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# 2021 SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIR



## 2021 FAIR THEME

*"Let's All Go to the Fair!"*

## EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK

The Exhibitor's Handbook is the official operational standard of the Southwest Washington Fair and can be found on our website at: <http://southwestwashingtonfair.org/exhibits/entries/>. Listed within are: conditions of exhibits, identification of responsible persons, general fair rules and policy, exhibit requirements, and listing of awards and prizes.

## AIMS AND PURPOSES OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIR

**Southwest Washington FAIR**

**AIMS AND PURPOSES**

Showcase SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON and its Agricultural and Industrial Heritage and Future.

Display the accomplishments of our youth and members of our regional community.

Encourage Learning through

- Participation
- Competition
- Observation

Inspire Community Pride  
Entertain

## AUTHORIZATION

RCW 15.76.100 – Declaration of public interest – Allocation of state funds authorized. It is hereby declared that it is in the public interest to hold agricultural fairs, including the exhibition of livestock and agricultural produce of all kinds, as well as related arts and manufactures; including products of the farm home and educational contest, displays, and demonstrations designed to train youth and to promote the welfare of farm people and rural economic development. Fairs qualifying hereunder shall be eligible for allocations from the state fair fund and for capital funding when appropriated to the department of agriculture, as provided in this chapter. [2018 c 280 § 1; 2012 c 221 § 1; 1961 c 61 § 1.]

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sean Swope, District #1  
Dr. Lindsey Pollock, District #2  
Gary Stamper, District #3

Centralia  
Chehalis  
Packwood

## FAIR MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Fionna Velazquez, Fair and Events Manager  
Pat Slusher, Events Coordinator  
Lynn Sexton, Administrative Assistant  
Erica Dyeson, Accounting Specialist

## FAIR FACILITIES STAFF

Samantha Knudson, Groundskeeper

Following the department listed here, you will find additional Southwest Washington Fair exhibitor-related information.

## OPEN CLASS DEPARTMENT C ART



**Superintendent: Barb Tippery**  
360-388-1950

## DEPARTMENT: OC C01- JUNIOR ART 3 TO 18 YEARS OF AGE

Prior to Entry Day, complete your online registration at (<http://southwestwashingtonfair.org/exhibits/entries/open-class-entries/> ).  
Entry Day: Thursday before fair, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Friday before fair, 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Entry Location: Exposition Hall, Northeast End  
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry  
Release day & time: Sunday, August 22, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Monday, August 23, 10:00 AM-12:00 noon

### GENERAL RULES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judge. Should questions arise concerning eligibility of any entry, the Fair Management's decision will be considered as final. (Bad language, excessive violence, and nudity are some examples of inappropriate subject matter.)

1. Paintings must be entered Thursday before Fair 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM or Friday before Fair from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Expo Hall Building. If you cannot get your entries in at these times, please call the superintendent to make other arrangements.
2. Judges will pick, from all entries, a Fair Theme winner. Judges will change every 3 years.
3. Pictures must be matted or suitably framed. Clips must be preapproved. Framed art must have properly attached wires, preferably eye screws. Glass (floating art) frames and plastic frames are often not able to be hung with wires, glass frames are heavy and hard to work with. Tape does not hold the wire with the weight of ANY frame – no taped wires can be accepted. Construction paper and poster board can be used to matte artwork. Matted work does not need hangers. The circumference of any piece should not exceed 120" including frame. Anything larger must be pre-approved by the superintendent.
4. A fair entry tag must be attached on reverse side. All exhibits must be entered using the Southwest Washington Fair online entry system (<http://southwestwashingtonfair.org/exhibits/entries/open-class-entries/> ). If any entry cannot be made via the online entry system, contact the department superintendent or the Southwest Washington Fair office for assistance. **Filled out exhibit entry tags will be waiting for you on entry day.** Bring a copy of your confirmation e-mail(s) on entry day.
5. Three (3) entries per class may be entered by any one person with a maximum of nine (9) entries per artist.

- All work must be original subject matter. Classroom work acceptable as long as it is not a copy of any artist's or teacher's work.
- No copies from pictures, comic books, magazines; no paint by number paintings are accepted.
- Work previously hung at the Fair is not acceptable.
- Exhibitors must be 18 years of age or under.
- Paintings may be picked up Sunday from 7 PM to 9 PM or Monday 10 AM – noon. You must have your entry ticket to pick up artwork.
- No entries may be picked up prior to Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM
- Junior Art will be judged using the Danish system. The judging will be closed to everyone but authorized fair personnel. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

### DIVISIONS:

- Preschool – 1-3
- Kindergarten – 4-6
- Beginners – 7-10
- Intermediate – 11-14
- Advanced – 15-18

### CLASSES:

- Oil/ Acrylic
- Watercolor
- Black and White Drawings – crayon, pencil, ink, charcoal, etc.
- Color Drawings – pastels, pencil, crayon, etc.
- Portraits
- Mixed Media
- Sculpture
- Abstract
- Collage
- Computer Art

## DEPARTMENT: OC C02-- ADULT ART

Prior to Entry Day, complete your online registration at (<http://southwestwashingtonfair.org/exhibits/entries/open-class-entries/>).

Entry Day: Thursday before fair, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM or

Friday before fair, 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Entry Location: Exposition Hall, Southeast End

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per entry

Release day & time: Sunday, August 22, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
or Monday, August 23, 10:00 AM- 12:00 noon

### GENERAL RULES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judge. Should questions arise concerning eligibility of any entry, the Fair Management's decision will be considered as final. (Bad language, excessive violence, and nudity are some examples of inappropriate subject matter.) Judges will change every 3 years.

Although all possible care will be taken to safeguard entries, the Southwest Washington Fair does not assume responsibility for theft, loss, or damage to entries.

Keep in mind framing and the title of the work is a part of your presentation and will play a part in the judges' decision as well as composition, skill, creativity, etc.

The art work is divided into three divisions: Professional, Advanced, and Amateur.

- All rules will be enforced, no exceptions.
- Each artist may enter up to three (3) items per class, with a maximum of nine (9) entries per artist. All exhibits must be entered using the Southwest Washington Fair online entry system (<http://southwestwashingtonfair.org/exhibits/entries/open-class-entries/>). If any entry cannot be made via the online entry system, contact the department superintendent or the Southwest Washington Fair office for assistance. **Filled out exhibit entry tags will be waiting for you on entry day.**
- If you cannot get your entries in at the times listed, please call the superintendent to make other arrangements.
- Entries will not be accepted that have been previously shown at the Southwest Washington Fair.
- All artwork must have been completed within the last three years to be judged with main entries. Class 11 is a special class for older artwork.
- Artwork must not be copies of other artwork, other non-original sources, magazines, published photography, patterns, paint by numbers, or class work. Any computer or computer-enhanced art must be labeled as such using the Description field in the online entry system. Patterned works or paint-by-number works may be entered in the Hobbies and Crafts Department.
- Paintings must be framed and securely wired for hanging. No saw tooth hangers for safety reasons. Clips must be preapproved. Any glass or heavy painting will not be hung for safety reasons unless specifically approved by the Superintendent at entry time. Some art may need to be judged leaning or laid down depending on the individual piece.
- Exhibits that are not adequately prepared for display will not be accepted.** Art Department staff **CANNOT** reframe or rewire your art work.

- Feel free to call the superintendent prior to entry day for advice or help. If time permits and there are available volunteers, there may be some help available on entry day to tweak your prepared work.
- The circumference of any piece should not exceed 120" including frame. Anything larger must be pre-approved by the superintendent. Miniatures not to exceed 36" in circumference, not including frame. A miniature should be 10% smaller than the life size subject.
- At judge's discretion, premium points will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> – 40; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30; and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 20. Judges Choice, Best in Show, Special Awards, and Superintendent Award will be given at judges' and superintendent's discretion. Fair Theme will be awarded to the painting or artwork judges feel best represents theme. If no artwork seems to fit the Fair theme the ribbon may not be awarded. People's Choice will be given daily. Once a work receives People's Choice Award it is no longer eligible for the award.
- Exhibitors must be 18 years or older.
- Southwest Washington Fair will receive a 10% commission on all sales. The artist is provided with wide spread exposure and an opportunity for sales
- All pictures must be titled. Please do not describe your artwork. Give it a title. Use the Title field in the online entry system.
- No entries may be picked up prior to Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- The judging will be closed to everyone but authorized fair personnel.

**DIVISIONS** If there is any question to which division or class an art work belongs, the superintendent or an art department volunteer can help on entry day. Many art department volunteers have years of experience and a higher skill level in their chosen media. The Superintendent may move an entry up or down a division or move to a more appropriate class if it seems prudent.

- Professional: artwork adds to income and/or an artist does very skilled, advanced work.
- Advanced: Enters in shows – some instruction and/or has two or more years' experience in chosen media producing more advanced works.
- Amateur: Beginner – dependent on class or instructor and/or has just begun to learn to use their chosen media, having only a few finished items to show. Still learning control and range of chosen media.

### CLASSES:

- Oil
- Acrylic
- Watercolor
- Drawing Black & White – pencil, charcoal, ink, calligraphy, scratch art
- Drawing Color – pastels, colored pencils, crayon, markers, chalk, colored scratch art
- People Portraits
- Pet & Animal Portraits
- Miniature
- Mixed Media
- Sculpture – Three dimensional artwork in any sculpting medium, including carvings
- Abstract
- Past Paintings – Paintings or other art work older than three years **NOT** previously entered.
- Miscellaneous – Does not fit any of the other CLASSES. Unique art work not easily categorized. (I.E., cartooning, etc.)



## A QUICK GUIDE FOR FIRST TIME EXHIBITORS

Q: *Who can enter exhibits?*

A: Anyone may enter exhibits in the fair. Check each department listing for details specific for that department. Some departments are limited due to space and staffing.

Q: *What does it cost to enter?*

A: Entry fees vary by department; see complete listing of **ENTRY FEES** listed below. Check each department listing for entry times. Fees are paid at the time

of online entry using the Southwest Washington Fair online registration system (<http://southwestwashingtonfair.org/exhibits/entries/open-class-entries/>).

Q: *Can I enter exhibits in more than one department?*

A: An individual item can only be entered in one department and most departments limit the number of entries from any one individual. Individuals are not, however, limited to the number of departments in which they may submit entries.

Q: *How far in advance must I enter an exhibit?*

A: Deadlines vary for individual departments. Although livestock deadlines are throughout the summer, most non-livestock exhibit deadlines are one to seven days before the start of the fair. Refer to individual department listings. Entries are made using the Southwest Washington Fair online registration system <http://southwestwashingtonfair.org/exhibits/entries/>.

Q: *What types of prizes/awards can I win?*

A: Most types of awards/prizes vary by department. Although some departments give nominal cash premiums and trophies, all departments award ribbons.

Q: *How are the exhibits judged?*

A: Exhibits are judged on their appearance, quality, color, and all other attributes normally associated with this type of exhibit. The judging is done by experienced judges, who are specialized in that particular field.

Q: *Whom do I call if I have questions?*

A: All department listings include the name and telephone number of the Superintendent involved in that department. They would be happy to answer your questions. If you are unable to reach them, call the Southwest Washington Fair Office at 360-740-1495.

Q: *What do I do when I bring my exhibit to the fairgrounds?*

A: All exhibits should be taken to the appropriate building; at that point you will receive help from the "Department Superintendent". All buildings will be visibly marked. Prior to entry day, complete your entries using the Southwest Washington Fair online registration system (<http://southwestwashingtonfair.org/exhibits/entries/>). Please bring a copy of your confirmation e-mail with you on entry day.

Q: *I would like to volunteer at the fair, who do I contact?*

A: It takes hundreds of volunteers to put on a fair every year. Whether you have a specific area of interest or just want to help out any way that you can, call the Southwest Washington Fair Office at 360-740-1495. We will be delighted to match you with one of the areas for which we need help.

## GENERAL RULES

The Southwest Washington Fair is the official Fair of Lewis County. It is the objective of the Fair to provide quality competition, and a diversified program. The Southwest Washington Fair encourages participation of competitive exhibits; however, when limitations of space, facilities, and time occur, priorities will be set according to: 1. Area residency, 2. Previous participation, 3. Quality and diversity of exhibit. The management reserves the final and absolute right to alter, interpret, or change the rules and regulations as may become necessary; also to determine all matters, questions, and differences that may arise in or out of an incident at the Fair without notification to the public. Management also reserves the right to remove any exhibitor not complying with Fair rules and policy.

NOTE: If you need special assistance with entering your projects please call the Fair Office at 360-740-1495.

## FAIR DEPARTMENTS AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Agriculture  
Art, Junior & Senior  
Bale of Hay  
Beef  
Boer Goat  
Dairy Cattle  
Dairy Goats  
Floral  
4-H  
FFA  
Granges  
HASC  
Hobbies & Crafts  
Home Arts  
Photography  
Pigeons  
Poultry  
Pygmy Goats  
Sheep  
Wildlife

Mary Jo Christensen  
Barb Tippery  
John Raupp  
Eric Richardson  
Shirley Hasbrouck  
Joel Rhodes  
Julie Pirtle  
Nancy Palmer  
Pam Watson  
Lloyd Walker  
John Schaefer  
Jann Hayden  
Shirley Sharp  
Kathleen Ament  
Jim Thode  
Mike Dooms  
Mike Dooms  
Stephanie Axelson  
Shirley Hasbrouck  
Curtis & Jean Pannkuk

## COMMERCIAL VENDORS

All commercial space is assigned by contract through the Fair Office. Contracts specify exact rules, regulations, and payment deadlines. Commercial application packets are available online at <https://southwestwashingtonfair.org/get-involved/vendors/>, or from the Fair Office.

## LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Show rules and operations are established by each department. Fair management reminds animal exhibitors good showmanship includes public education, cooperation, and herdsmanship. The Fair's minimum health requirements are the same as the recommended minimum health requirements by the State Veterinarian. The Fair Veterinarian will have the final say on the animal's health, ability to be shown, and fairgrounds livestock health requirements.

**NOTE: As of 2018, the Department of Agriculture no longer issues fairs a blanket permit for out-of-state exhibitor's use. As an out-of-state exhibitor, you or your veterinarian need to contact the Department of Agriculture for any permit number used on the certificate of veterinary inspections.** Per Department of Agriculture call 360-902-1878 M-F 8-5, after hours and weekends call 1-800-942-1035 or go to their web page at <http://fortress.agr.gov/apps/EntryPermits/>

- A. Identification of animals, breeds, farm, etc. is good for all.
- B. Cooperation with other exhibitors and superintendent.
- C. Good herdsmanship creates a pleasant, safe area to view. Public hours are 10 AM to 10 PM Tuesday through Thursday, 10 AM to 11 PM Friday & Saturday, and 10 AM to 7 PM Sunday.
- D. Honesty and fairness are a part of showmanship. Misrepresentation of ownership, animals, or other acts to discredit or give an advantage may result in forfeiture of entry fees, prizes, and premiums or expulsion from the Southwest Washington Fair.
- E. Because of crowded conditions and public viewing of animals, only animals being shown are allowed on the fairgrounds.
- F. The use of alcohol on the Fairgrounds is prohibited. Its use may result in forfeiture of all premiums and future exhibitor status.
- G. No dogs allowed in the barns.
- H. Entry deadlines will be strictly adhered to. No late entries will be accepted.
- I. No selling of animals allowed during the Fair unless prior arrangements have been made, i.e. commercial space. **NO "FOR SALE"** signs allowed on pens, stalls, or coops, etc.

## ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are paid in the following departments:

Beef	\$15.00 per animal through 7/16 \$20.00 per animal after 7/16
Boer Goat	\$6.00 per animal stall fee
Dairy Cattle	\$10.00 per animal through 8/1 \$15.00 per animal after 8/1
Dairy Goat	\$6.00 per animal
Hobbies & Crafts	\$1.00 per exhibit/collection
Photography	\$2.00 per entry
Pigeons	\$1.00 per bird
Poultry	\$1.00 for single entries, \$2.00 for trios
Pygmy Goats	\$7.00 per animal
Sheep	\$6.00 per animal
Sheep – Fleece	\$2.00 per fleece
Senior Art	\$2.00 per entry
Junior Art	\$1.00 per entry
Grange	\$10.00 for People's Choice Entry

1. Entry fees must be paid in the Southwest Washington Fair online entry system. <http://southwestwashingtonfair.org/exhibits/entries/>
2. Withdrawal of exhibit after entry fees have been paid will result in loss of entry fees.
3. Entry fees will only be refunded to animal exhibits with a signed statement from a veterinarian, prior to the Fair, that the animal will pose a health threat to other animals in the barn. Refunds will be mailed after the Fair.
4. Disqualification from Fair Veterinarian will result in forfeiting entry fees.

## PREMIUMS

The Southwest Washington Fair will utilize a premium point system for open class, 4-H, and FFA. The amount listed after the prizes are the points awarded to that ribbon. Some departments are paid in straight point value. The total premium points are divided into the premium dollars available to determine the pay-out per point. Over the past 10 years, pay-out has been between \$0.09 and \$0.24 per point. Premium checks will not be issued for premium winnings that are \$2.00 and under.



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# WOW AWARD

**Purpose:** To encourage the Development of Creative, Interesting, and Educational Exhibits.

**Division**

Still Life

Animal

Prize - Rosette

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>

**All Fair Departments are eligible for this award.**

Judging for the WOW Award will be based on, but not limited to, the following areas:

Creativity	Use of Color	Signage
Education	Use of Props	Theme
Attractiveness	Exhibits	Other
Creating the Fairgoers Interest Demonstration/Hands On/Interactive		
Cooperation among Departments at the Fair.		

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