

2024 Creative Living Building

Open Division Rules

(Anyone age 3 and up who resides in Waller County or attends school in Waller County)

These items do NOT go to Auction

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Creative Living Building – Open Division Schedule

Thursday, September 5 th	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Informational Meeting (highly recommended to ATTEND)
Sunday, September 29 th	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	<u>Accepting All Non-Perishable OPEN and AUCTION Entries</u> Please bring entries to the Barbara Carpenter Building. Perishable Items will NOT be accepted on this date.
Monday, September 30 th	7:30 AM to 9:00 AM	<u>Accepting ONLY Culinary Entries for OPEN and AUCTION</u> Please bring entries to Edmonds Hall. *NO ENTRIES will be accepted after 9:00 AM.
Tuesday, October 1 st	9:00 AM to 9:00 PM	<u>Accepting COUNTRY STORE items</u> (ref. Page 9)
Friday, October 4 th	1:00 PM	Awards Ceremony – High Point, Grand, Reserve, etc.
Sunday, October 6 th	8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	Checkout and Item Pickup (ref. Rule #7, Page 2)

Please note: For Auction Division rules and important dates, see Auction Division Rules at
<https://wallercountyfair.org/forms-and-rules/>

Creative Living Building Hours

Monday, September 30 th	9:00 AM to 9:00 PM	Closed to Public for Judging
Tuesday, October 1 st	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Open to Public
Wednesday, October 2 nd	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Open to Public
Thursday, October 3 rd	9:00 AM to 9:00 PM	Open to Public
Friday, October 4 th	9:00 AM to 9:00 PM	Open to Public
Saturday, October 5 th	9:00 AM to 9:00 PM	Open to Public
Sunday, October 6 th	8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	Open for All Item Pick-up (ref. Rule #7, Page 2)

Creative Living - Open Division Rules

Notice: All Exhibitors are cautioned to carefully read the following rules, as the Creative Living Committee will enforce them.

1. There are two Divisions in the Creative Living Building.
 - a. **Open Division:** This division is open to anyone age 3 and up who resides in Waller County or attends one of the schools in Waller County. Ribbons will be awarded, and points will be earned for all items entered in any of the 12 categories in the division.
 - b. **Auction Division:** This division is only open to boys and girls eligible to compete under 4H, FFA, or FCCLA (FHA) for one of the 21 lots in the Junior Livestock and Exhibit Auction. All Auction Exhibitors are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Waller County Fair Association. The Creative Living Building Committee and the Waller County Fair Association reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle all matters, questions and differences thereto.
See specific Auction Division Rules for more information - <https://wallercountyfair.org/forms-and-rules/>
2. All entries shall be labeled with the appropriate tag before being received by the division Chairperson.
3. All perishable items will be donated to the judge's luncheon and/or Country Store.
4. All entries must be made by the exhibitor within the last year and not previously exhibited.
5. A single item or recipe may not be entered into multiple divisions. No duplicates will be accepted.
6. Business cards or names will not be attached to any item exhibited.
7. Items in all divisions shall be picked up on **Sunday, October 6, 2024** between **8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** The Waller County Fair Association and the Creative Living Committee will not be responsible for items not picked up on Sunday, October 6, 2024. Items not picked up will become the property of the Creative Living Committee and the Waller County Fair Association.
8. Decisions of the judges are final. Any person attempting to interfere with or influence the judge's decision or attract the judge's attention to his or her exhibit, shall be excluded from competition.
9. Every effort will be made for the security of the exhibition, but the Waller County Fair Association will not be responsible for any items broken, lost or stolen while on the Fairgrounds.
10. All entries must be clean, neat, and in excellent condition, or it will not be accepted for exhibition.
11. Exhibitors entering in the **Open Division** may enter a maximum of four (4) items in each class, except for Collective Hobbies. (*ref. Pages 4-9 for class breakdowns within all 12 Open Divisions*)
12. Age Categories in the **Open Division** will be Preschool (3-5), PeeWee (6-8), Junior (9-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-19), Adult (19-61), and Golden Age (62+). (*ref. Page 3*)
13. Exhibitors that are 19 years of age and still attending High School, may enter in the Senior Age Category. Graduates must enter into the Adult Category.
14. All Exhibitors entering in the **Open Division**, must pay a \$5.00 entry fee per exhibitor.

BEST OF LUCK TO EACH EXHIBITOR!!!!

Judging and Awards

1. Each entry will be judged according to its own quality and receive a ribbon.
2. Grand and Reserve Champion rosettes will be awarded for the best items in each division for each age category.
3. High Point Awards will be given to Exhibitors in the categories of Golden Age, Adult, Senior, Intermediate, Junior, PeeWee, and Preschool who receive the most total points.

Points are calculated as follows:

Grand Champion	100	Points
Reserve Champion	80	Points
Honorable Mention & Best of Class	50	Points
Blue Ribbon	10	Points

4. The High Point Award Presentation will be on **Friday, October 4, 2024 at 1:00 PM.**

Creative Living - AGE CATEGORIES

Golden Age (62+): Competition in this category is open to residents who vote or pay taxes in Waller County and are 62 years of age or older as of September 1st.

Adult (19-61): Competition in this category is open to residents who vote or pay taxes in Waller County and are ages 19 through 61 as of September 1st.

Youth (3-19): Exhibitors in this category must reside in and/or attend school in either Royal, Waller, or Hempstead ISD boundaries. Age will be determined as of September 1st. This Age Category will be divided into five (5) sub categories for judging:

- Preschool: 3 to 5 years
- Pee Wee: 6 to 8 years
- Junior: 9 to 10 years (or in 3rd Grade)
- Intermediate: 11 to 13 years
- Senior: 14 to 19 years (and still attending school)

OPEN DIVISIONS

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Notice: All exhibitors are cautioned to carefully read the Open Division Rules found on Page 2 of this packet as well as the specific rules and guidelines pertaining to the division(s) in which you plan to enter found on Pages 4-8. Thank you!!

SWEET RECIPE

Class A:	Cakes – from Mixes	Class F:	Cookies – Bar
Class B:	Cakes – from Scratch	Class G:	Cookies – Dropped
Class C:	Candy – from Scratch	Class H:	Cookies – Rolled
Class D:	Candy – Molded	Class I:	Pies
Class E:	Cobblers/Desserts		

1. Only (4) items in each class will be accepted.
2. All entries must be made by the exhibitor.
3. All baked entries must be accompanied with the recipe for judging and display purposes. (Notice: If you would like your recipe to be included in the Creative Living Community Cookbook, please bring 2 copies of your recipe)
4. All cookies, cupcakes, candies, doughnuts, etc. must consist of three (3) on a paper plate, covered with plastic wrap or sealed in a Ziploc bag. A fourth item is to be wrapped separately and attached to the top of the entry for tasting by the judges.
5. All other food entries, such as cakes and pies must be on a firm base such as foil covered cardboard, aluminum pie pan, paper plate, etc., and must be covered with clear plastic wrap. One piece is to be cut by the judges to taste.
6. Sweet dishes that are meant to be served either warm or cold must be delivered in a container that will maintain its required temperature for judging.
7. ALL dishes from the Sweet Recipe Division will be donated to Judge's luncheon and/or the Country Store.

DECORATED CONFECTIONS

Class A:	Decorated Cakes	Class C:	Decorated Cookies
Class B:	Decorated Candy	Class D:	Decorated Cupcakes

1. Only (4) items in each class will be accepted.
2. All entries must be made by the exhibitor.
3. Decorated cookies, cupcakes, and candy must consist of three (3) on a paper plate, covered with plastic wrap.
4. Decorated cakes do not require a recipe, since they will be judged on appearance only; cakes MUST be edible.
5. Any non-edible decoration used must be easily removed. Any edible decoration will be given more consideration by the judges than a non-edible decoration.
6. ALL dishes from the Decorated Confections Division will be donated to the Judge's Luncheon and/or the Country Store.

SAVORY RECIPE

Class A:	Appetizers	Class E:	One Dish Meals
Class B:	Beverages	Class F:	Vegetable Dishes
Class C:	Breads	Class G:	Salads
Class D:	Meat Dishes	Class H:	Soup or Chili

1. Only (4) items in each class will be accepted.
2. All entries must be made by the exhibitor.
3. All savory recipe entries must be accompanied with the recipe for judging and display purposes. (Notice: If you would like your recipe to be included in the Creative Living Community Cookbook, please bring 2 copies of your recipe)
4. Savory dishes that are meant to be served either warm or cold must be delivered in a container that will maintain its required temperature for judging.
5. ALL dishes from the Savory Recipe Division will be donated to the Judge's Luncheon and/or the Country Store.

CANNED GOODS

Class A:	Fruit	Class F:	Pickles
Class B:	Fruit Butter	Class G:	Preserves & Marmalade
Class C:	Fruit Juice	Class H:	Relishes
Class D:	Jams & Jellies	Class I:	Vegetables
Class E:	Meats	Class J:	Miscellaneous

1. Only (4) items in each class will be accepted.
2. All entries must be made by the exhibitor within the last year and not previously exhibited.
3. Entries must be in standard canning jars. A standard jar is one made especially for canning and has the brand name embossed on the side. Examples: Kerr, Ball, Anchor-Hocking, etc. No mayonnaise, jelly, or similar repurposed jars will be accepted.
4. The lids and rims must be standard and free of rust. Any jar not sealed will be disqualified. Rings and Rims must be left on the jars.
5. All entries must be clean and labeled as to the contents and date it was canned.
6. Canned goods will not be opened. They will be judged by appearance only.
7. Jars must be filled up to the correct headspace and no decorations on jars.

CONSTRUCTIVE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

Class A:	Accessories	Class J:	Pajamas & Lounge Wear
Class B:	Aprons	Class K:	Pants
Class C:	Blouses	Class L:	Shirts
Class D:	Children's Clothing	Class M:	Shorts
Class E:	Collars	Class N:	Skirts
Class F:	Costumes	Class O:	Sports Wear
Class G:	Dresses	Class P:	Suits, Coats & Jackets
Class H:	Evening Wear	Class Q:	Vests
Class I:	Infant Wear	Class R:	Miscellaneous

1. Only (4) items in each class will be accepted.
2. All entries must be made by the exhibitor within the last year and not previously exhibited.
3. All articles exhibited must be clean and hung on a coat hanger.
4. Garments, which look worn or dirty, will not be accepted.
5. All items entered will be judged on construction.
6. Due to allergies, all items must be free from pet dander and strong smoke odors.

NEEDLEWORK

Class A:	Applique or Patchwork	Class K:	Holiday Items
Class B:	Candle wicking	Class L:	Knitting
Class C:	Crochet	Class M:	Needlepoint
Class D:	Cross Stitch – Counted	Class N:	Plastic Stitchery
Class E:	Cross Stitch – Stamped	Class O:	Smocked Items
Class F:	Cutwork	Class P:	Tatting
Class G:	Dolls & Stuffed Animals	Class Q:	Wearing Apparel
Class H:	Embroidery – Hand	Class R:	Miscellaneous
Class I:	Embroidery – Machine		
Class J:	Fringed Work		

1. Only (4) items in each class will be accepted.
2. All entries must be made by the exhibitor within the last year and not previously exhibited.
3. Items may be made by hand or machine using any type of needle.
4. They must be clean and not soiled.
5. Due to allergies, all items must be free from pet dander and strong smoke odors.

QUILTS

Class A:	Quilted Items – Hand
Class B:	Quilted Items – Machine

1. Only (4) items in each class will be accepted.
2. All entries must be made by the exhibitor within the last year and not previously exhibited.
3. Items may be made by hand or machine using any type of needle.
4. They must be clean and not soiled.
5. There should not be any loose threads.
6. Due to allergies, all items must be free from pet dander and strong smoke odors.

CREATIVE ARTS & HANDICRAFTS

Class A:	Appliqué	Class N:	Leather Crafts
Class B:	Beads & Button Crafts	Class O:	Metal Crafts
Class C:	Bread Dough Art	Class P:	Models
Class D:	Candy, Pasta, Seeds & Shell Crafts	Class Q:	Number Painting
Class E:	Clay or Plaster Crafts	Class R:	Recycle Materials
Class F:	Ceramics	Class S:	Textile Crafts
Class G:	Decorated Fabrics	Class T:	Tile Painting
Class H:	Decorated Clothing	Class U:	Wood Etching & Burning
Class I:	Dolls	Class V:	Crafts from Kits
Class J:	Floral Arrangements	Class W:	Woodwork Items
Class K:	Glass Crafts	Class X:	Wreaths – Floral
Class L:	Holiday Crafts	Class Y:	Wreaths – Novelty
Class M:	Jewelry & Accessories	Class Z:	Plastic Crafts
Class AA:	Miscellaneous		

1. Only (4) items in each class will be accepted.
2. All entries must be made by the exhibitor within the last year and not previously exhibited.
3. No fine arts, drawings, sketches, etc. will be accepted in the handicraft's division.
4. No soiled articles will be accepted.
5. Large exhibits need special permission. Please call for approval.
6. Coloring book sheets will not be accepted.
7. All entries must be clean, neat and in excellent condition, or it will not be accepted for exhibition.

FINE ARTS

Class A:	Drawings – Charcoal	Class J:	Painting - Tempera
Class B:	Drawings – Pastel	Class K:	Painting – Watercolors
Class C:	Drawings – Pen & Ink	Class L:	Porcelain Painting
Class D:	Drawings – Pencil	Class M:	Pottery – Hand Crafted
Class E:	Drawings - Colored Pencils	Class N:	Sculpture – Clay
Class F:	Drawings – Crayon	Class O:	Sculpture – Metal
Class G:	Mosaics	Class P:	Sculpture – Wire
Class H:	Paintings – Acrylics	Class Q:	Sculpture – Wood
Class I:	Paintings – Oils	Class R:	Miscellaneous

1. Only (4) items in each class will be accepted.
2. All entries must be made by the exhibitor within the last year and not previously exhibited.
3. All artwork should be the **original** work of the artist. No Copies will be accepted.
4. No wet paintings will be accepted.
5. No handicrafts, crafts from kits, number painting, etc. will be accepted in the fine art's division.
6. Coloring books sheets will not be accepted.
7. All entries must be clean, neat and in excellent condition, or it will not be accepted for exhibition.

HORTICULTURE

Class A:	Agriculture Crops	Class K:	Cactus Plants
Class B:	Eggs	Class L:	Container Plants
Class C:	Fruits	Class M:	Cut Flowers
Class D:	Gourds	Class N:	Hanging Baskets
Class E:	Herbs	Class O:	Pot Plants – Flowering
Class F:	Melons & Pumpkins	Class P:	Pot Plants – Greenery
Class G:	Nuts	Class Q:	Terrariums
Class H:	Ornamentals	Class R:	Trees & Shrubs
Class I:	Root Crops	Class S:	Miscellaneous
Class J:	Vegetables		

1. Only (4) items in each class will be accepted.
2. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor and not previously exhibited.
3. Living plants that require watering during the exhibition will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Creative Living Committee will not be responsible for the deterioration of any items.
4. Living plants must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor for at least three (3) months prior to fair time.
5. Small items must be placed on a plate, cardboard, or other disposable container and covered with clear plastic wrap or placed in a Ziploc bag.
6. All entries must be clean, free of ants and insects, and in good, healthy condition.
7. All entries must be of good quality and hold up well during the Fair. (In case of deterioration, items must be picked up by the exhibitor or it will be disposed of)
8. Each entry will be judged on its own merit.

COLLECTIVE HOBBIES

Class A:	Airplanes	Class N:	Miniatures
Class B:	Angels	Class O:	Pens & Pencils
Class C:	Animals	Class P:	Salt & Pepper Shakers
Class D:	Bells	Class Q:	Scrapbooks
Class E:	Books	Class R:	Spoons
Class F:	Bottles	Class S:	Stamp
Class G:	Cars & Trucks	Class T:	Stickers
Class H:	Coins	Class U:	Thimble
Class I:	Dishes	Class V:	Trading Cards
Class J:	Dolls	Class W:	Vases or Pitchers
Class K:	Magnets	Class X:	Pens
Class L:	Mugs	Class Y:	Miscellaneous
Class M:	Memorabilia		

1. Maximum space allotted is a 36" shelf.
2. Only (1) collection in each class will be accepted.
3. All entries must be clean, neat and in excellent condition, or it will not be accepted for exhibition.
4. Attractiveness of display will be considered in judging.
5. Collections should consist of at least 3 items.
6. Collections may be entered again if the collection has grown.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Class A:	Action	Class H:	People – more than 3
Class B:	Animals & Pets	Class I:	Vacation
Class C:	Combination of Animals & People	Class J:	Western
Class D:	Holiday	Class K:	Black & White
Class E:	Humor	Class L:	Sunsets
Class F:	Landscape	Class M:	Miscellaneous
Class G:	People – 3 or less		

1. Only 4 photographs will be allowed for each class. Any more than 4 will be deleted from judging.
2. All photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor within the last year and not previously exhibited.
3. All photographs must be submitted on a jump drive to the Creative Living Committee member responsible for Photography check-in on Sunday, September 28th (Directions provided below).
4. No professional portraits will be accepted.
5. Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified at the Chairperson's discretion.
6. All jump drives should be picked up on Sunday, October 6th between 8am and 9am. Any left over after this time will become property of the Creative Living Committee.
7. No selfies or self portraits will be accepted. The exhibitor must be behind the camera for this competition.

Submitting your digital photos:

1. Description cards must be filled out and must match the saved file name of each photo or it will not be judged.
2. Name each photo as follows before saving to your jump drive. Files that are not saved properly will be excluded from competition. Separate each item of the file name by a period and no spaces. See example provided below.
 - Age Category (Preschool, Peewee, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Adult, or Golden Age)
 - Class
 - Name of exhibitor
 - Title of Photo

EXAMPLE: Peewee.Class N.John Smith.Texas Sky

***Repeat for each photo.**

COUNTRY STORE

You must have an exhibitor's number showing that you have entered competition in the Creative Living Building of the Waller County Fair. We encourage all age exhibitors to place items in the Country Store.

1. Any non-profit organization may sell items in the Country Store if at least one person from their organization is an exhibitor in the Creative Living Building. The organization will receive a percentage for their organization.
2. All items for sale will be accepted beginning on Tuesday, October 1st, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Items will be accepted daily (when the building is open) thereafter to replenish stock as needed.
3. Items for sale must be the same as those listed in the Creative Living Building divisions. Canned products must have been prepared within the last year only. No used or damaged articles will be accepted. The Chairperson has the option to refuse unacceptable articles.
4. Items entered for sale will not be judged and will not receive a ribbon.
5. Due to limited space, only the exhibitor may bring in a reasonable number of similar items for sale. Items may be replaced as sold. If possible, similar items should be placed in containers for display in the Country Store.
6. Sale items must have a Country Store sale tag attached with the following information:
 - A. Exhibitor's name and number
 - B. Sale Price
 - C. Item Description
7. Exhibitors who work in the Country Store will receive 85% of the monies made from the sale of his/her items sold whereas non-workers will receive 65% of the monies made from the sale of his/her items sold. Non-Profit Organizations will receive 75% of the monies made from the sale of their items. The additional 15% to 35% will go to the Waller County Fair Association.
8. Items not sold must be picked up on **Sunday, October 6, 2024** between **8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.**
9. Monies for the sale items will be paid at the time of pick-up.
10. Although all precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of all items in the Country Store, neither the Waller County Fair Association nor the Chairperson(s) will be responsible for lost, stolen, damaged or broken items.