

- Pre-registration is required.
- Entry Registration deadline is Monday, September 15, 2025.
- The State of North Carolina will require submission of a NC Substitute W-9 prior to making any payment of \$600 or greater or any payment that results in a total of \$600 or more during one calendar year from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to any individual or entity. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to complete and upload the NC Substitute W-9 Form to prevent any delay in receiving premium prize money.
- The NC State Fair **General Fair Rules for Exhibitors** apply.
- Deliver exhibits to the Education Building.
- Entries accepted Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12, from 8 am - 6 pm.
- Judging begins Monday, October 13 at 12:00pm.
- Exhibits released from other fairs will be accepted late, call 919 839 4513 for details.
- Exhibits will be released Monday, October 27, between 8 am and 6 pm. Pick exhibits up in the Education Bldg. The fair is not responsible for exhibits left after 6:00pm Monday, October 27.
- Framed entries must be ready to hang with wire hangers as shown.



NEEDLECRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS

- The General Rules and Regulations of the Fair will govern this department. Be sure to read them before entering or competing in this department.
- Competition is limited to residents of North Carolina.
- Entering in the correct category is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- Age categories for exhibitors are as follows:
Adults - 18 years and older,
Teens - 13 to 17 years of age
Child - 6 to 12 years of age.
Any entry in a Duet or Group category requires all of the exhibitors to meet the age requirements.
- Only one individual in a household may make an entry under a Class number
- Only one entry per individual is allowed under each Class number.
- Articles must be the sole work of the exhibitor and completed since the 2023 fair. If a date appears on an item, it must fall between the accepted dates of completion.
Exceptions would be a wedding date, birth date, etc.
- All articles must be complete: For example, pillow tops must have been made into a pillow; wall hangings must be ready to hang; pictures must be framed, wired and ready for hanging. Framed entries cannot exceed 24" x 36" total including the frame.
- Any article which proves to be misrepresented or falsely classed will be rejected, and the right of the exhibitor to further participation in the Fair will be denied.
- Articles of clothing should be entered in CLO - the Clothing department and not the Needlecraft department.
- Display space is limited. There is no guarantee that all items will be displayed.
- To allow for impartial judging, please remove or cover any names or other identifying personal information on the article. Initials are acceptable.
Exception: Framed needlework showing exhibitor's full name will be accepted, but the name will be covered on the glass by state fair staff before judging.
- We reserve the right to reject any article because of odor, cleanliness or pet dander.
- Once entries are accepted, judged and displayed, the display cabinets will be locked and not opened for any reason. Any corrections or adjustments will be made before or after fair hours. This is for the protection of the entries.



QUILTING

DIVISION 101 - ADULT BED QUILTS *Ages 18 and over*

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$5

Class 01 – APPLIQUE BED-QUILT, HAND QUILTED

Class 02 – APPLIQUE BED-QUILT, MACHINE QUILTED

Class 03 – PIECED BED-QUILT, HAND QUILTED

Class 04 – PIECED BED-QUILT, MACHINE QUILTED *Combination of piecing & applique*

Class 05 – MIXED TECHNIQUE BED-QUILT, HAND QUILTED *Combination of piecing & applique*

Class 06 – MIXED TECHNIQUE BED-QUILT, MACHINE QUILTED *Combination of piecing & applique*

Class 07 – OTHER TECHNIQUE BED-QUIT *Embroidery, punchneedle, Crazy Quilts, novelty such as Cathedral Window, Yo-Yo or whole cloth*

Class 08 – DUET QUILT, HAND QUILTED *Two person quilt*

Class 09 – DUET QUILT, MACHINE QUILTED *Two person quilt*

Class 10 – GROUP QUILT, HAND QUILTED *Made by more than two people*

Class 11 – GROUP QUILT, MACHINE QUILTED *Made by more than two people*

Class 12 – ORIGINAL PATTERN QUILT *Any technique. Must be twin bed size or larger. Must be the exhibitor's original pattern.*

Class 13 – MODERN QUILT, HAND QUILTED

Class 14 – MODERN QUILT, MACHINE QUILTED

DIVISION 102 - ADULT SMALL QUILTS *Ages 18 & over*

	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$10	\$5

Class 01 – CRIB/YOUTH BED SIZE QUILT

Class 02 – BEGINNERS QUILT *First time entrant. Any technique*

DIVISION 103 - ADULT QUILTED ITEMS *Ages 18 & over*

	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$2

Class 01 – WALL HANGING, HAND QUILTED *Ready to hang*

Class 02 – WALL HANGING, MACHINE QUILTED *Ready to hang*

Class 03 – MISCELLANEOUS QUILTED HOME FURNISHING ITEM *Not listed*

DIVISION 104 - TEEN QUILTED ITEMS *Ages 13-17*

	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$10	\$5

Class 01 – HAND QUILTED ITEM

Class 02 – MACHINE QUILTED ITEM

DIVISION 105 - CHILD QUILTED ITEMS *Ages 6-12*

	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$2

Class 01 – HAND QUILTED ITEM

Class 02 – MACHINE QUILTED ITEM



THREADED NEEDLECRAFT

\$25 \$20 \$15

Any needlecraft item (picture, pillow, bell pull, tray, footstool, chair bottom, table linen, Christmas stocking, ornament or decoration, etc.). Framed entries cannot exceed 24" x 36" total including the frame, if the piece is completely covered by frame matting and stitching.

DIVISION 106 - ADULT CANVAS EMBROIDERY, NEEDLEPOINT *Ages 18 & over* *Items worked on canvas (mono, interlock, or penelope/double, silk gauze) or Congress Cloth including Christmas items.*

Class 01 – CANVAS EMBROIDERY

*Cross-stitch entries should consist predominately of cross-stitch and/or back stitch.
May contain a very limited amount of other stitches as accents.*

DIVISION 107 - ADULT FIRST TIME CROSS-STITCH ENTRANT *Ages 18 & over* *Entrant has not previously entered cross-stitch in the NC State Fair.*

Class 01 – CROSS-STITCH ON AIDA 7, 11, 14, 16, 18 count, etc.

Class 02 – CROSS-STITCH, ONE FABRIC THREAD ON EVENWEAVE (e.g. davos, floba, hardanger, linen, lugana, jobelan, etc.)

Class 03 – CROSS-STITCH, TWO FABRIC THREADS ON EVENWEAVE (e.g. davos, floba, hardanger, linen, lugana, jobelan, etc.)

DIVISION 108 - ADULT REPEAT ENTRANT, NON-WINNER *Ages 18 & over* *Entrant has entered cross-stitch in a previous NC State Fair, but has not received a ribbon.*

Class 01 – CROSS-STITCH ON AIDA 7, 11, 14, 16, 18 count, etc.

Class 02 – CROSS-STITCH, ONE FABRIC THREAD ON EVENWEAVE (e.g. davos, floba, hardanger, linen, lugana, jobelan, etc.)

Class 03 – CROSS-STITCH, TWO FABRIC THREADS ON EVENWEAVE (e.g. davos, floba, hardanger, linen, lugana, jobelan, etc.)

DIVISION 109 - ADULT REPEAT ENTRANT, PAST WINNER *Ages 18 & over* *Entrant has entered cross-stitch in a previous NC State Fair, and received a ribbon.*

Class 01 – CROSS-STITCH ON AIDA 7, 11, 14, 16, 18 count, etc.

Class 02 – CROSS-STITCH, ONE FABRIC THREAD ON EVENWEAVE (e.g. davos, floba, hardanger, linen, lugana, jobelan, etc.)

Class 03 – CROSS-STITCH, TWO FABRIC THREADS ON EVENWEAVE (e.g. davos, floba, hardanger, linen, lugana, jobelan, etc.)

DIVISION 110 - COUNTED THREAD, NON-CROSS-STITCH

Class 01 – HARDANGER, PULLED THREAD, BLACKWORK, DRAWN WORK, ETC. *or a combination thereof. May include cross-stitch but may not be predominately cross-stitch.*

DIVISION 111 - MISCELLANEOUS THREADED NEEDLECRAFT

Class 01 – ANY OTHER THREADED NEEDLECRAFT, NOT LISTED *Such as crewel embroidery, stamped work, candlewick, stumpwork, including miniatures. No more than five pieces per set and no larger than 18"L x 12"W x 10"H.*

Class 02 – BEADED WORK *Must be predominately beadwork*

Division 112 - MIXED THREADED NEEDLECRAFT

Class 01 – JAPANESE EMBROIDERY *Must include the phase of Japanese embroidery on tag*

Class 02 – OTHER MIXED HAND TECHNIQUES NOT LISTED *Must list techniques used*



DIVISION 113 - TEEN NEEDLECRAFT ITEMS *Ages 13-17* \$20 \$15 \$10

Class 01 – CROSS-STITCH *Any count, any fabric*

Class 02 – NEEDLEPOINT *Any fabric*

Class 03 – EMBROIDERY *Any style*

DIVISION 114 - CHILD NEEDLECRAFT ITEMS *Ages 6-12* \$15 \$10 \$8

Class 01 – CROSS-STITCH *Any count, any fabric*

Class 02 – NEEDLEPOINT *Any fabric*

Class 03 – EMBROIDERY *Any style*

NON-THREADED NEEDLECRAFT

To allow for proper judging, no backings are allowed on afghans.

*Variegated yarns are considered one color.

DIVISION 115 - ADULT HAND CROCHETED ITEMS \$25 \$15 \$10

Ages 18 and over

Class 01 – ONE COLOR AFGHAN

Class 02 – MULTI COLOR AFGHAN

Class 03 – ONE COLOR BABY AFGHAN *Maximum 36 inches by 40 inches.*

Class 04 – MULTI COLOR BABY AFGHAN *Maximum 36 inches by 40 inches.*

Class 05 – ONE COLOR RECEIVING BLANKET *Maximum 36 inches by 40 inches.*

Class 06 – MULTI COLOR RECEIVING BLANKET *Maximum 36 inches by 40 inches.*

Class 07 – TABLECLOTHS

Class 08 – TABLE LINENS *4 place mats, 4 napkins, table runner, doily*

Class 09 – CROCHETED ENHANCED LINENS

Class 10 – ANY ABOVE ITEM ENHANCED WITH EMBROIDERY, CROSS-STITCH, ETC.

DIVISION 116 - ADULT HAND CROCHETED BEDSPREAD \$35 \$25 \$15

Ages 18 and over

Class 01 – ONE COLOR BEDSPREAD, COVERLET *Fit a single bed at least*

Class 02 – MULTI COLOR BEDSPREAD, COVERLET *Fit a single bed at least*

DIVISION 117 - ADULT HAND KNITTED ITEMS \$25 \$15 \$10

Ages 18 and over

Class 01 – ONE COLOR AFGHAN

Class 02 – MULTI COLOR AFGHAN

Class 03 – ONE COLOR BABY AFGHAN *Maximum 36 inches by 40 inches.*

Class 04 – MULTI COLOR BABY AFGHAN *Maximum 36 inches by 40 inches.*

Class 05 – ONE COLOR RECEIVING BLANKET *Maximum 36 inches by 40 inches.*

Class 06 – MULTI COLOR RECEIVING BLANKET *Maximum 36 inches by 40 inches.*



DIVISION 118 - ADULT HAND KNITTED BEDSPREAD

\$35 \$25 \$15

*Ages 18 and over*Class 01 – ONE COLOR BEDSPREAD, COVERLET *Fit a single bed at least*Class 02 – MULTI COLOR BEDSPREAD, COVERLET *Fit a single bed at least***DIVISION 119 - ADULT MACHINE KNITTED ITEMS** *Ages 18 and over*

Class 01 – AFGHANS, BABY AFGHANS, LAP ROBES, PRAYER SHAWLS \$25 \$15 \$10

Class 02 – TABLE LINENS *4 place mats, 4 napkins, table runner, tablecloth, 2 doilies, table scarf, etc.)* \$25 \$15 \$10Class 03 – BEDSPREAD *Fit a single bed at least* \$35 \$25 \$15Class 04 – ANY ABOVE ITEM ENHANCED WITH EMBROIDERY, CROSS-STITCH, ETC. *cross-stitch or other technique.* \$25 \$15 \$10**DIVISION 120 - OTHER ADULT NON-THREADED NEEDLECRAFT ITEMS***Ages 18 and over*

Class 01 – FRAMED OR MOUNTED BOBBIN LACE, TATTING \$25 \$15 \$8

Class 02 – BOBBIN LACE, TATTING, HAND-TIED FRINGE \$15 \$10 \$8
*Attached to home furnishing item such as bedspreads, bed linens, pillowcases, tablecloths, napkins, towels, pillows.*Class 03 – MISCELLANEOUS NON-THREADED NEEDLECRAFT ITEM \$20 \$15 \$10
*Any home furnishing item or any non-threaded needlecraft technique not listed previously, including miniatures. No More than five pieces per set and no larger than 18"Lx12"Wx10"H***DIVISION 121 - TEEN NON-THREADED NEEDLECRAFTS**

\$20 \$15 \$10

Ages 13 - 17

Class 01– HAND CROCHETING

Class 02 – HAND KNITTING

Class 03 – ANY OTHER NON-THREADED NEEDLECRAFT

DIVISION 122 - CHILD NON-THREADED NEEDLECRAFTS

\$15 \$10 \$8

Ages 6 - 12

Class 01– HAND CROCHETING

Class 02 – HAND KNITTING

Class 03 – ANY OTHER NON-THREADED NEEDLECRAFT

WEAVING**DIVISION 123 - ADULT HANDWOVEN ON 1-4 HARNESS LOOM***Ages 18 and over. Woven on a loom with no more than 4 harnesses*

Class 01 – AFGHANS & TROWS \$30 \$18 \$15

Class 02 – BEDSPREADS & COVERLETS \$35 \$25 \$15

Class 03 – TABLE LINENS \$25 \$15 \$10
*4 placemats, 4 napkins, table runner, tablecloth*Class 04 – KITCHEN & BATH LINENS \$15 \$10 \$8
Hand towel, dish towel, potholders, mug rugs, etc.

Class 05 – PILLOW \$20 \$15 \$10

Class 06 – RUG \$20 \$15 \$10

Class 07 – WALL HANGING *Tapestry or other techniques* \$15 \$10 \$8

Class 08 – INKLE WOVEN HOME FURNISHINGS ITEM <i>Including trim</i>	\$20	\$15	\$10
Class 09 – CARD WOVEN HOME FURNISHINGS ITEM (including trims, cords with/without tassels, wall hanging, etc)	\$20	\$15	\$10

DIVISION 124 - ADULT HANDWOVEN ON 4+ HARNESS LOOM

Ages 18 and over. Woven on a loom with more than 4 harnesses

Class 01 – MULTI-HARNESS SMALL HOME FURNISHING ITEM <i>Less than 14 inches</i>	\$20	\$15	\$10
Class 02 – MULTI-HARNESS LARGE HOME FURNISHING ITEM <i>More than 14 inches</i>	\$35	\$25	\$15

DIVISION 125 - ADULT HANDWOVEN, OFF LOOM

Ages 18 and over.

Class 01 – BRAIDED, WOOL <i>Rug, chair seat, etc.</i>	\$35	\$25	\$15
Class 02 – HOOKED, WOOL <i>Picture, wall hanging, etc.</i>	\$35	\$25	\$15
Class 03 – HOOKED, WOOL PILLOW	\$35	\$25	\$15
Class 04 – KNOTTED, RYA, LATCH, TUFTED <i>Any home furnishing item</i>	\$25	\$15	\$10

DIVISION 126 - TEEN HANDWOVEN CATEGORIES *Ages 13-17* \$25 \$15 \$10

- Class 01 – ANY ITEM WOVEN ON A LOOM
- Class 02 – BRAIDED RUG
- Class 03 – HOOKED RUG OR WALL HANGING

DIVISION 127 - CHILD HANDWOVEN CATEGORIES *Ages 6 - 12* \$15 \$10 \$8

- Class 01 – ANY OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES

HANDSPINNING

Each skein will consist of 1-2 ounces of fiber. Skeins should have a circumference of 1–1½ yard and be neatly wound and tied in at least 3 places. Must identify the type of fiber for entries in DIVISIONS 128, 129, 130. Failure to do so will disqualify the skein.

DIVISION 128 - ADULT HANDSPINNING CATEGORIES \$15 \$10 \$8

Ages 18 and over

- Class 01 – SINGLES SHEEPS WOOL WHITE OR NATURAL YARN *Thick or thin, even twist, good handle, white wool, or natural colored wool.*
- Class 02 – SINGLES SHEEPS WOOL YARN, DYED *Thick or thin, even twist, dyed (natural or chemical) by the spinner.*
- Class 03 – SINGLES NON-SHEEPS WOOL ANIMAL FIBER YARN *Thick or thin, even twist, good handle, white or natural color.*
- Class 04 – SINGLES NON-SHEEPS WOOL ANIMAL FIBER YARN *Thick or thin, even twist, dyed (natural or chemical) by the spinner*
- Class 05 – SINGLES, SILK YARN *Even twist, good handle, white, natural color or dyed*
- Class 06 – SINGLES, NON-ANIMAL FIBER YARN *Thick or thin, even twist, good handle, dyed*
- Class 07 – PLIED YARN - WHITE OR NATURAL COLORED WOOL
- Class 08 – PLIED YARN - DYED WOOL
- Class 09 – PLIED NON-ANIMAL WHITE OR NATURAL NON-WOOL YARN



Class 10 – PLIED NON-ANIMAL DYED NON-WOOL YARN

Class 11 – PLIED SILK YARN *White, natural or dyed*

Class 12 – BLENDED YARN *Consisting of Wool and Any Other Fiber*

Class 13 – NOVELTY YARN *Wool and other fiber permitted*

Class 14 – NOVICE SPINNER *Spinning one year or less, single or plied yarn*

Class 15 – EXOTIC FIBER YARN *Chinchilla, dog hair, etc.*

Class 16 – HANDSPUN WEAVING *Any item handcrafted using handspun yarn or fiber*

DIVISION 129 - TEEN HANDSPINNING CATEGORIES *Ages 13-17* \$10 \$6 \$3

Class 01 – PLIED YARN *White, Natural or Dyed Wool*

Class 02 – PLIED NON-ANIMAL WHITE OR NATURAL NON-WOOL YARN

Class 03 – PLIED SILK YARN *White, natural or dyed*

Class 04 – BLENDED YARN *Consisting of Wool and Any Other Fiber*

Class 05 – NOVELTY OR EXOTIC FIBER YARN *Chinchilla, dog hair, etc.*

Class 06 – HANDSPUN WEAVING *Any item handcrafted using handspun yarn or fiber*

DIVISION 130 - CHILD HANDSPINNING CATEGORIES *Ages 6-12* \$10 \$6 \$3

Class 01 – PLIED YARN *White, Natural or Dyed Wool*

Class 02 – PLIED NON-ANIMAL WHITE OR NATURAL NON-WOOL YARN

Class 03 – PLIED SILK YARN *White, natural or dyed*

Class 04 – BLENDED YARN *Consisting of Wool and Any Other Fiber*

Class 05 – NOVELTY OR EXOTIC FIBER YARN YARN *Chinchilla, dog hair, etc.*

DIVISION 100 - NEEDLECRAFT SPECIAL AWARDS

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Class 01 \$25.00

The Raleigh Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild will award \$25.00 to the piece of canvas embroidery (needlepoint) designated "Judges' Choice".

CAPITAL QUILTERS GUILD AWARD OF EXCELLENCE - HAND QUILTED

Class 02 \$25.00

Awarded by the Capital Quilters to one quilt from ribbon winners including honorable mention, in any hand quilting Class.

CAPITAL QUILTERS GUILD AWARD OF EXCELLENCE - MACHINE QUILTED

Class 03 \$25.00

Awarded by the Capital Quilters to one quilt from ribbon winners including honorable mention, in any machine quilting Class.

CAPITAL QUILTERS GUILD GOLDEN NEEDLE AWARD (JUDGES' CHOICE AWARD)

Capital Quilters Guild judges will award a Golden Needle prize to a quilt they consider exceptional.

Class 04 \$25.00

CARDINAL CHAPTER FIRST TIME ENTRANT AWARD

Class 05 \$25.00

The Cardinal Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America will award \$25.00 to one of the cross-stitch first time entries.

EGA AWARD

Class 07 \$25.00

The Cardinal Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America will award \$25.00.

TRIANGLE MACHINE KNITTERS AWARD

Class 08 \$25.00

The Triangle Machine Knitters will award \$25.00.



DIVISION 100 - NEEDLECRAFT SPECIAL AWARDS CONTINUED

BEST OF SHOW ADULT QUILT

Class 09 \$25.00

BEST OF SHOW NEEDLECRAFT

Class 10 \$25.00

BEST OF SHOW WEAVING/HANDSPINNING

Class 11 \$25.00

BEST OF SHOW YOUTH QUILT

Class 12 \$25.00

BEST OF SHOW YOUTH NEEDLECRAFT

Class 12 \$25.00

DECORATED TREES

- The NC State Fair will furnish tree stands and 5-6 foot live trees to be decorated according to the theme. Tree skirts and all decoration are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- Due to fire codes no electric decorations are allowed. No lights or turning devices.
- The fair does not permit any items that resemble or symbolize violence (no guns or anything to do with weaponry), or anything provocative or sexual in nature.
- Exhibitors are chosen raffle style and will be notified by phone and email on September 16th if they have a tree to decorate.
- Trees are decorated on either Saturday, October 12 or Sunday, October 13.
- Exhibitors assume all liability. The fair and its staff are not responsible for any damage or loss.
- All decorations must be removed on Monday, October 28 between 8 am - 6 pm. The fair is not responsible for exhibits after that time.

Judging Criteria

Creativity:.....40 Points

Overall Design:.....40 points

Theme Conformance:20 points

DIVISION 131: DECORATED TREE

Class 01 – America 250 - Celebrating The Great American State Fair

1st \$100 2nd \$75 3rd \$50 4th \$25

