

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT: JOSEPH H. LEVY

OPEN TO FRESNO COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY 18 YEARS & OLDER
ONLY TWO ENTRIES PER CLASS IS ALLOWED FOR A TOTAL OF SIX ENTRIES

ENTRY FORMS DUE BY: SEPT. 12, 2009

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 (nonrefundable)

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in Gallery Building

JUDGING: SUN. SEPT. 20, 2009
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**AWARDS SPONSORED BY
THE BIG FRESNO FAIR**

Best of Show: \$250.00 Award Trophy & Ribbon
People's Choice Award: Trophy & Ribbon
Children's Choice Award: Trophy & Ribbon
Judge's Choice: Two (2) \$50.00 awards & two (2) Plaques
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RULES & REGULATIONS

RESIDENCE: Open to residents of Fresno County.
AGE: Exhibitor must be 18 years old or older on the opening day of the Fair.
TITLES: ONLY 29 characters will be allowed for titles of entered work, including spaces. **No** quotes or apostrophes allowed. *No Exceptions*
LABELING: Exhibitor's name, address, Division & Class and title must appear on the back of the artwork and on the official Big Fresno Fair entry form.

SIGNATURE: Please sign the form at the bottom. This is very IMPORTANT and MUST be signed BEFORE your work can be entered.

ORIGINAL WORK: Only original work submitted by an exhibitor is eligible to enter. NO COPIES, NO ASSIGNED CLASS WORK OR WORK FROM KITS WILL BE ACCEPTED. All artwork submitted, must be the work of the exhibitor & completed within the last two (2) years. Any entry which violates any of these requirements may be disqualified and any awards and/or ribbons forfeited.

JUDGES' DISCRETION: The judges shall have the authority to disqualify or transfer to the correct Division and/or Class (at their discretion) any exhibit which is not a true representation of the Division or Class in which it was entered. Please be sure to enter in the correct Division based on your honest assessment of your experience.

ERRORS: Data entry errors will be corrected. No other changes will be allowed. *No exceptions.*

DISQUALIFICATION: The Big Fresno Fair reserves the right to exclude any entry which is not in the best interest of the Fair and reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor(s) who conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner or who enters in an inappropriate Division, without discussion or justification. No refunds of fees or payment of any awards will be made to individuals so disqualified.

FRAMING: Entries must be suitably framed (if applicable). The fair will not provide exhibitors with glass or plastic. Watercolors and graphics are **required** to be framed with glass or plexi-glass.

HANGING: All two and three dimensional entries designed to hang must be wired or equipped for hanging. Three dimensional entries are to be based when necessary for structural support and proper presentation.

ACCEPTANCE: No wet paintings will be accepted.

DISPLAY: Entries selected for exhibit must remain on display for the duration of the Fair.

FOR SALE: Each artist may set a price for each entry, or list each entry as "Not For Sale" If no price is listed the item will be exhibited as "Not For Sale". All inquires regarding sale of entries will be referred directly to the artist to complete the sale.

DEMONSTRATING: A place is provided on the entry form for any artists interested in participating in the Fine Arts Department as a demonstrator or docent. The Fair encourages participation in either or both programs.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY: The Big Fresno Fair will take every precaution possible for the safety of all entries; however, the fair assumes no responsibility, and cannot be held accountable for loss or damage which may occur from any cause, and upon this condition only, are entries accepted. Insurance may be obtained by the artists, if so desired.

The Big Fresno Fair does NOT assume any responsibility for art work not picked up on the scheduled release dates. Be sure to pick up art work on scheduled date - NO EXCEPTIONS.

LIMIT: Management reserves the right to limit the number of prints exhibited.

PUBLICITY: The Big Fresno Fair reserves the right to use any print exhibited for publicity purposes.

PLACING: The judges may award a first, second, third and honorable mention according to merit, and if without merit the judges may make no award under any circumstance. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in the class.

BEST OF SHOW: The judges shall award a "Best of Show." Winner of "Best of Show" becomes ineligible for 1st place in that division, 2nd moves to 1st, 3rd moves to 2nd, and Honorable Mention moves to 3rd.

Any accepted item entered by a Beginning or Advanced Artist will be eligible for "Best of Show".

POPULAR VOTE: People's Choice and Children's Choice will be awarded based on popular vote of Fair visitors.

JUDGES' CHOICE: The Judges will each select a Judge's Choice award winner. A Trophy will be awarded to each.

AWARDS: Trophy and Plaque awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

STATE RULES: All State Rules Apply - Refer to section 2 of Handbook

ADVANCED ARTIST

Any individual with extensive schooling and/or experience in a specific visual art area(s) is considered an *Advanced Artists*.

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1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$165.00	\$140.00	\$115.00

Ribbons for 1st thru 3rd & honorable mention

DIVISION 501 – ADVANCED ARTIST

Class

1. PAINTING - Oil
2. PAINTING - Acrylic
3. PAINTING - Watercolors
4. PAINTING - Tempera
5. PAINTING - Gouache
6. GRAPHICS - *All drawing media, all printmaking, except offset.*
7. PASTELS
8. MIXED MEDIA
9. SCULPTURE
10. CLAY/PORCELAIN
11. CLAY/CHINA PAINTING
12. BEADING
13. JEWELRY
14. FIBER ART - Size no larger than 3' X 5'
(*Quilts enter in the Home Arts Department*)
15. Glass, Blown, Fused or Lamp work
16. Stained Glass

BEGINNING ARTIST

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\$50.00	\$45.00	\$40.00

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DIVISION 502 – BEGINNING ARTIST

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2. PAINTING - Acrylic
3. PAINTING - Watercolors
4. PAINTING - Tempera
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FAIR THEME

BIG TIMES ARE BACK

“!HOW THE WEST WAS FUN!!!”

Open to ANY Artist, using any art form.

Limit one entry per exhibitor

NO ENTRY FEE

Ribbons Only – 1st thru 3rd

Original work best depicting the Theme of the 2009

Big Fresno Fair: BIG TIMES ARE BACK

HOW THE WEST WAS FUN!!!

DIVISION 503 – SPECIAL THEME SECTION

Class

1. Any subject relating to the theme.



THE BIG FRESNO FAIR AND FRESNO COUNTY BLOSSOM TRAIL ART CONTEST

Art Contest and Exhibition Guidelines

Mission Statement: To make the Fresno County Blossom Trail a point of national prominence while a source of local pride, all in celebration of agriculture -- the bounty and the beauty, the heart and soul of the labor force, the grace of technology and the mercy of water -- and how it touches lives all over the world.

The purpose of the contest is to enhance awareness and appreciation of the natural beauty of Fresno County Agriculture and the Fresno County Blossom Trail. A panel of judges who are knowledgeable in fine art and the environment of Fresno County will select the winning image that best symbolizes these criteria. The picture chosen will become the Blossom Trail poster for the following year and as such, will be reproduced as a limited edition. It will be widely distributed as a fine print worthy of collecting and framing. Credit will be given to the artist. The winner will also receive \$700.00 as prize/payment for their artwork and 5 free posters. The second place winner will receive \$250.00 and the third place winner will received \$150.00 In addition, honorable mentions will be selected. The winners and honorable mentions will be displayed at the Big Fresno Fair October 7th through October 18th 2009.

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ELIGIBILITY: Open to Central Valley residents of the following counties: Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings, Mariposa, Kern, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin over 18 years of age. Each artist may enter no more then two (2) works. Blossom Trail Committee members are not eligible to enter paintings into the contest to prevent a conflict of interest.

REQUIREMENTS: Transparent or opaque watercolor, oil, pastel, or prismacolor. All paintings must be framed and/or glassed. Entries must not be less than 16" by 20" and not more than 36" x 46". Paintings must be representative of the Fresno County Blossom Trail. All others will be rejected.

NOT ACCEPTABLE: Photographs, lacquers, collages, prints, or computer aided design.

PAYMENT TO ARTISTS: In entering the work, all artists agree that the winning artist waives all rights to their winning painting, including the rights to reproductions. These rights will be sold to the Fresno County Blossom Trail Committee for \$700.00 **Every possible care will be taken with the paintings, but the Fresno County Blossom Trail Committee, and The Big Fresno Fair are not responsible for damage of any kind or theft.**

If you wish to participate please fill in the information below and mail your entry form to the Big Fresno Fair Exhibit Office , 1121 Chance Ave. Fresno, Ca. 93702 or call (559) 650-3213. It can also be faxed to (559) 650-3375.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

PHONE NUMBER _____