

DEPARTMENT 2122

FINE ARTS DIVISION - PROFESSIONAL

GENERAL INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Monday, September 7th, 2026

Entry Receiving: Saturday, September 12th, 2026

(12-4:00pm) & Sunday, September 13th, 2026 (12-4:00pm)

Entry Pick Up: Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 (2-6:00pm)

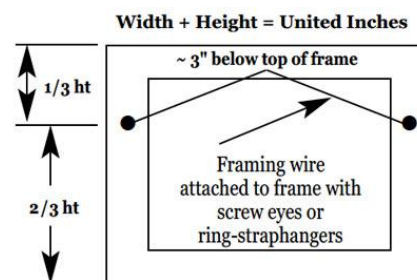
Entry Fee: \$8.00 per entry (up to 2 per person) and \$15.00 for Art Sales Room, *(online only) \$3.00 per exhibitor*

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- RULES:** Exhibitors in the Fine Arts Professional Division includes those who benefit from financial gain for the sale of their artwork: art teachers, instructors, judges, curators, etc. Exhibitors are encouraged to provide an updated one-page biography/artist statement for the Topsfield Fair Gallery Book of Artists and business cards, which will be displayed in the Art Sales Room. Entry form and fee must be received by September 7th, 2026. **Up to two (2) entries per person in the Professional Division.** You may enter either online or by mailing the form and the fee to: Topsfield Fair, P.O. Box 134, Topsfield, MA 01983.
- FEES:** Each entry in the Professional juried art competition requires an **\$8.00 entry fee**. Art Sales Room requires a **\$15.00 fee**. The maximum entry fee for two (2) juried entries and multiple entries in the Art Sales Room is **\$31.00** total due. Entry fee must be submitted with official entry form. Payable online or by check/cash and mailed to: Topsfield Fair, P.O. Box 134, Topsfield, MA 01983. Please make check out to: Essex Agricultural Society. Fees are non-refundable and donated to the Essex Agricultural Society.
- ORIGINALITY:** Artwork must be original, recent and not previously exhibited at the Fair. Artwork derived from another artist's work, such as calendars, magazines, computer images, or any images of another artist's work is considered original. Copies, reproductions, AI images, will not be accepted for the juried exhibition.
- LIABILITY:** Artwork is on display in a building that is open to the public. It is recommended that all artists insure their own work for the duration of the show. The Topsfield Fair is not responsible for any loss, damage, or stolen artwork. All juried artwork should be priced to sell. Essex Agricultural Society retains a twenty percent (20%) commission of all artwork sold. Topsfield Fair Fine Arts

Department and volunteers are not responsible for art sold for less than intended price due to improper labeling or last minute changes made by artist.

- JURIED ENTRY IDENTIFICATION:** All juried completion entries must be clearly labeled **on the top back of artwork** with the following information:
 - Professional Division
 - Artist's Name
 - Telephone #
 - "Title"
 - Medium (Classification list on Entry Form)
 - Price
- JURIED ENTRIES:** Professional juried exhibition entries are limited to **2 entries**. **Overall frame size should not exceed 48 united inches (height + width)** *Example 11" x 14" frame is 25" united inches, this includes frame. *Due to the large number of entries, oversize work can not be accepted.*
- JURIED EXHIBITION:** A professional panel of judges selects ribbon & premium winners based on artistic merit, which includes:
 - Originality
 - Composition
 - Color and Value
 - Technique of the medium
 - Presentation (mat/frame)The Fine Arts 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.
- FRAMING:** Artwork must be securely framed and wired. Will only accept the following: wood frames with screw eyes/d-rings & wire or metal frames the track for metal hangers and wire. **ATTENTION: (see diagram)** Unsafe or improperly framed artwork, including no glass or thin wire, will not be accepted. Artwork under glass must be matted, includes all photos. **No clip frames, easel back frames, front-loading "pop-in" frames, spring clips or staple frames will be accepted.** **Wrapped canvas is allowed, but must be completely painted on all sides.**



- 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.

10. **ART DROP-OFF DAYS:** Coolidge Hall will be open to receive artwork on Saturday, September 12th, 2026 and Sunday, September 13th, 2026 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. The building is then closed to arrange for judging.
11. **PICK-UP DAY:** All exhibits will be released on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Not responsible for artwork remaining after 6:00pm. Those articles will be moved to the Administration Building for pick-up after Thursday, October 15th, 2026. **After 30 days, artwork becomes property of the Topsfield Fair.**

Come and learn about the Topsfield Fair Fine Arts Exhibit! Please indicate your volunteer interest on entry form. Volunteer schedule will be posted at the Art Drop-Off Days (9/12/26 & 9/13/26) as well. Each volunteer will receive admission to enter the fairgrounds.

ART SALES ROOM

SALES POLICY: All Professional artwork in the exhibition and Art Sales Room is for sale. The Topsfield Fair is not responsible for any loss, damage, or stolen artwork. Topsfield Fair Fine Arts Department and volunteers are not responsible for art sold for less than intended price due to improper labeling Essex Agricultural Society retains a twenty percent (20%) commission of all artwork sold.

ART SALES ROOM: This is limited to exhibitors in the Fine Arts Professional Division. Please reach out to the Department Chairman to download the Art Sales Room Entry Form and submit it, along with the fee, either by mail to: Topsfield Fair, P.O. Box 134, Topsfield, MA 01983 or bring it to the Art Drop-Off Days.

- A. ***The number of entries is limited*** and bins are shared. Art Sales Room entries are limited to:
 - **TWO (2)** framed pieces for hanging, 11” x 14” or smaller
 - **TEN (10)** matted unframed pieces, **up to or not to exceed 16” x 20”** (must be either shrink-wrapped or in plastic sleeves, no wrapped canvases)
 - **TEN (10)** notecard packets or postcard sets. ***Please, no individual notecards, plastic wrap, zip-lock bags or string.***
- B. Identification Requirements: Art Sales Room entries must be clearly and professionally labeled **ON THE FRONT** of each entry with the following:
 - Name
 - Artist Code (Initials), Piece #
 - “Title”
 - Category
 - Price

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Awards:

BEST OF SHOW \$13.00
BEST OF CATEGORY \$11.00
FIRST \$10.00
SECOND \$8.00
THIRD \$6.00
HONORABLE MENTION \$5.00

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Please choose the specific category of your entry:

PAINTING

CLASS PA

1. Oil/Acrylics
2. Watercolors
3. Pastel (Soft Pastels or Oil Pastels)
4. Mixed Media (Only Paint with Ink, Pencil, Pastel, etc.)

GRAPHICS

CLASS PB

5. Drawing (Charcoal, Crayons, Markers, Pencils, Pen & Ink)
6. Etching & other Hand Pull Prints (Linoleum, Monoprint, Silkscreen, Wood Block)
7. Computer Graphics

PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS PC

8. Color/Black & White

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