



Judging and Awards

This is a JURIED SHOW. Not all entries submitted will be accepted into the show. Only those artworks accepted by the jury will be exhibited and only the artworks accepted will be eligible for awards.

Judging will take place in 3 stages: Acceptance (Qualifying), Confirmation, and Awards.

Important Dates

- Mark your calendar with the information from the “Summary of Important Dates” document. Note the various event dates and times.
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Danish Judging System (used in Youth Competition only)

Judging is based upon a set of established standards of quality. Evaluation sheets will be used in the judging process. During Acceptance judging, each entry is judged on its own merit. If the entry meets high standards, a "Blue" award ribbon is given. Good work will receive a "Red" award ribbon. "White" award ribbons denote “average”.

Only Blue and Red award ribbon recipients will be accepted for exhibition.

Judges' critique sheets will be available to all entrants.

American Judging System

Entries in each class are judged as a whole. Exhibits are ranked one against another. Entries are placed first, second, third, etc. according to relative merit. There will be no more than one first, second, or third place awarded per class.



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JUDGING PROCESS

- The American System of Judging will be used for the evaluation of the Adult Fine Arts, Photography and Woodworking competition. .
- For the Youth competition, the Danish System of Judging will be used initially to determine eligibility for exhibition and then the American System of Judging for determination of awards.
- The judge's decision is final.

ACCEPTANCE JUDGING: All entries will be juried from the submitted digital photo/images for qualification into the OC Fair Fine Arts, Photography or Woodworking competition. Entry images will be projected on a video display connected to a computer. Artists are advised to submit images of the highest quality possible within the maximum size file of 5 megabytes.

How Will I Know If My Work is Accepted? Notification of the results of Acceptance Judging will be emailed to you as well as posted in your registration account.

CONFIRMATION JUDGING: Jurors will view the “delivered” artwork. Jurors may, at their discretion, disqualify any entry that does not comply with the competition guide, display requirements, delivered entry is not the same as the one submitted for judging or the quality of the artwork does not meet the expectations as set by the submitted digital image.

Confirmation judging will take place starting the week of July 4th. If the artwork is judged out, you will be notified by telephone by July 14th to pick up your artwork. Be sure to check your voicemail messages during this period.

AWARDS JUDGING: All remaining artwork accepted for exhibition will then be considered in the awards judging. Decision of the judges is final.

Adult “1st Place” award winners and Youth “Best of Class” Award winners will be notified by telephone. The Award Presentation for these winners is scheduled for August 4th at 8:00 pm for Adults and August 7th at 2:00 pm for Youth on the Exhibits Promenade stage.



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AWARDS

PLACING: For the Adult competition, the judges shall award a first, second, third and honorable mention according to merit.

For the Youth competition, as many Blue, Red or White Award Ribbons will be awarded as the judge considers warranted by the quality of the entries. Using the American System of Judging, all “Blue” award recipients, within their Class, will compete for “Best of Class” honor.

BEST of DIVISION AWARDS: Entries winning a first place award within a Class for the Adults competition and “Best of Class” for the Youth competition will be considered for the “Division Winner” award for that Division.

BEST of SHOW AWARDS: All entries winning a Best of Division award will be considered for the Best of Show.

HONORABLE MENTION: As many honorable mention rosettes will be awarded as the judges consider warranted by the quality of the entries. There is no cash award.

JURORS’ CHOICE: The Judges will each select up to two Jurors’ Choice award winners. A rosette will be awarded to each winner. There is no cash award.

THEME AWARD: At the discretion of the Program Coordinator, an artwork may be selected in each category that best represent “Let’s Eat” theme of this year’s OC Fair. Premium Awards will be given.

PREMIUMS AWARDS: Premiums are cash awards given to the winners of competitions. Please consult the competition guide for cash award amounts for each competition. Cash awards are mailed to the registrant of record about 30 days after the close of the 2011 Fair.