

# FINE ARTS DIVISION - AMATEUR

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DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING ENTRY FORMS: September 2, 2011

RECEIVING DAYS AT COOLIDGE HALL: Saturday, September 10, 2011 12:00pm - 4:00pm & Sunday, September 11, 2011 12:00pm - 4:00pm

PICK-UP DAY AT COOLIDGE HALL: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 2:00pm - 6:00pm

After 30 days, artwork becomes property of Topsfield Fair.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

Complete Entry Form: (see attached page)

Mail to: TopsfieldFair, P.O. Box 134, Topsfield, MA 01983

Entry form & fees must be received by September 2nd, 2011.

No exceptions.

- RULES:** Amateurs are non-professionals who do not benefit from financial gain for the sale of their artwork. Complete an official Entry Form and mail to: **TopsfieldFair, P.O. Box 134, Topsfield, MA 01983. Entry form and fee must be received by September 2nd, 2011. One (1) entry per person.**
- FEES:** Each entry in the Amateur juried art competition requires an entry fee, which is donated to the Essex Agricultural Society. There is a **Non-Refundable** entry fee of \$5.00. **Entry fee must be submitted with official entry form. Payable by check or cash to: Essex Agricultural Society.**
- ORIGINALITY:** Artwork must be original, recent, and not previously exhibited at the Fair. Artwork derived from another artist's photograph, such as calendars, magazines, computer images, postcards, or any image of another artist's work, is not considered original. Copies and reproductions will not be accepted.
- JURIED ENTRY IDENTIFICATION:** All juried competition entries must be clearly labeled **on the top back of artwork** with the following information: (Example below)  
**Age Group (see Entry Form)**  
**Artist's Name**  
**Telephone #**  
**"Title"**  
**Medium (Classification list on Entry Form)**
- JURIED ENTRIES:** Amateur juried exhibition entries are limited to 1 entry. **Overall Frame size should not exceed 48 united inches (height + width),** includes frame. Due to the large number of entries oversized accepted.

6. **JUDGING:** A professional panel of judges selects ribbon winners based on artistic merit, which includes:

- **Originality**
- **Composition**
- **Use of color**
- **Technique of the medium**
- **Presentation (mat/frame)**

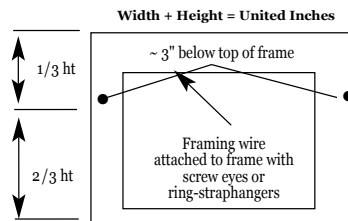
The Fine Art Department and judges reserve the right to reject any entry. Artists will be contacted prior to the opening of the Fair to retrieve unaccepted work.

7. **FRAMING:** Artwork must be securely framed and wired. Will only accept the following: wood frames with screw eyes/d-rings & wire or metal frames with track for metal hangers and wire.

**ATTENTION:(see diagram on #8)** Unsafe or improperly framed artwork, including no glass or thin wire, *will not* be accepted. Artwork under glass must be matted. **No clip frames, easel back frames, front-loading "pop in" frame, spring clips or staple frames will be accepted. Please assist all children's art work.**

8. **DO-IT YOURSELF FRAMERS:**

For secure frames that hang flat on wall, attach screw eyes or hangers to each side of the frame at one-third the height from the top of frame. Insert Framing Wire through the hangers and secure ends. Top of wire must be 2-3 inches below the top of frame.



### Framing Standard Diagram

Come and learn about the Topsfield Fair Fine Art Exhibit! Amateur artists (aged 18 and older) are encouraged to volunteer to monitor the exhibition during the Fair. Please indicate your volunteer interest on entry form. Volunteer Schedule will be posted at Receiving dates (9/10 & 9/11). Each volunteer will receive a parking and admission ticket to enter the fair grounds.

You are welcome to cut and use the label below:

**Amateur Division**

**Age Group:**

**Name:**

**Telephone:**

**Title:**

**Medium:**



# AMATEUR ENTRY FORM

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** September 2nd, 2011

**RULES: Mail completed entry form & fees to:**

**Topsfield Fair, P.O. Box 134, Topsfield, MA 01983**

**FEES:** Reminder: Entry fee is \$5.00. **Entry fee must be submitted with the Official Entry Form in advance, payable by check or cash to: The Essex Agricultural Society. Fees are Non-Refundable.**

**Please Print:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor # (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Groups:** (check one and please list age)

- Sub-Jr., age (8 yrs & younger) Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mid-Jr., age (9 -13 yrs of age) Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- Junior, age (14 -17 yrs of age) Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- Adult (18 yrs and older)

**VOLUNTEERS:**

Artists (over 18yrs.) are encouraged to volunteer. Please check an interest listed below or commit to a specific date and time on the Volunteer Schedule posted at the Receiving Dates.

- RECEIVING:**  Saturday 9/10 12:00-4:00pm  
 Sunday 9/11 12:00-4:00pm

**DURING FAIR:** Please list date(s) you would like to assist to either monitor or demonstrate. Also, please circle a time preference that you are available.

- Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 10-2pm 2-6pm 6-10pm  
 Monitor  Demonstrate
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 10-2pm 2-6pm 6-10pm  
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OFFICE USE ONLY	
Identification on <b>Top Back</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entry Fee <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	
Framed Correctly <input type="checkbox"/>	
Wired Correctly <input type="checkbox"/>	
Receiver Initials _____	
Check-Out Initials _____	

**TITLE OF ARTWORK:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIZE INCLUDING FRAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Overall Frame size should not exceed 48 united inches (height + width), includes frame.  
 Due to the large number of entries, oversized work can not be accepted.

**Amateur Classifications** (Please Check the specific category of your entry)

<p><b>A. PAINTING</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Oils</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Acrylics</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Watercolors</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Pastel (Soft Pastels or Oil Pastels)</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Media/Collage</li> </ol>	<p><b>B. GRAPHICS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Drawing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Charcoal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Crayons</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Markers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pencils</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pen &amp; Ink</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Prints (hand-pulled)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Linoleum Block</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Silk Screen</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wood Block</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Graphics</li> </ol>	<p><b>C. PHOTOGRAPHY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> Black &amp; White</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Color</li> </ol>
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**Everyone is invited to Come See Us on Opening Day- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH. All exhibits will need to be in place on Thursday, September 29th, EXCEPT POULTRY. Please refer all questions regarding this change to the Department Chairperson or the Fair's Administration Office.**

## GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

**\*\* Topsfield Fair and Essex Agricultural Society are not responsible for changes to or omissions from any contest rules, regulations, and/or guidelines.**

Exhibitors must adhere to all rules as they apply to individual departments as well as the following regulations:

1. The Essex Agricultural Society is a member of the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association. The rules and regulations of this organization will apply where applicable.
2. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on fairgrounds.
3. No smoking allowed in buildings.
4. No exhibit shall be removed before the close of the fair, without the express consent of the department head and fair management. Please refer to individual department for specific pickup times.
5. Departments designated 4-H and youth are restricted to boys and girls 9 through 19 years of age as of January 1, 2011, unless otherwise stated in department rules.
6. All reasonable precautions will be taken by the Society for the safe keeping of animals and articles entrusted to its care, but all exhibits are received upon express condition that THE SOCIETY SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE that may occur to animals or articles on exhibit for any reason. Exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants agree to be solely responsible for any loss, injury to, damage done, occasioned by or arising from any exhibit, equipment, animal or person and to defend and indemnify the Society and the management thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto. In view of this understanding, exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants may deem it advisable to obtain appropriate liability insurance.
7. No person will be awarded premium checks with providing the Fair office with his/her social security number.

## GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES & INFORMATION

1. All animals must be checked by the State Veterinarian and/or the department head or his designee, upon arrival at the fairgrounds.
2. Please review and comply with all health regulations as they pertain to individual departments. Massachusetts Department of Agriculture rules regarding animal health must be adhered to.
3. All out-of-state livestock must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Health.
4. EXHIBITOR PARKING WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED. PLEASE CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT HEAD IF PARKING PROBLEMS ARISE.