



The 50th Annual Collier Fair MARCH 19-29, 2026

Celebrating RED, WHITE AND YOU!

“50 Years of Making Life Fair in Our Community”

Entry forms must be completed ONLINE before items can be turned in.

DEADLINE FOR ENTERING IS

FEBRUARY 23, 2026 AT 11:59PM

(Culinary, Food Preservation and Horticulture entries: more info inside)

FAMILY LIVING AND HORTICULTURE PREMIUM INFORMATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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Thank you for participating in Family Living. It is a crucial part of our community, culture and our Fair! We greatly appreciate **quality exhibits** as it is so apparent when people devote time to create beautiful exhibits. We hope you enjoy the 2026 Collier Fair. There is a \$1.00 per entry fee for entering an item. Entrants are restricted to part-time and full-time residents of Collier County. All entry forms must be completed on-line one week prior to turn-in. Deadline for turning in is February 23, 2026 at 11:59pm. Go to the link at Collierfair.com that says on-line entries. **ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE A FIRST AND LAST NAME ON THEM AT TIME OF DROP OFF. USE TAPE OR ATTACH AN INDEX CARD WITH NAME OF PROJECT AND YOUR NAME.** Please bring completed paperwork with you on designated turn-in/drop off days. If you have any questions, please email info@collierfair.com or call the fair office.

ANY ENTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN ENTERED IN THE PAST CANNOT BE RE-ENTERED. Open Youth Exhibitors- 7yrs-under of age will only be allowed ten (10) entries in Family Living. **All Youth Exhibitors 7rs-under receive a maximum \$5.00 premium award, regardless of entry quantity.**



Every precaution will be taken to protect exhibits: however, the Collier Fair, its officers or agents, will not be responsible for any accident, loss or damage for any items. Bring completed items to the Fairgrounds on the scheduled entry date(s). All items must be picked up from the Fairgrounds on **SUNDAY, March 29, 2026 from 4:00pm-6:00pm ONLY.** If entries are not picked up by **April 1, 2026**, all premiums will be forfeited. No exhibit will be released before that time. The Collier County Fair Board will not be responsible for items not picked up by the designated time. **The Take-In Committee has the right to refuse any items found not to be suitable for judging.** All Judges' decisions are final. Entries that represent the Fair Theme should be entered under the 2026 Fair Theme Category. Participant(s) must include explanation as to how entry fits this category.

FAMILY LIVING

All articles to be entered must have been completed between **March 1, 2025 through March 1, 2026** and must be the handiwork of the entrants. Articles stained, soiled or excessively worn will be rejected. **MANDATORY all pictures and photographs must be in a frame and ready to hang with the manufacturer's hanging device attached to the frame (homemade devices will not be accepted). Items not meeting these criteria will be rejected. ENTRIES WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE FAIR FEBRUARY 27, 2026 FROM 6:00PM-8:00PM AND MARCH 1, 2026 FROM 9:00AM-1:00PM. EXCEPT FOOD PRESERVATION, CULINARY AND HORTICULTURE (SEE BELOW).**

FOOD PRESERVATION

Food preservation items must be done in duplicate-one for tasting and one for display. All entries must include the recipe and processing method on a card attached to the product. All jars must be clear glass (standard) canning jars, 1/2-pint, pint or quart. Jar must be clean. Rings and lids should be free of rust. **NO OTHER JARS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** All entries must be processed by the water bath or pressure canning method. Products that do not meet the processing requirements will automatically be disqualified. Paraffin is not accepted. Food Preservation entries are to be turned in **Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 2:00pm** to the Fair Office.

CULINARY

Culinary entries must have attached recipe card and be carefully displayed under clear plastic disposable containers. Culinary entries are to be turned in **Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 2:00pm** to the Fair Office. The Collier Fair is not responsible for pans, platters, plates or etc. Recipe cards will not be returned and may be published or shared with anyone.

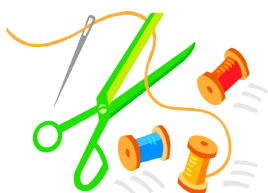
HORTICULTURE

All plants, including fruit and vegetable products must be of exhibition quality. Management reserves the right to reject any plant that is substandard, either in quality or maturity. Plants must be cleaned, trimmed, free from insects and/or disease and exhibited in proper containers. Absolutely no cans, except those made especially for plant containers will be accepted. Only one type plant is permitted per container (except as designated under class). Plants should be labeled with common name and correct botanical name where possible. Water plants well before bringing to the Fairgrounds. Plants will be watered regularly during Fair time. Special watering instructions for individual plants should be given as plants are entered. All entries must include a 3x5 card with entrant's name, plant's name, when plant was obtained and how plant was grown. Plants and products must have been grown only by the entrant and owned by the entrant before **JANUARY 1, 2026.** Entries will be brought to the Livestock Pavilion. **HORTICULTURE ENTRIES WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE FAIR MARCH 14, 2026 FROM 9:00AM-12:00PM.**



Department 1-Sewing and Stitchery

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| Class 1 | Women's Apparel | Dresses, coats, lingerie, suits, beachwear, etc. |
| Class 2 | Men's Wear | Pants, jackets, beachwear, suits, shirts, etc. |
| Class 3 | Children's Wear | Baby garments, children's clothing, etc. |
| Class 4 | Home Accessories | Placemats, pillows, bed accessories, etc. |
| Class 5 | Embroidery | Placemats, pillows, picture, tablecloth, etc. |
| Class 6 | Counted Cross Stitch | Samples, wall hanging, picture, pillow, etc. |
| Class 7 | Needlepoint | Canvas, chair covers, purse, wall hanging, hooking, pillow, rug, etc. |
| Class 8 | Latch or Locker Hooking | Rug, needle punch, wall hanging, etc. |
| Class 9 | Crochet | Tablecloths, afghans, baby set, cape, etc. |
| Class 10 | Knitting | Dress, afghans, sweater, children's wear, etc. |
| Class 11 | Machine Quilting | Lap size or larger, etc. |
| Class 12 | Hand Quilting | Lap size or larger, etc. |
| Class 13 | Quilting | Crib, wall hanging, mini-quilt, pillows, etc. |
| Class 14 | Quilted Wearable | Vest, jacket, clothing articles, etc. |
| Class 15 | Professional/Creative | Any article or apparel designed and made by exhibitor. Sewing & Stitchery PROFESSIONAL- A person who received or has received monies for teaching and or selling their work. |



Be sure and check out the new classes in some of our departments. If you would like to see a new class in 2026, please contact the Fair Office.

Department 2-Food Preservation

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| Class 16 | Vegetables (Plain or Pickled) |
| Class 17 | Fruits |
| Class 18 | Preserves, Jams, Marmalades, Jellies |
| Class 19 | Salsa, Sauces |
| Class 20 | Butters |
| Class 21 | Pickles, Relishes |

TURN IN DATES and Special points of interest:

- ALL ENTRY FORMS FOR FAMILY LIVING DEPARTMENTS WILL BE ONLINE ONLY.
- AMATEUR CULINARY AND FOOD PRESERVATION ENTRIES WILL BE RECEIVED ON Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 2:00pm ONLY, IN THE FAIR OFFICE.
- HORTICULTURE WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE LIVESTOCK PAVILION ON Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 9:00am-12:00pm. No earlier.
- ALL OTHER ENTRIES WILL BE RECEIVED ON Friday, February 27, 2026 6:00pm-8:00pm and Saturday, February 28, 2026 9:00am-1:00pm (except Culinary, Food Preservation and Horticulture-see above)
- IT IS SUGGESTED BY THE FAMILY LIVING COMMITTEE THAT EACH ENTRANT HAVE A LIST OF ENTRIES PREPARED TO SPEED UP THE ENTRY PROCESS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL FOR ENTRANTS HAVING MULTIPLE ENTRIES. THE LIST SHOULD INCLUDE THE NAME OF EACH ITEM, WITH CORRECT DEPARTMENT AND CLASS NUMBERS.

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WWW. COLLIERFAIR.COM

INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK



Remember to include your recipe and instruction 3x5 index card with both Jars!



Department 3-Amateur Culinary

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| Class 22 | Breads | Muffins, Loaf Bread, Coffeecake, Biscuits, Yeast Bread, Machine |
| Class 23 | Sourdough | Any and all sourdough baked goods. |
| Class 24 | Cake Mix Plus | Recipe must include more ingredients than limited on the cake mix box |
| Class 25 | Cake | Sponge Cakes, Fruit Cakes, Pound Cakes, Cupcakes (1 dozen) |
| Class 26 | Pies | Single Crust, Double Crust |
| Class 27 | Cookies | Bar, Pressed, Dropped, Rolled (1 dozen) |
| Class 28 | Candy & Misc. | Fudge, Caramels, Brittle, Popcorn Balls, Hard Candy |
| Class 29 | Desserts | Cobblers, Tarts, Scones, Turnovers |
| Class 30 | Novelty Culinary Items | Decorated Cakes (judged for looks and not for taste). Base size limited to 1/4 sheet size, 12" round and one foot height limit. No pre-formed edible decorations. |
| Class 31 | Creative Art with Food | Ant's on a log, Butterfly Sandwiches, Fuzzy Chick Cupcakes |



AWARDS

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| Blue Ribbon | 1st | \$10.00 |
| Red Ribbon | 2nd | \$7.00 |
| White Ribbon | 3rd | \$5.00 |

Green Participation Ribbon-

For entries that do not meet exhibition quality standards.

Open Youth 7rs-Under-Participation Only (Open youth will receive one Premium of \$5.00 regardless of entry quantity)

Best in Class Purple Ribbon-\$25.00

(Blue ribbon winners qualify to compete for purple ribbons)

Best of Show Gold Ribbons-\$50.00

(Purple ribbon winners will qualify to compete for Gold Ribbons)

1. Entries will receive a ribbon based on placement.
2. One Purple Ribbon will be awarded in all Classes 1-88 and defined by age groups.
3. One Gold Ribbon (Best of Show) will be awarded in each Department and defined by age groups.

Department 4-Arts and Crafts (3 Entries Per Class)

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| Class 32 | Clay or Dough | Ceramics (stained or glazed), Bread Dough Art, Plaster Craft Hand made from play dough or sculpture dough. Must be a minimum of 5". |
| Class 33 | Paintings | Decorative and Tole Painting, Stenciling, Canvas |
| Class 34 | Textile Art | Handmade Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Macramé, Weaving, (looms) Misc. Needlework, Needlework on Plastic, Fabric Batiks |
| Class 35 | Paper Art | Paper Art, Paper Mache, Quelling, Decoupage |
| Class 36 | Special Materials | Nature Designs, Metal Craft, Basket Art |
| Class 37 | Small Woodcraft | Handmade Wooden Crafts-No Pre-Made/Cut Kits Doll Houses |
| Class 38 | Large Woodcraft | Handmade Wooden Crafts-No Pre-Made/Cut Kits Furniture, Tables |
| Class 39 | Holiday Decorations | Any items can be used that depict a Holiday |
| Class 40 | Jewelry | Jewelry, Picture Frames, Beaded Jewelry, Wire Jewelry Etc... Maximum (3) entries per person |
| Class 41 | Fleece Projects | Blankets, Pillows, Handbags, Etc. |
| Class 42 | Decorated Hand-Bags/Totes | Cloth, Denim, Vinyl, Canvas, Leather, Etc. |
| Class 43 | Adult Coloring | Adult Coloring Book Pages (3 Print Limit) |
| Class 44 | Painting | Oil, Acrylic, or Water Color Drawing, size of Picture 36x36 or smaller. Must be in picture frame and suitable for hanging. |
| Class 45 | Hobby | Dolls, Thimbles, Spoons, Stick Pins, Salt & Pepper Shakers, Etc. Participant can bring own Collection display, however no display can be larger than 36x36 |



Please remember all paintings or drawings must come ready to hang in a frame.

Arts & Crafts Cont'd

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| Class 46 | Scrapbooking | Individual Pages and Whole Books |
| Class 47 | Pencil Art | Pencil Drawings, Size of Picture 36x36 or smaller. Must be in a picture frame |
| Class 48 | Diamond Painting | Diamond painting uses diamond shaped pieces to create a beautiful sparkling picture effect |
| Class 49 | Tie Dye | Any type of tie dye clothing, bags, or other tie dye crafts |
| Class 50 | Miscellaneous | Stained Glass, Glass Work, etc. |

Department 5-Photography (limited to 3 entries in each class)

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| Class 51 | Digital | All photography must be ready for hanging in an appropriate frame with hanger. Amateur work only. |
| Class 52 | Black and White | All photography must be ready for hanging in a Photography appropriate frame with hanger. Amateur work only. |
| Class 53 | Cell Phone | All photography must be ready for hanging in a Photography appropriate frame with hanger. Amateur work only. Entrant must be able to load and print own photograph at entry. |

****Please identify the type of camera used on the back of your photograph. ****

Department 6-Fair Theme

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| Class 54 | Fair Theme | All entries that are related to the 2026 Fair Theme Celebrating 50 Years of Making Life Fair in Our Community. Participants must include a Community or 50th Anniversary-Fair theme in their entry. |
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Department 7-STEAM

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| Class 55 | Creative Structures | Lincoln Logs, Legos, Tinker Toys, K-Nex, Etc. Participant can bring own display, how ever, no display can be larger than 36x36. All pieces must be glued |
| Class 56 | Recycling | Any item made must be constructed of previously used material (egg cartons, milk cartons, soda cans, etc.). Item must be USEABLE. |
| Class 57 | Barn Wood | Projects that involve recycling wood from barns, homes, fences, pallets, etc... |
| Class 58 | Robotics | Any item that is motorized and used as a robotic device |

Department 8-HAY BALES

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| Class 66 | Hay Bale | Decorated craft store miniature hay bales, rectangle hay bales used for feed |
| Class 67 | Round Hay Bale | Decorated large round hay bale |

Department 9-Community Interest

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| Class 68 | Project | Project completed at public, private, home, or nursery school |
| Class 69 | Project | Project completed in a club or other organization |



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Department 10 Horticulture



- Class 80 Flowering Potted Plants African Violets, Orchids, Begonias, Bromeliads, Petunias, Dianthus, Marigolds, Snapdragons, Alyssum, Spathophyllum, Kalanchoe, Impatient, Anthuriums and any other species not listed.
- Class 81 Foliage Potted Plants Philodendrons, Cacti, Succulents, Ferns, Palms, Fancy Leafed Begonia, Spider, Dusty Miller and any other species not listed.
- Class 82 Dish Gardens/Terrarium All entries must have an arrangement or collection of three (3) or more separate plant species grouped in one container. Dish gardens may include either tropical foliage plants or desert cacti and succulent plants in an open container (saucer, bowl, dish, pot, etc....) TERRARIUMS may include foliage plants or other plant species in a closed clear glass container (water bottle, canister, aquarium, etc....). Terrariums must be closed with coverings of glass, plastic, cork other suitable materials.
- Class 83 Vegetables Any vegetable, herb or other species classified as a vegetable. Entries must consist of the vegetable plant and in the case of fruiting vegetables must also have fruit attached either in a mature or immature state of development. One special award will be given for largest vegetable in this class. Vegetables competing for this must be exhibited on the plant.
- Class 84 Recycling Make your own project out of anything recycled. Ex: Old hats, shoes, old furniture, pots, pans, etc....
- Class 85 Educational Displays Benefits of Fertilizer: grow two plants one with fertilizer and one without, Hydroponics, Seeds, Poster, or a Club's exhibit Etc....
- Class 86 Biggest Vegetable Leave it on the plant or bring one from home we would like to see who has the best "green thumb".
- Class 87 Propagating Plants Propagating from cuttings displayed in glass jars, vases, or containers
- Class 88 Misc

