

Department - 16

Art & Photography



2026



BUILDING THEME: THE GOLDEN AGE OF FLOWER POWER

We have a building theme this year! You'll see The Golden Age of Flower Power decor throughout the Antique Village, Floral Department, and A&P Department. Turn in a groovy floral piece to be displayed in its own separate section in our department. Make note of this upon drop off so it gets displayed in the proper section.

Premiums:

1st - \$3.00 | 2nd - \$2.00 | 3rd - \$1.00

Entries accepted at the Floral Building:

Saturday, July 11th at 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Sunday, July 12th at 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Exhibit items must be picked up:

Sunday, July 26th

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

PICK UP DAY: All art and photography must be picked up on July 26th between 10:30-1:00 PM. If it is not picked up, it will be disposed of at the end of the day unless other arrangements have been made.

Please contact the Art & Photography Superintendent
if you have any questions or concerns:

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Art & Photography Rules:



Entries: Please use the attached Art & Photography entry form or enter at faireentry.com. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Eligibility: Exhibition in the 2026 Ionia Free Fair will be limited to works completed by artists in the past five years which have not previously been exhibited at the Fair. Teachers and/or professionals (anyone who regularly sells and/or teaches art) are required to enter their work in the Professional Section. All other adults enter in the Amateur Section. **For all sections, limit 1 entry per person, per class.** Total entries are limited to 12 per person.

Adult Art: All professional art must be mounted, matted, and framed, unless painted on mounted canvas. Adult amateur art must be mounted and framed (matting optional). Each piece must have a suitable wire hanging equipment. Sculpture entries are exempted from these rules.

Youth Art: Youth art will be hung with tacks. No mounting or hanging is required. If you do not want tack holes in your youth art, please mount them on a larger piece of paper, which can be tacked.

Photography:

- Professional Photography: Mounted, matted and framed
- Adult Amateur Photography: Mounted and framed
- Youth Photography: Mounted and framed, or mounted on foam core

All photography entries must have a suitable wire hanging equipment upon arrival or they will not be accepted.

Originality: All entries must be original work of the exhibitor. Original work consists of entries that are entirely the work of the exhibitor and have not been copied from another artist. Judgment of originality and suitability will be the responsibility of the judges and department.

Hanging Equipment & Size: Framed pieces must be hung with eye-hooks and picture wire. There is no size restriction. But, please contact the superintendent if you are planning to enter a large item (greater than 36" tall or wide), so that adequate space can be arranged.

Premiums & Judging: Premiums will again be offered in 2026. Best of show ribbons will be awarded. No premiums will be awarded if the judges consider the work without merit. Exhibitor ribbons will be awarded to all non-winners in the Youth divisions.

Section 1 – Fine Art – Adult

Amateur Artist

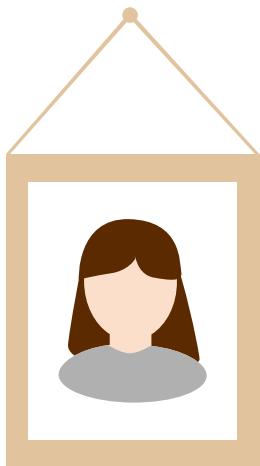
Medium

- 1000 Acrylic
- 1001 Charcoal
- 1002 Colored Pencil
- 1003 Crayon
- 1004 Digital Art
- 1005 Marker / Paint Marker
- 1006 Mixed Media / Collage
- 1007 Oil
- 1008 Pastel
- 1009 Pencil / Pen
- 1010 Sculpture
- 1011 Watercolor
- 1012 All Other

Professional Artist

Medium

- 1100 Acrylic
- 1101 Charcoal
- 1102 Colored Pencil
- 1103 Crayon
- 1104 Digital Art
- 1105 Marker / Paint Marker
- 1106 Mixed Media / Collage
- 1107 Oil
- 1108 Pastel
- 1109 Pencil / Pen
- 1110 Sculpture
- 1111 Watercolor
- 1112 All Other



ADULT ART: Please make sure all art work is complete with a wire hanging system framed or on canvas. It will not be accepted otherwise.

Section 2 – Photography – Adult

Amateur Photographer

Black & White Images

- 2000 Activities & Action
- 2001 Animal Life
- 2002 Architecture
- 2003 Candid's & Humorous
- 2004 Fair / Carnival
- 2005 Floral
- 2006 Macro / Up Close
- 2007 People & Portraits
- 2008 Scenic & Landscape
- 2009 Special Effects
- 2010 All Other Subjects

Color Images

- 2100 Activities & Action
- 2101 Animal Life
- 2102 Architecture
- 2103 Candid's & Humorous
- 2104 Fair / Carnival
- 2105 Floral
- 2106 Macro / Up Close
- 2107 People & Portraits
- 2108 Scenic & Landscape
- 2109 Special Effects
- 2110 All Other Subjects

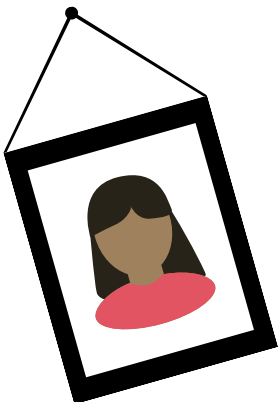
Professional Photographer

Black & White Images

- 2200 Activities & Action
- 2201 Animal Life
- 2202 Architecture
- 2203 Candid's & Humorous
- 2204 Fair / Carnival
- 2205 Floral
- 2206 Macro / Up Close
- 2207 People & Portraits
- 2208 Scenic & Landscape
- 2209 Special Effects
- 2210 All Other Subjects

Color Images

- 2300 Activities & Action
- 2301 Animal Life
- 2302 Architecture
- 2303 Candid's & Humorous
- 2304 Fair / Carnival
- 2305 Floral
- 2306 Macro / Up Close
- 2307 People & Portraits
- 2308 Scenic & Landscape
- 2309 Special Effects
- 2310 All Other Subjects



ADULT PHOTOGRAPHY: Please make sure all photography work is framed or mounted and complete with a wire hanging system. It will not be accepted otherwise.

Basic editing techniques are now acceptable. Some examples include: cropping, sharpening, dodging, burning, increasing color saturation, ect.

Section 3 – Fine Art – Youth

Age 5 and Under

Medium

- 3000 Acrylic
- 3001 Charcoal
- 3002 Colored Pencil
- 3003 Crayon
- 3004 Digital Art
- 3005 Marker / Paint Marker
- 3006 Mixed Media / Collage
- 3007 Oil
- 3008 Pastel
- 3009 Pencil / Pen
- 3010 Sculpture
- 3011 Watercolor
- 3012 All Other

Ages 10–13

Medium

- 3200 Acrylic
- 3201 Charcoal
- 3202 Colored Pencil
- 3203 Crayon
- 3204 Digital Art
- 3205 Marker / Paint Marker
- 3206 Mixed Media / Collage
- 3207 Oil
- 3208 Pastel
- 3209 Pencil / Pen
- 3210 Sculpture
- 3211 Watercolor
- 3212 All Other

Ages 6–9

Medium

- 3100 Acrylic
- 3101 Charcoal
- 3102 Colored Pencil
- 3103 Crayon
- 3104 Digital Art
- 3105 Marker / Paint Marker
- 3106 Mixed Media / Collage
- 3107 Oil
- 3108 Pastel
- 3109 Pencil / Pen
- 3110 Sculpture
- 3111 Watercolor
- 3112 All Other

Ages 14–17

Medium

- 3300 Acrylic
- 3301 Charcoal
- 3302 Colored Pencil
- 3303 Crayon
- 3304 Digital Art
- 3305 Marker / Paint Marker
- 3306 Mixed Media / Collage
- 3307 Oil
- 3308 Pastel
- 3309 Pencil / Pen
- 3310 Sculpture
- 3311 Watercolor
- 3312 All Other

Section 4 – Photography – Youth

Age 10 and Under

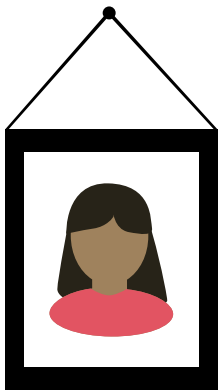
Color or Black & White Images

- 4000 Activities & Action
- 4001 Animal Life
- 4002 Architecture
- 4003 Candid's & Humorous
- 4004 Fair / Carnival
- 4005 Floral
- 4006 Macro / Up Close
- 4007 People & Portraits
- 4008 Scenic & Landscape
- 4009 Special Effects
- 4010 All Other Subjects

Ages 11-17

Color or Black & White Images

- 4100 Activities & Action
- 4101 Animal Life
- 4102 Architecture
- 4103 Candid's & Humorous
- 4104 Fair / Carnival
- 4105 Floral
- 4106 Macro / Up Close
- 4107 People & Portraits
- 4108 Scenic & Landscape
- 4109 Special Effects
- 4110 All Other Subjects



YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY: Please make sure all photography work is framed or mounted on foam core and complete with a wire hanging system. It will not be accepted otherwise.

Section 5 – Vintage Repurposed

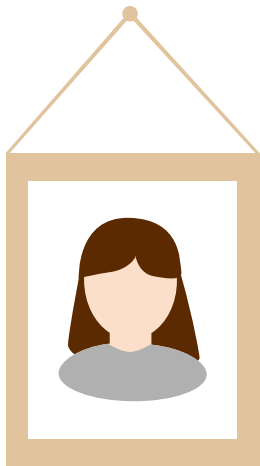
Repurposed vintage/antique items that can be used for something else such as sculptures, home decor, yard art, ect.

Example: turning an antique sewing machine into book ends, using old metal bits and bobs for yard art, taking old clock parts to create a sculpture. Keep it unique and full of vintage/antique pieces. **MUST BE HAND CRAFTED BY EXHIBITOR**

5001- Yard Art

5002- Small sculptures

5003- Home Decor



Vintage Repurposed: If submitting pieces for this category, please provide proper display materials for your piece. If it is a hanging piece, it must have some form of wire or rope to hang it by.

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PLEASE CASH YOUR CHECK

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Establish an agreement with Karlee to either send a check payable to IFF-Arts / Photo Department Fund or provide her with cash to deposit into the department fund.

If you do not cash your check, the money goes back to IFF general fund, not to this specific department.

(Take a photo of this to use after you cash your check.)

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Consider donating!

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All donations are used to pay premiums for 1st - 3rd places and to bring new events to the Art and Photography Department.

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The Art and Photography Department is conveniently located within the Floral Building during the Ionia Free Fair. Amateurs and professionals alike are able to display their beautiful, one of a kind photography and artwork in many mediums.

We couldn't do this without your support.

A+P Department

HELP WANTED

CALLING ALL ARTISTS & CREATIVES

The Art & Photography Department is hosting a Logo Design Competition – and we want YOUR creative touch!

Ends: July 19 (the last day of the fair!)

How to Submit Your Design:

- Send via Facebook Messenger
- Email to: brickstreetstudio217@gmail.com
- Or pick up/drop off a paper copy at the Floral Building during the fair (July 10 – July 19)

Whether you draw, paint, or design digitally – all submissions are welcome!

Your design or AI prompt here:



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FLORAL BUILDING

THE
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