

# Butte County Fair 2022 Competitive Stills Guide

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## What’s New in 2022?



### **GENERATIONAL TRADITIONS – Department R**

- Butte County is all about family and Generational Projects is a department especially designed to give those families that are handing down family traditions and skills a place to shine! This department requires two family members at least one generation apart to work together on a single project, or separately on complimentary but coordinated projects. These projects can consist of an upcycled/repaired/restored project or something completely new built from the “ground up”. Materials are your choice, based on the project you choose. Family members consist of immediate family members including: parents, children, step-parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents. Any combination will work! Just remember that they need to be separated by at least one generation. Examples of projects include: rebuilding an engine together, restoring two like items of

furniture, or building something new together. Butte County is rich with family tradition, let's showcase it!!



## ANY YOUTH DIGITAL MEDIA & ARTS -

- This **Youth only** department is designed for all those dabbling in creating digital works of art. We have three basic divisions: Instructional and Entertainment videos, and Digital Arts, with the option to enter as an individual or group. If you've ever downloaded a video to Tik Tok, Facebook or YouTube, then you could enter your video clip here. If you want to create something more substantial than that, enter your video short!

### **ALSO NEW THIS YEAR!**

- **A NEW, EASY TO READ COLOR FORMAT**

## **GRANGE IS NEW AND 4-H IS BACK!! IN OUR NEWLY RESTURCTURED YOUTH DEPARTMENT!**

The new Youth Departments are Dept H – Open Youth, 4-H and Grange, which includes all of the departments included in the Adult section. We are also pleased to reinstate Dept J, which consists of FFA, Skills/USA, and the Youth Auction

### **WE'VE UPDATED DEPT C – CLOTHING, TEXTILES & QUILTS**

We've simplified and changed the Divisions and Classes to include more choices, as well as making it easier to know which category you should enter your exhibit into



## WE'VE CHANGED DEPT G– PHOTOGRAPHY

We've simplified the Divisions and added new Classes to include more choices! We've also added a new Division for ***Butte County Scenes***. This Division honors the diversity you can find right here in Butte County. Photos must be identifiable as scenes from Butte County. Examples include: rice paddies with ducks, the Salmon Ladder or Dam in Oroville, Monkey Face or Bear Hole in Bidwell Park, Orchards or even tree lined roads! We have so many parks and historic places to see and experience, and this department is tailor made to celebrate it all.



## NEW FAIR RECIPE IN DEPT E– BAKING & CONFECTIONS

Who doesn't love Brownies?! This year we will be asking you to bake us Red Velvet Cheesecake Swirl Brownies, yum! The full recipe and instructions are included in the revised Department Guide



## NEW DIVISION IN DEPT Q– CRAFTS/HOME & INDUSTRIAL ARTS

This new division is the perfect place to showcase your handmade pottery items. Whether you mold them by hand or "throw" them on a wheel, share your creativity with us. Items can be either painted or unpainted, kiln or fire cured.

## AND FINALLY, WE ARE INTRODUCING THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE CONTEST IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:



Dept C – Clothing, Textiles and Quilts  
Dept F – Fine Arts  
Dept G – Photography  
Dept Q – Crafts, Home & Industrials Arts

Here is your opportunity to be heard! Come visit Expo Hall from Opening Day of the Fair through Sunday at noon and cast your vote for your favorite exhibit. If you're an exhibitor, make sure all your friends and family come to vote for your exhibit. Limit one vote per person of course! Votes will be tallied by 1:00PM on Sunday, August 28 and winners will receive a beautiful Gold and White rosette and gift certificates from the department sponsor.



## LISTING OF 2022 STILLS COMPETITIVE DEPARTMENTS

- Adult Farm and Garden - **Department A**
  - Adult Floriculture - **Department B**
- Adult Clothing/Textiles & Quilts - **Department C**
  - Adult Preserved Foods - **Department D**
- Adult Baking and Confections - **Department E**
  - Adult Fine Arts - **Department F**
  - Adult Photography - **Department G**
  - Open Youth and 4-H – **Department H**
- FFA, Skills/USA and Youth Auction – **Dept J**
- Adult Crafts/Home & Industrial Arts - **Department Q**
  - Generational Traditions – **Dept R**

# **Butte County Fair Competitive Stills 2022 Quick Look**

## **Key dates and deadlines**

- **Online registration open: April 1, 2022 9:00AM**
- **Entry close: By Midnight, Sunday August 6, 14 & 21**
- **Entry receiving: Sat 8/13, Weds 8/24 & Thurs 8/25**
- **Entry Judging: Mon 8/15, Tues 8/16, Weds 8/24 & Thurs 8/25**
- **Entry Release: Monday, August 29, 2022**

## **Local and general rules – Applies to ALL entries**

- All State and Local rules apply
- Any and all requirements and notations describing a department, division or class is herein incorporated and should be considered a rule
- No late entries will be accepted
- No refund of entry fees
- All information in the Butte County Fair Competitive Stills guidebook is subject to be amended and/or changed
- The owner or authorized agent(s) must present exhibits in person. Exhibits will not be accepted by mail. Please note the days and hours that exhibits will be received and judged in your division, as changes may have been made. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to regularly check for changes.
- No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which he/she will exhibit.
- Fair Management is not responsible for finding errors on your entry form. Management may refuse entries, but will do so without prejudice or discrimination.
- The Butte County Fair reserves the right to REFUSE acceptance/display of any item that is inappropriate for display at a family fair.

- Failure of any exhibitor to maintain his/her exhibit to the satisfaction of the Fair Management may result in removal of the exhibit, the cancellation of awards and or premiums.
- All judges are provided by The Butte County Fair, and in every instance, the decision made by the Judge is final.
- Cash awards will be paid only as recorded, as per the assigned Judge, and only to the exhibitor on record.
- No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in a class, as per State rules. The exhibitor will receive the two highest cash awards, and the lesser cash awards will be moved down the placings to other exhibitors
- Scores are entered into the Fair program during judging and overall scores are compiled via computer program.
- Placing of ribbons does not guarantee correct judging placement. Only the official placing as listed on the judging results printout (computer compiled) constitutes the final placement.
- Butte County Fair has an OPEN judging policy, allowing exhibitors to *view and listen* without comment. If this is not honored, you will be asked to leave the building.
- Exhibits will remain in place for the duration of the Fair.

### **Exhibitor Responsibilities**

- By submitting an application for entry, participants agree to comply with all rules and regulations governing the Butte County Fair, as published in the 2022 Competitive Stills guidebook.
- The Fair will not be responsible for exhibits left **24** hours after the close of the Fair. All exhibits and equipment **MUST** be claimed and removed within 5 days. After 5 days, the items become the property of the Fair.
- Premium checks must be cashed by November 15, 2022. No check will be re-issued or the time extended. Questions about discrepancies in check amounts must be made prior to September 15, 2022. No premium adjustment will be made after that date.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for any loss, consequential or otherwise, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from, any article exhibited by him/her.

- Vehicles belonging to participant/volunteers are requested to park in the parking lot and walk onto the grounds to their assigned buildings or as directed by Fair Management.
- Glass containers are not allowed on Fair grounds
- Animals are not permitted on the grounds unless they are part of an authorized show or exhibit. Service animals and Guide dog puppies are the only exception and must comply with Fair Board policy.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- **Adult** = Exhibitors (nineteen) 19 years and older
- **Youth** = Exhibitors ages Pre-K through eighteen (18) years as of January 1, 2022
- **Entries close** = this is the last date and time you can enter an exhibit online. ALL ENTRIES ARE ONLINE ONLY.
- **Entries receiving** = this is the time and date you will bring your exhibit to the Fair grounds to be judged and subsequently displayed in the Fair
- **Entries judging** = this is the time and date an entry will be judged by a qualified judge appointed by the Fair. All divisions have OPEN judging
- **Entries release** = this is the time and date the exhibitor must pick up their entry. The Fair will not be responsible for exhibits left **24** hours after the close of the Fair. All exhibits and equipment MUST be claimed and removed within 5 days. After 5 days, the items become the property of the Fair
- **Open Judging** = Exhibitors welcome to *view and listen* without comment. If this is not honored, you will be asked to leave the building
- **American Judging System** = Each entry in a class is judged in comparison to other entries in the class. Awards are given according to relative merit with the potential for no more than one 1<sup>st</sup> (first), one 2<sup>nd</sup> (second) and one 3<sup>rd</sup> (third) place
- **Danish Judging System** = Based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system, each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how it compares to others. The following guidelines will be used by the judge:

○ <b>Quality</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>
○ <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>90-100%</b>	<b>Blue</b>
○ <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>80-89%</b>	<b>Red</b>
○ <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>70-79%</b>	<b>White</b>

- **Amateurs/Beginner** = an exhibitor is new to or grows or engages in the creation of an exhibit piece such as a hobby and/or for the love of the work
- **Intermediate/Experienced (also called Advanced/Professionals)**= Exhibitors who engage in arts and crafts (or grow) as a hobby, or for the love of the work for a LENGTHY time, OR who put their work on display with the intention of selling for monetary profit. Instructors and teachers are considered experienced/professionals
- **Masters** = Applies to Floriculture only. Flower show judges and instructors are considered Masters and may only compete in the Professionals/Masters divisions in Floral Design
- **Original**= Created, designed and made completely by the exhibitor.
- **Immediate Family**=Members of a family through either blood or marriage
- **Upcycle** = The repurposing of an item/items to a new and different use than originally made for
- **Grand Exhibitors** = Individuals that competed in **at least (three) 3 DIVISIONS within a department** and achieved the (three) 3 highest overall scores (First, second and third)  
If not enough exhibitors have competed in 3 different divisions to qualify for a first, second and third place, all three places may not be awarded

## FLORICULTURE ONLY AWARDS

- **Best of Show** = One exhibit will be chosen from all the Best of Division exhibits from Container Plants, Floral Design and Fresh Cut Flowers
- **Best of Division** = One exhibit will be chosen from all the 1<sup>st</sup> place exhibits in each class within a Division
- **Judges Choice** = One exhibit will be selected by the accredited judging panel to be recognized as Judges choice
- **People's Choice** = Fair goers visiting Butte Hall are eligible to vote for their favorite Floriculture exhibit Thursday through Sunday morning. Butte Hall closes at 9PM Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. Votes will be tallied Sunday afternoon and the winner awarded immediately thereafter.



# HOW TO ENTER – STEP BY STEP GUIDE

## **STEP 1: Download/ view or pickup this guidebook and Department Guides:**

- Download and print this Guidebook located on the Fair's website: [buttecountyfair.org](http://buttecountyfair.org) or come by the office and pick up a copy at the front desk.

## **STEP 2: Review both the Competition guide and Department Guides:**

- Review the guidebook for rules, dates and available departments. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to know and understand the information listed here. We are always happy to help if you have questions!

## **STEP 3: Determine the correct age classification:**

- The age classification are divided into two Departments, Adult and Youth
  - Adult = 19 years and older (as of January 1, 2022)
  - Youth = 18 years and younger (as of January 1, 2022)
    - Youth department is further broken down as follows:
      - Pre K = ages 4 and under
      - Ages 5-8
      - Ages 9-11
      - Ages 12-13
      - Ages 14-18

## **STEP 4: ENTER ONLINE:**

- All entries must be made online through the Blue Ribbon entry system located on our website: [buttecountyfair.org](http://buttecountyfair.org)

## **STEP 5: ENTRY INFORMATION:**

- You will need to provide your contact and credit card information. The program cannot take cash or paper checks. You will also need to know which Department, Division and class you wish to enter. It is up to the entrant to be familiar with and know the requirements for each entry. This information is located in the Department Guides.

## **STEP 6: ENTER BY THE POSTED ENTRY DEADLINES:**

- **All Stills Exhibit entries must be entered online by midnight of the stated dates for each entry. Please see the full schedule in the Guidebook or at the top of each Department guide. No extensions, no exceptions.**

## **STEP 7: DELIVER THE ENTRY:**

- You will need to bring your entries to the fairgrounds on the “Entry Receiving” date, location and time as stated in the full schedule and/or at the top of each Department Guide. There will be signage at the fairgrounds to direct you to either Butte Hall for Farm and Garden or Floriculture departments, or Expo Hall for all other departments.

## **STEP 8: COME TO THE FAIR!**

- Come to the fair to see your entry displayed and how many ribbons you earned! Please feel free to take pictures and share with friends and family.
- Make sure to vote for your People’s Choice awards!

## **Need Help? We are here to help you!**

If you are new to entering as an Exhibitor in the Fair, we know it can be confusing, so please call us if you have questions or need help understanding the guidelines or online entry process. We will have a computer station located in the Fair Office beginning in July for anyone that needs help entering online.

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