

## 2013 Rains County Fair Creative Arts Exhibits

Have you been working on your entries for the Creative Arts Contest at the Rains County Fair? I would love to see our Creative Arts Building over-flowing with the handiwork of the talented folks in Rains County. However, the contest is not limited to people living in Rains County, so please help us spread the word to others who might be interested.

Many of you have visited with me this summer about your canning projects, so make sure you bring them and show off your bountiful harvest. If you haven't canned anything yet this season, it is not too late!

Last year our Baked Goods Division was down a bit, so we want to get that contest back up and booming again! So dust off those cookbooks and dig out your best recipes and you may be the blue ribbon winner! Our fair visitors always enjoy taking a peek at the baked creations and we share the winning recipes in the Rains County Leader.

We also need our youth to get involved too! They may enter any of the divisions listed in the book, but they only compete against other youth. They may have some art projects they completed at school last year or this summer. In the past, our youth baked goods have been amazing! This is the perfect opportunity to get your kids and grandkids in the kitchen.

With our milder temperatures this summer, your plants should be flourishing! Pick out your best ones and enter them in the Horticulture Division. This is a great way to show off your gardening skills.

It is also no secret that Rains County has some of the best quilters in the State of Texas. This division is usually very large, so let's keep up that tradition.

The Rains County Fair starts on September 10th and runs through September 14th. Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, September 3 and Wednesday, September 4 at the Rains County Fairgrounds from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Adult and youth entries may be made in the following divisions: Antiques, Baked Goods, Canned Foods, Clothing, Collections, Dolls, Fine Arts, Handcrafts, Holiday, Home Accessories, Horticulture, Needlework, Photography, Quilting, and Woodworking. This year we have also add a Senior Citizens Division for exhibitors 70 years or older, with a special class for Nursing Home entries.

A complete list of rules and regulations are available in the Rains County Fair Books which may be picked up at Austin Bank, First National Bank, Hall's Pharmacy, Potts Feed Store, Rains County Leader, or the AgriLife Extension Service Office. You may

also access online at [http:// rains.agrilife.org](http://rains.agrilife.org). However, if you have any questions, you may call the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office at 903-473-4580.