn, ribbon or string as they do not hold up on the peg board or grid. Plastic and metal framed will not be accepted unless professionally framed.

CLASSES

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N1101	N2101	N3101	Oil painting	N1109	N2109	N3109	Printmaking (Block printing must include block)
N1102	N2102	N3102	Acrylic painting	N1110	N2110	N3110	Pen and Ink drawings
N1103	N2103	N3103	Water color painting	N1111	N2111	N3111	Scratch Art – NO kits
N1104	N2104	N3104	Pastels	N1112	N2112	N3112	Marker drawings/paintings
N1105	N2105	N3105	Charcoal drawing	N1113	N2113	N3113	Mixed Media – 2 or more medias used in any art class listed here.
N1106	N2106	N3106	Black and white pencil drawing				
N1107	N2107	N3107	Color pencil drawing	N1114	N2114	N3114	Mixed Media – 3 or more medias used in any art class listed here.
N1108	N2108	N3108	Crayon drawing				

SECTION 4 - CRAFTS

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H Craft or Hobby Project or FFA Instructional Unit for the current year.
2. All entries must be the work of the Exhibitor and completed between September 2025 and August 2026. Entries that have won at a previous Maryland State Fair are not eligible for entry.
3. Where indicated with an * - an original craft is an item that has been designed, created, and prepared by the exhibitor.
4. Exhibits entered in Home Environment, Clothing and Child Care will not be eligible for entry in Craft Classes. **Displays will not be accepted.**
5. Craft entries will be evaluated in terms of the following definition of a quality craft: "A quality craft reflects the craftsman's imagination and skill in creating decorative and/or useful handmade items from appropriate designs and materials."

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N1121	N2121	N3121	Heritage Crafts-MUST include history of craft	N1141	N2141	N3141	Metal Craft
N1122	N2122	N3122	Holiday Craft themed (theme i.e. 4 th of July, etc., NOT a wreath)	N1142	N2142	N3142	Mosaics – seeds, glass, tiles, etc. - original
N1123	N2123	N3123	Holiday Tree Ornament (ready to hang on tree)	N1143	N2143	N3143	Models – original no Legos
N1124	N2124	N3124	Leather Craft, Tooled, Stamped or Sewn	N1144	N2144	N3144	Models - from a kit –no Legos
				N1145	N2145	N3145	Models - original Miniature Animal Habitat – Maximum size :12" X 15"
N1125	N2125	N3125	Weaving Hand or Loom	N1146	N2146	N3146	Decorative Painting–3D, no frames
N1126	N2126	N3126	Basketry	N1147	N2147	N3147	Candles, original* (sand candles, etc.)
N1127	N2127	N3127	Origami	N1148	N2148	N3148	Clay Pot Craft – Maximum 12" x 12"
N1128	N2128	N3128	Fabric Painting	N1149	N2149	N3149	String Art
N1129	N2129	N3129	Mask Making, must be wearable	N1150	N2150	N3150	Quilling
N1130	N2130	N3130	Tie-Dying	N1151	N2151	N3151	Wood Carving or Wood Burning
N1131	N2131	N3131	Collage–cloth/paper/etc. (framed-ready to hang)	N1152	N2152	N3152	Rock or shell craft
N1132	N2132	N3132	Decoupage-Must be 3-Dimensional	N1153	N2153	N3153	Digital Design & Cutting Machine Craft Original craft created using a computerized cutting machine. Design must be applied to a finished item (e.g., card, mug, décor, or wearable item); no loose artwork is permitted. Clothing must be on a hanger. Maximum size: 20" x 20".
				N1154	N2154	N3154	Gourds-carved or painted
N1133	N2133	N3133	Paper Mache (not a mask)	N1155	N2155	N3155	Eggery
N1134	N2134	N3134	Recycled Craft-functional with statement of use attached on 3x5 card Maximum size 12" x12"	N1156	N2156	N3156	Duct Tape (must be 100% duct tape)
N1135	N2135	N3135	Jewelry-original*, no kits (place in Ziploc bag)	N1157	N2157	N3157	Nature Craft (cornhusk dolls, etc. – not a terrarium or wreath)
N1136	N2136	N3136	Diamond Dots - must be framed	N1158	N2158	N3158	Stamping
N1137	N2137	N3137	Modeling-Clay	N1159	N2159	N3159	Hand-thrown pottery, original, fired
N1138	N2138	N3138	Stained glass, traditional (no plastic)	N1160	N2160	N3160	Ceramics – painted or glazed
N1139	N2139	N3139	Sculpture - stone, metal, wire	N1161	N2161	N3161	Scrapbooking-12"x12" (5-10 pages)
N1140	N2140	N3140	Wool Felting – Wet or needle, no felt craft	N1162	N2162	N3162	Macramé