

DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Fair

The DeKalb County Post 3128 V.F.W., made up of overseas veterans from all of DeKalb County, is proud to sponsor this 68th annual fair.

We, the V.F.W., appreciate the fine cooperation we have received in the past from the County Extension Service Staff, Agricultural teachers, Home Economic Teachers, other Agricultural workers, DeKalb County businessmen, City of Fort Payne, Board of Education, and numerous other groups and individuals that have helped to make our previous fairs a success. We earnestly solicit this type of cooperation this year.

The V.F.W. is a member of the Association of Alabama Fairs. The V.F.W. is a non-profit organization.

2023 Fair Booth Theme “My Home’s in Alabama”

All Schools, Clubs, scouts, homemakers, etc. booths (Divisions 1-8)
Must **PRE-REGISTER** by **September 14, 2023**.

School, clubs, scouts, homemakers, etc. booths (Division 1-8) may
begin work on their booths **Thursday, September 21, 2023**, 9:00 A.M.

Deadline for completion of booths is 3:00 P.M. on
Sunday, September 24, 2023.

Division Nine (9) Scarecrows must be pre-registered
by **Friday, September 15, 2023**, and on site by deadline
Monday, September 18, 2023, 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Judging will be on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023**.

Registration for Divisions 9–27 will be
September 16-17, 2023, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. for
ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, LEGO™, HANDICRAFTS,
and **NEEDLEWORK ONLY!**

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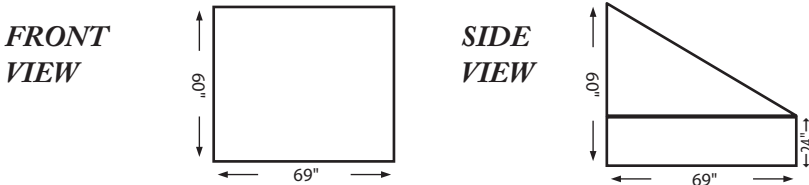
September 23–24, 2023, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. for
AGRICULTURE, BAKING, CANNING, and FLOWERS **ONLY!**

INFORMATION AND GENERAL RULES

Individual Exhibits & Booth Competition

1. Competition is open to the general public.
 2. Premiums positively will not be paid on items not listed. Ribbons will be awarded.
 3. The V.F.W. reserves the right to change any and all rules and declare off any classes or premiums because of acts of God, excessive rains or cause not within the power of the management to control.
 4. Individual Exhibits will be accepted **September 16-17** from 8:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. for Art, Photography, LEGO™, Handicrafts, and Needlework **ONLY!** Exhibits will be accepted **September 23-24** from 8:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. for Agriculture, Baking, Canning, and Flowers **ONLY!** Guards will be furnished Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24. All exhibits may be removed by owners, Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
 5. Unless otherwise listed in catalog, judging will be Monday A.M. September 23, 2019.
 6. The names of the schools, communities, or clubs having booth exhibits will be left off until after the judges have made the awards.
 7. Premium checks may be picked up Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 8:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. at the fairgrounds. The individual exhibitor must pick up his or her own check. Those not picked up by Sunday will be mailed within two weeks.
 8. Where there is no competition, the judge shall have the authority to place awards according to merit of the article or exhibit.
 9. While every precaution will be taken for safeguarding exhibits, it should be understood that the exhibits are in competition for prizes and that the owner assumes all responsibility for any accident, loss, or damage that may occur. Neither the fair association, the V.F.W., its officers nor agents, will be responsible for any such accidents, loss or damage.
 10. Unless otherwise stated, exhibits entered for competition will not be permitted to be sold or removed during the progress of the fair. These may be sold the last day of the fair but are not to be removed prior to the time specified above in No. 4.
 11. Articles on display must not be handled by visitors.
 12. Clubs or organizations that entered booth exhibits last year and enter again this year must have a theme different from last year.
 13. Clubs or organizations that enter booth exhibits must not duplicate any exhibit shown the previous year. Those exhibitors that do so will not be judged and will receive only fourth prize money.
 14. Exhibitor must also observe any additional rules that apply to the different classes in which their exhibits are entered.
 15. Exhibitor may enter only one item per class, per individual.
 16. No one club may have more than one booth exhibit.
 17. Gate Passes
 - One gate pass good for admission only will be awarded to each individual exhibitor for one or more exhibits
 - Six gate passes for each booth exhibit for competition.
 - Gate passes not good after Friday night.
 18. Exhibitors may remove their exhibits on Sunday, October 1, 2023, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 p.m. upon presentation of entry claim check.
 19. Advertising on the grounds by means of posters, prints, handbills, samples, etc. will not be permitted, except upon agreement with the management.
 20. Clubs, communities, schools, etc. may complete their booths Thursday, Friday, and Saturday September 21–23, 2023, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Booths must be complete by Sunday, September 24, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
 21. Clubs, communities, school, etc., must take booths in consecutive order in each class assigned by Fair Committee.
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22. No club, organization, group or individual will be permitted to sell or serve food, drink or any other items that conflict or are in competition with the V.F.W. Auxiliary concessions or concessions on the Midway.
23. All booths are 69" × 69" inside measurement. All booths will be built on existing floor. NO booths will be more than 5' tall. See drawing below for other dimensions.
24. All club and school booths will be pre-registered no later than Saturday, September 16, 2023. Scarecrow competition must be pre-registered by Friday, September 15, 2023.
25. The V.F.W. Fair Committee will award a Best of Show ribbon and a \$50 cash prize to the highest scoring booth and scarecrow competition.
26. Checks will be issued upon complete removal and cleanup of your exhibit on Sunday, October 1, 2023, between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 p.m. This includes the Scarecrow competition.
27. Prize money will be reduced if all exhibit materials are not removed by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 1, 2023. This includes complete cleanup of exhibit area and removal of all nails, tacks, and staples from booth frames.
28. ART: Definition of "Professional Artist":
 - if the artist accepts commissions for profit
 - if the artist's works are reproduced commercially for profit
 - if the artist teaches art
 - if the artist is in business and has a shop where he/she sells his/her work and/or has a license to be in business
29. No pets will be allowed in exhibit building or cattle area.
30. No electrical outlets available for Divisions 1-8. Additionally, Electrical Chords are not permitted in pathways around exhibits.
31. All booths are 69" × 69" × 60" inside measurements.



COMMERCIAL INFORMATION & RULES

1. While every precaution will be taken for safeguarding the items in commercial booths, it should be understood that the owner assumes all responsibility for any accident, loss, or damage that may occur. Neither the fair association, the VFW, its officers or agents will be responsible for any such accidents, loss, or damage.
2. No commercial or special exhibitors will be permitted to sell or solicit funds from their booth.
3. No tents or canopies allowed in commercial buildings.
4. Commercial and special exhibitors may install their booth beginning Thursday, September 21, 2023, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 22, 23, 24, 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.. Booths must be completed by Monday, September 25, 12:00 noon. Guards will be furnished Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24, 2023.
5. Only one business per commercial booth allowed.
6. Commercial booths and special exhibitor's booths are to remain in the commercial and exhibit buildings all week (Monday through Saturday). You may dismantle your booth on Sunday and Monday after the fair ends on Saturday. NO guards will be responsible for commercial exhibits not removed by Monday, October 2, 2023, 3:00 P.M..
7. Limit of two workers per 10' booth allowed at any one time. Workers must remain inside their booth.