

## Hints for Entering Creative Arts

**Rules and regulations:** Please read the General Rules and Regulations printed within each division. Rules particular to a division will be printed at the beginning of the division. Any questions may be emailed to [creativearts@thebigE.com](mailto:creativearts@thebigE.com) or telephone 413-205-5015.

**Entry forms:** Entry forms may be printed from the web site ([www.thebigE.com/creativearts](http://www.thebigE.com/creativearts)). Feel free to photocopy if you need extra or for a friend. Online entries are acceptable and encouraged. Please call if encountering a problem with online entries – (413-205-5015).

**Filling out entry forms:** Print legibly. Fill out as completely and as accurately as possible. Full name, mailing address and phone number to reach you are a must. Note the section number that meets your exhibit the closest (judges and management have the right to change the section). Be sure to note where asked if you are a first time exhibitor in that category as some of our sponsors have awards particular to first time exhibitors. See **Division Sections & Entry questions - # 9** under General Rules and Regulations.

**Youth entries:** Youth are considered 9 to 18 years of age as of January 1, 2011. Youth are to check off the “youth” box on the entry form when submitting entries and the DOB must be noted on the entry form.

**Entry Limit:** A limit of three (3) entries per exhibitor is allowed. NOTE: Photography is a Creative Arts exhibit and is to be included in the limit of 3 entries, i.e., you may enter 2 pieces in needlework and 1 in Photography. See #9 under General Rules and Regulations

**Special Theme:** You may choose only one of your entries to be entered into the Special Theme Division. Be sure to check the box on the entry form for Special Theme. Multiple entries will result in cancellation of all your entries into Special Theme consideration. The Big E is the Special Theme for 2011.

**Entry schedule:** Entry forms are due August 1. Late entries will be accepted between August 1 and August 15 at double the entry fee. Entry forms are accepted online, via mail or fax (413-205-5104).

**Identification tags:** These may be obtained from the web site ([www.thebigE.com/creativearts](http://www.thebigE.com/creativearts)). These tags should be adhered to each exhibit for identification purposes. Feel free to photocopy. Attaching the identification tags prior to arriving on receiving day will benefit you with a quicker check-in.

**Bringing Entries to the Fairground:** Entries will be accepted Friday, September 9 between 3pm to 6pm, and Saturday, September 10 between 9am and 1pm. Bring your exhibit directly to the New England Center. Enter through Door 1 on Hampden Avenue.

**Mailing in your entries:** See # 14 under General Rules and Regulations.

**Picking up entries:** No entries will be released before Monday, October 3. Release time on Monday is between the hours of 9 and 6; you must bring your exhibitor’s claim ticket with you (one claim ticket per exhibit). Claim tickets are issued at time of drop-off. Claim tickets for those who mail in are taped to the box in which the exhibit will be shipped at the conclusion of the Fair. Mail return of exhibits will be within the week following the closing of the Fair. See # 15 under General Rules and Regulations.

**Insurance, Protection Responsibility and loss or damage** – Read #7 and #8 under General Rules and Regulations.

**Judging Criteria , Decisions, and Grievance** – Read #11, # 12 and #13 under General Rules and Regulations.

**Awards** - See #17 under General Rules and Regulations.

## DIVISION 18 – FELTING/FULLING/RECYCLED

PLEASE NOTE ON THE ENTRY FORM IF YOU ARE A FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR IN THIS DIVISION. ENTRIES NOT FILLED OUT PROPERLY WILL BE RETURNED. ANY ITEMS MADE OF AT LEAST 50% WOOL , ALPACA OR ANY NATURAL FIBER MAY ENTER INTO THE FIBER NOOK. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.THEBIGE.COM/AGRICULTURE](http://WWW.THEBIGE.COM/AGRICULTURE).

PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID AS FOLLOWS:

Place	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$20	\$17	\$14

1. Needle-felted 3-dimensional figure - entries will be judged on quality (degree of felting), complexity and detail and originality. Figures must be at least 7 inches in height.
2. Non-wearable article (rug, vessels, etc.) made by you using traditional wet felting – Entries will be judged on originality, degree of fulling (durability) and color/design.
3. A garment created by you using the Nuno (laminated) wet-felting technique – entries will be judged on degree of fulling (durability), originality and design.
4. A garment created from knitted, crocheted or woven fabric that has been fulled (“felted” in the washing machine) – entries will be judged on shaping and fit, originality and finishing.
5. A garment or article created by you using needle felting embellishment – entries will be judged on shaping and fit, originality and finishing.
6. A quilt or quilted piece that has been needle felted with an embellishing machine – entries will be judged on overall creativity, how well the wool embellishment compliments the overall design, and how securely the wool design is felted into the quilting.
7. Mixed media – anything with at least 50% of any of the above sections and any other fiber art
8. Recycled – anything made of at least 75% recycled materials