

McCracken County

Extension Homemakers

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McCracken County Cultural Arts Day

February 21, 2025

Check-in: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

- Beginning this year, we are going back to a county-level Cultural Arts Event. This will work just like the Area event but on a county level.
- All registered homemakers are encouraged to enter no matter what type of club you are in or if you are a mailbox member.
- On February 21 we will check in your projects beginning at 9:30 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. we will begin judging.
- The projects that win a purple ribbon will move on to the Area Cultural Arts Event on March 31 in Graves County.

Each club is asked to have 2 volunteers to assist with the registration and judging.

If you have any questions, please contact, Elaine Stevens at (270) 210-4013 (call or text) or mesteven@comcast.net

Thank You,
Elaine

2024-2025 CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT CATEGORIES

Categories and Subcategories

1. SEWING (Apparel & Home Decor)

- a. Basic Garment APPAREL
- b. Specialty¹ Garment APPAREL
- c. Accessory APPAREL
- d. Basic HOME DECOR
- e. Specialty¹ HOME DÉCOR

¹ b. and e. "Specialty" may include *applied and quilted*.

2. ART, 3-Dimensional

- a. Carving
- b. Sculpture

3. ART, NATURAL

- a. Wood
- b. Other

4. ART, RECYCLED (Include a before picture)

- a. Clothing
- b. Household
- c. Other

5. BASKETRY

- a. Cane
- b. Dyed Material
- c. Miniature (under 4 inch)
- d. Novelty
- e. Plain

6. BEADING

- a. Bead Weaving
- b. Non-jewelry Item/Wearable
- c. Miscellaneous

7. CERAMICS

- a. Hand-formed
- b. Molded
- c. Pre-made

8. COUNTED CROSS STITCH

- a. 14 Count & Under
- b. 16-22 Count
- c. Specialty Cloth (linens, etc.)

9. CROCHET

- a. Accessories
- b. Fashion
- c. Home Décor and Afghans
- d. Thread

10. DOLL/TOY MAKING

- a. Cloth
- b. Handmade Toy other than Porcelain/China or Cloth
- c. Porcelain/China

11. DRAWING

- a. Pastels
- b. Pen and Ink
- c. Pen and Ink with Oil Roughing
- d. Pencil or Charcoal-Black
- e. Pencil-Color

12. EMBROIDERY

- a. Basic
- b. Candle Wicking
- c. Crewel
- d. Machine
- e. Ribbon
- f. Smocking
- g. Swedish
- h. Tatting/Lace Making
- i. Chicken Scratch
- j. Punch Needle (under 60" perimeter)
- k. Miscellaneous

13. FELTING*

- a. Needle Method
- b. Wet Method

14. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

- a. Autumn
- b. Spring
- c. Summer
- d. Winter

2024-2025 CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT CATEGORIES (continued)

15. JEWELRY

- a. Beaded
- b. Mixed Media (wire, chain maille, mixed with beads)
- c. Original Design

16. KNITTING (HAND – with knitting needles)

- a. Accessories
- b. Fashion
- c. Home Décor and Afghans

17. KNITTING (OTHER – machine / loom)

18. NEEDLEPOINT

- a. Cloth Canvas
- b. Plastic

19. PAINTING, ART

- a. Acrylic
- b. Oil
- c. Watercolor

20. PAINTING, DECORATIVE

- a. Metal
- b. Wood
- c. Other

21. PHOTOGRAPHY (mounted or framed) **

- a. Black & White
- b. Color

22. QUILTS***

- a. Baby-size or Lap-size (hand quilted)
- b. Baby-size or Lap-size (machine quilted)
- c. Hand Appliqué (hand quilted)
- d. Hand Pieced (hand quilted)
- e. Machine Appliqué (machine quilted)

22. QUILTS*** (continued)

- f. Machine Pieced (hand quilted)
- g. Machine Pieced (machine quilted)
- h. Novelty (stenciled, embroidered, miniature, etc.) (hand quilted)
- i. Novelty (stenciled, embroidered, miniature, etc.) (machine quilted)
- j. Technology Based (hand or machine quilted)
- k. Miscellaneous (hand or machine quilted)

23. PAPER CRAFTING

- a. Card Making
- b. Origami
- c. Quilling
- d. Scrapbooking****

24. RUG MAKING

- a. Braided
- b. Hooked
- c. Punch Needle, rug (over 60” perimeter)
- d. Woven

25. WALL or DOOR HANGING

- a. Fabric
- b. Other
- c. Diamond Art Mosaic

26. WEAVING

- a. Hand (macrame, caning)
- b. Loom (includes pin weaving)

27. MISCELLANEOUS (Items not included in other categories listed, otherwise they will be disqualified.)

* All felted items should be entered in the Felting category under one of the subcategories. Items that have been knitted or crocheted and wet felted should not be entered in Knitting or Crochet.

** Photographs should be either mounted and/or in a frame – MATTING and/or GLASS is OPTIONAL

***Quilts must be completely done by the KEHA member exhibitor. This includes quilting.

**** Scrapbooking entries are limited to 1 or 2 pages. If the entire scrapbook is sent, please designate pages to be judged.

CULTURAL ARTS AND HERITAGE

CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT

Criteria for Judging:

- A. Three-dimensional art, decorative painting, drawing, art painting, and ceramics.
 - 1) Originality
 - 2) Artistic promise
 - 3) Technique
 - 4) Composition

- B. Apparel, basketry, beading, counted cross stitch, crochet, embroidery, felting, holiday decorations, jewelry, knitting, natural art, needlepoint, pillows, quilts, recycled art, rug making, toy/doll making, wall or door hanging, weaving, and miscellaneous.
 - 1) Originality
 - 2) Workmanship
 - 3) Color harmony
 - 4) Beauty of design
 - 5) General appearance.

- C. Photography
 - 1) Originality
 - 2) Content
 - 3) Clarity
 - 4) Technical competence
 - 5) Composition

- D. Scrapbooking — Please indicate page(s) to be judged if entire scrapbook is sent. Contest is limited to one-page and two-page layouts only.
 - 1) Balance and symmetry
 - 2) Color coordination
 - 3) Quality of photography
 - 4) Use of space
 - 5) Neatness
 - 6) Lettering
 - 7) Journaling
 - 8) Use of embellishment
 - 9) Does it tell a story

KEHA Cultural Arts & Heritage
Clarifications to Cultural Arts Exhibit RIBBON Procedures

2024 – 2025 CATEGORIES and SUBCATEGORIES

- There are 27 CATEGORIES (for 2024 – 2025)
 - 25 of the 27 Categories also include Subcategories
 - **TOTAL of 97 Category/Subcategory designations**
- Qualified entries should be placed in the *most appropriate* Category/Subcategory
 - Entries advancing to the next level (County to Area; Area to State) should remain in the same, appropriate Category/Subcategory the entire time

RIBBONS (suggested recognitions)

- Blue = 1st Place
- Red = 2nd place (*optional at the County and Area levels; not used at the State level*)
- White = 3rd place (*optional at the County and Area levels; not used at the State level*)
- Purple = “Best of” (*optional at the County and Area levels; 27 awarded at the State level*)

At the COUNTY LEVEL

- COUNTIES may award ribbons in Categories/Subcategories AS THEY SEE FIT
- County Judges should select only **ONE** top-winning **entry from EACH of the 97 Categories/Subcategories at the COUNTY Level** to **advance** to the **AREA LEVEL** Cultural Arts Exhibit
 - Only **ONE item from each of the 97 Subcategories advances** from the COUNTY Level to the AREA Level

At the AREA LEVEL

- AREAS may award ribbons in Categories/Subcategories AS THEY SEE FIT
- Area Judges should select only **ONE** top-winning **entry from EACH of the 97 Categories/Subcategories at the AREA Level** to **advance** to the **STATE LEVEL** Cultural Arts Exhibit
 - Only **ONE item from each of the 97 Subcategories advances** from the AREA Level to the STATE Level

At the STATE LEVEL

- State Exhibit receives up to 97 items from each of the 14 Areas (up to 1,372 entries)
- State Judges award **BLUE RIBBONS** for what they deem the highest quality work
 - may award **as many Blue Ribbons** per Category/Subcategory **as they see fit**
 - *Red Ribbons and White Ribbons are not awarded at the State Level*
- **PURPLE RIBBONS** are awarded to **ONE ITEM** within each the **27 Categories**
 - A State Purple Ribbon item is chosen from a State Blue Ribbon winner
 - Purple Ribbons are *not awarded by Subcategory* at the STATE LEVEL

CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT

CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT RULES

All Extension Homemakers are encouraged to submit “original” items for competition in state exhibits.

Each article must be the work of an Extension Homemaker member and must have been completed during the past 2 years.

BLUE Ribbon and PURPLE Ribbon winners from previous years in each category or subcategory are not eligible for entry in another KEHA cultural arts contest.

Areas may exhibit one item from each category and/or subcategory (maximum number is 94 for 2023-2024).

Identification of item should be on tag provided by state and attached to exhibit.

The exhibitor and/or their representative is responsible for transporting exhibits to and from the state meeting.

Should a KEHA member who is in good standing happen to pass away before a qualified entry can advance to the next level of judging (county to area, area to state), the deceased member’s entry will remain eligible, and the club/county will have the option to enter it at the next level.

Each exhibitor must provide their own materials to properly display their item. Tape and nails cannot be used on the walls. If items are best displayed vertically, please provide an easel or means of hanging exhibit from the wall. **All items used for display should be labeled with exhibitor name.**

Entries will be exhibited by category. Entries will be judged by subcategory when indicated. **Exhibitor is responsible for category/subcategory determination.**

Extreme care should be taken at the county and area level to place entries in the correct category. Entries entered in the wrong category will be moved to the correct category, if possible. Entries entered in the wrong category, where there is no correct category available or where there is already another entry, will be disqualified.

Blue ribbons are awarded for high quality work, the number depending on the quality of the entries. A championship purple ribbon is awarded to best of the blue ribbon entries in each category.

All exhibits must remain displayed throughout the duration of the Cultural Arts Exhibit. In the case of an emergency, items may be removed only on approval of the state Cultural Arts Chairman.

Neither the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association nor the University of Kentucky will be responsible for any lost, misplaced or broken items. We do not anticipate any misfortune, but this disclaimer must be clearly understood by all exhibitors. Please label any easels, picture stands, hangers, or other display equipment.

The exhibits will be hosted at all times the exhibit is open. Additional security will be provided when necessary.

If categories are to be eliminated, there will be a one-year notice.

Registration Form

Viewer's Choice# _____

Item Category _____

Sub-category _____

Description _____

Name _____

Address _____

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