

## 2014 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. The Rains County Fair starts on September 9th and runs through September 13th.

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!

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 and good rainfall 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.

With the addition of our new Creative Arts Demonstration Kitchen, we are adding a fun twist to our Baked Goods Contest. It will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014. Entries will be brought in that evening and judged in front of the audience.

Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, September 2 and Wednesday, September 3 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, Collections, Fine Arts, Handcrafts, Horticulture, Needlework, Photography, and Quilting.

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

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