

VISUAL ARTS PROJECTS

Premiums: 3.00, 2.75, 2.25, 1.75

New guidelines in 2024, please read instructions.

1. **Original Work:** Items must be the original work of the 4-H member and should show creativity and originality. No copyrighted images or master studies.
2. **Ready for Professional Display:** All exhibits must be presented appropriately for the medium(s) used and ready to be professionally displayed. 2-dimensional pieces on paper should be framed behind glass/plexiglass. Canvas boards should be framed but glass/plexiglass is not necessary. Stretched canvases do not need frames as long as staples are not visible on the edges. All 2-dimensional pieces should be ready to hang using a sawtooth or wire hanger.
3. **Entry Descriptions:** Entry tags should include a visual description of the exhibit, including size, dominant color and subject to aid in identification.
4. **Supporting Information is required for all Visual Arts exhibits.** Information must include responses to all questions and steps taken to complete the project. Supporting information must be securely attached to the back of the piece. Supporting Information tag templates can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hvisualarts>. A copy of the tag can be found in this premium book. Exhibits with missing or incomplete supporting information will be dropped a ribbon placing.
5. All static exhibits must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to advance to the State Fair.
6. **Class Changes:** Exhibits must be entered in the appropriate class based on the medium(s) used or theme. No class changes will be made after check-in. Exhibits in inappropriate classes may be dropped a ribbon placing. Supporting information may provide evidence or justification for the piece being entered in a specific class.

RULES: Exhibits may utilize any medium or combination of mediums on any surface. All exhibits must be appropriately presented and ready to be professionally displayed. Artwork should depict the artist's own interpretation of the theme. All exhibits should include an explanation of how the piece reflects the theme and what ideas or thoughts the artist was attempting to express or communicate.

Practice drawing, fiber arts, and sculpting; Develop artistic talents and skills; Understand the visual arts in relation to history and culture; Learn painting, printing, and graphic design techniques; Make connections between visual arts and other disciplines; create original artwork; practice using design elements and principles; explore and experiment with various mediums and techniques; practice self-expression; learn to communicate a personal voice through artwork. **URL:** https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/51

CATCH ALL PROJECT...

Premiums: P-2.25, B-2.00, R-1.50, W -1.00

Class +C911905 County Visual Arts Project Catch-All 4-H'ers enrolled in a Visual Arts project may exhibit in this class. **ONE Entry per 4-H member.** *(Not State Fair eligible)*

Visual Art Mediums

Was originally Portfolio Pathways

C260001 - Original Acrylic Painting - (SF200)

C260002 - Original Oil Painting - (SF200)

C260003 - Original Watercolor Painting - (SF200)

C260004 - Original Pencil Drawing - (SF200)

C260005 - Original Charcoal Drawing - (SF200)

C260006 - Original Ink Drawing - (SF200)

C260007 - Original Fiber Art - (SF200) - Could include weaved art, dyed fabric, felted wool, cotton linter, batik, etc.

C260008 – Original Sculpture - (SF200) - Could include Styrofoam, wood, cardboard, paper, metal wire, etc.

C260009 – Original Ceramic Pottery- (SF200) - NO purchased ceramic pottery. Must be glazed and fired. May be any hand-built

technique or wheel thrown. May be functional or non-functional. Could include slab built, pinch pots, coil built, wheel thrown, etc.

C260010 – Original Painting on Purchased Ceramic Surface - (SF200) - No hand-built or wheel thrown pottery. May be functional or non-functional. Could include figurines, cups, bowls, etc.

C260011 – Original Single Media Not Listed - (SF200) - Could include digital art, leathercrafting, printmaking, stained glass, pastels, scratchboard, sand painting, encaustic painting, chalk, etc.

C260012 – Original Mixed Media - (SF200) - Could include any combination of two or more other mediums or materials.

Visual Art Themes

Was originally Sketchbook Crossroads

C260001 - Original Art Inspired by Plants or Animals- (SF200) - could involve but is not limited to domestic animals, pets, agriculture, wild animals, wildlife conservation, house plants, fruit, vegetables, flowers, native plants, trees, etc.

C260002 - Original Art Inspired by Landscapes - (SF200) - could involve but is not limited to rural landscapes, natural environments, man-made environments, urban landscapes, extraterrestrial landscapes, oceanic scenes, buildings, fantasy landscapes, agricultural landscapes, etc.

C260003 - Original Art Inspired by People - (SF200) - could involve but is not limited to cultural art, modern society, portraits, daily life, careers, families, emotions, etc.

C260004 - Original Art Inspired by Artist's Choice - (SF200) - could involve but is not limited to food, cars, fantasy worlds, imaginary characters, science-fiction, history, etc.

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