

Country Christmas Faire

2023

More Than 100
Talented Artisans

Musical Entertainment

Gingerbread House &
Holiday Ornament Display

Community Bonfire & Wagon Rides

Food & Beverages

Santa Available:

Friday & Saturday 10 am–4 pm,

Sunday 10 am–3 pm



**Handcrafted Gifts
& Crafts**

Thanksgiving Weekend
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
November 24, 25 & 26

10 am – 5 pm Friday & Saturday

10 am – 4 pm Sunday

Admission \$5 • Under 12 Free

Free parking

Nevada County Fairgrounds

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COMPETITION HANDBOOK

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

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HOW TO ENTER

Seasons Greetings.

Join us for the 2023 Country Christmas Faire. Showcase your talents.

Enter a Gingerbread house, ornament, stocking, wreath and cookies.

Simply fill out the enclosed entry form.

Drop it at the Administration office or register online at

NevadaCountyFair.com

Official entry rules in each division.

ENTRY FORMS DUE

Friday, November 17th

By 11:59pm

NO ENTRY FEE

DROP OFF (All entries)

Monday, November 20th, 1pm—6pm at **Ponderosa Hall**

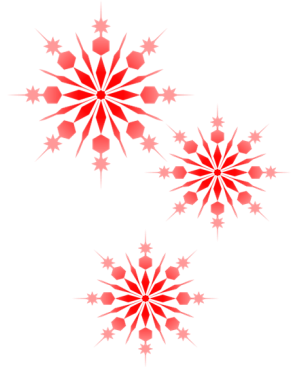
JUDGING (All entries)

November 21st, Tuesday at 10am

PICK UP ALL ENTRIES

Monday, November 27th Noon—6pm at **Ponderosa Hall**

*All exhibits will be disposed of Friday, Dec 1st. 2023



AWARDS

Christmas Cookies Awards

- Best of Show: \$25 (sponsored by _____) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Gingerbread House Awards

- Best of Show: Gift Card \$100 (sponsored _____) & Rosette
- People's Choice: Gift Card \$25 (sponsored _____) & Rosette
- Fairgrounds Building/Scene Best of Show: Gift Card \$25 (sponsored by _____) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Lego Christmas Awards

- Best of Show: Gift Card \$25 (sponsored by _____) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Ornament Awards

- Best of Show: Gift certificate \$25 (sponsored by Tess' Kitchen) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Stocking Awards

- Best of Show: \$25 (sponsored by Tess' Kitchen) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Wreath Awards

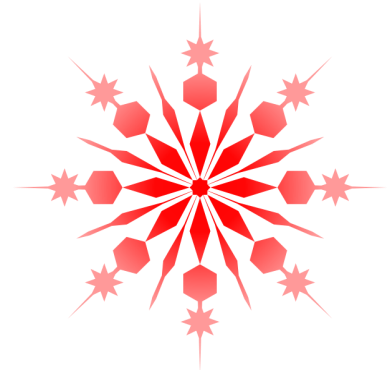
- Best of Show: \$25 (sponsored by Tess' Kitchen) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

Christmas Cover Award

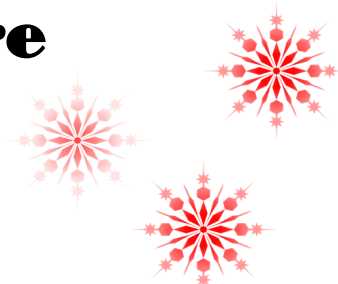
- Best of Show: Gift certificate \$25 (sponsored by _____) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place

My Favorite Christmas Awards

- Best of Show: \$25 (sponsored by _____) & Rosette
- Ribbons 1st—3rd place



Country Christmas Faire Competition



How's it Judged?

Exhibits are judged by either the Danish or American judging system. In the Danish system, each exhibit is judged to how well it meets a product standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. In the American judging system, each entry in a class is judged in comparison to other entries in the class. Awards are given according to relative merit with the potential for no more than one first, one second and one third place per class.

- ♦ **Best of Show** award for every “still” division. It will be chosen from entries that receive first place in their classes. Every Best of Show winner will receive a rosette and/or a sponsored award.
- ♦ **People's Choice Award:** This will be voted on by the public for all entries in the following Division only:
 - Gingerbread House

State rules for California Fairs apply to all competitive exhibits conducted by District and County Fairs in California (cdfa.ca.gov/fe)



Enter Country Christmas Faire

Complete the attached entry form and return it to the Nevada County Fairgrounds front office or enter online by November 17, 2023 by 11:59pm
NevadaCountyFair.com

CHRISTMAS CARD COVER

Christmas Card Cover Rules

- ♦ Must provide clear plastic sleeve for display purpose
- ♦ Cards not to exceed 5' x 7"
- ♦ Judging will be based on overall appearance of the cover and originality. Interior inscriptions will not be considered.
- ♦ All Christmas cards must be made by the exhibitor.

DIVISION 100—Exhibitors Preschool (Participants younger than 5 years)

DIVISION 101—Exhibitors age 5 through 12

DIVISION 102—Exhibitors age 13 through 17

DIVISION 103—Exhibitors Adults (18 and over)

DIVISION 104—Individuals with Disabilities (Any age)

CLASSES

Class 1 Drawing—Charcoal, Pencil, Pen or Ink

Class 2 Mixed Media



CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Christmas Cookie Rules

Plate of 4 Cookies

- ♦ All entries must be home-prepared by exhibitor
- ♦ No package mixes unless specified
- ♦ All exhibits should be brought in on disposable paper plate which are enclosed in a **Ziploc or tied clear plastic bag**. Do not label
- ♦ Exhibits brought to the Christmas Craft Fair become property of Nevada County Fairgrounds. After being exposed to the public for three days, they are not suitable for human consumption and the Health Department has advised that the exhibits not be returned to the exhibitor. Exhibits will be sprayed with a preservative following judging to prevent deterioration.
- ♦ Space for food requiring refrigeration is very limited

DIVISION 105—Exhibitors Preschool (Participants younger than 5 years)

DIVISION 106—Exhibitors age 5 through 12

DIVISION 107—Exhibitors age 13 through 17

DIVISION 108—Exhibitors Adults (18 and over)

DIVISION 109—Individuals with Disabilities (Any age)

CLASSES

Class 1 Decorated Sugar Cookies

Class 2 Any other, specify



GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Gingerbread House Rules

- ◆ House can be traditional or nontraditional.
- ◆ House must be on a rigid display board.
- ◆ Cardboard or hot glue are not allowed to be used in the construction of the house.
- ◆ House is to be made with gingerbread, graham crackers or gingerbread kits.
- ◆ All decoration must be edible (no artificial display materials), with the exception of the base/foundation and lighting. Candies must be unwrapped.
- ◆ The size of the house and the foundation shall not exceed 24"x 24"x 24"



gingerbread

DIVISION 110—Exhibitors Preschool (Participants younger than 5 years)

DIVISION 111—Exhibitors age 5 through 12

DIVISION 112—Exhibitors age 13 through 17

DIVISION 113—Exhibitors Adults (18 and over)

DIVISION 114—Individuals with Disabilities (Any age)

DIVISION 115—Groups (Two or more persons)

DIVISION 116—Fairgrounds Building or scene

CLASSES

Class 1 Homemade

Class 2 Kit



LEGO CHRISTMAS

Create with Legos a building or scene at the Nevada County Fairgrounds

Lego Christmas Rules

- ◆ Class project may not exceed 16" x 16" x 16"
- ◆ Must be on solid foundation carry base

DIVISION 117—Exhibitors Preschool (Participants younger than 5 years)

DIVISION 118—Exhibitors age 5 through 12

DIVISION 119—Exhibitors age 13 through 17

DIVISION 120—Exhibitors Adults (18 and over)

DIVISION 121—Individuals with Disabilities (Any age)

CLASSES

Class 1 Christmas Scene



ORNAMENT

Ornament Rules

- ♦ Must provide a hanger with the ornament for hanging on a tree.
- ♦ Ornaments must not exceed 6" x 6" x 6"

DIVISION 122—Exhibitors Preschool (Participants younger than 5 years)

DIVISION 123—Exhibitors age 5 through 12

DIVISION 124—Exhibitors age 13 through 17

DIVISION 125—Exhibitors Adults (18 and over)

DIVISION 126—Individuals with Disabilities (Any age)

CLASSES

- Class 1 Handmade Ornament
- *An ornament that is made from scratch and decorated*
- Class 2 Decorated Ornament
- *An ornament that is premade and decorated*



PHOTOGRAPHY

MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS

Photography Rules

- ♦ Exhibitors may use any camera or cell phone to take pictures
- ♦ All entries must be artist's own original artistic creation and intellectual property.
- ♦ All entries (except cell phone photos) must be mounted on rigid material no larger than 12" x 18. Matting cannot extend more than 3" beyond the edge of the image. NO exceptions. Must provide border for hanging pins. No frames and/or glass.
- ♦ Cell phone photos must be no larger than 4" x 6" and mounted on black paper. Backing cannot extend more than 1" beyond the edges of the image.
- ♦ All entries must be clearly marked on the back, upper left hand corner with the following information:
 - ♦ Name (Exhibitor's name MUST NOT appear on the front)
 - ♦ Address & Phone
 - ♦ Division & Class
 - ♦ Location of photo
- ♦ Please give your entry a title online or on the paper entry form.
- ♦ Nevada County Fairgrounds reserves the right to remove any photography which it deems not in the best interest of the Fairgrounds and to limit entries to display availability.

DIVISION 127—Exhibitors age 5 through 12

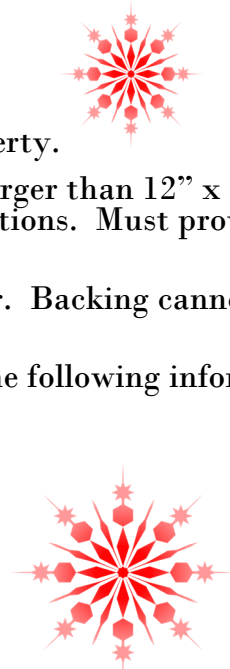
DIVISION 128—Exhibitors age 13 through 17

DIVISION 129—Exhibitors Adults (18 and over)

DIVISION 130—Individuals with Disabilities (Any age)

CLASSES

- Class 1 Winter Wonderland
- Class 2 Christmas Lights
- Class 3 Christmas Scene
- Class 4 Any other, specify



STOCKING

Stocking Rules

- ♦ Must provide a hook to display stocking
- ♦ Stocking must not exceed following dimensions
 - Top/Cuff 8.5" Sock length 18"

DIVISION 131—Exhibitors Preschool (Participants younger than 5 years)

DIVISION 132—Exhibitors age 5 through 12

DIVISION 133—Exhibitors age 13 through 17

DIVISION 134—Exhibitors Adults (18 and over)

DIVISION 135—Individuals with Disabilities (Any age)

CLASSES

- Class 1 Handmade Stocking
- *Stocking that is made from scratch and decorated*
- Class 2 Decorated Stocking
- *Stocking that is premade and decorated*



SANTA'S SLEIGH

Fill Santa's Sleigh with unwrapped gift's and toys. All donations will be donated to local shelters and families in need.

- ♦ Infant—3 years entries valued over \$10 will receive one free admission to the Nevada County Fair, good any one day from August 9th—13th 2023
- ♦ 4—9 years entries valued over \$10 will receive one free admission to the Nevada County Fair, good any one day from August 9th—13th 2023
- ♦ 10—12 years entries valued over \$10 will receive one free admission to the Nevada County Fair, good any one day from August 9th—13th 2023
- ♦ 13—17 years entries valued over \$10 will receive one free admission to the Nevada County Fair, good any one day from August 9th—13th 2023

WREATH

Wreath Rules

- ♦ Must provide a hanger with the wreath
- ♦ Wreath must not exceed 24" diameter

DIVISION 136—Exhibitors Preschool (Participants younger than 5 years)

DIVISION 137—Exhibitors age 5 through 12

DIVISION 138—Exhibitors age 13 through 17

DIVISION 139—Exhibitors Adults (18 and over)

DIVISION 140—Individuals with Disabilities (Any age)

CLASSES

- Class 1 Premade Wreath
- *Wreath is artificial and decorated*
- Class 2 Fresh Wreath
- *Wreath is made from natural plants and decorated*



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Exhibitor Rules and Information

- ♦ All entries must have been made within the last 12 months
- ♦ No item may be entered that was previously entered in a Fair
- ♦ Judging will be based on overall appearance, originality and craftsmanship.
- ♦ All entries must be made by the exhibitor.
- ♦ Exhibits must be picked up Monday, November 27th Noon — 6pm unless otherwise noted. Exhibit claim tags must be presented when claiming the exhibits.
- ♦ Nevada County Fairgrounds reserves the right to remove any exhibit which it deems not in the best interest of the Fairgrounds
- ♦ Inappropriate, unethical or inimical behavior on the part of the exhibitor or parents may result in forfeiture of any awards and /or privileges on the premises of the 17th District Agricultural Association.



Preschooler Projects

- ♦ This division is designed for our youngest Country Christmas exhibitors. Participants are younger than 5 years old. Working together with family or friends and creating fun is the goal of this division.



PICK UP YOUR ENTRIES

Please pick up your entries on

WHEN: Monday, November 27th between Noon— 6pm

WHERE: Ponderosa Hall.

Due to limited storage space, any items not picked up by Friday, December 1st, 2023 will be disposed of.



Please Print or Type

Country Christmas Faire

ENTRY FORM

| | | |
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| Last Name | First | Middle |
| Mailing Address | | |
| City | County | State Zip |
| () | | |
| Phone | Email | |



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17th District Agricultural Association
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| DIVISION NO. | CLASS NO. | DESCRIPTION OF ITEM |
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The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense including reasonable attorney fees arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by arises from or is any way connected with participation in this program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the Fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property. I certify that I have read the statement listed above.

Exhibitor's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature (if exhibitor is under the age of 18)