

CREATIVE ARTS DAY
Lausche Youth Exploration Space
Thursday, July 30, 2026
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GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Age of Participants:
 - Junior - age 13 and younger as of January 1st of current year
 - Senior - age 14 or older as of January 1st of current year

2. Participation Guidelines:
 - Clock trophy winners from the 2025 Creative Arts Day are not eligible to participate in the same class in 2026.
 - Counties may send only one participant per class. No individual may participate in more than one class.
 - Participants who are registered in the incorrect class will not be eligible for any awards.
 - Educational poster boards cannot be used as the participants only piece of art or display item.

3. Type of Evaluation:
 - Judges will evaluate participants in classes on the following (see sample score sheet):
 - 40% Knowledge of Project Area
 - 20% Communication effectiveness during interview
 - 20% Quality of Display
 - 20% Project Analysis (Project Book Completion and records)
 - Classes J-7 thru J-12 (Scrapbooking and Get Started in Art) and classes J-18 and J-19 (Self-Determined) will leave their project on display until the conclusion of the awards ceremony (once it has been placed on display it will be displayed until the ceremony's conclusion) or may provide a photo of their display that will be used to help make Outstanding of the Day decisions.

4. Participant to bring:
 - Registration materials provided by your county Extension 4-H Professional.
 - Completed project book (see judging evaluation guide above). Including a written summary, if required from project guidelines.
 - **One "project display"** (classes J-7 thru J-14), includes **scrapbook** (classes J-9 thru J-12) or **piece of art** (classes J-7 & J-8), or **knitted item** (class J-17) made as a part of your 4-H project to use during the interview with the judge to show how well you can apply the skills taught in your project area. For classes J-15 and J-16, bring completed **portfolio**.
 - **One "learning display"** Participants must also bring a display as per the project requirements, which represents their learning experience. The display does not need to be a tri-fold display board. If the display is something other than a poster or tri-fold display board, it must be limited in size to what the participant can handle/maneuver on their own. A photograph of the learning display must be provided to the judge.
 - Participants in classes J-13 & J-14 will be limited to a 3'x3' floor area or 3 feet of table space to place their display. Any displays exceeding this space requirement will be ineligible for Outstanding of the Day or Clock trophy.
 - Participants in Class J-18 and J-19 (Self-Determined) must follow the Self-Determined Project guidelines and bring the following items to judging: completed project records including Self-Determined Project Guide, display board and examples of artwork made through the project (limited to what participant can carry by themselves into the judging area)

CLASSES

J-7	Get Started in Art, Jr	J-17	Knitting it Together
J-8	Get Started in Art, Sr	J-18	Self-Determined Creative Arts, Jr (includes paper-crafting, fairy gardens and any other self-determined Creative Arts Projects)
J-9	Scrapbooking, Junior		
J-10	Scrapbooking, Senior		
J-11	2 nd year or more Scrapbooking, Jr		
J-12	2 nd year or more Scrapbooking, Sr	J-19	Self-Determined Creative Arts, Sr (includes paper-crafting, fairy gardens and any other self-determined Creative Arts Projects)
J-13	My Favorite Things (Collectibles), Jr		
J-14	My Favorite Things (Collectibles), Sr		
J-15	Seeing Through Graphic Design		
J-16	The Writer in You		

AWARDS

1. All participants will receive a participation ribbon sponsored by The Ohio State Fair.
2. “Outstanding of the Day” ribbons, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair, will be awarded to the top 20% of the class.
3. A clock trophy will be awarded to the class winner. In 2025 the trophies were sponsored by **Artisan Sugarcrafters of Ohio, Ren Hopkins & Alex Hively, Dr. Denise Shockley, Jared & Crystal Ott, Laurie & Richard Hall, Mary Roediger, Beth Miller, Precious Gems and Antiques, Tammie Strawser & Ashlea & Natalie Hull, Tom & Ellen Robinson, Katrina Norris, and Besty Moore.**
4. Awards will be presented at 5:00 pm (subject to postponement if additional judging time is needed).
5. Those not present for the awards ceremony may pick up their awards, or arrange for another to do so, from the 4-H state fair office located in the Lausche Youth Exploration Space until the conclusion of the fair. Unclaimed awards will be sent to county extension offices after the fair.
6. Results will be posted online at <https://ohio4h.org/ohiostatefair>.

2025 CLASS WINNERS

J-07 Get Started in Art Jr	Celia Benton, Trumbull
J-08 Get Started in Art Sr	Madalynn Fisher, Belmont
J-09 Scrapbooking Jr	Raelyn Daniels, Fulton
J-10 Scrapbooking Sr	Lainey Dunham, Knox
J-11 2nd Year + Scrapbooking Jr	Kynlee Judge, Belmont
J-12 2nd Year + Scrapbooking Sr	Alana Baucher, Mercer
J-13 My Favorite Things Jr	Eva Ferguson, Warren
J-14 My Favorite Things Sr	Emily Schultz, Lucas
J-15 Seeing Through Graphic Design	Abree Furniss, Franklin
J-16 The Writer in You	Kyndra Barker, Pike
J-18 Self-Determined Creative Arts	Aaron Ballentine, Ross

JUDGING SCHEDULE

The exact schedule of participation will depend on the number reporting at any one time. Members should bring registration information provided by their County 4-H Professional to the registration desk in the Lausche Youth Exploration Space. Registration will begin 15 minutes before judging time.

9:30 a.m. Ashland, Clark, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Pickaway
10:00 a.m. Allen, Champaign, Franklin, Logan, Marion
10:30 a.m. Coshocton, Crawford, Greene, Licking, Madison, Muskingum
11:00 a.m. Hardin, Hocking, Holmes, Knox, Morrow, Richland, Union
11:30 a.m. Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Ottawa, Perry, Ross, Wyandot
1:00 p.m. Athens, Auglaize, Clinton, Guernsey, Morgan, Shelby, Vinton
1:30 p.m. Highland, Huron, Jackson, Medina, Meigs, Pike, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Williams
2:00 p.m. Belmont, Hancock, Mahoning, Tuscarawas, Wayne, Wood
2:30 p.m. Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Hamilton, Harrison, Lorain, Lucas, Warren
3:00 p.m. Jefferson, Monroe, Noble, Paulding, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Sandusky, Scioto, Van Wert
3:30 p.m. Adams, Ashtabula, Brown, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Henry, Lake,
Lawrence, Trumbull, Washington

4-H State Fair Project Evaluation Sheet

Name: _____ Exhibitor number: _____

County: _____ Age as of January 1 (current year): _____

Project name: _____ Number of years in project: _____

Please provide a brief description of what you brought today to display your project (i.e., poster, equipment, etc.):

Keep this sheet with you until the judge calls your exhibitor number.

Judges—Please place an “x” in the column that most closely describes this entry.

Judging Guidelines	Excellent Outstanding work that exceeds expectations	Very Good Well done, with few minor if any errors	Good Appropriate for member's age and experience	Average Solid grasp of fundamentals
Knowledge (40%) Member demonstrates knowledge of basic concepts, skills, safety protocols (if applicable), and other project information.				
Communication (20%) Member communicates effectively with a positive attitude and with appropriate personal appearance.				
Project Book (20%) Project book is completed appropriately and provides an accurate record of project activities.			(book is complete)	(book needs some work)
Display (20%) Content is accurate, complete and displayed in a way that is neat and creative. It showcases knowledge and skills gained through project work.				
Strengths:				
Areas for improvement:				

White copy – 4-H member, Yellow copy - Judge