

## Competitive Exhibits Registration

1. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, August 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ONLY PERISHABLE ITEMS (baked goods, flowers, plants and vegetables) will be accepted on Thursday, August 18 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Perishable items include entries from Departments I, II, VI, and VII. Please bring your entries to the gym at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second Street South. If you plan on entering many items in one Department (e.g. over 5 art needlework entries) we strongly recommend that you bring them in early Wednesday evening.
2. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Exhibitor Entry Forms are available in this guide, on the website prior to registration and onsite during registration. Online forms can be found at [arlingtoncountyfair.us/entertainment/exhibits](http://arlingtoncountyfair.us/entertainment/exhibits). Exhibitors are encouraged to COMPLETE THESE FORMS PRIOR TO REGISTRATION to avoid lines. Attach a completed Entry Tag to each exhibit and bring with Exhibitor Entry Form to the Registration table where an Exhibitor Entry Tag Number will be assigned.
4. All entries must be tagged, recorded, and checked-in with the proper Department Superintendent before exhibitor may leave. Exhibitor cannot rearrange entry after it is placed.
5. Exhibitors should write a brief description of each item on the back of the Claim Check attached to the Entry Tag, and retain the Claim Check in a secure location. Claim Check must be presented at close of Fair to reclaim entries.
6. Entries may only be removed after 4:00 p.m. on the last day of the Fair, Sunday, August 21. Items that have not been picked up by 6:00 p.m. will be recycled, discarded, or donated. If you are unable to pick up items during the allotted time, you may arrange for someone to pick up entries on your behalf with the Claim Check.
7. Another individual may submit entries on your behalf if you are unavailable during the registration time frame. Please ensure that you have filled out the registration form and entry tag(s) completely in advance.
8. Due to high volume, Department VI Photography, will apply a maximum of five (5) prints total per individual. One person is permitted to enter no more than 5 entries in Photography.

## Registration Forms & Entry Tags

The Fair's Competitive Exhibit Entry Form is available in this guide, on the Fair website ([www.arlingtoncountyfair.us](http://www.arlingtoncountyfair.us)), and at the Fair during Competitive Exhibits registration hours. Each exhibitor must fill out this form listing all entries submitted by the exhibitor. Exhibitors are encouraged to complete the form prior to registration to avoid lines.

An exhibitor number will be assigned to you during on-site registration. Competitive Exhibit Entry Tags must be attached to each entry in order to be presented for judging. "Be sure to write your assigned exhibitor number next to each entry tag.

## Entry Pick-Up

All entries must remain at the fair until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be no exceptions. Items may be picked up at the Competitive Exhibits area immediately following the awards ceremony. If you cannot pick up your entry on Sunday between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., please arrange for someone else to do so. Claim Checks will be required at pick up to verify items go home with the correct owner. Entries not picked up by 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 21st will be recycled, discarded, or donated.

## Theme

The 2016 Arlington County Fair marks the Fair's 40th year in Northern Virginia! The 2016 theme, "Groovy Since 1977," not only celebrates our first Fair but every year since as we come together as a community to showcase the best of Arlington, particularly the talent and skill of our Competitive Exhibit entrants. Thank you for being an important part of the Fair!

## General Rules

Participants must read and abide by the following rules in order to enter items in the Arlington County Fair. There will be volunteers on hand at registration to help you should you need assistance. If you have any questions before the Fair, please email [compexhibits@arlingtoncountyfair.us](mailto:compexhibits@arlingtoncountyfair.us) with a detailed message and we will forward your question to the correct Superintendent. Please note that departments may have additional rules that apply specifically to their area. All rules should be reviewed prior to registration. It is the duty of the entrant to ensure compliance with all rules, including those pertaining to area of residence and listed throughout the guide. Entries that do not comply may be disqualified at any point or an award may be revoked due to a rule violation.

1. Entries will only be accepted from residents of Arlington County, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, the City of Alexandria, and the City of Falls Church and students who attend schools in Arlington County.
2. Items to be entered must have been canned, baked, made, or grown solely by the individual who enters; this includes children's entries.
3. Items may only be entered in the specific classes listed in this Guide. Most Departments have an "Exhibitor's Choice" Class for those items that do not fit the given classes.
4. Each exhibitor may only enter one item per class.
5. No entries may be sold at the Fair, nor may any "professional" (one who accepts remuneration for the design of, or finished work, or who teaches that subject) enter, except in Department I: Honey and Bees Wax. Individuals who sell their products at the Arlington County Fair are not permitted to enter that product, unless entered as a professional in Department I.
6. No entries will be accepted for display only.
7. The Fair reserves the right to refuse items deemed unfit or objectionable.
8. Items must not have been entered in a previous Arlington County Fair.
9. Reasonable security will be taken to safeguard entries; however, it is expressly understood and agreed between the exhibitor and the Arlington County Fair that the Fair will incur no liability or obligation for damages or loss of property (entries). Any insurance desired on any entry must be carried by the exhibitor.
10. Please follow size limits, quantities needed, and other Department specific rules as listed. Items not conforming to these specific Department/Section/Class rules will be disqualified – if you have a question, ask a Superintendent.
11. Exhibitor must enter in the proper age Division, or they will be disqualified. For Teen, Youth, and Child please write the exact age after the Division letter on the entry tags. It is very important for the judges to have this information.
12. Please place the entry tag on the top right corner of the entry (as object permits).
13. Classes with fewer than 3 entries may be combined with other classes in similar sections.

## Judging

1. Decisions of the judges are final. All judges are certified and/or highly qualified. The Arlington County Fair Officials must receive all complaints in writing by noon on Friday, August 19th. A committee consisting of the Fair Chairperson, Superintendent of the Department involved, an Arlington County Fair Board member, and an impartial person will investigate complaints. A written decision signed by the committee will be available at the close of the Fair.
2. Where there is no competition in a class, Section or Department, judges reserve the right to award the ribbon they feel is merited.
3. Entries improperly tagged or not conforming to class and/or departmental rules may be disqualified.
4. Superintendents and judges reserve the right to combine or separate similar classes.
5. Each Department has a "Judging is based upon" statement; if you have questions, please ask.
6. Notwithstanding a judge's decision, an entry will be disqualified and an award not given if the entrant is not in compliance with the rules regarding residence.

## Explanation of Terms

An "Exhibitor" is the person who enters something in a "Class" (listed as a three or four digit number), under a "Section" in a "Department." For example, to enter green beans, use Department VI: Herbs, Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables, under SECTION D: VEGETABLES, Class #1048. Look for an amount after the class description – e.g. "Class #1048 Beans, Green, Snap, 8 pods." This means you must bring eight green beans to enter. "Division" is a letter, designating your age group. These are listed below.

**DIVISION G: ADULT**

**DIVISION T: TEEN, 13 TO 18**

**DIVISION Y: YOUTH 7 TO 12**

**DIVISION K: CHILD 6 AND UNDER**



## Sample Form

DEPT.	DIVISION	SECTION	CLASS #	ITEM DESCRIPTION
IV	G	A	503	Wooden Spoon

## Awards

**CLASS AWARDS:** Premium Ribbons will be awarded in each class (e.g., #1110: Rose, miniature), in each age division (e.g. "G," for Adult) by judges as merited.

**SECTION AWARDS:** A Champion ribbon (two streamer purple rosette) and a Reserve Champion (two streamer pink rosette) will be awarded in each age division in each Section (e.g. SECTION A: SINGLE FLOWERS) by judges as merited. These are chosen from the blue ribbon winners of the classes in that Section. Group entries are not eligible for Section or Department awards.

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS:** A Grand Champion (a blue, red and yellow three streamer rosette ribbon) and a Reserve Grand Champion (a red, yellow and white three streamer rosette ribbon) will be awarded in each Department in each age division by judges as merited. Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions are chosen from the Champion Section awards (those which won the purple two streamer Rosettes). In addition, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion winners in all the age divisions will receive cash awards and certificates at an Awards Ceremony. The Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, August 21st at 3:00 p.m. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion award winners are encouraged to attend.

**THEME AWARDS:** A rosette with one streamer is awarded to all entries of these special classes in all age divisions.