

# 2026 VAKY District Fair Arts Exhibition



## Rules and Guidelines

## What is the Arts Exhibition?

The VAKY District Fair Arts Exhibition is a show held annually at the fairgrounds to showcase local talent in the form of art, photography, handmade crafts, baked goods, canned goods, and more.

## Who can Enter?

People of **ALL** ages can enter into the Arts Exhibition. There will be adult categories labeled for ages 18 and up, and kids categories for ages 18 and under. If someone aged under 18 wishes to enter an item in an adult category, they may do so. However, persons aged above 18 cannot enter into a kids category.

## When is the Arts Exhibition?

The Arts exhibition will be on display from Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Entries must be brought to the fairgrounds from **1-4pm on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> for registration.** Entries and prizes will be available for **pickup from 2-4pm on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## Where is the Arts Exhibition?

The Arts Exhibition is held in the Arts Building at the VAKY District Fairgrounds. The arts building is the location for registration and pickup, as well as the location in which the entries will be on display throughout the week of the fair.

## How do you enter into the Arts Exhibition

To enter items into the Exhibition, bring them to registration from 1-4pm on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. During registration, you will be asked to fill out an information sheet, a waiver, and a social media release form. These forms can be filled out prior to registration, but there will be forms available at registration as well. There is no entry fee for any categories. However, there is a limit of **2 entries per category per person**. For example: one individual cannot enter 5 different cans of corn into the canned corn category, they are only allowed to enter two.

## What are the Prizes for Winners?

Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3rd place individual category winners. This year we are also doing cash prizes for individual categories. 1st place winners will be awarded \$5, 2nd place winners will receive \$3, and 3rd place winners will receive \$1 (cash prizes are awarded for each win). There are 20 best overall prizes that span all of the different categories. These best overall winners will receive a gift basket related to their category win. All prizes will be collected along with the entries from 1-4pm on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Categories

This years Arts Exhibition categories are as listed below:

- Adult Canning
- Quilts and Hand Crafts
- Adult Art
- Adult Photography
- Baked Goods
- Youth Canning
- Youth Art
- Youth Photography

Each individual category will be listed below. The rules for each category will be defined under each category

name. *Besides canned goods, please do not bring items that you have entered in the past. **If we recognize items from past years, they will not be permitted to be entered into the exhibition.***

## Theme

This year we are excited to introduce a theme to our Arts Exhibit. The theme this year is **“Sunsets & Tanlines”** inspired by our favorite summertime beach trends, color schemes, fashion, music, movies and more! There will be some theme categories available but **entries do not have to follow the theme.** It is an optional category.

## Adult Canning

**\*All canned foods must be processed and sealed. Standard canning jars and jelly jars must be used. The lids of the jars must be in good condition and completely free of rust. If two-piece lids are used, the ring must be present.\***

### *Meats & Vegetables*

1. Beans
2. Beets
3. Carrots
4. Corn
5. Greens
6. Meats
7. Peas
8. Peppers
9. Pumpkins
10. Sauces (spaghetti, etc.)
11. Sauerkraut
12. Potatoes
13. Tomato Juice
14. Tomatoes
15. Tomatoes, green
16. Other meat or vegetable that wasn't mentioned

### *Pickled Food*

17. Beans
18. Beets
19. Corn
20. Dilly Beans
21. Peppers
22. Bread and Butter Pickles
23. Sour (dill) Pickles
24. Sweet Pickles
25. Squash
26. Mixed Pickles
27. Pickled Food, other than mentioned

### *Relishes*

28. Chow Chow
29. Chutney
30. Ketchup
31. Cucumber relish
32. Pepper relish
33. Relish, other than mentioned
34. Salsa

### *Fruits*

35. Apples or Applesauce
36. Blackberries
37. Cherries

38. Peaches
39. Pears
40. Canned Fruit, other than mentioned

### *Jellies*

41. Apple
42. Blackberry
43. Blueberry
44. Cherry
45. Grape
46. Hot Pepper
47. Peach
48. Raspberry
49. Rhubarb
50. Jelly, other than mentioned

### *Jams, Preserves*

51. Blackberry
52. Blueberry
53. Cherry
54. Grape
55. Peach
56. Raspberry
57. Strawberry
58. Jam or preserve, other than mentioned

59. Apple butter
60. Sweet potato butter
61. Peach butter
62. Pumpkin butter
63. Honey

### *Adult Canning Best Overall Prizes*

- ❖ Best overall Jam
- ❖ Best overall Jelly
- ❖ Best overall Canned Fruit
- ❖ Best overall Relish
- ❖ Best overall Cucumber Pickle
- ❖ Best overall Pickled Item
- ❖ Best overall Meat
- ❖ Best overall Vegetable
- ❖ Best overall Tomato

### Quilts and Hand Crafts (open to all ages)

64. Antique Quilt (over 50 years old)
65. Baby Quilt
66. Cathedral Window Quilt
67. Embroidered Quilt
68. Quilt, from a kit
69. Hand Appliquéd Quilt

70. Hand pieced and Hand quilted Quilt
71. Machine Appliquéd Quilt
72. Machine pieced and Machine quilted Quilt
73. Tacked (tied) Quilt
74. Whole Cloth Quilt (white on white)
75. Quilted Article, other than mentioned
76. Wall Hanging
77. Wreath
78. Crocheted Item
79. Knitted Item
80. Cross Stitch
81. Machine Embroidered Item
82. Hand Embroidered Item
83. Punch Needle
84. Macrame
85. Christmas Decoration
86. Christmas Ornament
87. Leatherwork \*
88. Ironwork \*
89. Woodwork \*
90. Stained Glass \*
91. Pottery \*
92. Weaving \*
93. Jewelry\*
94. Hand Craft, other than mentioned
95. Sunsets & Tanlines themed category

\*indicates NEW category!

*Best Overall Quilts and Hand Crafts Best Overall Prizes*

- ❖ Best overall Quilted Item
- ❖ Best overall Hand Craft

Adult Art & Photography

*Adult Painting/ Drawing*

- 96. Pencil
- 97. Watercolor
- 98. Acrylic
- 99. Oil
- 100. Pen/Marker
- 101. Miscellaneous
- 102. Sunsets & Tanlines themed category

*Adult Photography*

- 103. Amateur Black and White
- 104. Professional Black and White
- 105. Amateur Color
- 106. Professional Color
- 107. Sunsets & Tanlines themed category

## *Best Overall Adult Art and Photography Winners*

- ❖ Best overall Art
- ❖ Best overall Professional Photography
- ❖ Best overall Amateur Photography

## Baked Goods (open to all ages)

**\*All baked goods must be brought on a disposable plate and sealed in a zip-type plastic bag. If a plastic bag cannot be used, the baked goods should be properly sealed with aluminum foil or Saran-wrap. All cakes, pies, cheesecakes, cobblers, puddings, and loaves of bread should be brought to exhibition whole. There should be a minimum of 5 individual cookies, brownies, rolls, biscuits, etc. brought so that each judge may try their own piece of dessert. Please bring items that you have not entered before\***

108. Cakes (includes cake rolls)

109. No-bake pies

110. Baked pies

111. Cookies

112. Brownies

113. Cobblers

114. Cheesecake
115. Pudding/ Trifle
116. Savory bread (loaf)
117. Savory rolls
118. Biscuits
119. Cornbread
120. Sweet Bread (banana bread, cinnamon rolls, pumpkin bread, etc.)
121. Candy (fudge, chocolate, truffles, etc.)

*Best Overall Baked Good Winners*

- ❖ Best Overall Bread
- ❖ Best Overall Baked Good

## Youth Canned Goods

122. Apple Butter
123. Apples
124. Beans
125. Beets
126. Corn
127. Peaches
128. Pickled Product
129. Jelly
130. Tomatoes
131. Jam

*Best Overall Youth Canned Good Prizes*

- ❖ Best overall Fruit
- ❖ Best overall Vegetable

## Youth Art & Photography

### *Youth Painting/Drawing*

- 132.Pencil (k-4)
- 133.Pencil (5-8)
- 134.Pencil (9-12)
- 135.Watercolor (k-4)
- 136.Watercolor (5-8)
- 137.Watercolor (9-12)
- 138.Acrylic (k-4)
- 139.Acrylic (5-8)
- 140.Acrylic (9-12)
- 141.Oil (k-4)
- 142.Oil (5-8)
- 143.Oil (9-12)
- 144.Pen/Marker (k-4)
- 145.Pen/Marker (5-8)
- 146.Pen/Marker (9-12)
- 147.Miscellaneous

148. Sunsets & Tanlines themed category

*Youth Photography*

149. Landscape

150. Animal

151. People

152. Miscellaneous

153. Sunsets & Tanlines themed category

*Best Overall Youth Art & Photography Prizes*

❖ *Best Overall Youth Art*

❖ *Best Overall Youth Photography*



# VAKY District Fair Arts Exhibition Entry Information Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries:

\_\_\_ Adult Canning:

\_\_\_ Quilts & Hand Crafts:

\_\_\_ Adult Art & Photography:

\_\_\_ Baked Goods:

\_\_\_ Youth Canning:

\_\_\_ Youth Art & Photography:

Total number of entries: \_\_\_\_\_



## VAKY District Fair Arts Exhibition Waiver & Release Form

It is my wish to participate in the VA-KY District Fair Arts Exhibition being held from June 7<sup>th</sup>- June 14<sup>th</sup> at VA-KY District Fairgrounds. I understand, appreciate, and acknowledge that property damage and injuries are common to such events. I fully assume the risk of such property damage and injuries, and I participate in this voluntarily and with my full knowledge of the inherent risks.

I hereby waive and release any and all rights that either my heirs, successors and assigns or I may have against VA-KY District Fair, Wise County, its Board of Supervisors, their agents, servants, and/or employees, arising from my participation in this event, including, but not limited to property damage and injuries. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless all of the foregoing from any claim which may be made by me or on behalf by other third parties which might be made against me by others, arising from my participation in the foregoing event.

This waiver shall remain valid and may not be unilaterally rescinded by the participant. This form is to be signed by the participant or if the participant is less than 18 years of age to be signed by the parent or legally responsible guardian.

In addition to the release and waiver of liability, signing this form acknowledges that you have read and fully understand the VA-KY District Fair Arts Exhibition Rules. Also, by signing, I give permission for my or my child's name and image to be used to advertise this event and to announce the winners of this competition in the local newspaper and radio.

Signature (parent if minor): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*This form **MUST BE** signed and returned with your application and entry fee\*



## VAKY District Fair Arts Exhibition Social Media Release

**VAKY District Fair will post pictures of winning items along with the names of the winners.**

As a participant of the VAKY District Fair Arts Exhibition, I understand and acknowledge that VAKY District Fair will have access and permission to post images of my entries on social media platforms. I also understand and acknowledge that VAKY District Fair will have permission to post my name as a winner on social media platforms.

By signing this form, I hereby give VAKY District Fair my consent in posting my name and images of my entries on their social media platforms.

If a minor is entering, a parent or guardian (over 18 years of age) must sign for them.

Signature (parent if a minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

