

**ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR
OPEN CLASS COMPETITION
NEEDLEWORK, SCRAPBOOKS and QUILT SHOW
August 17 - 23, 2026**

For more information, call the Otero County Extension Office, 254-7608 or a superintendent:

SUPERINTENDENTS: Linda Fenter - 468-7184

ENTRY DATE & TIME: Monday, August 17, 2026 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

ENTRY LOCATION: Round Building, Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds

ENTRY FEES: \$1.00 per item

EXHIBIT MONITOR: If you are interested in helping to watch the exhibit hall during the fair, please contact a superintendent or let her know when entering your projects.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Carefully READ all rules BEFORE completing the entry form.

- Exhibitors are required to complete their own entry blanks previous to entry time. Closing date of entries will be Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 9:30 a.m. All items entered must be in place before that time.
- All articles must be accompanied by a completed official entry blank.
- All articles must have been made by the person entering the same, and the workmanship of all articles must have been completed within the last 2 years. Items may not have been entered in the Arkansas Valley Fair in previous years.
- No one exhibitor will be allowed to enter more than one item in each class.
- Competition is open to all persons, male or female.
- Professionals may exhibit. A professional is defined as:
 - Someone who has taught a class for a fee in the area of their entry. This does not include demonstrations.
 - Someone who has a degree in the area of their entry.
 - Someone who has received personal income from the sale of work in the area of their entry.
 - Someone who is a qualified judge for work in the area of their entry.
- In judging, the general appearance, suitability to purpose, beauty, style, color, design, cleanliness and material used in the article will be considered as well as the finish and workmanship of the article.

- In those classes in which no competition exists or, if in the opinion of the judges, an article exhibited is not worthy of a first award, the judge may award second, third, or no award. A champion of each department will be awarded in the needlework division, quilt division, and professional division if, in the opinion of the judges, an article is worthy.
- All articles must be a finished piece and any article **soiled or defaced** by wear is not eligible for exhibit or judging.
- If there are enough similar items entered in any miscellaneous category to make a class, they will be judged separately. Decision is up to superintendents and judges.
- Because of limitation of space, we can guarantee only award winning entries display space.
- CREATE YOUR OWN PATTERNS - It must be an original design or instruction. It will be judged higher on originality and creativeness.

JUDGING & AWARDS:

- Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. Judging is closed.
- Prize money in the amount of \$25.00 will be awarded to the Grand Champion of each Division (Needlework, Quilt and Professional Divisions). Prize money in the amount of \$15.00 will be awarded to the Reserve Grand Champion of each Division. Prize money in the amount of \$5.00 will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion of each Department. All Needlework, Scrapbooks, Quilts and Professional entries will be combined for one People's Choice award and the winner will receive \$50.00 and a rosette.
- The public will vote for the entry of their choice for the "People's Choice Award" from the opening of the Round Building Wednesday afternoon until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 16th.

ROUND HOUSE OPEN TO PUBLIC

The Round House will be open to the public to view the exhibits as follows:

- Wednesday, August 19 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 20 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 21 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 22 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT TIME - Sunday, August 23, 2026 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – no exceptions

- All care possible will be used to insure the safety of the entries. However, under no circumstances will the Arkansas Valley Fair or superintendents be responsible for items not picked up by 3:00 p.m. They will be left unattended in exhibit building.

In order to have entries judged and on display for the public to enjoy, entry days and times have been changed. This will allow time for judging and placing items on display prior to opening day of the fair.

NEEDLEWORK DIVISION

DEPARTMENT 1 - CLOTHING

Class

- a. Machine
- b. Hand
- c. Create Your Own

DEPARTMENT 2 - MACHINE SEWING

Class

- a. Bags and carry-alls
- b. Kitchen items
- c. Dolls



DEPARTMENT 3 – KNITTING

Class

- a. Clothing
- b. Afghan, bedspreads, baby
- c. Doilies
- d. Baby set (may include combination of articles, ex: sweater and booties)
- e. Doll clothes, dolls
- f. Miscellaneous
- g. Create Your Own

DEPARTMENT 4 - CROCHETING (THREAD)

Class

- a. Tablecloths
- b. Bedspreads
- c. Doilies
- d. Pillows
- e. Baby set (may include combination of articles, ex: sweater and booties)
- f. Clothing
- g. Doll clothes
- h. Miscellaneous items
- i. Create Your Own

DEPARTMENT 5 – CROCHETING (YARN)

Class

- a. Pot holders, hot plate mats, placemats
- b. Clothing
- c. Pillows

- d. Baby set (may include combination of articles, ex: sweater & booties)
- e. Afghan
- f. Doll
- g. Doll clothes
- h. Miscellaneous
- i. Create Your Own

DEPARTMENT 6 - HAND EMBROIDERY

Class

- a. Tablecloths
- b. Pillow cases
- c. Tea towels, set of 3
- d. Sampler or embroidered wall hanging
- e. Candlewicking
- f. Miscellaneous
- g. Create Your Own



DEPARTMENT 7 - COUNTED CROSS STITCH

Class

- a. Wall hanging, aide cloth
- b. Wall hanging, aide cloth, embellished
- c. Wall hanging, linen
- d. Wall hanging, linen, embellished
- e. Decoration on clothing
- f. Any other item
- g. Create Your Own

DEPARTMENT 8 - MACHINE EMBROIDERY

Class

- a. Decorated or Enhancement
- b. Appliquéd onto any article
- c. Machine pre-programmed designs
- d. Create Your Own

DEPARTMENT 9 - CREWEL EMBROIDERY

Class

- a. Picture or wall hanging
- b. Picture or wall hanging, embellished
- c. Miscellaneous
- d. Create Your Own

DEPARTMENT 10 – NEEDLEPOINT

Class

- a. Picture or wall hanging
- b. Picture or wall hanging, embellished
- c. Plastic canvas
- d. Miscellaneous
- e. Create Your Own

DEPARTMENT 11 - HAND SPUN YARN

Class

- a. Skein
- b. Any item
- c. Create Your Own

DEPARTMENT 12 - OTHER NEEDLEWORK

Class

- a. Stuffed toys
- b. Rag dolls
- c. Soft sculptured doll or toys
- d. Pillows
- e. Tatting, any article
- f. Latch-hook articles, other than rugs
- g. Latch-hook rugs
- h. Rugs, any style other than latch-hook
- i. Weaving
- j. Plastic canvas
- k. Article other than listed
- l. Create Your Own

DEPARTMENT 13 - SCRAPBOOKS

Class

- a. Special Occasion
- b. General
- c. Specialty Page (1 page)
- d. Pop-up (2 facing pages)
- e. Other

DEPARTMENT 14 - SENIOR NEEDLEWORK

(70 years of age and over)

Class

- a. Clothing, any item
- b. Machine sewing, any item
- c. Knitting, any item
- d. Crocheting, any item
- e. Embroidery, any item
- f. Needlepoint, any item
- g. Counted Cross Stitch, any item
- h. Plastic Canvas
- i. Create Your Own
- j. Scrapbook
- k. Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT 15 - JUNIOR NEEDLEWORK

(16 years of age and under)

Class

- a. Clothing, any item
- b. Machine sewing, any item
- c. Knitting, any item
- d. Crocheting, any item
- e. Embroidery, any item
- f. Needlepoint, any item
- g. Counted Cross Stitch, any item
- h. Plastic Canvas
- i. Create Your Own
- j. Scrapbook
- k. Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT 16 – 1 YD. WATERMELON CHALLENGE- Use Your Imagination (Must be made and finished by exhibitor)

Class

- a. Anything that can be done with 1 yd. or less of watermelon fabric



PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

DEPARTMENT 17 – PROFESSIONAL NEEDLEWORK

Class:

- a. Clothing, any item
- b. Machine sewing, any item
- c. Knitting, any item
- d. Crocheting, any item
- e. Embroidery, any item
- f. Needlepoint, any item
- g. Counted Cross Stitch, any item
- h. Plastic Canvas
- i. Create Your Own Needlework
- j. Scrapbook

DEPARTMENT 18 – PROFESSIONAL QUILTS

Class:

- a. All Hand
- b. All Machine
- c. Machine pieced, hand quilted
- d. Hand pieced, machine quilted

QUILT DIVISION

- A. An exhibitor may not enter more than one piece of work under a quilt class number.
- B. Quilt tops made by two or more people shall be entered as a group effort quilt with all persons contributing to the workmanship of the quilt listed in the entry.
- C. The Superintendent reserves the right to reorganize quilt classes as deemed necessary.
- D. The judge will award prizes only to articles deemed worthy of merit.
- E. The decision of the judge is FINAL.

DEPARTMENT 19 - QUILTS

Class:

- a. All Hand
- b. All Machine
- c. Machine pieced, hand quilted
- d. Hand pieced, machine quilted

DEPARTMENT 20 – QUILTS (Judged on piecing only)

Class

- a. Machine pieced – professionally quilted
- b. Hand pieced – professionally quilted

**DEPARTMENT 21 - MIXED
TECHNIQUE QUILTS (APPLIQUE,
EMBROIDERED, EMBELLISHED)**

Class

- a. All hand
- b. All machine
- c. Machine pieced, hand quilted
- d. Hand pieced, machine quilted

**DEPARTMENT 22 – MIXED
TECHNIQUE QUILT (APPLIQUE,
EMBROIDERED, EMBELLISHED)
(Judged on piecing only)**

Class

- a. Machine pieced – professionally quilted
- b. Hand pieced – professionally quilted

DEPARTMENT 23 – LAP QUILTS

Class

- a. All hand
- b. All machine
- c. Machine pieced, hand quilted
- d. Hand pieced, machine quilted

**DEPARTMENT 24 – LAP QUILTS
(Judged on piecing only)**

Class

- a. Machine pieced, professionally quilted
- b. Hand pieced, professionally quilted
- c. Machine pieced, professionally quilted,
own design
- d. Hand pieced, professionally quilted, own
design

**DEPARTMENT 25 - SMALL PIECES
(WALL HANGING, BABY,
MINIATURES)**

Class

- a. All hand
- b. All machine
- c. Machine pieced, hand quilted
- d. Hand pieced, machine quilted

**DEPARTMENT 26 - SMALL PIECES
(WALL HANGING, BABY,
MINIATURES) (Judged on piecing
only)**

Class

- a. Machine pieced – professionally quilted
- b. Hand pieced – professionally quilted

DEPARTMENT 27 – PANELS

Class

- a. All hand
- b. All machine
- c. Machine pieced, hand quilted
- d. Hand pieced, machine quilted

**DEPARTMENT 28 – PANEL QUILTS
(Judged on piecing only)**

Class

- a. Machine pieced, professionally quilted
- b. Hand pieced, professionally quilted

DEPARTMENT 29 - GROUP EFFORT

Class

- a. All hand
- b. All machine
- c. Machine pieced, hand quilted
- d. Hand pieced, machine quilted

**DEPARTMENT 30 - CLOTHING &
MISCELLANEOUS**

Class

- a. All hand
- b. All machine
- c. Machine pieced, hand quilted
- d. Hand pieced, machine quilted

**DEPARTMENT 31 – SENIOR
QUILTING**

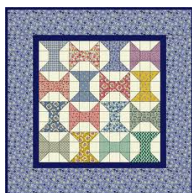
Class:

- a. All Hand
- b. All Machine
- c. Machine pieced, hand quilted
- d. Hand pieced, machine quilted

DEPARTMENT 32 – JUNIOR QUILTING

Class:

- a. All Hand
- b. All Machine
- c. Machine pieced, hand quilted
- d. Hand pieced, machine quilted



ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR OPEN CLASS COMPETITION Needlework, Scrapbooks and Quilts Official Entry Blank

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

	Dept.	Class	Item

Additional items may be listed on the back.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBITS:

All care possible will be used to insure the safety of the entries. However, under no circumstances will the fair be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any article on exhibition or when left after check-out time.

CHECK OUT TIME: 1:00-3:00 P.M. Sunday, August 23, 2026.

I am not a professional according to any of the following definitions:

- (a) I have not taught a class for a fee in the area of my entry(ies). This does not include demonstrations.
- (b) I do not have a degree in the area of my entry(ies).
- (c) I have not received personal income from the sale of work in the area of my entry(ies).
- (d) I am not a qualified judge for work in the area of my entry(ies).
- (e) I certify that I have done all needle work on this project (if part of exhibit was ready-made, please indicate).

I am a professional according to one or more of the above definitions.

(SIGNATURE) - AMATEUR

(SIGNATURE) - PROFESSIONAL

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Name: _____ Number of items entered: _____