

# FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

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**Open to Fresno County Residents 18 years & older:  
maximum of six entries permitted; no more than two entries  
may be submitted in the same class**

**Entry Fee** **\$10.00** per Entry  
(Non-Refundable)

**All Fees Due at the Time of Entry Form Submission**

*This year we will only be accepting on line entries. If you will require assistance, in order to make on-line entries. Please call the exhibits office @ 559-453-6890 we will assist you with computer entries.*

**Online Entry Forms Due** September 11, 2017  
by Midnight

**Limit** Two Entries per  
Class per Exhibitor

**Fine Arts Received** At The Art Gallery  
 September 12, 2017 10:00 AM-7:00 PM  
 September 13, 2017 10:00 AM-7:00 PM  
 September 14, 2017 10:00 AM-7:00 PM

**Judging** Closed to Spectators

**All Entries Will Be Accepted Unless Notified**

**Displayed Entries Will Be Released**  
 October 16, 2017 10 AM – 7 PM  
 October 17, 2017 10 AM – 7 PM

Owners must collect items in The Fine Arts and Photography Building on the above days. The Big Fresno Fair is not liable for exhibits and will not be responsible for items left. Items will not be stored.

## AWARDS SPONSORED BY THE BIG FRESNO FAIR

<u>Place</u>	<u>Award</u>
Best of Show	\$250.00 Cash, Ribbon & Plaque
People’s Choice	Ribbon
Children’s Choice	Ribbon
Judge’s Choice	\$50.00, Cash & Plaque

# RULES & REGULATIONS

**State Rules Apply** As referred to in the Exhibitor Handbook, all state rules apply.

**Entry** Late entry forms will not be accepted and late entries will not be received. Entry fees are nonrefundable. NO EXCEPTIONS

**Residence** Open to residents of Fresno County.

**Age** Exhibitor must be 18 years old or older on the opening day of the Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS

**Titles/Labeling** The Artists name, address, division, class and title must appear on the back of the work, or will not be accepted. Only 29 characters will be allowed for titles of entered work. This includes spaces. Quotation marks and apostrophes will not appear on the display identification tags. Data entry errors will be corrected. No other labeling changes will be permitted. NO EXCEPTIONS

**Division Selection** Please be sure to enter in the correct division based on your honest assessment of your experience.

**Original Work** All artwork submitted must be the work of the exhibitor and completed within two years prior to entering. Only original work submitted by an exhibitor is eligible to enter. Copies, assigned class projects, or work from kits, will not be accepted.

**Disqualification** The Big Fresno Fair reserves the right to exclude any entry that is deemed not to be in the best interest of the Fair for exhibition. The Big Fresno Fair reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor who does not conduct him or herself in a manner congruent with the temper, character and purpose of The Big Fresno Fair. In the case of disqualification by the Fresno Fair, its agents, or representatives, there will be no entry fee refunds. All monetary awards, ribbons and plaques will be subject to forfeiture. Management reserves the right to limit the number of entries exhibited. NO EXCEPTIONS

**Previously Entered Work** No Artwork previously entered in The Big Fresno Fair are eligible for exhibit.

**Display** Entries selected for exhibit must remain on display for the duration of the Fair. Wet paintings will not be accepted for exhibition. **48” Maximum size for all paintings.** NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Framing** Watercolor and drawing media entries require a frame. This must be furnished by the exhibitor and must be assembled and ready to hang at the time the item is received. The Big Fresno Fair does not provide framing materials.

**Hanging** All two and three-dimensional entries designed to hang must be wired or equipped for display. Three-dimensional entries need to have a base if necessary, for structural support and proper presentation.

**For Sale** An artist may set a price for each entry, or leave price blank. This will indicate the piece is not for sale. However if piece is for sale, a price must be listed on the entry form at the time of submission. All inquiries regarding sale of entries will be referred directly to the artist to complete the sale. The Big Fresno Fair is not responsible for brokering the sales of exhibits.

**Demonstrating** A place is provided on the entry form for any interested in participating in the Fine Arts Department as a demonstrator or docent. The Fair encourages participation in either or both programs.

**Judges' Discretion** Judges are contracted and act as agents of The 21<sup>st</sup> District Agricultural Association, Big Fresno Fair. These individuals facilitate the juried exhibition. They retain the authority to, at their own discretion, move items to more appropriate divisions and, or classes. The judges also may disqualify any exhibit that is not a true representation of the category description in which it was entered.

**Placing** The judges may award a first, second, third or honorable mention placement according to merit, and if without merit the judges may make no award under any circumstance. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in the class.

**Best of Show** The judges shall award a "Best of Show." Winner of "Best of Show" becomes ineligible for 1<sup>ST</sup> place in that division. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place then moves to 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> moves to 2<sup>nd</sup> and Honorable Mention moves to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any accepted item entered by a Beginning or Advanced Artist will be eligible for "Best of Show". Winners in this category will be awarded A ribbon and plaque.

**Popular Vote** People's Choice and Children's Choice Award winners are based upon ballots tendered by Fair guests. Winners will receive ribbons.

**Judges' Choice** The Judges will each select a Judge's Choice award winner. A ribbon and plaque will be awarded to each.

**Awards** Plaque awards will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> place winners.

**Release of Liability** The Big Fresno Fair will take every precaution possible for the safety and security of all entries; however, the fair assumes no responsibility, and cannot be held accountable for loss or damage. Upon this condition only, are entries accepted. If he or she should so desire, the artist may obtain insurance for any item. The Big Fresno Fair does not assume any responsibility for artwork not picked up on the scheduled release dates.

**Publicity** The Big Fresno Fair reserves the right to use any print or piece exhibited, for publicity purposes.



## ADVANCED ARTIST

Any individual with extensive schooling and/or experience in the arena of visual arts is considered an Advanced Artist. This also includes individuals who commercially accepted payment for creative works, as a main source of income. An advertised business is considered an indicator of a professional in this field.

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Two Entries per Class per Exhibitor

**Awards Offered** 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Honorable Mention  
Ribbons

**Cash Awards Offered per Class**

Place	Awards
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$165.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$140.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$115.00

## DIVISION 501 ADVANCED ARTIST

Class

1. Oil Paint
2. Acrylic Paint
3. Watercolor
4. Gouache/Tempera
5. Graphics
6. Pastels
7. Sculpture
8. Ceramic Painting
9. Ceramics
10. Beading
11. Jewelry
12. Fiber Art\*
13. Glass\*\*
14. Stained Glass
15. Print Making
16. Digital Arts

\*No quilts. To enter quilts see pages 87-88

\*\*Blown/fused/lamp work



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 Fresno, CA 93710  
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## BEGINNING ARTIST

Any individual with limited schooling and experience in the visual arts is considered a Beginning Artist.

**Entry Fee** **\$10.00** per Entry  
(Non-Refundable)

### All Fees Due at the Time of Entry Form Submission

**Entry Form Due** September 9, 2017

**Online Entry Forms Due** September 11, 2017

**Limit** Open to any Artist One  
Entry per Exhibitor

**Awards Offered** 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Honorable Mention  
Ribbons

### Cash Awards Offered per Class

<u>Place</u>	<u>Awards</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$50.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$45.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$40.00

## DIVISION 502 BEGINNING ARTIST

### Class

1. Oil Paint
2. Acrylic Paint
3. Watercolor
4. Gouache/Tempera
5. Graphics
6. Pastels
7. Sculpture
8. Ceramics Painting
9. Ceramics
10. Beading
11. Jewelry
12. Fiber Art\*
13. Glass\*\*
14. Stained Glass
15. Print Making
16. Digital Arts

\*No quilts. To enter quilts see Home Arts pages.

\*\*Blown/fused/lamp work

## 2017 FAIR THEME

Original work best depicting the 2017 Theme  
"WELCOME TO AH'S"

**Entry Fee** None

**Entry Form Due** September 9, 2017

**Online Entry Forms Due** September 11, 2017

**Limit** Open to any Artist One  
Entry per Exhibitor

## DIVISION 503 SPECIAL THEME SECTION:

### Class

1. Any Subject Relating to the 2017 Theme  
"WELCOME TO AH'S"

Entries can be in any medium and must be representative to The Big Fresno Fair theme of the current year.



## FRESNO COUNTY BLOSSOM TRAIL ART CONTEST

This contest is to draw awareness and an appreciation for the beauty of the Blossom Trail and the agricultural landscape of the San Joaquin Valley.

**Eligibility** Is open to all residents of Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties over the age of 18. Blossom Trail employees are not eligible.

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<b>Online Entries Due</b>	September 11, 2017 By Midnight
<b>Limit</b>	Two Entries per Exhibitor

### Cash Awards Offered per Class

<u>Place</u>	<u>Awards</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$700.00

Artwork will become the Blossom Trail poster for the following year and will be reproduced as a limited edition.

2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$250.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$150.00

## DIVISION 504 BLOSSOM TRAIL ART CONTEST

### Class

- Any Subject**  
All paintings must be in these mediums; acrylic, watercolor, oil, pastel, or colored pencil. Artworks must be framed and/or with glass. Entries must not be less than 16" by 20" framed and not more than 32" by 40" framed. Paintings must be representative of the Fresno County Blossom Trail. Prints, photographs or computer aided design will not be accepted. All artists agree by entering that winning artists waives the rights to their winning work, including rights to reproductions. These rights will be sold to the Fresno County Blossom Trail and the Big Fresno Fair are not responsible for damage theft.

**Artists are NOT allowed to win in two consecutive years.**

## PAINT & DRAW CONTEST

We invite you to paint and draw the sights of the Big Fresno Fair.

**Eligibility** Is open to all residents of Fresno County

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<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>Online Entry ONLY Due</b>	September 11, 2017 by midnight
<b>Awards Offered</b>	Ribbons Only

### DIVISION 505 PAINT AND DRAW CONTEST

#### Class

- Adults – Any Subject
- Seniors, 65 and Older – Any Subject

#### Contest Rules

Artwork entered must be done in Plein Air (in the open air) style and on-site, not in studio or from photographs.

Artwork must be done during the competition painting dates **October 4, 2016 – October 13, 2017.**

Artwork entered must be framed and ready to hang.

Artwork will be displayed for the duration of the fair.

Artwork can be picked up on October 16th and 17th, 2017

Each artist may only enter two (2) works. Largest artwork size is 16" by 20".

Artwork must be turned into the Fine Arts and Photography Building by **Friday, October 13, 2017.**

