

# 2018 CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

for the  
Greater Gulf State Fair  
OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 4, 2018



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# Fine Arts Exhibition

## WHO MAY ENTER:

- Adult Divisions are open to ages 19 or older
  - Professional vs Amateur
    - **Professional:** An artist who is actively and regularly employed as an artist, or is engaged in the promotion of their work for sale or commission as indicated by business cards, brochures, portfolios, and other marketing items, or is represented in galleries or art shows or in publication. (Department 10)
    - **Amateur:** An artist, who creates art as a hobby or pastime, is a student of the arts, does not regularly present work for sale or is not actively promoting their work for sale. Voluntary advancement to the next level is allowed. (Department 11)
  - Junior Divisions are open to youth ages 13-18
    - **Individual vs School/Instructional**
      - **Individual:** An artist who created the entry on his/her own outside of a classroom/instructional environment. (Department 12)
      - **School/Instructional:** An artist who created the entry on his/her own within the confines of a classroom/instructional environment. The entry will need to be accompanied by a dated letter signed by the teacher/instructor indicating the exhibitor/course/grade/school in which the exhibit was created. This show has been created as an incentive for entire school classes to participate and for the schools to be recognized and rewarded. (Department 13)

## HOW TO ENTER:

### Entry Dates:

- **Online Entry:** 12:00am on Saturday, September 1st through 12:00pm on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. A link to the online entry portal can be found via a link on [www.mobilefair.com](http://www.mobilefair.com). Entries must be dropped off for judging on October 12<sup>th</sup> between 12am - 4pm or on October 13<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am – 12:00pm to the Greater Gulf State Fair Office.

## Entries

Must be made under the name of the individual who created it. Do not use business/school or fictitious names. There are no team entries. Please enter using the exhibitor's name as it will appear on the display tag.

## Entry Confirmations

You will receive e-mail notification and confirmation once when entry is received.

## Entry Fees

- Adult Divisions
  - **Professional:** \$5.00
  - **Amateur:** \$2.00
- Junior Divisions are open to youth ages 13-18
  - **Individual:** \$2.00
  - **School/Instructional:** No entry fee

## Entry Limit

- Adult Divisions
  - **Professional:** Three (3) pieces per lot
  - **Amateur:** Three (3) pieces per lot
- Junior Divisions are open to youth ages 13-18
  - **Individual:** Three (3) pieces per lot
  - **School/Instructional:** One (1) piece per lot

## **NEED HELP?**

**Need assistance with the online entry or determining Division or Class?**

**Phone:** During office hours at (251) 334-4573 (*Someone will return your call within 48 hours*)

**E-mail:** Daily at [exhibits@mobilefair.com](mailto:exhibits@mobilefair.com)

## **IMPORTANT GUIDELINES**

1. Fine Art is defined as paintings, sculpture, graphics, and ceramics that demonstrate a high level of creativity, artistic technique, and craftsmanship.
2. Read Competition Guidelines. Changes are made each year. Review the Fine Arts Rules/Guidelines below at the end of this guide and the GGSF General Rules found on the website. Non-compliance will disqualify your entry.
3. Exhibitors are solely responsible for reading the competition guidelines and rules, and entering their items in the correct Departments/Lots. Incorrect entries may result in disqualification and may not be exhibited. If you need assistance determining the Department and/or Lot, please see the "Need Help Section" on page 4 of this guidebook for guidance on ways to find assistance.
4. No refunds will be issued for items incorrectly entered by the exhibitor.

5. Entries must be made personally by the exhibitor. Original work only. No kits, direct copies of original artworks, classroom assignments (excluding School/Instructional Division) or group work will be accepted.
6. Artwork must be original and completed within the last two years.
7. Artwork exhibited at any prior GGSF is not eligible for entry and will not be accepted.
8. Due to the family-oriented theme of the GGSF, no exhibit dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence or gang activity, satanic or cult theme, or other offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This is at the discretion of the Exhibits Chairman and Fair management.
9. Final acceptance of the entry for judging and exhibition will be left to the discretion of the Exhibit Chairman. All decisions of the Exhibit Chairman are final.

## HOW IS MY ENTRY JUDGED?

### Professional & Amateur Department Judging

Exhibits are placed using the American Judging System where exhibits are ranked one against another. Awards will be made if, in the opinion of the jury, the items entered have sufficient merit. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each class if judges so determine. 1st Place winners will compete for Division Winner. Division Winners will compete for Best of Show.

### Awards

The judges will select award winners from accepted entries that were confirmed after delivery.

### Judges

The judges are qualified professionals chosen by the exhibit chairperson. All of the judging is final.

### Judging Results

Results can be viewed online at [www.mobilefair.com](http://www.mobilefair.com) by the opening day of the Fair or in-person at the GGSF Exhibition Gallery during public hours of the Fair

### Reassignment of Entry Department/Lot

Judges and/or the Exhibit Chairman have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate department or lot. However, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to enter their work in the appropriate class. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Classes or Departments may be combined to create an adequate judging pool.

### Disqualified Entries

If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.

# HOW TO PREPARE FOR EXHIBITION

## Delivery Dates

You may drop off entries on October 12<sup>th</sup> between 12pm – 4pm and on October 13<sup>th</sup> between 9am - 12pm.

## Presentation & Display of Artwork

- **Labeling:** Exhibits must be securely labeled on the back of each entry with the provided identification label.
- **Framing Required:** All 2-D entries must be framed with the exception of gallery-wrapped canvases. All wall-hung work must be wired for hanging.
- **Framing Choice:** Framing choice is one criteria considered by judges in the award judging process. Black frames with white mats are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for graphic works. Simple framing is required for this competition.
- **Size Limits for Fine Arts Entries:** Minimum size: 8 inches x 10 inches / Maximum size: 48 inches x 60 inches (Not equal area in square inches, not equal in length plus width.) Size is image plus mat. Due to space limitations, size limits are strictly enforced. If your image is square, it must be between 10 inches square up to 60 inches square. If one side of your image is larger than 60 inches and/or the other is larger than 48 inches your entry will be disqualified. If one side is smaller than 10 inches and/or the other side is smaller than 8 inches or any side is less than 10 inches for square images, your entry will be disqualified.
- **Weight Limit:** 40 pounds is the limit for all wall-hung artwork. 250 pounds is the limit for sculptural work (Pedestals must be provided by the artist and will be subject to committee approval).
- **Hardware for Hanging:** All hanging works must have a taut, HEAVY picture wire attached securely with screw eyes or other permanent hardware for hanging. Saw tooth hangers or spring clip frames are not acceptable.
- **Frames Containing Glass:** Framing with plastic or Plexiglas is preferred. Artists framing their entry with glass assume responsibility for damage to their own artwork and the artwork of others should the glass break. GGSF staff uses extreme care in handling artwork but assumes no responsibility for damage.
- Any entry not meeting framing requirements will be not be accepted for judging and exhibition.

## HOW TO PICK UP YOUR ENTRY AFTER THE FAIR

### Pickup Dates:

**Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – 4:00pm**

**Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 4:00pm**

No exhibit shall be removed in whole or in part during the period of the Fair. Exhibits which are not claimed by **4:00pm on the Tuesday after the Fair closes** will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of as the Fair Management sees fit. Claim check or Photo ID is required for pick up. If you are unable to pick up your items, please arrange for someone to pick them up for you. The Greater Gulf State Fair is not responsible for exhibits left after this date.

## WHAT IF I GET AN AWARD?

### Display

Accepted entries will be displayed in the Exhibition Gallery with any awards received. Results will be posted online by opening day of the fair at [www.mobilefair.com](http://www.mobilefair.com). Please do not call or email for competition results.

### Awards and Ribbons

Awards and ribbons will be available during pick up hours to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form.

## Department 10

### Adult Fine Arts Exhibition - Professional

Lot #	Lot Description	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1.	Paintings	\$100	\$75	\$50
2.	Sculpture (non-ceramic)	\$100	\$75	\$50
3.	Ceramics	\$100	\$75	\$50

### AWARDS

- Dollar premiums as shown plus ribbons awarded to top three places
- Best of Show: \$50
- Note: One Best of Show awarded in Dept. 10

### JUDGING

All entries will be judged on the basis of creative quality, originality and technique. All decisions of the judges are final.

### NOTES:

- Greater Gulf State Fair General Rules shall apply
- For this competition, Ceramics is defined as works made of clay and fired in a kiln.
- After judging, artist and/or gallery information may be displayed by article or grouping, including artist's name/address/phone number/sales price.
- Artist's work may be sold, but all work must remain on display until removed by the artist at pick-up time after Fair.

## Department 11

### Adult Fine Arts Exhibition – Amateur

<b>Lot #</b>	<b>Lot Description</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
1.	Paintings	\$20	\$10	\$5
2.	Sculpture (non-ceramic)	\$20	\$10	\$5
3.	Ceramics	\$20	\$10	\$5

#### **AWARDS**

- Dollar premiums as shown plus ribbons awarded to top three places.
- Best of Show: \$25.00 plus rosette.
- Note: One Best of Show awarded in Dept. 11

#### **JUDGING**

All entries will be judged on the basis of creative quality, originality and technique.  
All decisions of the judges are final.

#### **NOTES:**

- Greater Gulf State Fair General Rules shall apply
- For this competition, Ceramics is defined as works made of clay and fired in a kiln.

## Department 12

### Adult Fine Arts Exhibition – Junior

<b>Lot #</b>	<b>Lot Description</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
A - 1	Fine Arts Entry (Age 13-15)	\$10	\$8	\$5
A - 2	Fine Arts Entry (Age 16-18)	\$10	\$8	\$5

#### **AWARDS**

- Dollar premiums as shown plus ribbons awarded to top three places.
- Best of Show: \$10 plus rosette.
- Note: One Best of Show awarded in Dept. 12

#### **JUDGING**

Creative quality - originality and technique rather than externally imposed adult patterns and stereotypes

#### **NOTES:**

- Greater Gulf State Fair General Rules shall apply
- Fine Arts is defined as paint, drawings, graphics, and 3-dimensional art

## Department 13

### Junior Fine Arts Exhibition – Schools/Instructional

<b>Lot #</b>	<b>Lot Description</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>White</b>
A - 1	Paints (K & First Grade)	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
A - 2	Drawings (K & First Grade)	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
B - 1	Paints (Elementary)	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
B - 2	Drawings (Elementary)	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
C - 1	Paints (Middle School)	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
C - 2	Drawings (Middle School)	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
D - 1	Paints (High School)	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
D - 2	Drawings (High School)	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

#### **AWARDS**

- Ribbons will be awarded in the following: Blue Award (Superior), Red Award (Very Good) or White Award (Average). There may be more than one Blue, Red, or White Award per Lot.

#### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Creative quality - originality and technique rather than externally imposed adult patterns and stereotypes

#### **NOTES:**

- Greater Gulf State Fair General Rules shall apply

### Junior Fine Arts Exhibition Schools/Instructional

**Each entry will need to be accompanied by a dated letter signed by the teacher/instructor indicating the exhibitor and course/grade/school in which the exhibit was created. This show has been created as an incentive for entire school classes to participate and for the schools to be recognized and rewarded.**