



**2010 Fort Bend County Fair & Rodeo**  
September 24 - October 2

**Texas Extension Education Association  
of Fort Bend County**

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Department Hours:

Sept. 24, Friday . . . . .	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Sept. 27-30, Monday thru Thursday . .	5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Sept. 25, Saturday . . . . .	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Oct. 1, Friday . . . . .	5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Sept. 26, Sunday . . . . .	12 noon to 9 p.m.	Oct. 2, Saturday . . . . .	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**General Rules**

*Outstanding Rosette winners are requested to participate in a photo opportunity at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 25, 2010.*

1. All exhibits/exhibitors are subject to the TEEA Department rules and the General Rules of the Fort Bend County Fair.
2. Only club members of the Texas Extension Education Association, Inc., of Fort Bend County who have paid their \$6 dues and attended one meeting or function, and adult members of other Extension groups may exhibit in this department.
3. All items exhibited must be made by the exhibitor. The items should be free of stains and should not have been exhibited previously in the TEEA Dept. at the Fort Bend County Fair unless it is a plant. Entry classes or divisions are: Fancy Work, Sewing Machine Articles, Canning, Food Preparation, Arts & Crafts, Plants & Arrangements, and Fine Arts. No limit on number of items that can be entered by an exhibitor. **Any entries with wet paint will not be accepted.**
4. An Exhibitor Entry Card must be filled out completely and signed by each exhibitor. Each exhibitor needs a Division Card(s) for each division category and the card(s) can be picked up at your club meeting or the Extension office. An assigned number can be obtained from your club representative.
5. Better screening of the entries will be done. If an item is found to be unqualified, the two chairs of the division should discuss the item before refusing its entry. If it slips past this screening process, it should be given a white ribbon or disqualified during the judging. This will afford all who enter equal opportunity to win an award. All Division Chairs and Co-Chairs are automatically on the fair committee and they will be the only people in addition to the judges allowed in the area once judging commences. They are not to offer advice or converse with the judges during the judging process unless the judges ask a question. Anyone reported not abiding with this rule will be disciplined by the TEEA Fair Chair or Co-Chair.

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  - a. Clean-up Day: Wednesday, September 15, 2010, beginning at 9:30 a.m. All TEEA members are encouraged to participate.
  - b. Entry(s) Check-in: Tuesday, September 21, 2010, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you are unable to bring items at this time, make arrangements with someone.
  - c. Judges Luncheon: Tuesday, September 21, 4:30 p.m.
  - d. Judging: 5:00 p.m. All individuals not involved in the judging activity will be asked to leave the building. Following judging, the Department will make every effort to contact the winners by phone for photographs.
  - e. Check-out Date and Time: October 3, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
7. No entries will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. on September 21.
8. Enter whole cake, pie, and loaf of bread. For candy, cookies, sweet rolls and muffins, put 3 per bag. Only prepared pecans are accepted, such as spiced pecans, sugar pecans. Grand and Reserve cannot be re-entered for two years. Cream pies or cream cheese items, etc. must be kept chilled until judging takes place. The person entering will be responsible for keeping their items chilled. If you want the remainder of your baked goods returned after judging, you must pick them up between 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. the day of judging.
9. Canned foods must be in "standard" (Ball, Kerr, or Mason) jars, quarts or pints. Jellies, jams and preserves may be in 1/2 pint jars. Any standard brand jars and lids may be used. Containers should be clean and free of rust on the outside. Any jar not sealed will be disqualified. Dried foods or honey do not have to be entered in "standard containers". All will be judged and rosettes awarded before the Ball-Kerr Award is considered.
10. Ball-Kerr Award Rules:  
References: Ball Blue Book of Preserving, copyright 2006 and the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, Canning, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. *(These references may differ in some areas. However, information contained in both references is correct and safe. As manufacturers of the jars, bands and lid (closures), we recommend our products be used as instructed in the Ball Blue Book of Preserving.)*  
  
Eligibility: All eligible entries must be canned using the same brand of jar and lid: Ball Jar sealed with a Ball Band with Dome Lid or Ball Collection Elite Decorative Band with Dome Lid; or canned in a Kerr Jar sealed with a Kerr Band with a Self-Sealing Lid; or a Ball Collection Elite Decorative Band with Dome Lid. Entries in the general Soft Spreads categories must be prepared using one of the Ball Fruit Jell Pectins: Regular, No Sugar Needed, or Liquid. The UPC from the Ball Fruit Jell package must accompany the entry as proof of purchase. Entries must be labeled with product name, date of preparation, processing method and processing time. All home canned foods must have been prepared within one-year period prior to judging date.
11. Plants must be grown by exhibitor and in his/her possession 3 months prior to the fair. Exhibitor must wait 2 years before reentering the same plant if you won grand or reserve. No decorations should be in containers of plants. Plants should not be submitted in the plastic containers they were in when purchased; exception - hanging baskets. This misleads the judge into thinking that the plant was just purchased. Plants should not be placed in another more decorative pot, nor should anything be placed on the soil or in the plant to decorate the entry. A more descriptive identification is required other than "green plant" or "cactus". Exhibitor is responsible for watering plants during the fair. All plant exhibits must include saucers.
12. Fine Arts and Photography must be framed in a wooden or metal frame and be ready to hang with wire strung from side to side at least 2 inches from the top of frame. Large or heavy paintings are accepted at the option of the Fair Committee. Photography must be framed and be at least 8" x 10" in size. Each should be ready to hang with wire strung from side to side. The hanging point should be within the top 2" of the frame. Paintings larger than 24" wide or framed with an unusually heavy frame will be accepted at the option of the Fair Committee. Any entries with wet paint will not be accepted.
13. Limit size of project to area for display on shelves, wire cages, etc.

14. Ribbons will be awarded only if judges consider products worthy of a prize based on quality and workmanship related to item exhibited. Each item is judged on its own merit. Items must be in good condition. If any class has 20 or over entries, two Best of Class will be awarded. **All judges' decisions are final.**

Premiums for ribbons follows:

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| a. Grand Rosette -         | \$10,   |
| b. Reserve Rosette -       | \$5,    |
| c. Best-of-Class Rosette - | \$3.00, |
| d. Blue Ribbon -           | \$1,    |
| Red Ribbon -               | \$ .50, |
| White ribbon -             | \$ .25  |

15. High point winners will be determined by number of rosettes:
- Grand - six (6) points,
  - Reserve - five (5) points,
  - Best of Class mini rosette - four (4) points,
  - Total number of Blue Ribbons - three (3) points.

A mini rosette for Best of Class may be awarded for each class. Upon the discretion of the judges, a class may receive a Best of Class rosette provided there are 5 or more entries within a given class. A Best of Class rosette must be given to a Blue Ribbon exhibit, but not to an exhibit that has received a Grand or Reserve. Only the first 5 places will be acknowledged.

High point winners (first-five places) will be awarded \$12, \$11, \$10, \$9, and \$8 in descending order for a total of \$50.

16. Entries will be checked out Sunday, October 3, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All exhibitors must check out their items at the time stated. No one will be responsible for items left in the exhibit department after checkout. Vouchers will be distributed at this time.
17. An Educational Exhibit (visual poster) from each club will be entered on Tuesday, September 22 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and should be effective in teaching and sharing information from a club program. It should be on a club program held during the year. See educational exhibit score card.

All posters will be judged and awarded points based on this scoring system:

- Educational topic -- 25 points total,
- Effective in teaching and sharing information from a club program -- 25 points total,
- Eye-catching layout/good use of color and space, poster size – 22" x 28", club name in 1- inch size lettering at the bottom of poster -- 25 points total,
- One program or topic on a poster -- 25 points total.

The total points achievable are 100. The poster with the highest score will be awarded the Grand Rosette (purple) and a cash prize of \$12, the next highest score will be given the Reserve Rosette (pink) and a cash prize of \$10, the remaining posters will be given Blue Ribbons and a cash prize of \$8. Every club should have an educational exhibit.

18. Division chairs are to get their own judges for their department. Individuals can serve as Fair Judges for two consecutive years and then sit out for one year before serving as judge. If you need assistance, contact the TEEA office.
19. All TEEA members are encouraged to serve as sitters in the department during the County Fair or get someone to sit in their place. Volunteers are admitted into the fair free.

## Divisions & Classes

Exhibitors may enter as many items in each Division and Class as they want as long as the items are not duplications. Enter sets as 1 entry or each item as an entry depending on difficulty.

*Example:* 1-Star Candlewicked Pillow, 1-Star Candlewicked Wall Hanging, and 1-Tulip Candlewicked Pillow. No two items can be entered of same pattern or article.

*Example:* 2-Star Candlewicked Pillows.

- DIVISION I: Fancy Work** (*judged primarily on fancy work*)
- Class 1 Quilting-handmade (*if entry is made of both hand and machine stitches, item should be mostly hand-stitched*)
  - Class 2 Crochet & knitting
  - Class 3 Embroidery Work (*crewel, cross-stitch, hardanger, huck weave, candlewick, chicken scratch & needlepoint*)
  - Class 4 Hand Fabric Creations: dolls, animals, rugs, baskets & pillow
  - Class 5 Miscellaneous
- DIVISION II: Sewing Machine Articles** (*judged primarily on construction*)
- Class 9 Clothing (*constructed by exhibitor*)
  - Class 10 Machine Craft (*embroidery, monograms, decorated garments, machine decorated clothing*)
  - Class 11 Recycled garment, specify in detail
  - Class 11 Machine Quilts
  - Class 12 Machine Fabric Creations (*dolls, animals, rugs, pillows, door stops*)
  - Class 13 Miscellaneous
- DIVISION III: Food Preservation** (*use standard canning jars*)
- Class 14 Jams, Jellies & Preserves
  - Class 15 Pickles & Other Pickled Products (relishes)
  - Class 16 Canned Fruits & Vegetables
  - Class 17 Miscellaneous (*sauces, dried, honey, vinegar, oil*)
- DIVISION IV: Food Preparation**
- Class 18 Yeast Breads
  - Class 19 Quick Breads (*non-yeast, such as muffins, banana bread, etc.*)
  - Class 20 Cakes
  - Class 21 Cookies
  - Class 22 Pastries (*pies, cobblers & other pastries*)
  - Class 23 Candies
  - Class 24 Miscellaneous (*spiced pecans, popcorn balls, rice krispy treats*)
- DIVISION V: Arts & Crafts** (*judged primarily on arts & crafts*)
- Class 25 Painted Items (*fabric, tile, wood, etc.*)
  - Class 26 Dough Art & Ceramics
  - Class 27 Wreaths
  - Class 28 Ornaments
  - Class 29 Wall Hangings, Centerpieces, etc.
  - Class 30 Recycled, specify in detail
  - Class 31 Miscellaneous (*handmade paper, latchhook, scrapbook, decorated gift bags, jewelry making, etc.*)
- DIVISION VI: Plants & Arrangements** (*exhibitor is responsible for watering plants during the Fair*)
- Class 32 Cactus & Succulents
  - Class 33 Flowering Plants (*regardless of blooming time*)
  - Class 34 Foliage Plants (*never blooms*)
  - Class 35 Herbs
  - Class 36 Dried, Artificial & Fresh Arrangements
  - Class 37 Miscellaneous (*dish gardens & terrariums*)
- DIVISION VII: Fine Arts**
- Class 38 Photography
  - Class 39 Oils, Acrylic
  - Class 40 Water Colors, Casein, Tempera, Pastels & Charcoals, Pen & Ink
  - Class 41 Porcelain
  - Class 42 Jewelry Design (*jewelry design*)
  - Class 43 Miscellaneous (*medium of clay, hand-painted items, scratch art, sculptures*)