



# DC STATE FAIR

2023 Contest Guide

## Welcome to the 2023 DC State Fair!

Thank you for your interest in our contests to showcase the agricultural, culinary, and artistic talents of the DC community. In this guide you will find the general rules that apply to all contests, and the specific rules for each individual contest.

Please read each contest's rules carefully to understand when and where to submit your entry for judging. Most contests will be judged prior to the day of the fair. Contest winners will be announced at the fair, on September 10, 2023 at Franklin Park. An exact time will be shared closer to the date, when the agenda for the day is published. Contest winners will also be posted on the DC State Fair website.

The DC State Fair's NEW contests for 2023 are:

- Agricultural
  - Best Garden Haul
  - Best Micro Garden
- Culinary
  - Best Cornbread
  - Best Dry Cider
  - Best Sweet Cider
  - Best Focaccia
  - Best Dairy Mac and Cheese
  - Best Vegan Mac and Cheese
  - Best Jollof Rice
  - Best Mocktail
  - Best Rye Bread
  - Best Sourdough
  - Best Spud
- Art
  - Best District Digital Illustration

Please contact the Contests Committee at [contests@dcstatefair.org](mailto:contests@dcstatefair.org) with any questions.

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## General Rules

1. Participation in most contests is open to all residents of the District of Columbia as well as Montgomery County, Arlington County, Prince George's County, and Alexandria. Where there are exceptions, they are specified in the individual contest's rules.
2. All contests are open to all ages, except any deemed exclusive for youth or those that are age restricted (e.g., beer, cider). Individuals under the age of 18 seeking to enter contests require approval from their parent/guardian.
3. To maintain fairness, no one deemed as a professional in a contest field may submit an entry. For example, a professional baker may not enter the bread contest.
4. Entries must be original and created by the individual submitting the entry, though they can be based on published recipes. No copyrighted materials or images, including copyrighted characters (e.g., comic and/or television characters), photographs, and magazine or newspaper illustrations may be included in contest submissions.
5. All food/drink contests require a list of ingredients submitted with the entry on judging day.
6. Only individuals may enter contests, though affiliations can be specified. For example, Denise Smith submitting a tomato grown by 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School garden.
7. All entries must be accompanied with a removable label that includes the name of the individual submitting them, the contest they are being submitted for, and the name of the entry.
8. Entries must be submitted by the deadline described in the individual contest rules.
9. The DC State Fair reserves the right to close registration before the stated deadline for any contest that receives more than 30 entries. The DC State Fair reserves the right to cancel any contest that does not receive at least two entries on judging day.
10. No profanity or sexually explicit content may be submitted for any of the contests. The DC State Fair reserves the right to exclude any entry deemed inappropriate or ineligible. Contest entries may be disqualified for failure to comply with regulations of the DC State Fair or the District of Columbia, or for any reason deemed appropriate by the DC State Fair President or Contests Committee Chair (or their designees).
11. DC State Fair officials are not responsible for lost items, so consider bringing entries in disposable (preferably recyclable or compostable) containers. Any non-disposable containers will be available for claiming at the fair, then donated or disposed of at the close of the event if not claimed.
12. Upon submission, culinary contest entries become the property of the DC State Fair. Agricultural and artistic contest entries can be returned to contest participants after judging, upon request.
13. Contest participants grant the DC State Fair the right to utilize the submitted materials in future fair promotions or activities.
14. Members of the DC State Fair Board of Directors may not participate in any judged contests.
15. Sponsors of a contest, or employees of an organization sponsoring a contest, may not submit entries for the contest they or their organization is sponsoring.
16. Individuals submitting contest entries cannot judge the contest(s) in which they enter but may judge other contests.

17. Contest winners must be present on the day of the fair to collect their ribbons or make special arrangements with one of the members of the DC State Fair Board of Directors to collect their ribbons after the fair.
18. All decisions are final. There will be no appeals.

## **Agricultural Contests Rules**

### **Compost**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Compost

#### RULES

1. All entries must be submitted in a reusable, easy-to-open container containing at least two cups of compost.
2. Individuals may not submit more than one entry.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Consistency (40%)
  - a. Compost is dark in color and original materials can no longer be distinguished. If there are larger clumps present, they easily break apart when squeezed.
2. Smell (30%)
  - a. Compost smells earthy, not sour or mildewy.
3. Moisture Level (30%)
  - a. Compost is moist, not dry or soggy.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the compost contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry, accompanied with a removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date.

### **Egg (Chicken)**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Egg (Chicken)

#### RULES

1. Each egg entered must be from a backyard pet chicken or a school garden chicken.
2. Each egg must be properly cleaned, dried, and placed in an egg carton before being received for judging.
3. Any entry that is visibly dirty or has an odor will be disqualified.
4. Individuals may submit up to two entries.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Weight (25%)

- a. Egg weighs at least 1.92 ounces and no more than 2.33 ounces.
2. Uniformity of Color (25%)
  - a. Egg is consistent in color.
3. Uniformity of Shape (25%)
  - a. Egg is consistent in shape.
4. Shell Texture (25%)
  - a. Egg is not rough, wrinkled, porous, or has ridges.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the egg (chicken) contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry, accompanied with a removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date.

### **Garden Haul**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Garden Haul

#### RULES

1. Garden haul must be from one's own home garden or plot at a community garden.
2. Garden haul must be from a single harvest on one day.
3. Individuals may not submit more than one entry.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Quantity (40%)
  - a. The sheer quantity of fruits and/or vegetables is impressive.
2. Variety (30%)
  - a. There is a nice variety of different fruits and/or vegetables in the haul.
3. Color (30%)
  - a. The haul includes a beautiful rainbow of fruits and/or vegetables.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the garden haul contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Submit a photo of your entry at <https://forms.gle/1qAsaamC1HnWmneS9> by August 31. Note that uploading documents to that form requires a Google account sign in. If you are unable to access or submit the form, please send your photo submission to [contests@dcstatefair.org](mailto:contests@dcstatefair.org), with the subject line "Garden Haul Contest Submission." In the email, include your name, the email you used to register for the contest, and the name of the entry.

### **Honey**



## PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Honey

## RULES

1. You must be an amateur beekeeper.
2. You can enter one jar of honey.
3. All types of honey displayed must be protected from honeybees and other insects. Clear glass jars are recommended for this purpose.
4. Submissions should be in a clear, glass jar with no imprints or labels, so no Mason (canning) jars. Minimum size is 8 oz; one pound is preferred.
5. All beekeepers and hives entering the contest must be a resident of the District of Columbia to be eligible to compete.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Density or Moisture Content (20%)
  - a. Moisture content over 18.6% will result in zero points. All honey contains moisture or water. Excess moisture increases the growth of yeast cells that can result in fermentation and make honey unfit for human consumption. Judges often use a cut-off point of 18.6% and disqualify entries with additional moisture; in this case entries will receive no points and advice on honey handling.
2. Absence of Granulation or Crystallization (20%)
  - a. All honey will eventually solidify (granulate or crystallize). Neither crystallization nor granulation are good attributes for liquid honey prepared for judging or for sale. Crystals create unpleasant grit in the honey. A more serious problem is that the formation of granules/crystals in liquid honey will increase the moisture content of the remaining liquid portion of the product which can lead to fermentation.
3. Cleanliness (20%)
  - a. Cleanliness including the absence of lint, dirt, wax, and foam are among the most easily controlled factors by the beekeeper. The terms are self-explanatory with the possible exception of foam, which refers to air bubbles trapped in the honey.
4. Flavor (20%)
  - a. Flavor is a very subjective characteristic. In this situation the use of flavor as a factor in judging honey will be limited to checking for off flavors not produced by the bees (I.e. residue from mite treatments, feeding).
5. Container Appearance: Cleanliness and Uniformity (20%)
  - a. Honey should be presented in a clear glass jar with no imprints or labels (and no Mason/canning jars). The minimum size is 8 oz, but one-pound jars are preferred. Honey fill should be even with the "fill line" below the cap to ensure accuracy and uniformity of volume. The judges will pay special attention to the cleanliness and lack of wear to the container and its lid. This attention to container and lid cleanliness includes the inside of the lid.

## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the honey contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry, accompanied with a removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date.

### **Micro Garden**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Micro Garden

#### RULES

1. Micro garden must be in or around one's home, such as on a windowsill or front steps.
2. Micro garden must include more than one fruit, vegetable, or flower.
3. Individuals may submit up to two entries.
4. All individuals entering this contest must be a resident of the District of Columbia.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Use of Space (50%)
  - a. Micro garden creatively uses the space, including containers and positioning that maximizes how much can be grown.
2. Variety (50%)
  - a. Micro garden includes a variety of fruits, vegetables, and/or flowers.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the micro garden contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Submit a photo of your entry at <https://forms.gle/1qAsaamC1HnWmneS9> by August 31. Note that uploading documents to that form requires a Google account sign in. If you are unable to access or submit the form, please send your photo submission to [contests@dcstatefair.org](mailto:contests@dcstatefair.org), with the subject line "Micro Garden Contest Submission." In the email, include your name, the email you used to register for the contest, and the name of the entry.

### **Tomato**

#### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best Red Tomato
- Best Non-Red Tomato
- Best Heirloom Tomato

#### RULES

1. The tomato must have been grown in a District residence, school, or community garden.
2. Individuals may not submit more than one entry for each of the three categories listed above.

3. If cherry tomatoes are being submitted, enough must be submitted to be roughly equivalent to the size of a beefsteak tomato.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Flavor (40%)
  - a. Tomato is flavorful, with a strong tomato taste. It is slightly acidic, juicy, and fresh tasting with a tender skin.
2. Firmness/Slicing Quality (25%)
  - a. Tomato has a dense, uniform thick wall with many seed cavities, completely filled with a jelly-like mass. The firmness of the tomato is pleasing: not too mushy (or mealy) and not too hard. The tomato should be such that it will bruise if dropped, yet is not over-ripe.
3. Exterior Color (25%)
  - a. Tomato has a uniform color, is free of green shoulders and has no evidence of blotchy ripening or other defects. The winning heirloom tomato can be multicolored.
4. Shape: (10%)
  - a. Tomato is either very symmetrical or has a unique, funky shape. If multiple cherry tomatoes are submitted, they are near uniform in size.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the tomato contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry, accompanied with a removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date.

### **Vegetable/Fruit**

#### PRIZES

One blue (1<sup>st</sup> place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Funkiest Looking Vegetable/Fruit
- Heaviest Vegetable/Fruit
- Best Spud

#### RULES

1. Individuals may not register more than one entry for each of the three categories listed above.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. For funkiest looking vegetable or fruit, the winner will be 100% determined by which one strikes the judges as most funky, to include but not be exclusive of, unique shape, most warts, or most striking color pattern.
2. For heaviest vegetable or fruit, the winner will be 100% determined by the ones that reaches the highest number on a scale.
3. For best spud, the winner will be determined as follows:
  - a. Appearance (50%)

- i. Potato is smooth; uniformly-shaped; and free from cuts, bruises, green areas, or sprouts
- b. Firmness (50%)
  - i. Potato feels uniformly firm without soft spots.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the vegetable/fruit contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry, accompanied with a removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date.

## Culinary Contests Rules

### Biscuit

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Biscuit

#### RULES

1. Biscuits must be made from scratch (no prebaked, premade/package mixes).
2. At least four and up to six biscuits from the same batch must be submitted as one entry.
3. Individuals may not submit more than one entry.
4. Biscuits cannot contain any of the following: uncooked cream, cream cheese, Jell-O/gelatin, raw eggs, or other products that are high risk for spoilage. No items that require refrigeration will be accepted.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - b. Biscuit has a buttery and rich flavor.
2. Appearance (30%)
  - a. Biscuit is symmetrical with vertical sides.
  - b. Biscuit has a golden brown crust.
3. Texture (30%)
  - a. Biscuit is flaky and tender, not crumbly or dry.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the biscuit contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### Bread

#### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best Sourdough
- Best Rye Bread
- Best Cornbread
- Best Focaccia

#### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry for each of the four categories listed above.
2. Each entry must be a whole, unsliced loaf.
3. Each entry must be made from scratch (no prebaked, premade/package bread mixes).
4. Bread cannot contain any of the following: uncooked cream, cream cheese, Jell-O/gelatin, raw eggs, or other products that are high risk for spoilage. No items that require refrigeration will be accepted.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Sourdough has a delightful level of tanginess.
  - b. Rye bread has a vibrant, earthy flavor.
  - c. Cornbread is either sweet or savory, and includes a rich, distinct corn flavor.
  - d. Focaccia has a rich, subtle, slightly yeasty flavor.
2. Appearance (30%)
  - a. Sourdough has a crispy crust with a caramelized brown color.
  - b. Rye bread has a dark, consistent color.
  - c. Cornbread has a bright golden color.
  - d. Focaccia has a dimpled look with air pockets throughout.
3. Texture (30%)
  - a. Sourdough is pleasantly chewy.
  - b. Rye bread is slightly dense and not tough or gummy.
  - c. Cornbread is moist and soft with a pleasant grainy texture.
  - d. Focaccia has a crisp crust and a light and chewy interior.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the bread contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### Cake

#### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best Chocolate Cake
- Best Non-Chocolate Cake
- Best Vegan Cake
- Best Gluten Free Cake

#### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry for each of the four categories listed above.
2. Individuals may submit the same cake for more than one category (e.g., a vegan chocolate cake).

3. Each entry must be made from scratch. No mixes (cake, cookie, pudding, jello, frosting, icing or other mixes) will be accepted as ingredients in the entry.
4. Cake cannot contain any of the following: uncooked cream, cream cheese, Jell-O/gelatin, raw eggs, or other products that are high risk for spoilage. No items that require refrigeration will be accepted.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Cake is satisfying, nuanced, and sweet but not overly so.
2. Appearance (30%)
  - a. Cake is appealing and well decorated or presented.
3. Texture (30%)
  - a. Cake is soft and moist.
  - b. Cake is fluffy and spongy, with an evenly airy crumb.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the cake contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### **Meat Chili**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Meat Chili

#### RULES

1. Beans can be canned, but no other canned ingredients may be used.
2. Individuals may not submit more than one entry.
3. Entry must be brought in a slow cooker or other appliance to keep it warm throughout judging.
4. Entry cannot contain any of the following: uncooked meat, uncooked dairy products, raw eggs, or other products that are high risk for spoilage or might cause sickness.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Chili is hearty and rich. Chili has an enjoyable level of spice.
2. Appearance (30%)
  - a. Chili is an appetizing color, with key ingredients easily distinguished.
3. Texture (30%)

- a. Meat in the chili is tender and not disintegrating. Chili has a pleasant level of chunkiness and is not too watery or too dry.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the chili contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry in an appliance that can keep it warm to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### **Vegetarian or Vegan Chili**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Vegetarian or Vegan Chili

#### RULES

1. Beans can be canned, but no other canned ingredients may be used.
2. Individuals may not submit more than one entry.
3. Chili must be brought in a slow cooker or other appliance to keep it warm throughout judging.
4. Chili cannot contain any of the following: uncooked dairy products, raw eggs, or other products that are high risk for spoilage or might cause sickness.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Chili is hearty and rich. Chili has an enjoyable level of spice.
2. Appearance (30%)
  - a. Chili is an appetizing color, with key ingredients easily distinguished.
3. Texture (30%)
  - a. Ingredients in the chili are tender and not disintegrating. Chili has a pleasant level of chunkiness and is not too watery or too dry.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the chili contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry in an appliance that can keep it warm to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.



## Cider

### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best Sweet Cider
- Best Dry Cider

### RULES

1. Entries must be submitted in two 12 oz. to 25.4 oz. bottles. The bottles may be corked and caged or have a swing top. The bottles will not be returned to contest participants.
2. Individuals may not submit more than one entry for each of the two categories listed above.
3. Individuals must be 21 years of age or older to participate in the cider contest.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Flavor (100%)
  - a. Cider has an enjoyable and refreshing taste.

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the cider contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to a to-be-announced public transit accessible bar on Saturday September 9 at a to-be-announced time in the afternoon/early evening. Exact location and time will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

## Cookie

### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best Cookie
- Best Vegan Cookie
- Best Gluten Free Cookie

### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry for each of the three categories listed above.
2. Individuals may submit the same cookie for more than one category (e.g., a vegan, gluten free cookie).
3. Each entry must be made from scratch (no prebaked, premade/packaged mixes).
4. You must submit at least eight cookies from the same batch.
5. Cookies cannot contain any of the following: uncooked cream, cream cheese, Jell-O/gelatin, raw eggs, or other products that are high risk for spoilage. No items that require refrigeration will be accepted.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Cookie is satisfying, nuanced, and sweet but not overly so.
2. Appearance (30%)
  - a. Cookie looks appetizing and holds its shape.
3. Texture (30%)
  - a. Cookie has an appealing level of crispiness and/or softness.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the cookie contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### Homebrew

#### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best Hoppy Beer
- Best Malty Beer
- Best Roasty Beer
- Best Fruity Beer

#### RULES

1. This contest is not a Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) competition.
2. Individuals may not submit more than one entry for each of the four categories listed above.
3. Each entry requires two 12 oz. to 25.4 oz. (750 ml) bottles of beer. The bottles may be corked and caged or swing top, but the bottles will not be returned to you. Bottles may not have glued labels on them.
4. Individuals must be 21 years of age or older to participate in the homebrew contest.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. Flavor (100%)
  - a. Hoppy beer: hop bitterness, flavor or aroma is the dominant or codominant characteristic. These may include BJCP style categories 11, 12, 18, 19, 21, 22.
  - b. Malty beer: malt or sweet flavor is the dominant or codominant characteristic. These may include BJCP style categories 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 17.
  - c. Roasty beer: dark malt, smoked malt or toasted wood flavor or, aroma is the dominant or codominant characteristic. These may include BJCP style categories 8B, 13C, 15, 16, 19C, 20, 21B, 32, 33.

- d. Fruity beer: beers for which fruit is the dominant or codominant characteristic. These may include BJCP style categories 10, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the homebrew contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to a to-be-announced public transit accessible bar on Saturday September 9 at a to-be-announced time in the afternoon/early evening. Exact location and time will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### **Jam/Jelly/Chutney**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Jam/Jelly/Chutney

#### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than two entries.
2. Entries must be properly processed and sealed according to accepted safe-canning procedures.
3. Entries must be based on recipes from trusted published sources, such as the Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving or the United States Department of Agriculture Complete Guide to Home Canning. Helpful websites on canning are available at <http://www.uga.edu/nchfp>, <http://www.freshpreserving.com/getting-started>, or [http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications\\_usda.html](http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications_usda.html).
4. Entries must include the source of the recipe and the complete recipe, including the processing method and time, and the size of the jar.
5. All entries must be exhibited in clear glass, standard home-canning jars in half-pint (8 oz.), pint (16 oz.), or quart (32 oz.) size. Products in fluted or blue-tinted jars will not be accepted. Use self-sealing jars only with two-piece metal canning lids (flat lid and band).
6. The lid (not the glass) must be labeled with the product name and the date processed. Do NOT place your name on the label, as entries will be numbered for anonymous judging.
7. All jars must be clean and have lids and bands free from mold and rust.
8. All entries must have been processed after September 9, 2022. (No entries should have been canned before September 9, 2022.)
9. All entries must be shelf-stable. Entries preserved in alcohol, entries that require refrigeration, fermented foods, unsealed jars, entries canned with paraffin, and entries that show signs of spoilage will not be accepted.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges will follow the current safety recommendation of the National Center for Home Food Preservation and rate entries on characteristics other than taste. The following scoring method will be used:

1. Container (10%)
  - a. Lid neatly labeled with name of product and processing date. Vacuum-sealed. Clean, clear glass standard home-canning jar of appropriate size for product and process. Matching lid and band, clean and free of rust. Band unbent and easily removed.
2. Pack (30%)
  - a. Jar filled to appropriate headspace (1/2 inch). Proper balance of solids and liquids, neatly packed. Liquid covers all solids. No floating pieces. Food pieces evenly distributed throughout jar. No vertical or horizontal layering (“fancy pack”). Spices and seasonings attractive in pack.
3. Liquid (20%)
  - a. Clear with no unnatural cloudiness. Free of bubbles, sediment, mold, and foreign matter (stems, cores etc.).
4. Color (20%)
  - a. Even color characteristic of cooked product. No artificial coloring. Color and translucency uniform throughout the jar. Free of discoloration or blemishes on food pieces.
5. Texture/Consistency (20%)
  - a. Pieces appear plump, not shriveled or shrunken. Food pieces evenly sliced or chopped. Pleasing aroma appropriate for product; no indication of spoilage. Spices and seasonings not overwhelming. Jams are made from crushed fruits cooked to a smooth consistency that will mound up on a spoon but not jelly firm.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the jam/jelly/chutney contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### **Jollof Rice**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Jollof Rice

#### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry.
2. Each entry must be made from scratch (no premade/packaged mixes).

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Jollof rice makes the judge’s mouth happy. It has a smoky element and is deeply flavorful.

2. Appearance (30%)
  - a. Jollof rice is an appetizing tone of red.
3. Texture (30%)
  - a. Jollof rice has a pleasing level of firmness and is not mushy.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the jollof rice contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### **Mac and Cheese**

#### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best Dairy Mac and Cheese
- Best Vegan Mac and Cheese

#### RULES

1. Other than the pasta, entries must be made from scratch (no premade/package mixes).
2. Individuals may not submit more than one entry.
3. Entry must include at least four cups' worth of food.
4. Entry must be brought in a slow cooker, covered casserole dish, or other container to keep it relatively warm throughout judging.
5. Entry cannot include meat.
6. Entry cannot contain any of the following: uncooked dairy products, raw eggs, or other products that are high risk for spoilage or might cause sickness.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Mac and cheese is rich and creamy.
2. Appearance (30%)
  - a. Mac and cheese has an appetizing, non artificial color.
3. Texture (30%)
  - a. Mac and cheese is smooth and consistent, and may include an element of crunchy texture as contrast.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the mac and cheese contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.

2. Bring your entry in an appliance or dish that can keep it warm to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### **Mocktail**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Mocktail

#### RULES

1. Individuals must bring their own ingredients and any equipment to make mocktails live for judging.
2. Individuals may not use more than six liquid ingredients. Additional ingredients such as garnishes do not count toward this limit.
3. Glasses of an unknown shape will be provided.
4. Individuals may not make more than one mocktail for judging.
5. The number of entries will be capped at eight.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Mocktail has a pleasant, refreshing taste.
2. Appearance (30%)
  - a. Mocktail has an appealing color and its overall look is pleasing to the eye.
3. Pizazz (30%)
  - a. Individual displayed a fun level of energy and style during the competition.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bring up to six liquid ingredients and any equipment needed to make your mocktails on fair day, Sunday September 10. An exact time for this contest will be announced closer to September. The ingredients must be labeled or you must provide a list of ingredients.
2. Make a mocktail live in front of an audience in a limited amount of time.

### **Pickled Foods**

#### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best Cucumber Pickle
- Best Pickle (Non-Cucumber)

#### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry for each of the two categories listed above.
2. Your entry must be properly processed and sealed according to accepted safe-canning procedures. Entries must be based on recipes from trusted published sources, such as the Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving or the United States Department of Agriculture Complete Guide to Home Canning. Helpful websites on canning are available at <http://www.uga.edu/nchfp>, <http://www.freshpreserving.com/getting-started>, or [http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications\\_usda.html](http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications_usda.html).
3. Entries must include the source of the recipe and the complete recipe, including the processing method and time, the type and amount of vinegar used (for pickles), and the size of the jar.
4. All entries must be exhibited in clear glass, standard home-canning jars in half-pint (8 oz.), pint (16 oz.), or quart (32 oz.) size. Products in fluted or blue-tinted jars will not be accepted. Use self-sealing jars only with two-piece metal canning lids (flat lid and band). These containers will not be returned to you.
5. The lid (not the glass) must be labeled with the product name and the date processed. Do NOT place your name on the label, as entries will be numbered for anonymous judging.
6. All jars must be clean and have lids and bands free from mold and rust.
7. All entries must have been processed after September 9, 2022. (No entries should have been canned before September 9, 2022.)
8. All entries must be shelf-stable. Entries preserved in alcohol, entries that require refrigeration, fermented foods, unsealed jars, entries canned with paraffin, and entries that show signs of spoilage will not be accepted.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges will follow the current safety recommendation of the National Center for Home Food Preservation and rate entries on characteristics other than taste. The following scoring method will be used:

1. Container (10%)
  - a. Lid neatly labeled with name of product and processing date. Vacuum-sealed. Clean, clear glass standard home-canning jar of appropriate size for product and process. Matching lid and band, clean and free of rust. Band unbent and easily removed.
2. Pack (30%)
  - a. Jar filled to appropriate headspace (1/2 inch). Proper balance of solids and liquids, neatly packed. Liquid covers all solids. No floating pieces. Food pieces evenly distributed throughout jar. No vertical or horizontal layering ("fancy pack"). Spices and seasonings attractive in pack.
3. Liquid (20%)
  - a. Clear with no unnatural cloudiness. Free of bubbles, sediment, mold, and foreign matter (stems, cores etc.).
4. Color (20%)
  - a. Even color characteristic of cooked product. No artificial coloring except for a few specialty cucumber or apple-ring pickles. Color and translucency uniform throughout the jar. Free of discoloration or blemishes on food pieces.
5. Texture/Consistency (20%):

- a. Pieces appear plump, not shriveled or shrunken. If pickles, no internal holes and pickles should be firm. Food pieces evenly sliced or chopped. Pleasing aroma appropriate for product; no indication of spoilage. Spices and seasonings not overwhelming.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the pickled foods contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### **Best Pie in Show**

#### PRIZES

One best in show rosette and a baking-related gift card will be awarded to the overall best pie, regardless of category.

#### RULES

1. Pie must be entered into a specific category (apple pie, fruit non-apple pie, sweet non-fruit pie) and abide to all applicable rules.
2. Winning pie will be removed from consideration from the specific categories.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Top score (100%)
  - a. Pie with the highest score across all categories will be deemed the Best Pie in Show.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for one of the pie contests at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31 and follow submission instructions for that pie contest. Best Pie in Show will be selected from the individual pie categories.

### **Apple Pie**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Apple Pie

#### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry.



2. Entries must be made from scratch -- crust and filling -- (no prebaked, premade/package crusts, or canned pie fillings).
3. Entries cannot contain any of the following: uncooked cream, cream cheese, Jell-O/gelatin, raw eggs, or other products that are high risk for spoilage. No pies that require refrigeration will be accepted.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Pie is satisfying, nuanced, and sweet but not overly so.
2. Appearance (20%)
  - a. Pie appearance is pleasing to the eye.
3. Crust (20%)
  - a. Pie crust is flaky and tender, not dry or tough.
  - b. No soggy bottoms.
4. Filling (20%)
  - a. Pie filling has a pleasant texture and is in appropriate proportion in relation to the crust.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the apple pie contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### **Fruit Non-Apple Pie**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Fruit Not-Apple Pie

#### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry.
2. Entries must be made from scratch -- crust and filling -- (no prebaked, premade/package crusts, or canned pie fillings).
3. Entries cannot contain any of the following: uncooked cream, cream cheese, Jell-O/gelatin, raw eggs, or other products that are high risk for spoilage. No pies that require refrigeration will be accepted.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Pie is satisfying, nuanced, and sweet but not overly so.
2. Appearance (20%)

- a. Pie appearance is pleasing to the eye.
- 3. Crust (20%)
  - a. Pie crust is flaky and tender, not dry or tough.
  - b. No soggy bottoms.
- 4. Filling (20%)
  - a. Pie filling has a pleasant texture and is in appropriate proportion in relation to the crust.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the fruit non-apple pie contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### **Sweet Non-Fruit Pie**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Sweet Non-Fruit Pie

#### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry.
2. Entries must be made from scratch -- crust and filling -- (no prebaked, premade/package crusts, or canned pie fillings).
3. Entries cannot contain any of the following: uncooked cream, cream cheese, Jell-O/gelatin, raw eggs, or other products that are high risk for spoilage. No pies that require refrigeration will be accepted.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Pie is satisfying, nuanced, and sweet but not overly so.
2. Appearance (20%)
  - a. Pie appearance is pleasing to the eye.
3. Crust (20%)
  - a. Pie crust is flaky and tender, not dry or tough.
  - b. No soggy bottoms.
4. Filling (20%)
  - a. Pie filling has a pleasant texture and is in appropriate proportion in relation to the crust.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the sweet non-fruit pie contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.

2. Bring your entry to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

### **Pie Eating**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Fastest Pie Eating

#### RULES

1. Individuals must be present in person at the DC State Fair to participate.
2. Individuals must not use their hands when eating pie.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Speed (100%)
  - a. Fastest pie eating without being disqualified.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the pie eating contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31. Walk-up registrants may also be accepted on the day of the fair.
2. Eat a pie the fastest in front of an audience without the use of your hands.

### **Sauce/Salsa**

#### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best BBQ Sauce
- Best Hot Sauce
- Best Mumbo Sauce
- Best Salsa

#### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry for each of the four categories listed above.
2. All entries must be exhibited in clear glass jars or containers. Entries in green or blue-tinted glass will not be accepted.
3. All containers must be clean and have lids and bands free from mold and rust.
4. All entries must have been processed after September 1, 2023. (No entries should have been containerized before September 2, 2023).

5. All entries must be shelf-stable. Entries preserved in alcohol, entries that require refrigeration, unpasteurized fermented foods, unsealed jars, entries canned with paraffin, and entries that show signs of spoilage will not be accepted.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Taste (40%)
  - a. Sauces are flavorful with an enjoyable level of spice and/or sweetness.
  - b. Salsa has bold, fresh flavors.
2. Appearance (30%)
  - a. Sauces have a homogenous, appetizing color.
  - b. Salsa has an appealing look with vibrant colors.
3. Texture (30%)
  - a. Sauces are homogeneous in texture, with an enjoyable level of granulation.
  - b. Salsa has a pleasing texture, no matter where it is on the spectrum from smooth to chunky.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the sauce/salsa contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date. Alongside your entry, bring the following:
  - a. A removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry.
  - b. A list of ingredients used in making your entry.

## Artistic Contests Rules

### District-Themed Art

#### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best District Drawing
- Best District Painting
- Best District Digital Illustration
- Best Trash to Treasure Environmental Art

#### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry for each of the four categories listed above.
2. Entries must be original works of art in specified media, and completed within the past two years, and not previously exhibited at the DC State Fair. Works cannot use published patterns or be copies/prints of the individual's original work.
3. Entries (except for digital illustrations) are limited to a maximum size of 36 inches in any direction.
4. Entries should not contain parts that expose the public, judges, or volunteers to injury (i.e. sharp edges or points).
5. The DC State Fair is not responsible for any damage to entries.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Design (40%)
  - a. Artwork has appealing and interesting shape, form, color, proportion, and/or texture.
2. Concept and Creativity (30%)
  - a. Artwork exhibits meaning and originality.
3. Skill and Handling of Medium (30%)
  - a. Artwork conveys mastery of the medium.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

For District Digital Illustration:

1. Register for the District-themed art contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Submit a file of your entry at <https://forms.gle/1qAsaamC1HnWmneS9> by August 31. Note that uploading documents to that form requires a Google account sign in. If you are unable to access or submit the form, please send your photo submission to [contests@dcstatefair.org](mailto:contests@dcstatefair.org), with the subject line "District Digital Illustration Contest Submission." In the email, include your name, the email you used to register for the contest, and the name of the entry.

For all other categories:

1. Register for the District-themed art contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry, accompanied with a removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St

NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date.

## **Ceramic**

### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Ceramic

### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than two entries.
2. Entries must be original works of art, and completed within the past two years, and not previously exhibited at the DC State Fair.
3. Entries are limited to a maximum size of 36 inches in any direction.
4. Entries should not contain parts that expose the public, judges, or volunteers to injury (i.e. sharp edges or points).
5. The DC State Fair is not responsible for any damage to entries.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Design (40%)
  - a. Ceramic piece has appealing and interesting shape, form, color, proportion, and/or texture.
2. Concept and Creativity (30%)
  - a. Ceramic piece exhibits originality.
3. Skill and Handling of Medium (30%)
  - a. Ceramic piece conveys mastery of the medium.

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the ceramic contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry, accompanied with a removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date.

## **Fabric, Textile & Fiber Arts**

### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best Crochet
- Best Embroidery
- Best Knitting
- Best Quilt

### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry for each of the four categories listed above.
2. Each item must be handmade by the individual--however, quilters may have used a sewing machine in preparing their submission.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Beauty (40%)
  - a. Entry is pleasing to the eye.
2. Workmanship (30%)
  - a. Entry demonstrates mastery of the craft, with limited or no errors.
3. Creativity/Originality (30%)
  - a. Entry is notable in its meaning and uniqueness.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the fabric/textile fiber arts contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry, accompanied with a removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date.

### **Kids' Drawing**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Kids' Drawing

#### RULES

1. Individuals submitting an entry must be 13 years old or younger and must have approval from their parent/guardian to participate.
2. All entries are to be two-dimensional on a single sheet of paper, no larger than 8.5" x 11".
3. Individuals may submit up to two entries.
4. Entries may be created by pencil, crayon, colored pencil, or marker.
5. Entries must be original works of art in specified media, and completed within the past two years, and not previously exhibited at the DC State Fair.
6. The DC State Fair is not responsible for any damage to entries.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Design (40%)
  - a. Artwork has appealing and interesting shape, form, color, and/or proportion.
2. Creativity (30%)
  - a. Artwork exhibits originality.
3. Happiness (30%)
  - a. Artwork brings joy to the judge.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the kids drawing contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry, accompanied with a removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date.

### **Kids' Painting**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Kids' Painting

#### RULES

1. Individuals submitting an entry must be 13 years old or younger and must have approval from their parent/guardian to participate.
2. All entries are to be two-dimensional on a single sheet of paper, no larger than 8.5" x 11".
3. Individuals may submit up to two entries.
4. Entries may be created by paint, watercolor, or pastel.
5. Entries must be original works of art in specified media, and completed within the past two years, and not previously exhibited at the DC State Fair.
6. The DC State Fair is not responsible for any damage to entries.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Design (40%)
  - a. Artwork has appealing and interesting shape, form, color, and/or proportion.
2. Creativity (30%)
  - a. Artwork exhibits originality.
3. Happiness (30%)
  - a. Artwork brings joy to the judge.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the kids painting contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry, accompanied with a removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date.

### **Kids' Slime**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Kids' Slime



## RULES

1. Individuals submitting an entry must be 13 years old or younger and must have approval from their parent/guardian to participate.
2. Individuals may submit up to two entries.
3. Each entry must have 10 ounces of slime or less.
4. Entries must not use any of the below additives in ingredients:
  - a. Borax (any pure or high concentration of borax diluted in liquid)
  - b. Thermo-chromatic pigment (heat sensitive color changing powder)
  - c. Aerosol sprays or Aerosol strings (silly string)
  - d. Any poisonous, explosive substance, or any harmful chemicals
  - e. Any liquid detergents
  - f. Parts that would expose the public, judges, or volunteers to injury (e.g., sharp edges or points)
5. Entries must be submitted in a sealed bag or container with lid.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Appearance (40%)
  - a. Slime has an appealing look that catches the eye and sparks curiosity.
2. Texture (20%)
  - a. Slime has a pleasant texture when squished and can stretch some before it breaks.
3. Sound (20%)
  - a. Slime makes a fun sound when squished.
4. Creativity (20%)
  - a. Slime incorporates a unique combination of textures, colors, and ingredients.

## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the kids slime contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Bring your entry, accompanied with a removable label that includes your name, the contest category, and the name of the entry, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G St NW on Saturday September 9 between 10 am and 12 pm. Exact room location will be sent closer to the date.

## **Photography**

### PRIZES

One blue (1st place) ribbon will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Best Black and White Photo
- Best DC-Themed Photo
- Best Photo of People/Portraits
- Best Photo of a Pet/Animal

### RULES

1. Individuals may not submit more than one entry for each of the four categories listed above.

2. Only digital photographs may be submitted.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Composition (40%)
  - a. Objects in the photo are arranged in a meaningful, pleasing manner. An interesting perspective was used.
2. Technical Quality (30%)
  - a. Photograph uses focus in a skilled way.
3. Light/Color (30%)
  - a. Photograph represents skilled use of lighting, colors, and/or shading.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the photography contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Submit your entry at <https://forms.gle/1qAsaamC1HnWmneS9> by August 31. Note that uploading documents to that form requires a Google account sign in. If you are unable to access or submit the form, please send your photo submission to [contests@dcstatefair.org](mailto:contests@dcstatefair.org), with the subject line "Photography Contest Submission." In the email, include your name, the email you used to register for the contest, the category of your entry, and the name of the entry.

### **DC-Inspired Poem**

#### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best DC-Inspired Poem

#### RULES

1. Individuals may submit up to two entries.
2. Poems can be written in any poetic style, and must not exceed 150 words.
3. Poems must be written primarily in English, with some words or phrases in other languages allowed.
4. Previously published poems - print, broadcast, or online (including those that have appeared on websites, blogs, and personal home pages) - are not eligible. Poems that have previously won awards or prizes are not eligible.
5. Poems must be typed in a plain, legible font.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Creativity/Originality (40%)
  - a. Poem is notable in its meaning and uniqueness.
2. Coherence of Form and Structure (30%)
  - a. Poem conveys a pleasing harmony of words.
3. Clarity of Imagery and Language (30%)
  - a. Poem conveys its meaning in a vivid way.

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the DC-inspired poem contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31.
2. Submit your entry at <https://forms.gle/1qAsaamC1HnWmneS9> by August 31. Note that uploading documents to that form requires a Google account sign in. If you are unable to access or submit the form, please send your photo submission to [contests@dcstatefair.org](mailto:contests@dcstatefair.org), with the subject line "DC-Inspired Poem Contest Submission." In the email, include your name, the email you used to register for the contest, and the name of the entry.

## **Tattoo**

### PRIZES

Blue (1st place), red (2nd place), and white (3rd place) ribbons will be awarded in the following category:

- Best Tattoo

### RULES

1. Individuals must be present in person at the DC State Fair to participate.
2. Individuals may enter only one distinct tattoo for judging.
3. Individuals must share a brief explanation of their tattoo.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Audience Reception (100%)
  - a. Tattoo solicits positive and cheerful reaction from the audience.

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Register for the tattoo contest at <https://dcstatefair.org/2023contests> by August 31. Walk-up registrants may also be accepted on the day of the fair.
2. Show off your tattoo and the story behind it in front of an audience.