

2009

MICHIGAN STATE FAIR

COUNTY FAIR GOLD RIBBON PROGRAM

1. Exhibitors must be Michigan residents.
2. Gold Ribbons are presented to a Best of Show winner of a Section or Division NOT the First Place or Blue Ribbon winner of a class. Ribbons must be presented only to winners of classes that are offered by the Michigan State Fair. The recipient of the Gold Ribbons entitles them to participate in the Gold Ribbon competition at the Michigan State Fair, Aug 28 through Sept 7, 2009. No entry fee for this competition.
3. Exhibitors winning Gold Ribbons for the same exhibit in more than one Fair may display only one Gold Ribbon. No additional ribbons are to be displayed with the exhibit. Attach the Gold Ribbon to your exhibit & be sure to put your name & fair on the back of ribbon.
4. Entry Forms & Deadline
 - a. Gold Ribbons must have been won at their **2008** County Fair.
 - b. Entry forms must have the correct Social Security Number of the creator of the exhibit, signature & a completed W-9 form. A W-9 must be included with each entry for each year. Entries will not be processed without the complete information.
 - c. Entry forms must be postmarked no later than August 6, 2009. After August 6 a late fee of \$12.00.
 - d. No entry forms will be accepted after August 13, 2009.
 - e. Mailed exhibits must be postmarked by August 1, 2009 in order to receive them by judging date.
5. All exhibits to be delivered according to schedule.

ALL EXHIBITS

Saturday	August 14	10am-6pm
Sunday	August 15	12pm-6pm
Monday	August 16	10am-4pm

6. Exhibits may be mailed pre-paid to the Michigan State Fair. Enclose a copy of the entry form with your exhibit. Mail the original with the W-9 form by the entry deadline. Arrangements may be made to have the exhibit returned by U.P.S.
7. Your Gold Ribbon must be attached to or displayed with your exhibit. Label your exhibit on the back, bottom or inside with an identifying marking.
8. Exhibits should be ready for display.
 - a. If a mannequin would enhance the display of your garment, please furnish if possible. Please include any special hangers if needed.
 - b. Exhibits that need to be assembled for display are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Items should be glued securely.
 - c. Artwork – all pieces must be framed and ready for hanging.
 - d. Photos must be ready for framing & should be hard framed with wire attached for hanging purpose. Minimum size of photo is 5x7. Maximum is 24" in either direction. Does not include frame. If easel is required, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to furnish.

- e. Literary – Presentation is a large part of judging.
9. Each Gold Ribbon exhibitor will be mailed two free gate passes to the 2009 Michigan State Fair, August 28 through September 7, 2009, once the entry form has been processed.
10. Each Gold Ribbon winner is invited to attend the County Fair Day Luncheon September 3, 2009. The luncheon will be served in the North Food Court @12 noon, between the Agriculture Building & the Coliseum. Upon request on entry form, each exhibitor will receive 2 free luncheon tickets.
11. Additional questions concerning this program may be directed to the Michigan State Fair, Community Arts & Crafts Department Peter Latouf @ 313-369-8260 or latoufp@michigan.gov
12. All gold ribbon winners are invited to also enter the State Fair open classes. Premium book is available on-line at www.michiganstatefair.com beginning mid-April.

ADULT CLASSES

Needlecraft & Handicraft

- *Afghan *Baskets *Crafts *Crocheting *Doll *Hobbies
- *Handweaving *Holiday Items *Knitting Items *Quilts
- *Leathercraft *Rugs *Counted Thread & Needlepoint
- *Sewing *Spinning *Textile Painting *Woodworking*
- *Embroidery on Fabric

Art

- *Oil & Acrylic *Ink & Pencil *Ceramics & Sculpture
- *Literary (Prose & Poetry) *Photography (Black & White/Color) *Watercolor *Scrapbooking *Mixed Media

- 1) Exhibits should be ready for display. Work must be framed or matted in 14 ply matting
- 2) All framed items must be wired and ready for hanging or they will not be displayed or judged.
- 3) Maximum size for art work will be 24" in any direction.
- 4) All items must be wired to the frame not the cardboard backing and must accept the weight of the item on a pegboard hook.
- 5) Saw tooth hangers and paper-hook stick-ons are not acceptable for use with pegboard hooks.
- 6) No paint by number kits.

Canning

- *Dehydrated foods *Herbal vinegars & Vinaigrette
- *Fruits *Jelly, Jam, Preserves *Juices *Pickled Food
- *Relishes *Vegetables

YOUTH CLASSES

Needlecraft & Handicraft

- *Afghan *Canning (Follow same directions as adult)
- *Crafts *Crocheting *Educational Hobby *Knitting
- *Quilt *Rugs *Sewing *Woodworking *Holiday*
- Needlework-other than sewing

Art

- *Acrylic *Ceramic *Oil * Pencil/Ink *Sculpture *
- Watercolor *Photography (Black & White/Color)
- *Mixed Media *Computer Graphic Art-photo editing
- *Artistic Scrapbook-photo display (2 pages) *Literary