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SALEM FAIR and Exposition

Join us at the
Salem Fair
& Exposition!

GENERAL EXHIBITS REGISTRATION DAY

(All exhibits except Art)

Monday, June 29th, 2020
8 AM – 6 PM

ART EXHIBITS REGISTRATION DAY

(Art Division ONLY)

Thursday, July 2, 2020
12 PM – 6 PM

Special Contest info and rules are online at
www.salemfairblueribbon.com

2020 SALEM FAIR

Important Info for 2020

Two separate Registration Dates

June 29th for General Exhibits
July 2nd for Art Exhibits

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

EXHIBITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE GENERAL RULES AND THE DEPARTMENTAL RULES.

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1. **Age Divisions -** All age divisions are based on the age of exhibitor as of January 1, 2020.

   Youth 1 (Y1) - any youth 12 years of age or younger
   Youth 2 (Y2) – any youth ages 13 to 18 years old
   Open (O) – any adult 19 and over

   ***IMPORTANT** - Y1 exhibitors will have pink entry tags and Y2 exhibitors will use blue entry tags.
2. An exhibitor **will not** be allowed to have more than one entry per class.
3. Every exhibitor, concessionaire, employee, or any other person having business on the grounds is required to abide by these rules and regulations or any other rules and regulations that may be formulated by Fair Management. **Fair Management reserves for itself the sole and absolute right to construe its rules and regulations, and arbitrarily determine and settle all matters and differences in regards thereto**.
4. **No professional will be allowed to exhibit**. A professional is anyone receiving substantial and/or regular income from the sale of his/her baked goods, handicrafts, photography, etc. or from use of this talent/skill. Professionals may only exhibit in specific contests that state they are for professionals. Any exhibit with the © symbol or the term copyrighted is considered to be the work of a professional and is not eligible for exhibit.
5. Fair management reserves the right to extend an invitation to exhibit and the **right to refuse** an exhibitor or concessionaire without giving reason for such action.
6. All protests must be in writing, must plainly state the complaint, be accompanied by a fee of $25 which shall be forfeited to the fair in case protest is not sustained, and must be delivered to Fair Management within twelve (12) hours after the cause of protest.
7. Competition is generally open to the world unless otherwise stated in departmental rules. Certain departments are limited and this also will be stated in departmental rules.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

8. **The exhibitor assumes all risks of damage or loss**, either to person or property for all and every cause whatsoever, including fire, the elements, violation of the law, negligence either on the part of the Salem Fair, its officers, servants, agents, or employees, or other person or persons; and it is further expressly understood and agreed between the exhibitor or concessionaire and Fair Management, that the Salem Fair incurs no liability or obligation to the exhibitor or concessionaire other than to permit the exhibitor or concessionaire to utilize the grounds of the Salem Fair.

9. **Individual entries are limited to one per class. No item may be entered in more than one class.**

10. Persons exhibiting may ship their exhibits but Fair Management will not be responsible for any loss, breakage, or damage. Goods must be addressed to the department in which they are entered in care of the Salem Fair, c/o Blue Ribbon Exhibits, PO. Box 886, Salem, VA 24153. Entries will be received in this manner until June 22, 2020. **No packages will be received unless all transportation charges have been paid.**

11. **Exhibits must be delivered during the appropriate day and hours.** Exhibits will only be accepted on advertised registration days. All exhibits must be removed according to departmental rules unless arrangements are made in writing before the opening of the Fair and agreed to by Fair Management.

12. The Salem Fair will contract judges for all departments. The Salem Fair reserves the right to substitute judges if necessary**. Judges are not public information and any attempt to contact judges before or after the competition will disqualify you from future participation.**

13. **Fair management and judges' decisions are final!**

14. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; afterwards, the premium or premiums awarded to this individual will be withheld.

15. Fair management reserves the right to reject any exhibit which does not reflect merit and which would not be a credit to both the exhibitor and the Salem Fair. Also, the right is reserved to reject any exhibit which is deemed objectionable or unsuited for public exhibit. All exhibits are accepted conditionally pending inspection of the item to be exhibited. Any item which proves to be misrepresented or falsely classed will be rejected and the right of the exhibitor to further participate in the Salem Fair will be denied.

16. **Exhibits may NOT be removed** from the Exhibit Area **prior to 11:00 AM on Sunday, July 12, 2020**. Any exhibits removed prior to checkout time on Sunday, July 12, 2020 will forfeit any premium money won and ribbons earned. Checkout of exhibits will begin on Sunday, July 12 at 11:00 AM. All exhibits must be removed by 6 PM on Sunday, July 12, 2020. Goods become property of Fair Management after that time.

17. In all competition, ribbons will be awarded according to the quality and prize money paid accordingly.

18. An exhibitor **may not** exhibit an item previously entered in the Salem Fair. All exhibits must be grown or made by the exhibitor between July 2019 and the 2020 Fair registration (except for antique categories).

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

19. In all classes, there must be at least two entries to constitute competition and different individuals must make these entries. At the discretion of Fair Management, a class with only one entry may be allowed to show and will be awarded second place money and ribbon.
20. Premiums will be paid as soon after the fair as it is possible to audit the books.
21. In paying premiums, no evidence of awards shall be recognized except the entry book properly signed by the superintendent and judge, and not from the ribbons attached to the exhibit. Ribbons sometimes become misplaced.
22. It is understood that if conditions (due to weather, theft, fire, pandemic, natural disaster) are such that Fair Management cannot pay their premiums in full, the exhibitors agree to accept such a proportion of the premiums as Fair Management finds they are able to pay and such payment shall be considered in full settlement of whatever premiums are due.
23. The Salem Fair will **absolutely not** issue rain checks, exchanges, or refunds for ride passes earned through the Blue Ribbon Exhibits.
24. **Regarding all Miscellaneous categories**: Miscellaneous categories are for items which do NOT fit into a current category. They are NOT for duplicate items. For example, a knitted scarf would go in class #202 (Knitting Scarf). You cannot put another knitted scarf in the Miscellaneous Knitting Category OR Miscellaneous Homecraft. Those classes are only for items not listed in their specific class.
25. Only **ONE** ride pass per exhibitor, no matter how many items are entered.
26. Any exhibitor suspected of using a fraudulent name or age to obtain a ride pass or win prize money will have their prize money, ribbons, and ride passes taken away, plus they will be excluded from entry for the next 5 years.

Registration Day exhibits:

Art from classes 369 - 389 will NOT be permitted on General Registration Day (June 29th).

Exhibits (crafts, etc) that cannot fit into Art classes 369-389 will NOT be permitted on Art Registration Day (July 2nd).

No Late entries accepted as judging is done at the end of the Registration Day.

Due to space limitations, all exhibits may not be available for public viewing. Fair management will make every attempt to display all exhibits.

Premium Key for Classes 001-522

	A	B	C
First Place	$4.00	$5.00	$6.00
Second Place	$3.00	$4.00	$5.00
Third Place	$2.00	$3.00	$4.00

YOUTH FREE RIDE PASS

Any **youth** ages 18 and under who enters **at least three (3) exhibits** will receive a youth free ride pass good for **ONE** day, either July 6th or July 7th, 2020. **No exceptions** - an alternative day ride pass **WILL NOT be given.**

DATES, PROCEDURES, AND RULES FOR GENERAL CLASSES

Classes 001 through 367 and Classes 390 through 522

1. **GENERAL exhibits** will be received at the Civic Center between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM on Monday, June 29, 2020**. NO EARLY OR LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** ART Exhibits will not be accepted on this date.
2. All exhibits must be grown or made by the exhibitor between July 2019 and 2020 Fair registration (except for antique categories).
3. Only one entry per class is permitted.
4. No exhibit may be removed from the Exhibit Area prior to 11:00 AM on Sunday, July 12, 2020. Checkout begins at 11:00 AM on Sunday, July 12, 2020. All exhibits must be removed by 6 PM. **By entering, you are agreeing to these conditions.**
5. **Exhibitor entry forms must be filled out as completely as possible by exhibitor before turning in exhibits at the registration table.** Make sure all entries are listed on entry form and that exhibits are in the correct classes. It is up to the exhibitor to decide in which class to place their item.

GENERAL EXHIBITS

SPECIFIC GARDEN PRODUCE, HOMEMAKING, AND HORTICULTURE RULES

Classes 001 through 186 **Registration Date: June 29, 2020**

1. Garden produce entries must be **correctly labeled,** including the variety name. They must be placed in **substantial containers** – no paper plates or plastic bags, please.
2. **Perishable items will not be returned.**
3. All perishable items, produce, horticulture items and baked goods, will be kept on display until they begin to deteriorate. At this time, **they will be disposed of at the discretion of Fair Management**. Perishable items, including flowers, may be replaced with like items once by the exhibitor during the fair.
4. Garden baskets are judged by quality, number of vegetables, and freedom of injury, appearance, and a balance of leafy/root vegetables.
5. Entries calling for a precise number of produce or baked goods may be disqualified if minimum number is not met.
6. **All canned goods** must be in **standard Mason jars** and must have been canned between July 2019 and 2020 Fair registration. Rings must be on jars. Rusty lids are not to be used. No food coloring allowed. Jars must be labeled on the bottom as to contents and date canned. **Entries** may be **opened** and **tasted by the judges**. If goods are opened or not properly sealed, they will not be judged.
7. All candy and baked goods must be on sturdy plastic, Styrofoam, or foil plates (no paper plates, please). Place the plate into a zip top bag. Rules require the entire cake to be exhibited except where noted in class listings for judging. No mix cakes are allowed unless specified in class.
8. All food items must be accompanied with the recipe printed on a 3" x 5" card. By entering a food item, the exhibitor gives Fair Management the right to publish recipes with exhibitor name and city. Recipe becomes property of the Fair.

GENERAL EXHIBITS

RULES SPECIFIC TO HANDICRAFT, SEWING, AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS

Classes 187 through 367 and Classes 390-427

Registration Date: June 29, 2020

1. ***All clothing must be accompanied by a wire hanger.***
2. No photos in frames or under glass. Exhibitors *will* be asked to *remove frames and glass* before photography exhibits can be accepted.
3. Any exhibit with the © symbol or term copyrighted is considered to be the work of a professional and is not eligible for exhibit in the fair and will not be judged or awarded ribbons.
4. **All photography exhibits will be hung using a plastic tab that will be adhered to the back of the mat board.**
5. ***IMPORTANT - Overall size of all photography entries must be 8" X 10".** Overall size = photograph + mat.
6. ***IMPORTANT - All photography entries must be mounted on a 8" x 10" sturdy board such as cardboard, poster board or mat board.** Unmounted photographs will not be accepted. Photographs must be 8" X 10" or smaller.

ART EXHIBITS

RULES SPECIFIC TO ART EXHIBITS

Classes 369 through 389 **Registration Date: July 2,2020**

1. No art in frames or under glass. Exhibitors *will* be asked to *remove frames and glass* before art exhibits can be accepted.
2. Any exhibit with the © symbol or term copyrighted is considered to be the work of a professional and is not eligible for exhibit in the fair.
3. ***IMPORTANT - All 2-dimensional artwork must be 16" x 20" or smaller. Due to space limitations, artwork larger than 16" x 20" will not be accepted.**
4. ***IMPORTANT - Art that is not free-standing or flimsy will be returned as it is unable to be displayed properly. For example, coloring book pages MUST be put on a piece of sturdy cardboard OR they will be returned.**
5. An individual may enter as many classes as they wish in the division, BUT can enter **only one item per class.**
6. All Art Division Exhibits will only be accepted on Thursday, July 2 from 12 PM to 6:00 PM.

READ all the General Rules and Regulations CAREFULLY.