

HOME ARTS AND GARDENS

THE STATE FAIR OF

WEST VIRGINIA

Summer's
Best

AUGUST 13-22

2026

Exhibitor's Guide

Premiums

1. Premiums will not be awarded simply because the item is the best of its kind exhibited. The judge retains the right to refuse to award a premium of any kind.
 2. **Premiums will be paid according to the records turned in to the Fair office by superintendents, not by ribbons presented.**
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General Rules and Regulations

1. All exhibitors will be charged a \$5 entry fee. Please make checks payable to the State Fair of West Virginia
 2. Exhibits will not be accepted or released outside of normal check-in and check-out times. No exceptions will be made to this rule.
 3. All limited classes MUST be entered by paper.
 4. Fair officials will take reasonable precaution for the safekeeping of exhibits after their final arrival and arrangement in the building but will NOT be responsible for any damage or loss that may occur.
 5. Fair officials reserve the right to dispose of any decomposing or deteriorating exhibits. Ribbons will be available during check-out time.
 6. The Judge maintains the right to dismiss exhibits that do not conform to the class description.
 7. All exhibits must be the product of July 2025 - August 2026, unless otherwise stated.
 8. Entry tags must be securely attached to exhibits prior to arrival.
 9. No professional exhibitors shall be allowed to exhibit. If discovered that an exhibitor receives more than 10% of their income from practicing the craft they enter, all premiums will be withheld, and the exhibitor will no longer be able to exhibit at the State Fair of West Virginia.
 10. Exhibitors are limited to ONE (1) entry per class unless otherwise noted.
 11. Fair officials retain the right to reclass exhibits based on size and class description.
 12. No checked-in exhibits will be available to be picked up until the designated check-out time for that department.
 13. A request can be made to have ribbons mailed after the fair. Ribbons will not be mailed unless a request is made.
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DEADLINES

Paper entries are due by 12 Noon Wednesday, July 15th

Online entries are due by 11:59 pm Wednesday, July 15th

Entry forms will be accepted beginning May 27th. Any entry forms received before May 27th or after July 15th will not be processed. No exception will be made.

The Fair office will accept paper entry forms from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon on July 15th.

Online entries will be accepted at www.statefairfowv.com until 11:59 pm on July 15th.

Department L – Needlework

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IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, August 8th – 8 am – 11 am Dept. L Check-In

Sunday, August 9th – 10 am Quilt Judging

Monday, August 10th – 1 pm – 4 pm All Other Judging

Thursday, August 13th – 9 am Fair Opens

Saturday, August 22nd – 8 pm – 9 pm Dept. K Partial Check-Out
No cars will be permitted on grounds for this check out. No quilts will be checked out at this time.

Tuesday, August 25th – 12 pm – 4 pm Dept. L Check-Out

Please Note:

For Mailed Exhibits:

Department L accepts mailed exhibits. Exhibits sent parcel post MUST be addressed to:

Competitive Exhibits Department

PO Drawer 986

Lewisburg, WV 24901

No exhibits will be accepted before July 15, 2026. All exhibits must be received by July 31, 2026.

A money order or check MUST be included to cover return postage and insurance of the exhibit.

Additionally:

All articles must be the handiwork of the exhibitor and **must be clean**. Articles must have been made within the last two (2) years, unless otherwise stated, and be in good condition. Previously entered items will not be accepted.

Premiums for Divisions 1-8

1st - \$9.00 2nd - \$7.00 3rd - \$6.00 Best of Show - \$10.00

Division 1 – Cross Stitch

Framing is included in overall appearance score. Samplers should include features such as alphabets, numbers, motifs, and decorative borders.

1. Sampler, on linen, no larger than 10"x12"
2. Sampler, on linen, any size
3. Sampler, on aida no larger than 10"x12"
4. Sampler, on aida, any size
5. Sampler, on any other fabric, no larger than 10"x12"
6. Sampler, on any other fabric, any size

7. Household Article, trimmed mostly in cross stitch

8. Garment, trimmed mostly in cross stitch

9. Picture, counted, on linen, no larger than 10"x12"

10. Picture, counted, on aida, no larger than 10"x12"

11. Picture, counted, on any other material, no larger than 10"x12"

12. Picture, counted, linen, larger than 10"x12"

13. Picture, counted, aida, larger than 10"x12"

14. Picture, counted any other material, larger than 10"x12"
 15. Christmas Theme, counted, any material
 16. Christmas Theme, counted, any material, larger than 10"x12"
 17. Holiday or Seasonal (excluding Christmas), counted, any material, no larger than 10"x12"
 18. Holiday or Seasonal (excluding Christmas), counted, any material, larger than 10"x12"
 19. Pillows, counted
 20. Any Other Article, counted
 21. Patriotic, counted, any material, any size
 22. Miniature, counted, any material, 4"x3" or under
- 23. Best of Cross Stitch, \$50 and a plaque (Classes 1-19) (Do Not Enter)**

Division 2 - Needlepoint

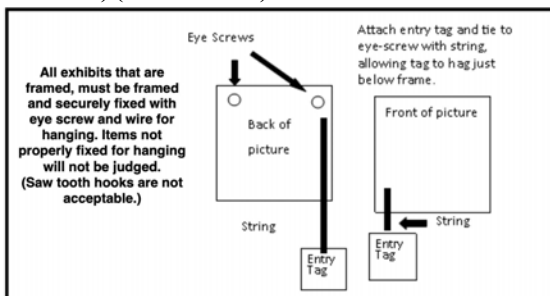
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1. Sampler on Canvas Mesh
 2. Picture on Canvas Mesh
 3. Needlepoint with Design Painted on Canvas Mesh
 4. Needlepoint on Canvas Mesh, any other article
 5. Needlepoint on Plastic Canvas
 6. Needlepoint, on any non-plastic fabric
- 7. Best of Show Needlepoint (Classes 1-6) (Do Not Enter)**

Division 3 – Embroidery

If item is framed, framing is included in the overall appearance score.

1. Towel, hand embroidered
 2. Pillowcase, hand embroidered
 3. Beading, any item, hand embroidered
 4. Any Article Not Mentioned, hand embroidered
 5. Towel, machine embroidered
 6. Pillowcase, machine embroidered
 7. Beading, any item, machine embroidered
 8. Any Article Not Mentioned, machine embroidered
 9. Kids Hand Embroidery, under 12 years
 10. Kids hand embroidery, 12-18 years
 11. Needlepunch, any article
- 12. Best of Show, Hand Embroidery, (Classes 1-4) (Do Not Enter)**
- 13. Best of Show, Machine Embroidery, (Classes 5-8) (Do Not Enter)**



Division 4 – Sewing

If item is framed, framing is included in the overall appearance score.

1. Child's Machine-Made Dress or Outfit
 2. Lady's Casual Dress
 3. Formal or Wedding Dress
 4. Costumes, Halloween
 5. Sewing, any other article, not clothing
 6. Smocked Garments/Accessories
 7. Any Item, made from men's ties
 8. Blouse, tailored or other
 9. Skirt, tailored or other
 10. Vest
 11. Tote Bag
 12. Purse
 13. Kitchen Apron
 14. Fancy Apron
 15. Man's Tie
 16. Shorts, child's
 17. Christmas Tree Skirt
 18. Christmas Stocking
 19. Stuffed Toys, excluding dolls
 20. Any article sewn by a child, 12 years old or younger
- 21. Best of Sewing (Classes 1-20) (Do Not Enter)**

Division 5 – Dolls

1. Raggedy Ann or Andy, doll and clothing must be sewn by exhibitor
 2. Doll, fabric clothing made by exhibitor, only clothing will be judged
 3. Doll, crocheted clothing made by exhibitor, only clothing will be judged
 4. Fabric Doll, doll and clothing must be sewn by exhibitor
- 5. Best of Dolls, (Classes 1-4) (Do Not Enter)**

Division 6 – Rugs

All rugs must be at least 24"x30" to be judged.

1. Latch Hook Rug or Wall Hanging
2. Crocheted Rug
3. Crocheted YARN Rug

Division 7 – Needle Felting

1. Animals
2. Dolls
3. Any Other Article
4. Any item needle felted by a child 12 years or younger

Division 8 – Macrame

1. Wall Hanging
2. Plant Hanger
3. Any other Macrame item

Premiums for Divisions 9 - 13

1st - \$12.00 2nd - \$10.00 3rd - \$8.00

Division 9 – Knitting

1. Afghan, blanket or throw
2. Afghan, baby, no larger than 52"x42"
3. Hand-Knit Sweater, adult
4. Hand-Knit Sweater, children under 12 years
5. Hand-Knit Sweater, 12-18 years
6. Hand-Knit Clothing, other than sweaters
7. Hand-Knit Baby Item, other than afghans
8. Hats
9. Scarves/Cowls
10. Socks
11. Shawls
12. Any Other Hand-Knit Article

Division 10 - Crocheting

1. Afghan, single stitch
2. Afghan, double stitch
3. Afghan, combination stitch
4. Afghan, granny square, round or square
5. Afghan, ripple stitch
6. Afghan, baby blanket, no larger than 52"x42"
7. Afghan, shell stitch
8. Graphgan, afghan makes a picture or scene
9. Garment, adult's
10. Garment, child's
11. Stole, Cape, or Poncho
12. Potholder or Hot Plate Mat
13. Doily, under 14", attached to cardboard no larger than 14"x14"
14. Dish Rag
15. Hat
16. Scarves
17. Socks
18. Shawls
19. Animal
20. Any Other Article, no larger than 14"x14"
21. Any other article, larger than 14"x14"
22. Any crocheted item made by a child 12 years or younger
23. Any crocheted item made by 13-18 year olds
24. Layette Crochet Set
25. Tunisian Crochet

Division 11 – Weaving

See Weaving Guidelines following the division/class listings for this department.

1. Table Linens, Placement, set of 4, must be 12"x18" or larger
2. Table Linens, Table Runner, must be 12"x30" or larger
3. Dish/Tea Towel, matching set of 2, must be 24"x 17" or larger
4. Handwoven Rug, minimum size 24" x 36"
5. Constructed Garment, 75% of garment must be handwoven by exhibitor, but may be constructed by another. Additional fabric must be deemed suitable for garment purpose.
6. Fashion Accessories, Shawl/Belt/Scarf
7. Coverlet, Bedspread, or Large Blanket
8. Baby Blanket, crib/carriage cover, or your own design, no larger than 30"x38"
9. Ponchos, Capes, Shawls, or Stoles
10. Youth, any handwoven item, ages 17 and under (as of July 31, 2026)
11. Inkle or Card Woven item
12. Saddle Blankets, minimum size 32" x 32", wool only

Division 12 – Hand Spun Yarn

1. Wool, multiple plies (state fiber content)
2. Cotton
3. Novelty Yarn; Dyed, beaded, boucle, slubby
4. Any wool, single ply

Division 13 – Quilted Items

All quilts and wall hangings MUST have loops sewn onto the top of the quilt. They must be approximately 1½ "to 2" long and no more than ½" wide. Loops must be able to support the weight of the quilt. Entries that do not adhere to these requirements will not be judged.

1. Quilted Pillows
2. Wall hanging, small (longest side shorter than 40")
3. Wall Hanging, large (longest side longer than 40")
4. Patchwork Pillow or Household Accessories
5. Quilted Bags
6. Quilted Table Runner
7. Quilt Story, no larger than 40" on one side (*see special contests page for details*)

Division 14 – Quilts

All quilts and wall hangings *MUST* have loops sewn onto the top of the quilt. They must be approximately 1½ “to 2” long and no more than ½” wide. Loops must be able to support the weight of the quilt. Entries that do not adhere to these requirements will not be judged. **Quilt Color of the Year: Red, White, and Blue**

Quilts in Divisions 14A, 14B, and 14C must be at least 54”x75”

Premiums for Division 14

14 A: 1st - \$75 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$35

14 B: 1st - \$50 2nd - \$40 3rd - \$30

14 C: 1st - \$30 2nd - \$25 3rd - \$20

14 D: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$15

14 E: 1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10

14 F: \$150

Division 14-

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1. Best of Show Quilt, \$50 and a rosette (Division 14 A-14 E) (Do Not Enter)

Division 14 A – Quilts Tier 1

1. Hand Pieced, hand quilted, bed size
2. Hand Pieced, machine quilted, bed size
3. Machine Pieced, hand quilted, bed size
4. Machine Pieced, domestic machine quilted, bed size
5. Novelty Quilt (yo-yo, cathedral window, 3D, etc.)

Division 14 B – Quilts Tier 2

1. Machine Pieced, long arm machine quilted, bed size
2. Appliqued, bed size
3. Embroidered Quilt, bed size
4. Original Design
5. Any Quilt, quilted by club, organization, or guild
6. Quilt, over 50 years old

Division 14 C – Quilts Tier 3

1. Paper Pieced Quilt
2. Mixed Technique

Division 14 D – Quilts Tier 4

1. Tied or Tack Quilt
2. First Quilt, pieced or appliqued, cotton/polyester
3. Quilt made from a kit

Division 14 E – Quilts Tier 5

1. Baby Quilt Pieced, appliqued, or embroidered
2. Quilt, any technique, made by child 12 years or younger
3. Quilt, any technique, made by child 13 to 18 years

Division 14 F- Champion of Champions

1. *Champion of Champions Quilt (previous 1st place winners of all classes in Division 14 A or Division 14B)*

DEPT. L - Special Contest

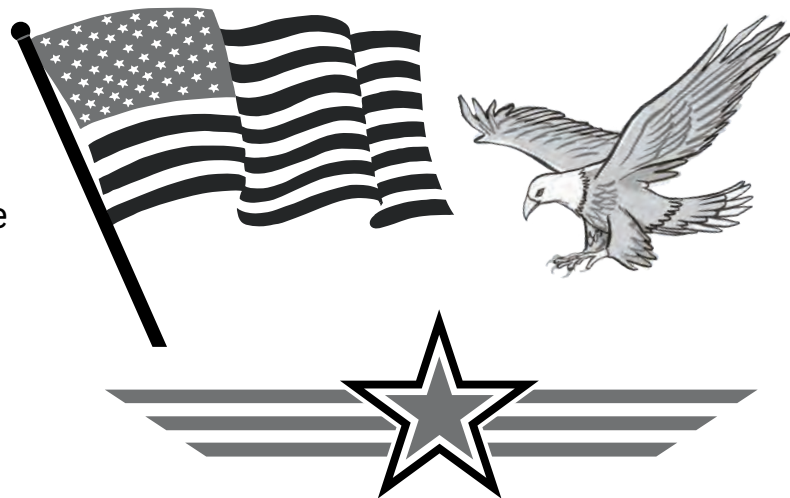
QUILT STORY

Exhibitors are invited to create a Quilt Story using America 250 items.

The wall hanging must be no larger than 40" on one side. All wall hangings MUST have loops sewn onto the top of the quilt. They must be approximately 1½ "to 2" long and no more than ½" wide. Loops must be able to support the weight of the wall hanging. Entries that do not adhere to these requirements will not be judged.

Wall hanging must include a minimum of 6 of the following:

- American Flag
- Bald Eagle
- Stars
- Stripes
- America country shape
- Fireworks
- Uncle Sam
- US Military Symbols
- The number "250"
- Red, White, & Blue



Please Enter Department L, Division 13, Class 7

Premiums

1st - \$25.00

2nd - \$15.00

3rd - \$10.00

DEPT. L - Special Awards

Fiber Arts **MEMORIAL AWARD**



\$25 and a rosette per division

Best of Knitting – Chosen from division 9, classes 1-12

Best of Crocheting – Chosen from division 10, classes 1-25

Best of Weaving – Chosen from division 11, classes 1-12

Best of Hand Spun Yarn – Chosen from division 12, classes 1-4

Fiber Arts Network **BEST OF THE BEST**

Chosen from the best in show recipients in:

Knitting, Crocheting, Weaving, and Hand Spun Yarn

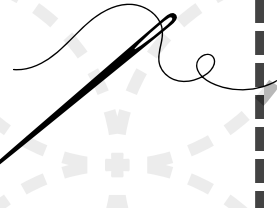


Prize

\$100 and a rosette

Sew Many *Quilts*

Best of Show QUILT BONUS



Best of Show winner in Division 14 will receive a **\$250 bonus** from Sew Many Quilts, located in Covington, VA.

BRICK HOUSE ANTIQUES

*best quilt
OVER 50
YEARS OLD
bonus*

1st place winner in division 14 B, class 6 will receive a

\$50 gift card to Brick House Antiques

Deborah Lesley's Best use of the colors **Red, White, & Blue QUILT BONUS**

The winner of the Best Use of **Red, White, & Blue** quilt will receive a **\$100 cash bonus** sponsored by long time quilt enthusiast and friend of the Fair, Deborah Lesley

Friendly Fabrics **CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**

If you've ever won 1st place in division 14, classes 1-6, this is your chance to win again!

Please enter Division 14 F, class 1.

The winner will receive a special plaque and a **\$25 gift card from Friendly Fabrics**

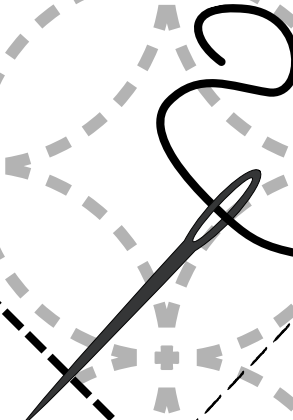


DEPT. L - Special Awards



NOVELTY QUILT BONUS

The winner of Division 14 A Class 4
Novelty Quilt will receive a
**\$50 Mountain Steer
Meat Company,
White Sulphur Springs,
WV
gift card.**



APPALACHIAN baby ♥ design

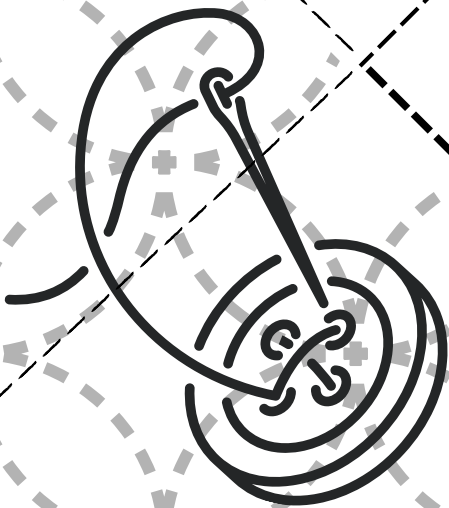
The winner of Division 11 Class 8
*"Baby Blanket, crib/carriage cover,
of your own design"*
will receive a
**\$100 Bonus sponsored by
Appalachian Baby Design,
Maxwelton, WV**

The Blessed
Quilter 
Fabric and Gifts

The winner of Division 14 A Class 1
Novelty Quilt will receive a
**\$100 Bonus and
\$100 store gift card sponsored by
The Blessed Quilter
345 Mall Road
Oak Hill, WV**

A New Chapter... BOOKSTORE Appliquéd Quilt BONUS

The winner of Division 14 B
Class 2 Appliquéd Quilt will
receive a **\$50 A New Chapter
Bookstore,
Lewisburg, WV,
gift card.**



DEPT. L - Weaving Guidelines

Weaving Guidelines

BASIS FOR JUDGING: Hand-weaving will be judged on the complexity, skill level, accuracy and overall workmanship of the chosen technique, as well as the design and aesthetic appeal and presentation of the finished product.

HAND WEAVING ENTRIES: Articles must be handwoven, having warp and weft thread structure. Entries must be woven on a loom (any type), tablet woven or finger-woven. No more than one entry per class will be accepted from each exhibitor.

Design and General Appearance - 30 points

Criteria: Balance of warp to weft; Suitability to Purpose, Size and Weave Structure, Finished Object Presentation, Clean, Washed, and Pressed

Workmanship - 50 points

Criteria: Appropriate Size (see measurements in class description); Straight Selvedges; Consistent Beat; Suitable Finishing Technique

Materials - 10 points

Criteria: Fiber Content Suitable to Purpose

Complexity of Weave Structure and Chosen Technique - 10 points

Criteria: Based on complexity of design or weave structure, not equipment used. Employ complex or innovative design, techniques, and/or weave structures

1st Place Ribbon: Minimum 90 points

2nd Place Ribbon: Minimum 80 points

3rd Place Ribbon: Minimum 75 points

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