



**Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education, Inc.
Cultural & Textile Arts Show
2026 Guidelines for County Chairs**



ALL items, including Bonus Category, must be pre-registered. Registration is due August 1, 2026. Any items NOT pre-registered will NOT be judged or displayed. Only one (1) entry on each registration form. Send all forms together immediately after the county show including written entries. Each County may enter a total of 12 entries. *No County may have duplicate entries in any lettered sub-category.* The County Cultural Arts Chair must include a self-addressed postcard or email address to verify receipt of registration forms. If you do not receive verification within three (3) weeks, please call or email the WAHCE Cultural Arts Chair.

IMPORTANT: ALL entrants MUST sign the registration form. Please read and sign below as entries will NOT be accepted if unsigned. Entrants will not hold WAHCE responsible for any loss or damage to any item submitted for use in the WAHCE Cultural Arts Show. Entrants give permission for their photo, photos of their entry, and/or print copies of their written entry to be used by WAHCE as seen fit. **Judges have authority to put items in the proper category, if needed.**

All work must be done by the entrant and completed after last year's county show. It must receive first place at the current year's county show or fair. All items must be clean or laundered or will be disqualified by the judge. Kits and patterns may be used if the entrant does all the work. *All easels must have a securely taped label with name, county, and district.*

Color Coding of Registration Forms by Districts:

Central – White

Northeast – Yellow

Northwest-Light Blue

Southeast – Green

Southwest – Orange

West – Pink

Entry Day: Deliver items Sunday (September 20th) from 4:00 -7:00 pm or Monday (September 21st) 9:00 am - 11:30 am. Judging will begin at 12:00 pm. Members may view the show after the Monday evening activity until 10:30 pm. The viewing hours on Tuesday will be announced or posted. Times to pick up items will be posted.

Send registration and written entries to:

RITA LARSON, KENOSHA Cultural Arts Chairperson

7314 10TH Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53143

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-Cut on the dotted line and send in the **SIGNED** completed Registration Form and Claim Check **with both parts filled out.**

NOTE: You will receive your Claim Check when you bring in the items.

2026 Registration Form

Registration # and People's Choice Vote #: _____

Category (i.e., 2D) _____

Class (i.e. Acrylic Oil) _____

District: _____ County: _____

Name (PRINT) _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Title/Color/Pattern Description:

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Signature _____

County _____ Date: _____

2026 Claim Check

Claim Reference # _____

Category (i.e., 2D) _____

Class (i.e., Acrylic / Oil) _____

District: _____ County: _____

Name (PRINT) _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Title/Color/Pattern Description:



On all "other" categories, please attach a card with details of what the item is made from or how it was made, or what embellishments were used. All items with multiple or loose pieces please tie them together or put it in a box.

Counties: when you are bringing your items for check in, please have them in the same order as the Category Sheet. Also, whoever is keeping the claim tickets, there will be a sheet for your name and phone number if we need to contact someone.

- 1. Painting/Drawing:** Artwork Must be framed or canvas wrapped. Please spray charcoal or pencil drawings with fixative to avoid rubbing off onto another artwork. Must bring an easel with your name attached.
- 2. Photography:** Size Requirement: Must be an 8" x 10" print, unmatted and unframed. Place inside of an 8 ½" x 11" protective sheet.
- 3. Crafts:** 4 to 6 cards as stated on category sheet, without envelopes, must be mounted as a group on a 36" x 48" tri-board.
- 4. Diamond Art:** Size Requirement: No larger than 24" x 32". All pictures need an easel with a name attached.
- 6. Poem:** The writer must have two copies typed (12 pt font) which must accompany the registration form. Entries must NOT be framed or in book form. Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page. The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

7. Prose: 7A This must be an original Non-Fiction piece of writing written or published in the current year. (August 2025 to July 2026). Written piece must be 3,000 words or less. The writer must have two copies typed (12-point font) which must accompany the registration form. Entries must NOT be framed or in book form. Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page. The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

7B Fiction: This must be an original Fiction Short Story which has a beginning, middle, and end. Piece will need to be written or published in the current year. (August 2025 to July 2026). Written piece must be 3,000 words or less. The writer must have two copies typed (12-point font) which must accompany the registration form. Entries must NOT be framed or in book form. Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page. The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

7C Other: This must be original piece of writing written and/or published in the current year (August 2025 to July 2026) Written piece must be 3,000 words or less. The writer must have two copies, typed (12 pt font) which must accompany the registration form. Entries must NOT be framed or in book form. Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page. The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

15. Bed Quilt: Size Requirement: Must be larger than 60" x 80" (4,800 square inches). Measurement must be written on entry form and be confirmed by County Cultural Arts Chair. A 4"x6" picture is recommended for this category. The picture must be placed inside of a plastic bag along with the entry form and then attached to the right, bottom corner of quilt with a safety pin.

16. Small Quilt: Size Requirement: Smaller than 60" x 80" (4,800 Square Inches) Measurement must be written on entry form and be confirmed by County Cultural Arts Chair. A 4"x6" picture is recommended for this category. The picture must be placed inside of a plastic bag along with the entry form and then attached to the right, bottom corner of the quilt with a safety pin.

17. Quilted Wall Hanging: Size Requirement: No larger than 50" square. One Item only allowed. Must be submitted WITHOUT frames

19. Bonus Category Theme: "Celebrate HCE". Directions: This category is to be made with dried and/or silk flowers. Accessorize with other items. Size Restrictions: Container should not be larger than 10" square and 10" tall and needs to be measured by the County Cultural Arts Chair and size written on the entry form to be judged at the state level. Each county may submit one entry in the bonus category. The bonus category will be judged on originality and how unique and creative the concept is along with how well it has been crafted and designed.

Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education, Inc.				State Registration Deadline:	
2026 Categories for Cultural Arts and Textiles Contest and Show				August 1, 2026	
					
1*	PAINTING/DRAWING	8	HERITAGE SKILLS	14	SEWING
1A*	Oil	8A	Hardanger	14A	Children's Wear
1B*	Acrylic	8B	Tatting	14B	Adult Wear
1C*	Watercolor	8C	Wood carving or burning	14C	Useful Item
1D*	Alcohol Ink	8D	Basketry	14D	Purse or Tote
1E*	Pencil	8E	Spinning/Weaving	14E	Pillow
1F*	Charcoal	8F	Felting	14F	Item made from recycled materials
1G*	Any other item not listed.	8G	Wood Applique		
2*	PHOTOGRAPHY	8H	Rug Making	14G	Wearable Access (apron, hat, etc.)
2A*	Color – Landscape	8I	Rug Hooking	14H*	Any other item not listed
2B*	Color – Waterscape	8J	Quilling	15*	BED QUILT – 60" x 80"
2C*	Color – Skyscape	8*K	Any other Heritage Skill	15A*	Tied Quilt
2D*	Color – Plants	9	CONSTRUCTED ITEMS	15B*	Hand Quilted
2E*	Color – Animals/Creatures	9A	Clay/Pottery	15C*	Pieced-Machine/Computer Pattern Design
2F*	Color – People	9B	Woodworking item		
2G*	Any other photo not listed	9C	Textile/Fabric	15D*	Other-Machine/Computer Pattern Design
3*	CRAFTS	9D*	Any other item not listed		
3A*	Glass Craft	10	PAINTED OBJECT	15E*	Pieced-Machine/Freehand
3B*	Plastic Canvas	10A	China	15F*	Other-Machine/Freehand
3C*	6 Cards – Paper only, hand drawn	10B	Glass	15G*	Other - Embellishments
		10C	Fabric	16*	SMALL QUILT – Less 60" x 80"
3D*	6 cards – Paper only, stamped	10D	Wood	16A*	Tied Quilt
3E*	6 cards – Mixed media	10E	Ceramic/Kiln Fired	16B*	Hand Quilt
3F*	4 cards – fun fold cards	10F*	Any other item not listed	16C*	Pieced – Machine/Computer
3G*	Craft made from recycled materials	11	KNITTING	16D*	Other – Machine/Computer
		11A	Wearable Item	16E*	Pieced – Machine freehand
3H*	Any other craft not listed	11B	Wearable Accessory (hat, scarf, etc.)	16F*	Other – Machine freehand
4*	DIAMOND ART			16G*	Other - Embellishments
4A*	From a kit – full picture	11C	Afghan	17*	QUILTED WALL HANGING
4B*	From a kit – part picture, may include lights	11D*	Any other item not listed	17A*	Hand Quilted Fabric
		12	CROCHETING	17B*	Machine Quilted Fabric
4C*	From a kit – other not a picture	12A	Wearable item	17C*	Other – Embellishments
4D*	Original design – not a kit	12B	Wearable accessory (hat, scarf, etc.)	18	QUILTED TABLE TOPPER/ RUNNER
5	JEWELRY				
5A	Bracelet	12C	Afghan	18A	Hand Quilted
5B	Necklace	12D	Doily/dresser scarf	18B	Machine Quilted
5C	Earrings	12E*	Any other item not listed	18C*	Other - Embellishment
5D	Set of 2 or 3 pieces	13	HAND STITCHING	19*	BONUS ITEM "Celebrate HCE"
5E*	Any other item not listed	13A	Embroidery		
6*	POEM	13B	Cross Stitch		
7*	PROSE	13C	Counted Cross-Stitch		
7A*	Non-Fiction	13D*	Any other item not listed		
7B*	Fiction – Short story				
7C*	Any other item not listed				

Forms updated 1/11/2026

Please see **Entry Requirement Criteria Sheet** (previous page) for any category marked with an (*). All entries that do not meet the entry requirement criteria will be disqualified.