The 51st Annual Collier Fair

MARCH 18-28, 2027

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

DEADLINE FOR ENTERING IS

FEBRUARY 21, 2027 AT 11:59PM

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

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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 2027 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 online entries is February 21, 2027 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 28, 2027 from 2:00pm-6:00pm ONLY. If entries are not picked up by April 1, 2027, 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 2027 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, 2026 through March 1, 2027** 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 26, 2027 FROM 6:00PM-8:00PM AND FEBRUARY 27, 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, February 28, 2027 at 2:00pm to the Fair Office.

CULINARY-NEW TIME and PLACE

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 21, 2027 at 1:00pm to the Fair Office. Judging will take place at the beer barn stage at 3pm. 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 be the entrant and owned by the entrant before JANUARY 1, 2027. Entries will be brought to the Livestock Pavilion. HORTICULTURE ENTRIES WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE FAIR MARCH 13, 2027 FROM 9:00AM-12:00PM.

Department 1-Sewing and Stitchery

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 2027, please contact the Fair Office.

Department 2-Food Preservation

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.*
- *NEW THIS YEAR!!!*

  AMATEUR CULINARY AND FOOD PRESERVATION ENTRIES WILL BE RECEIVED ON Sunday, March 21, 2027 at 1:00pm ONLY, AT THE FAIR OFFICE. Judging will take place at 3pm on the beer barn stage.
- *HORTICULTURE WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE LIVESTOCK PAVILION ON Saturday, March 13, 2027 from 9:00am-12:00pm. No earlier.*
- *ALL OTHER ENTRIES WILL BE RECEIVED ON Friday, February 26, 2027 6:00pm-8:00pm and Saturday, February 27, 2027 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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INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK

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

Department 3-Amateur Culinary

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

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

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	Bible Journaling	Can be a single page or full Bible (loaded Bible).
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

AWARDS

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.

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

Arts & Crafts Cont'd

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)

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

Class 54	Fair Theme	All entries that are related to the 2027 Fair Theme. Participants must include a community theme in their entry.

Department 7-STEAM

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

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

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, Spathophylum, 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	