CREATIVE & HOME ARTS DEPARTMENT

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2023 IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, May 2	Midnight	Online Entries Due
Tuesday, May 16	2-8 pm	Entries Received - except Collections*
Wednesday, May 17	2–8 pm	Entries Received - except Collections
Wednesday, May 31	4-7 pm	Collections Exhibits Check-in and Set-up
CHA Fair Activities (June 3-11)		
• Throughout the Week	12–10 pm	Knitting, Crocheting, Weaving, Embroidery, Fairy House Makers, Smocking and Quilting Demos - Treasure Hunt - Fashion Show Runway with Fine Arts Galleria - Vote for People's Choice Quilt
• Sat June 3	12–4 pm	Mock Quilt Judging – Encouraging new quilters to enter in 2024
Friday, June 7	5 pm	People's Choice Winner Announced
Monday, June 12	2-7 pm	Entry Pick-up

Entry Fees: $5.00 per entry *NO MAXIMUM ENTRY FEE*

Please contact the Department Supervisor by email (homearts@smcec.co) with any questions prior to entry.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL entries MUST be picked up 2 - 7 PM on Monday, June 12th. All entries not picked up will not be held by the Fair and will be donated or disposed of immediately.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT RULES:

1. All state rules and local rules apply.
2. All divisions are open to amateurs and professionals unless otherwise stated.
3. Projects made by groups must be entered in classes designated for groups.
4. The American system of judging is used in all classes. All entries are judged on their overall effect, workmanship, technique, and creativity as appropriate to the Division and Class entered.
5. Stained, soiled, unsanitary, or objectionable articles will be refused and returned to exhibitor without being judged or displayed.
6. **EACH EXHIBITOR IS LIMITED TO 2 ENTRIES PER CLASS, except for Collections which is limited to 1 entry per exhibitor.** If an exhibitor has excess entries in a class, item(s) with the higher entry number(s) will be disqualified.
7. Items must be entered in the class that describes (names) that item. "Other" classes are for items that do not fit in a named class by definition or description. Items that are incorrectly entered may be disqualified.
8. An entry is one (1) item (not sets) unless otherwise specified in division rules. All items that are part of a set must be securely attached together for judging and display.
9. All entries must have been completed by the **individual entrant** within two years of the opening date of the fair. Items determined to have been entered in any previous fairs will be eliminated from judging and returned to the exhibitor.
10. All items must be sturdy enough to be handled and moved. No special handling is possible.
11. Quilts that exceed 84" in length will be pinned up at the bottom for display.
12. All stained glass, paintings, and ceramics/pottery must be entered in the Fine Arts Galleria. All woodworking must be entered in the Department of Innovation.
13. Fiber-based jewelry is permitted in divisions where specified. All other jewelry must be entered in Fine Arts Galleria.
14. Items will only be released during the designated entry release times due to safety and security. Early release is not possible.

AWARDS

Awards offered are per class except as noted per division or special awards. Honorable mention ribbons will be given in classes where warranted.

TRIBUTE AWARDS

Alice Lam Memorial Award
Best Use of the Color Blue
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: The WannaBees of Peninsula Quilters

Margaret Ann Niven Memorial Award
Best use of the Color Green
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: Sandra D. Adger

Lynn Simms Memorial Award
Best Use of the Color Purple
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: The WannaBees of Peninsula Quilters

SPECIAL AWARDS

*Special Awards are separate from Division/Class awards. Enter items in the appropriate division and class. Judges will determine the winners of the special awards.

People's Choice Quilt
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: Friend of the Fair

Best Entry Incorporating a Dragon
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: Friend of the Fair

Best of Show: Sewing
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: Pacifica Quilters

Best of Show: Textiles
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: Friend of the Fair

Best of Show: Quilts
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: Peninsula Quilters

Best of Show: Needlework
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: San Mateo Chapter of the Embroidery Guild of America

Best of Show: Arts & Crafts
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: TBD

Best Knitted Apparel Item
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: The Royal Bee Yarn Company

Best Knitted Non-Apparel Item
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: The Royal Bee Yarn Company

Best Crocheted Apparel Item
Award Offered: Rosette, $25
Sponsored by: Friend of the Fair

Best Crocheted Non-Apparel Item
Award Offered: Rosette, $25
Sponsored by: Friend of the Fair

Best Smocked Item
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: Cable Car Cablers

Best of Div 620 Classes 1 - 6 (Computerized)
Award Offered: Rosette, $25
Sponsored by: Pacifica Quilters

Best of Div 620 Classes 7 –11 (Hand-guided)
Award Offered: Rosette, $25
Sponsored by: Peninsula Quilters

Best Group Quilt Div 621
Award Offered: Rosette, $25
Sponsored by: Julia Curry

Best Challenge Quilt Div 622
Award Offered: Rosette, $25 Gift Certificate
Sponsored by: Always Quilting

Best of Div 623 Pieced/Machine Quilted
Award Offered: Rosette, $25
Sponsored by: Peninsula Quilters

Best Appliqued Quilt (Div 624 Classes 1, 2 & 3)
Award Offered: Rosette, $25
Sponsored by: Peninsula Quilters

Best Specialty Technique (Div 624 Classes 4 - 8)
Award Offered: Rosette, $25
Sponsored by: Peninsula Quilters

Best Quilt with a Coastal Theme
Award Offered: Rosette, $50
Sponsored by: Piecemakers by the Sea

Best Miniature Fairy House
Award Offered: Rosette, $25
Sponsored by: Michael Minasi

Best Needlework Depiction of Flowers
Award Offered: Rosette, $25
Sponsored by: San Mateo Chapter of the Embroidery Guild of America

SEWING

AWARDS OFFERED DIVISIONS 600 - 602

1st Place	$20	Ribbon
2nd Place		Ribbon
3rd Place		Ribbon

RULES:

1. Items must be sewn by entrant. No ready-to-wear items permitted. All embellished ready-to-wear items must be entered in Division 640.
2. Items must have exhibitor's identification affixed to inside.
3. Entries in Recycled/Up-cycled classes must be made from at least 70% recycled materials.
4. Sewn fabric jewelry is permitted in Div 600 Class 7 & Class 8. Must be primarily fabric. Item must be securely attached to a display board.

DIVISION 600 – SEWN CLOTHING & WEARABLE ACCESSORIES

CLASS:

1. Adult Garment, single item, including sleepwear & outerwear.
2. Child's Garment, single item, including outerwear & sleepwear.
3. Ensemble, adult or child's - 2 - 4 pieces of an outfit.
4. Costume/Cos-Play — adult or child's — up to 4 related pieces allowed.
5. Other accessory – apron, hat, pair of shoes, jewelry etc. – specify.

DIVISION 601 - SEWN NON-CLOTHING

Quilts and quilted wall hangings must be entered in Divisions 620-626.

CLASS:

1. Pillows and pillowcases.
2. Kitchen and table accessories – potholders, place mats, napkins, table runner, etc. Sets permitted – must be securely attached.
3. Sewn, dressed doll – entrant –made doll and outfit are judged as a whole. Multiple pieces must be securely attached.
4. Sewn doll garment or accessory – ensembles permitted (no more than 4 ATTACHED pieces) Note: Doll is not judged.
5. Bag/Purse/Totes and utility bags.
6. Any other, including sewn toy, tree skirt, stocking, etc. – specify.

DIVISION 602 - SEWN RECYCLED/UPCYCLED

Quilts and quilted wall hangings must be entered in Divisions 620-626.

CLASS:

1. Recycled/Up-cycled garment.
2. Bag/Purse/Totes and utility bags.
3. Any other, including sewn pillows, toys, tree skirt, stocking, etc. from 90% or more upcycled/recycled materials – specify item.

TEXTILES

AWARDS OFFERED DIVISIONS 610 - 612

1st Place	$20	Ribbon
2nd Place		Ribbon
3rd Place		Ribbon

DIVISION 610 – SPECIALTY TEXTILES

RULES:

1. Indicate yarn contents, ply and intended use on a small label.
2. Include a small sample of pre-spun fiber.
3. Lace/woven jewelry is permitted — must be primarily fiber.

CLASS:

1. Lace Making, including bobbin lace and tatting.
2. Handspun Yarn Skein – must contain at least 20 yards. Include a small sample showing how yarn would be used.
3. Article made of **hand** spun yarn – must be made and spun by the entrant. Include a small sample of the yarn used. (1 yard minimum)
4. Weaving.

DIVISION 611 – KNITTED ITEM

RULES:

1. Knitted jewelry is permitted – must be primarily fiber. Item must be securely attached to a display board.
2. Please specify type of fiber used on a small, attached label.

CLASS:

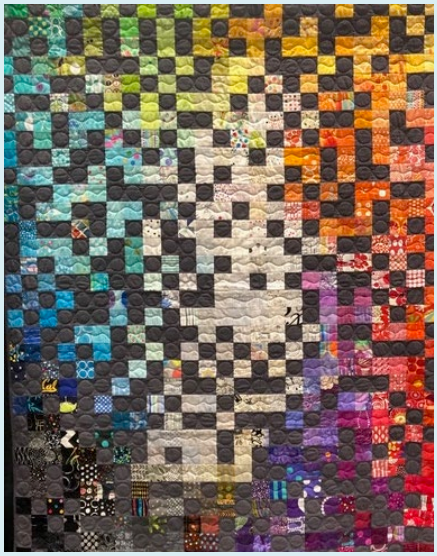
1. Apparel: Children's Garment – sets permitted (ie sweater, booties & hat). Must be securely attached.
2. Apparel: Adult Garment.
3. Apparel: Scarf/Cowl, no wider than 12".
4. Apparel: Shawl/Wrap, wider than 12".
5. Apparel: Hat.
6. Apparel: Child or Adult Accessory – bag, socks, etc.
7. Non-Apparel: Afghan/blanket, any size.
8. Non-Apparel: Toy/doll/doll accessory.
9. Non-Apparel: Household item – potholder, dishcloth, etc.
10. Other, including knitted jewelry. Sets are permitted; all elements must be securely attached.

DIVISION 612 - CROCHETED ITEM

RULE:
Crocheted jewelry is permitted – must be primarily fiber. Item must be securely attached to a display board.

CLASS:
1. Apparel: Children's Garment – sets permitted (ie sweater, booties & hat). Must be securely attached.
2. Apparel: Adult Garment.
3. Apparel: Shawl/Wrap/scarf/cowl.
4. Apparel: Child or Adult Accessory – bag, hat, socks, etc.
5. Non-Apparel: Afghan/blanket – Large, longer than 48".
6. Non- Apparel: Afghan/blanket – Small, no longer than 48".
7. Non-Apparel: Toy/doll/doll accessory.
8. Non-Apparel: Tablecloth or doily.
9. Other, including crocheted jewelry and holiday items. Sets are permitted; all elements must be securely attached.

QUILTS



AWARDS OFFERED DIVISIONS 620 - 624

1st Place $50 Ribbon
2nd Place Ribbon
3rd Place Ribbon

RULES:

1. All quilts must be entirely constructed and quilted by the individual entrant, except in Divisions 620, 621, 622.
2. ALL QUILTS MUST HAVE A 4" HANGING SLEEVE (tube sewn to the top of the quilt back). Quilts without sleeves will be displayed folded in locked showcases, space permitting.
3. Any quilt which was quilted using computerized methods or a combination of computerized and hand-guided MUST be entered in the "computerized quilting" class, if available in an appropriate division. Computerized quilting - quilting pattern guided by a computer, such as the Statler Stitcher, ProStitcher or IntelliQuilt systems. Machine quilting - quilting guided by free motion - hand or ruler - on a sewing machine (longarm or domestic).
4. Quilted accessories, such as table runners, tree skirts, bags, etc., must be entered in divisions 600 and 601.
5. Quilts made with designer patterns and kits must be entered in Division 624.
6. IT IS THE QUILTER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ACCURATELY MEASURE, DETERMINE PERIMETER AND ENTER IN THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION AND CLASS. INCORRECTLY ENTERED ITEMS may not be judged!
7. Perimeter equals (Width + Length) x 2.
8. Enter your quilt in the division and class for which you want it to be judged based on the predominant method used.
9. No framed or wired items – quilts must be foldable.
10. A quilt must have stitching that joins backing, batting and quilt top.

DIVISION 620 – QUILT TOP MADE BY ONE PERSON/PROFESSIONALLY QUILTED BY ANOTHER

RULES:

1. All projects pieced by one individual entrant and quilted by a separate professional quilter **MUST** be entered in this division. **Professional quilter** – a person or business providing quilting services for a fee. Provide names of both individuals on the entry form. *Note that perimeter sizes have changed from 2022.*

CLASS:

1. Computerized quilting, X-Large quilt – perimeter 301" or greater – all techniques.
2. Computerized quilting, Large quilt – perimeter 260" - 299" – all techniques.
3. Computerized quilting, Medium quilt--perimeter 220" - 259" — all techniques.
4. Computerized quilting, Small quilt–perimeter 120" – 219" — all techniques.
5. Computerized Wall Hanging/X-Small quilt — perimeter less than 120" — all techniques.
6. Hand-guided quilting, X-Large quilt – perimeter 301" or greater — all techniques.
7. Hand-guided quilting, Large quilt – perimeter between 260" - 299" — all techniques.
8. Hand-guided quilting, Medium quilt – perimeter between 220"- 259" — all techniques.
9. Hand-guided quilting, Small quilt – perimeter between 120" – 219" — all techniques.
10. Hand-guided quilting, Wall hanging/X-Small quilt — perimeter less than 120" — all techniques.

DIVISION 621 – GROUP QUILTS

RULES:
1. Quilt made by a group of 2 or more people.
2. Groups which include youths must enter the Youth Exhibits Department.
3. Any adult quilting group may enter this class such as **friendship**, **round robin**, or **opportunity** quilts.

CLASS:
1. Computerized quilting – any size.
2. Large/X-Large quilt – perimeter 250" or greater.
3. Small/Medium quilt – perimeter less than 250".

DIVISION 622 – QUILT CHALLENGES

RULES:
1. This division is open to groups of 6 or more individuals except Class 10 (Dragon Theme). A separate class will be created for each challenge group after entries are received. Challenge groups 1-9 with fewer than 6 entrants will not be judged or displayed.
2. **Each individual must enter separately and specify the group name under entry description.**
3. Each group **MUST** submit a display board no larger than 9" x 12" explaining the challenge when entries are received.
4. Each entry must meet the challenge criteria as explained on the display board.
5. Round robin, friendship, and group quilts should be entered in Division 621.
6. A quilt class is not a quilt challenge.
7. Quilts in this division cannot exceed 40" in width and 65" in length.
8. Professionally quilted quilts are permitted in this division.

Contact Department Supervisor Laura McHugh for questions.

CLASS:
1. Piecemakers by the Sea Library Challenge
2. Piecemakers by the Sea Summer Challenge
3. Piecemakers by the Sea Loosey Goosey Challenge
4. Peninsula Quilters Fall Challenge
5. Peninsula Quilters Spring Challenge
6. Pacifica Quilters Christmas Challenge
7. Pacifica Quilters Spring Challenge
8. Bay Area Modern Quilting Challenge
9. Other – **SPECIFY GROUP NAME** (To be separated after entries received)

DIVISION 623 – PIECED QUILT/ MACHINE QUILTED

RULE:

1. All entries must be entirely completed by **ONE** individual entrant - professional or amateur.

CLASS:

1. Computerized or pantograph quilted – any size.
2. Machine quilted X-Large quilt – perimeter 320” or greater.
3. Machine quilted Large quilt – perimeter between 250” - 319”.
4. Machine quilted Medium quilt – perimeter between 200”- 249”.
5. Machine quilted Small quilt – perimeter between 120” – 199”.
6. Machine quilted Wall Hanging/Small Quilt - perimeter less than 120”.

DIVISION 624 – SPECIALTY QUILT TECHNIQUES/MATERIALS

RULES:

1. All entries must be entirely completed by **ONE** individual entrant, professional or amateur.
2. Art quilts must be ORIGINAL DESIGN. Art quilts are an original exploration of a concept or idea rather than handing down of a “pattern.” They experiment with textile manipulation, color, texture and/or a diversity of mixed media.

CLASS:

1. Turned-edge applique – any size.
2. Raw-edge applique – any size.
3. Wool applique – any size.
4. Hand-quilted - any size.
5. Wholecloth or stenciled quilt, - any size.
6. Embroidered or embellished quilt- any size.
7. Recycled or upcycled materials such as Tshirts, Shirts, etc. – any size.
8. Paper pieced – English or Foundation – any size.
9. Art Quilt – any size.

NEEDLEWORK

AWARDS OFFERED DIVISIONS 630 - 635

1st Place $20 Ribbon
2nd Place Ribbon
3rd Place Ribbon

RULES:

1. All entries submitted as wall hangings must have a **hanging wire** on the back.
2. Sets may be entered only in the classes which specify sets permitted.
3. Machine embroidered items must be entered in Division 635.
4. 3-D/ Figural refers to the needlework piece, not the mounting/display.

DIVISION 630 – NEEDLEPOINT

Size is determined by the measurement of the needlework, not the frame and/or mat.

CLASS:

1. Small Needlepoint wall hanging, framed or unframed – less than 12" on any side of the worked piece (not the frame).
2. Large needlepoint wall hanging, framed or unframed – greater than 12" on any side of the worked piece (not the frame).
3. Pillow or 3-D Figural/free-standing piece (box, figure, ornament etc.).
4. Other – specify.

DIVISION 631 - CROSS STITCH & COUNTED THREAD WORK

Size is determined by the measurement of the needlework, not the frame and/or mat.
Other counted threadwork = Hardanger, Assisi, Drawn/Pulled Work, Blackwork, etc.

CLASS:

1. Wall-hanging, counted cross stitch, framed or unframed SMALL – less than 11" on any side
2. Wall-hanging, counted cross stitch, framed or unframed MEDIUM - between 11" - 18" on any side
3. Wall-hanging, counted cross stitch, framed or unframed LARGE - greater than 18" on any side
4. Wall-hanging, other counted threadwork/combined techniques, framed or unframed - any size
5. Blackwork, framed or unframed - any size
6. Pulled thread work, framed or unframed - any size
7. Article, counted cross stitch (bookmark, ornament, etc.)
8. Article, other counted threadwork/combined techniques

DIVISION 632 – SURFACE EMBROIDERY (Not Counted)

CLASS:

1. Wall hanging, framed or unframed – any size
2. Pillow or 3-D figural/free-standing item
3. Other techniques (stamped items, temari, stumpwork, silk, goldwork, etc.) - specify. Enter items with combined techniques here.

DIVISION 633 - NEEDLEWORK CHALLENGE

RULES:
1. Create a piece of hand embroidery which incorporates letters, words and/or numbers in some way.
2. Any hand embroidery technique can be used and there are no size requirements.

CLASS:
1. Word Challenge

DIVISION 634 – SMOCKING

RULES:
A Wee Care Gown is a simple sewn and smocked gown.

CLASS:
1. Smocked Garment (e.g., Adult or Child Dress, Blouse, Pants, etc.; Wee Care Gowns are in Class 2)
2. Smocked Wee Care Gown
3. Smocked Blingy/Shiny Ornament Cable Car Cabler Challenge
4. Other Smocked Item (Smocked Sampler, Purse, Bag, Name tag, Pendant, etc.)

DIVISION 635 - MACHINE EMBROIDERY

CLASS:
1. Machine embroidery on item made by entrant.
2. Machine embroidery on other, including ready-made items.

ARTS & CRAFTS

AWARDS OFFERED DIVISIONS 640 - 643

1st Place	$20	Ribbon
2nd Place		Ribbon
3rd Place		Ribbon

RULES:

1. All paintings, non-fiber jewelry, ceramics/pottery, and stained glass must be entered in the Fine Arts Department.
2. All woodworking must be entered in the Department of Innovation.
3. All quilts must be entered in the Quilting Section.
4. Framed items must have a hanging wire.

DIVISION 640 - EMBELLISHED ITEM

The entry will be judged on the design and skill with which the exhibitor used the technique(s) to embellish the ready-made piece.

CLASS:

1. Non-wearable item embellished with paint, stitchery, beadwork or a combination of techniques.
2. Wearable item embellished with paint, stitchery, beadwork or a combination of techniques.

DIVISION 641 - CULTURAL CRAFTS

Items created by using traditional crafts associated with a particular culture.
Include a 3" x 5" card with brief description.

CLASS:

1. Single decorative item - mask, dream catcher, origami etc.
2. Single item made for use - basket, tool, garment, etc.

DIVISION 642 - PAPER CRAFTS

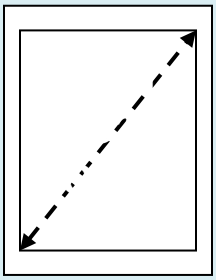
RULES:

1. All framed entries **must** have **hanging wire** on back.
2. Size is determined by the measurement of the work, not the frame AND/OR MAT.

CLASS:

1. 3D Paper shadow box.
2. Scrapbooking – provide **TWO ATTACHED**, consecutive pages.
3. Single stationery item, stamped/embossed/embellished, etc. – NO sets.
4. Other paper craft – specify.

DIVISION 643 - OTHER CRAFTS



RULES:

1. Non-fiber jewelry, ceramics/pottery, and stained glass must be entered in the Fine Arts Galleria.
2. Woodworking must be entered in the Department of Innovation.
3. Paintings must be entered in the Fine Arts Galleria.
4. Sewn items or needlework must be entered in Div 601/602.
5. Miniature Fairy House must be an original, home-made design and be securely mounted on a 12" or smaller base. Height (including base) must not exceed 18".
6. Fiber-based jewelry must be securely attached to a display board.
7. Sets (separate coordinating items) must be securely attached to one another with a string or on a board.
8. Embellished, purchased items should be entered in Division 640.

CLASS:

1. Miniature/Doll House
2. Miniature Fairy House
3. Other craft – specify. Includes items such as: felted items, mosaics, fiber-based jewelry, etc.

COLLECTIONS

AWARDS OFFERED DIVISION 650

1st Place $50 Ribbon
2nd Place Ribbon
3rd Place Ribbon

Collections will be displayed in locked cases. Each exhibitor will have the use of one shelf, approximately 35" W x 17" D x 20" H. First come, first served on choice of location.
No early set-up. Please include the name of the collection on your entry form.
Collections set-up is Wednesday, May 31 between 4 – 7 pm in Expo Hall. **Collections must be picked up Monday, June 12 between 2 – 7 pm.**

RULES:

1. Individuals and groups may enter. Youth Collections must be entered in Youth Exhibits under Miscellaneous Projects Collections.
2. **ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR.**
3. Items must be owned by exhibitor but need not have been made by the exhibitor. Collection must not have been displayed at this fair within the past five years.
4. Each collection must include an information card or cards no larger than 15" in either dimension.

The card must include: Collection name and Information regarding the exhibit.

Collections will be judged on the following criteria:

- Overall presentation of the display, including background and card.
- Uniqueness and variety of items displayed.
- Informative and/or historical value of the collection as provided on the informational card.

DIVISION 650 - COLLECTIONS

CLASS:

1. Antique/Vintage Collection
2. Current Culture Collection