

# Butte County Fair 2023 Competitive Exhibits Guide

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## What's New For 2023?



**WE'VE EXPANDED DIGITAL CONTENT & ARTS TO  
INCLUDE EVERYONE THIS YEAR! NOW AVAILABLE FOR 19  
AND OVER IN ADDITION TO OUR YOUTH OFFERING!**

The Digital Content department is designed for anyone dabbling in creating digital works of art. We have four basic divisions: Instructional videos, Entertainment & music videos, Short films and Digital Arts. You can enter as an individual or group, and additionally, in the adult division as an Amateur or Professional. Trying to get some exposure? If you've ever uploaded a video or film short to Tik Tok, Facebook or YouTube, then you could enter your video or short film here! All entries will be shown in rotation at the **Action News Now Theatre** during the Fair.

## ***WE ARE ALSO ADDING A SHORT FILMS CATEGORY TO DIGITAL ARTS***

Show off your multifaceted talents by creating a short film using your original material and a variety of mediums. All entries will be shown in rotation at the **Action News Now Theatre** during the Fair!

## ***WE'VE GOT A NEW EXHIBITOR ENTRY SYSTEM!***

ShoWorks is a State of the Art entry system used by many county and State Fairs.

Key Features are:

- Use one account at any participating State or County Fair
- Upload required forms quickly and easily
- Upload videos in one easy step for Digital Media/Arts
- Quick easy access to all your online entry records

## ***Our YOUTH AUCTION WILL BE MOVING TO AN ONLINE FORMAT:***

Online format will be through our entry system: **ShoWorks**. There will be more information to follow. Please check out the Competitive Exhibits page on our website for details and updates.

## ***NEW DIVISION IN PRESERVED FOODS***

We are pleased to introduce a new division to our Preserved Foods Department, **“Cottage Industry”**. This division is specifically for those who do not qualify as amateur competitors, and who are selling or placing their small batch products for sale. This division will feature six classes including any canned or pickled fruit or vegetable, relish/sauce or vinegar and jams and jellies.

## **COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS DEPARTMENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

The Stills Department is actively seeking businesses, private individuals or Organizations to sponsor all of it's Departments. It is our goal to provide additional cash or gift certificate prizes, as well as enhance the displays used to showcase exhibitor entries. Please contact the Exhibits Department at [Stills@ButteCountyFair.org](mailto:Stills@ButteCountyFair.org) for more information and a sponsorship form.

### **BACK THIS YEAR IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT**

**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 BAKING & CONFECTIONS**

Who doesn't love Coffee cake?? This year we will be asking you to bake us a Raspberry and Strawberry "Buckle" (known here in "the West" as coffee cake), yum! The full recipe and instructions are included in the revised Department Guide



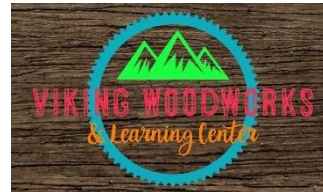
**AND FINALLY, WE WILL BE BRINGING BACK THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE  
CONTEST IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:**

**Clothing, Textiles and Quilts**



**Crafts, Home & Industrials Arts**

EXCLUSIVELY SPONSORED BY:



**Floriculture**

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:



**Fair Earth Nursery**

**Digital Content & Arts**

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:



You'll also be able to vote for your favorite exhibit in the following departments:

- Fine Arts
- Photography

*(If you'd like to sponsor a People's Choice award for one of these departments, please contact our Competitive Exhibits Coordinator, we'd love to have you onboard!)*



This is your opportunity to be heard, so please come and vote! Visit Expo and Butte Halls 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 27 and

winners will receive a beautiful Gold and White rosette and gift certificates/cash prizes from any department sponsors.

## LISTING OF 2023 STILLS COMPETITIVE DEPARTMENTS

- Adult Baking and Confections
- Adult Clothing/Textiles & Quilts
- Adult Crafts/Home & Industrial Arts
- Adult Digital Content & Arts-**NEW!**
  - Adult Farm and Garden
    - Adult Fine Arts
    - Adult Floriculture
    - Adult Photography
    - Adult Preserved Foods
- Youth FFA, Skills/USA and Youth Auction
  - Generational Traditions
  - Open Youth and 4-H & Grange



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### Butte County Fair Competitive Stills 2023 Quick Look Key dates and deadlines



- **Online registration open: April 1, 2023 9:00AM**
- **Entry close: By Midnight, Sunday August 6, 13 & 20**
- **Entry receiving: Sat 8/12, Tues 8/22, Weds 8/23 & Thurs 8/24**
- **Entry Judging: Mon 8/14, Tues 8/15, Weds 8/23 & Thurs 8/24**
- **Entry Release: Monday, August 28, 2023**

## 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 2023 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, 2023. No check will be re-issued or the time extended. Questions about discrepancies in check amounts must be made prior to September 15, 2023. 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, 2023
- **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 there are 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, 2023)
  - Youth = 18 years and younger (as of January 1, 2023)
    - 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 **ShoWorks** 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 Competitive 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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