

2026 Community Showcase

At the Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire



Handbook and Entry Form



Deadline to Enter: Monday, September 7th (by mail or email)

Deliver Entries: Thursday, September 17th (between 4-7pm)
Friday, September 18th (between 8am-Noon)
Dry Creek Ranch House/Historical Society
6852 Dry Creek Rd, Rio Linda

View Entries: Saturday, September 19th (between 9am-3pm)

Pick up & Awards: Saturday, September 19th (between 3-4pm)
(items *not* picked up will be donated or discarded)

The Community Showcase, awards and trophies are all sponsored by Rio Linda Grange #403

Copies of this book are available as a downloadable file by visiting the
Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire (**RLECF*) website: www.riolindaelvertacountryfaire.com.

MAIL your entry form to: Rio Linda Grange, PO Box 472, Rio Linda CA 95673

OR

EMAIL your entry form to: rleshowcase@gmail.com

Late Entry Forms and Late Entries Cannot be Accepted

Welcome to the 2026 RLE Country Faire Community Showcase!

The Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire Community Showcase is excited to announce a wonderful new location for this year's event — the beautiful Dry Creek Ranch House, also known as the Rio Linda Elverta Historical Society grounds. We are thrilled to bring the Showcase to this charming setting and especially excited to debut an outdoor tented exhibit space, allowing us to welcome even more community entries and create an even more enjoyable experience for exhibitors and guests alike. We look forward to gathering families, friends, and neighbors together to celebrate the creativity, talent, and spirit of our community.

The Community Showcase highlights the artistic talent, craftsmanship, creativity, and vision found throughout our region and is open to all residents of Sacramento, Placer, Yuba, and Sutter Counties.

All entries must be the original work of the exhibitor and completed during the current contest year. Except in categories specifically using recycled materials, all materials should be new. Entries should be clean, well-presented, and in good repair. Every effort will be made to ensure the care and safety of exhibits; however, neither the Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire nor the Rio Linda Grange #403 can be held responsible for damage, loss, or spoilage of entries, including food, produce, or floral exhibits.

Judges' decisions, as recorded on official judging sheets, are final. To encourage excellence, exhibits will be judged on merit, and judges reserve the right to withhold awards when appropriate. Best in Show awards may be presented at the judges' discretion to entries demonstrating exceptional quality.

Judging will follow the American System, in which entries are judged against one another and ranked accordingly. Typically, one 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place award may be given within each class. Additionally, we have now adopted the Barbara Florian Award as an annual honor that will be given to the "*high point exhibitor*". Further details about the Award is at the back of this handbook.

Exhibitors are encouraged to carefully review all contest rules and requirements before entering. Questions regarding rules, eligibility, or entry qualifications may be directed to the RLECF Showcase Committee at: rleshowcase@gmail.com.

You can scan and email your entry forms to rleshowcase@gmail.com. OR mail to:

The Rio Linda Grange
P.O. Box 472
Rio Linda, CA 95673

Entry Forms must be **RECEIVED** by: **September 7, 2026.**

Thank you for your interest in showing your talents at the Community Showcase.
Wishing you lots of fun and best of luck!!

2026 Rules

- 1) Showcase Exhibitors must be residents of Sacramento, Placer, Yuba or Sutter counties.
- 2) Advanced Registration is Required.
- 3) **A maximum of 2 entries per exhibitor will be allowed in any class.**
- 4) Substitution of exhibits will only be allowed within the same class, and by the same exhibitor.
- 5) **Exhibits must have been completed after September 20, 2025** to be eligible for entry in this show. Exhibits shown in an earlier RLECF Showcase may not be reentered.
- 6) Entries made from a kit will only be accepted in classes where the use of kits is allowed.
- 7) **Exhibits may be entered in only one class. If an entry fits into more than one class or contest it is up to the exhibitor to select the class in which the entry best fits.**
- 8) All entries must be submitted using the Official RLECF Community Showcase Entry Form located at the end of this handbook.
- 9) All judges' decisions are final.

Entry Instructions

All entries must be submitted on the official 2026 RLECF Showcase Entry Form.

Complete the entry form. Clearly print all information. Birthdate and age information is only required for Junior and Youth exhibitors. Make sure to sign your entry. Entry confirmation will be provided by email. List all items entered. Please make sure to keep a copy of your entry form.

For each exhibit make sure to list the correct Division number, Section (Age Group) and Class number. Item description can include titles for artwork and photography; variety or type for food entries (i.e., Kiwi Jam, Butter Cookies), or description of the actual entry (i.e. Blue silk pantsuit, seed mosaic of "Project Sustenance Logo"). *Please be brief.*

If another person is transporting your exhibits to the RLE Country Faire Showcase, be sure that each exhibit is well marked with a removable tag including your name, as

well as Division, Category and Class entered.

Bring your copy of the Entry Form to check in. Entry tags will be provided at check in. This will aid everyone in the check-in process. Claim checks will be given as entries are received. Claim checks are required for exhibit pick-up. Photos & artwork **must be ready to hang.**

Definitions

Amateur: A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession.

Professional: A person who engages in an event or activity to earn money rather than as a hobby.

Group: More than one person working together on a project, exhibit or entry.

Section: Age classification.

Junior: Classes for ages 4 to 14 (age determined as of January 1, 2026).

Youth: Classes for ages 14-18 inclusive.

Adult: Classes for ages 18+

Open: Classes in which all ages compete without separate Sections for each age group.

Entry Deadline: The date when entry forms must be received.

Entry/Entries: An object or collection of objects intended for exhibit.

Entry Form: The paperwork or digital form required for entering a contest.

Entry Label: The identification form required to be attached to any entry.

Entry Receiving: The date and time, and location for the receiving of items for judging.

Exhibitor: The person who produced the entry and owner of the exhibit.

Exceptionally Abled Exhibitor: Members of the community who have educational handicaps or other special needs.



ART

Best In Show Art, \$25 Cash Award

2-D ART & Photography

Entries must be the original work of the exhibitor. Maximum size 20x30" including frame, no minimum size. Entries will be judged according to the medium used. Charcoal, Pencil, and Pastel entries must have been treated for permanency to stop smudging. Photos & artwork **must be ready to hang**. Glass covering is not allowed on any entry, Plexiglas and other non-breakable coverings are acceptable. NO AI Generated Pieces. No nudes.

Section A	Junior
Section B	Youth
Section C	Adult
Section D	Professional
Section E	Exceptionally Abled

Division 10 2-D Art

Class	1	Painting - Acrylic
Class	1A	Painting - Oil
Class	1B	Painting - Watercolor
Class	1C	All other
Class	2	Drawing
Class	3	"Art Night" (*Paint & Sip) single session art class
Class	4	Digital Art created by Exhibitor <i>without AI</i>
Class	5	Mixed Media
Class	6	Any other 2-D art

Division 11 Photography

Class	1	Landscape/Seascape
Class	2	Portrait - Human
Class	3	Macro *close-up detail, larger than life
Class	4	Animals/Plants/Agriculture
Class	5	Agriculture
Class	6	Family, Still Life, Travel
Class	7	Computer Manipulated
Class	8	Black and White



3-D ART

Fine 3-D Art should not be confused with Crafts, which has its own division. Large pieces may require the exhibitor to deliver and set up on their own. Entries **must be ready to hang**. Please indicate size of piece on your entry form.

Division 12 3-D Art

Class	1	Ceramic, Clay, or Plaster
Class	2	Glass – blown, molded, or constructed
Class	3	Metalwork – webbed, shaped, or cast
Class	4	Mobile
Class	5	Wood
Class	6	Any other 3-D art

CRAFTS

Best In Show Crafts, \$25 Cash Award

Section A1	Junior, 9 & Under
Section A2	Junior, 10-14
Section B	Youth 14-18
Section C	Adult 18+
Section D	Professional
Section E	Exceptionally Abled

Division 20 Crafts

Class	1	Ceramics
Class	2	Metal
Class	3	Basketry
Class	4	Any other Kind

Division 22 General Crafts

Class	1	Recycled craft item
Class	3	Natural objects (painted rocks, baskets, etc.)
Class	4	Hand beading, other than clothing or jewelry
Class	5	String art
Class	6	Any other craft item

Division 23 Jewelry

Class	1	Hand beaded
Class	2	Earrings
Class	3	Necklaces
Class	4	Bracelets
Class	5	Rings
Class	6	Broches
Class	7	Set

WOODWORKING

Entries in these classes are limited in size to a maximum of 24" x 24 x 24". Exhibits in Class 1 may be constructed from kits or may be cut out by another person and finished by the entrant.

- Section A Junior
- Section B Youth
- Section C Adult
- Section D Professional
- Section E Exceptionally Abled

Division 24 Woodworking

- Class 1 Pre-cut
- Class 2 Self-cut
- Class 3 Machine carved/Lathed
- Class 4 Hand carved/whittled

CREATIVE WRITING

Division 40 Creative Writing

- Section A1 Junior, 9 & Under
- Section A2 Junior, 10-14
- Section B Youth
- Section C Adult
- Section D Professional
- Section E Exceptionally Abled

- Class 1 My superpower is...
- Class 2 Poetry
- Class 3 Expository or informational
- Class 4 Any other writing



FLORICULTURE

- Section A Junior
- Section B Youth
- Section C Adult
- Section D Professional
- Section E Exceptionally Abled

Division 50 Arrangements/Centerpieces

Exhibits made using fresh, dry, natural, artificial or silk flowers. Not to exceed 24" in any direction or as noted.

- Class 1 Centerpiece (Max size 6x12 inches)
- Class 2 Large Arrangement (more than 6x12")
- Class 3 Baskets
- Class 5 Holiday
- Class 6 Single stem
- Class 7 Any other kind

Division 56 Potted Plants

Plants should be well watered but not dripping when presented for competition. Please include a foam plate or plastic drip saucer for your entry. Actual plants must be submitted for judging.

- Class 1 Foliage Plants
- Class 2 Cactus/succulent
- Class 3 Edible plant
*Entries in this category must be edible plants intended for culinary or garden use and may not include cannabis or cannabis-related plants
- Class 4 Any other Kind

YOUTH PROJECT POSTER

Division 100 Youth Project Poster

- *No trifold
- *No larger than 22"x28"

- Section A Junior (5 to 13 years of age)
- Section B Senior (Youth ages 14 - 19)
- Section C Exceptionally Abled

- Class 4 Any other writing
- Class 1 Animal
- Class 2 Horticulture
- Class 3 Science
- Class 4 Other

KITCHEN ARTS

Best in Show Kitchen Arts

\$25 Cash Award!

BAKING

Section A	Junior
Section B	Youth
Section C	Adult
Section D	Professional
Section E	Exceptionally Abled

ALL Baking and Confection entries must be placed on a disposable plate and enclosed in a zipper style resealable plastic bag.

Submit a complete recipe printed on a 3 x 5 card, listing all ingredients with each exhibit.

Division 150 Quick Bread - non-yeast breads

Class 1	Loaf
Class 2	Muffin (3)
Class 3	Any other kind, specify
Class 4	Gluten free

Division 151 Yeast Bread

Class 1	Loaf - Any Kind
Class 2	Loaf - Any Kind, machine made
Class 3	Rolls (3 individual)
Class 4	Gluten free

NEW

Class 5	Sourdough-Plain
Class 5A	Sourdough-w/Inclusions
Class 5B	Sourdough-Other

Division 152 Cookies (6 cookies)

No-bake cookies are not eligible in this division -

See Division 170

Class 1	Bar/Brownie
Class 2	Drop, Filled, Rolled, Pressed
Class 3	Any other kind
Class 4	Gluten free

Division 153 Cakes

Class 1	Wacky Cake - Any Kind
Class 2	Tricks with a Mix
Class 3	Any other Kind (layer, Bundt, sheet)
Class 4	Gluten free



CONFECTIONS

Entries must come on a plate in a Sealed zipper bag with the recipe on a 3x5 card with a list of ingredients.

Entries in this category may not be returned due to the perishable nature of the product.

Please note: Dehydration & Freeze Dried is a separate contest in Food Preservation Division 190

Section A	Junior
Section B	Youth
Section C	Adult
Section D	Professional
Section E	Exceptionally Abled

Division 160 CANDY (6 Pieces)

Class 1	Hard - any kind
Class 2	Soft - any kind
Class 3	Chocolate
Class 4	Any other Kind
<u>NEW</u>	
Class 5	Sugar-free

Division 170 Snacks

(flavored popcorn, crackers, etc.)
(Minimum amount pint size bag)

Class 1	Any kind
Class 2	No-bake (any item)
Class 3	Gluten free



FOOD PRESERVATION

ENTRY RULES

- A. All entries must have been canned after **September 20, 2025**
- B. All jars must be STANDARD and SEALED. Use of paraffin or use of other than standard jars will disqualify exhibit. A STANDARD JAR is a container specifically designed for preserving. Due to space limitations on exhibit, it is highly recommended that 4oz., 1/2 and 1-pint jars be used. Larger jars may be used only where appropriate for the food type.
- C. Exhibits may be opened for judging. Exhibits are not refrigerated.
- D. Each exhibit must be labeled with the following: **date of processing, complete list of ingredients, method of processing, and type of fill used (hot pack, cold pack).** Only one jar is needed for judging.
- E. The current edition of the Ball Blue Book and USDA guidelines will be considered the guides for all food preservation entries.
- F. Please note on the label if the product is Low Calorie, Low Carbohydrate, Low Sodium, or for a Special Diet.

Section	A	Junior
Section	B	Youth
Section	C	Adult
Section	D	Professional
Section	E	Exceptionally Abled

Division 180 Fruit - Canned

Class	1	Fruit – whole or pieces
Class	2	Sauce
Class	3	Juice
Class	4	Any other Kind

Division 182 Vegetables - Canned

Class	1	Beans
Class	2	Tomatoes
Class	3	Vegetables
Class	4	Any other Kind

Division 184 Pickled Foods

Class	1	Any Fruit or Vegetable
Class	2	Mixed
Class	3	Olives
Class	4	Other Fermented Foods

Division 185 Jam

Class	1	Berry
Class	3	Mixed Fruit
Class	4	Any other kind

Division 186 Jelly

Class	1	Berry
Class	2	Grape
Class	3	Mixed Fruit
Class	4	Any other kind

Division 187 Other soft spreads

Class	1	Marmalade
Class	2	Fruit Butter
Class	3	Conserve
Class	4	Any other kind

Division 190 Dried Foods (1/2-pint bag)

Class	1	Fruit
Class	2	Herbs
Class	3	Jerky, describe
Class	4	Vegetables
Class	5	Freeze Dried Fruits/Veg
Class	7	Freeze Dried Candy
Class	8	Any other, please describe



TEXTILES

Best in Show Textiles \$25 Cash Award

Section	A	Junior
Section	B	Youth
Section	C	Adult
Section	D	Professional
Section	E	Exceptionally Abled

Division 210 Needle arts - Handwork

Cotton Thread - Hand Crochet, Knit or Tat

Class	1	Large item
Class	2	Small item (less than 14")
Class	3	Clothing Item
Class	4	Any Other, Specify

Yarn – Hand Crochet, Knit, or Tat

Class	5	Afghan/Blanket
Class	6	Baby Blanket
Class	7	Kitchen
Class	8	Cap, Hat, or Scarf
Class	9	Other, wearable
Class	10	Any other, specify

Needlework - Any Other Thread or Yarn

Class	11	Embroidery or Crewel
Class	12	Counted Cross Stitch
Class	13	Needlepoint/plastic canvas
Class	14	Latch Hook (Any item)
Class	15	Any, made from a kit
Class	16	Any other, specify



Division 220 Quilts and Comforters *Quilts must have batting

Class	1	Quilt-Hand Quilted or Tied by Exhibitor (any size)
Class	2	Sm Quilt-Machine Quilted by Exhibitor (under 60" each side)
Class	3	Lg Quilt-Machine Quilted by Exhibitor (over 60" any side)
Class	4	Quilt -Group (2 or more people)
Class	6	Wall hanging or throw, hand quilt
Class	8	Any other quilted item
Class	9	Unfinished quilt block

Division 230 Weaving, other fiber techniques

Class	1	Weaving
Class	2	Machine Embroidery
Class	3	Machine Knit
Class	4	Macrame
Class	5	Hand spun fibers
Class	6	Felting
Class	7	Any other Technique, specify

Division 240 Sewing – Clothing Construction

Class	1	Blouse or shirt
Class	2	Coordinated outfit, 2-3 piece
Class	3	Dress
Class	4	Jacket or coat
Class	5	Pants, shorts, culottes, etc.)
Class	6	Skirt
Class	7	Costume, any type
Class	8	Recycled materials
Class	9	Any other garment, describe

Division 250 Sewing

Household creations & accessories

Class	1	Apron
Class	2	Accessories
Class	3	Pillowcase – single
Class	4	Kitchen item
Class	5	Purse or Handbag
Class	6	Any other item, specify

Division 260 Stuffed Toys

No commercial doll parts (i.e., arms, legs, heads) accepted; must be handmade.
Dolls must be dressed in custom made clothing.
Maximum Size: 24x24x24"

Class	1	Animal
Class	2	Doll
Class	3	Any other kind

Division 270 Wearable Art

Decoration may be on any handmade or purchased article of clothing. Judged strictly on beauty and originality.

Class	1	Fabric – pieced or applique
Class	2	Beaded
Class	3	Dyed or printed
Class	4	Embroidered
Class	5	Painted or Stenciled
Class	6	Quilted
Class	7	Any other, specify

AGRICULTURE

Best in Show Agriculture \$25 Cash Award

Exhibits should be fully mature or ripe and thoroughly cleaned. Bulk entries must be shown in a clear ½ to 1-pint container, unsealed.

Bundles and sheaves should be mature and cured, not less than 1" in diameter at the bottom tie. Entries must have been grown and prepared by the exhibitor. Entries should be grown for normal home use. Monstrosities (extremely oversize, or unnaturally grown) will not be considered for awards.

All entries must be identified by species and variety on the entry form, please note organic produce.

Section	A	Junior
Section	B	Youth
Section	C	Adult
Section	D	Professional
Section	E	Exceptionally Abled

Division 310 Field crops and garden seed

Class	1	Bulk seed, any variety (1/4 cup)
Class	2	Grain, Sheaves
Class	3	Dried Flowers or Sunflower
Class	4	Corn, dry on cob
Class	5	Any other

Division 312 Vegetables

Class	1	Tomatoes (Standard size 3)
Class	2	Tomatoes, cherry (10)
Class	3	Summer Squash (3)
Class	4	Winter Squash (1)
Class	5	Pumpkin (1)
Class	6	Leafy Greens (bunch)
Class	7	Chilies (5-7)
Class	8	Any other, identify



Division 314 Fruit

Class	1	Tree Fruit (5)
Class	2	Vine Fruit (3 bunches, cluster, or individual)
Class	3	Bush or Row Fruit (dry pint)
Class	4	Any other fruit (5)

Division 318 Honey – 1 lb. jar

Class	1	Honey, any form
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Division 319 Eggs - 1 dozen

***Must be in unused clean carton**

Class	1	Eggs - specify species or variety
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Division 320 Herbs

Class	1	Single herb plant
Class	2	Creative herb container

Division 330 Agriculture Fibers

Class	1	Wool Fleece
Class	2	Other Animal Fiber
Class	3	Machine Spun (any fiber)
Class	4	Any other Kind

UNCATEGORIZED

Section A	Junior
Section B	Youth
Section C	Adult
Section D	Professional
Section E	Exceptionally Abled

Division 400 Miscellaneous Projects

Class	1	Any other – please specify
Class	2	Puzzles – completed
Class	3	Place Setting - Dishes, glassware, table service & menu
Class	4	Interlocking Building Blocks – not over 24"x24" inches must be mounted on baseplate or be a single free-standing piece, no kits, however major modifications, or re-purposing of kits is allowable.

The Barbara Florian Vision Trophy

We are honored to continue the special tradition at the RLECF Community Showcase with the Barbara Florian Vision Trophy, now a permanent award in its second year. Judged by Barbara's family, this recognition will be presented each year to the participant whose entry or entries best reflect the spirit of her life vision.

The Barbara Florian Award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest overall point total, recognized as the "*High Point Exhibitor*." Points will be calculated as follows:

- First Place earns 5 points multiplied by the number of entries in its class
- Second Place earns 3 points multiplied by the number of entries in its class
- Third Place earns 1 point multiplied by the number of entries in its class each
- Best in Show earns 10 points

We invite you to honor Barbara's legacy through creative expression—work that reflects her values, passion, and commitment to uplifting others.

Mrs. Barbara Florian devoted 30 years to education as a beloved reading teacher at Rio Linda Elementary School. She passed away on December 11, 2024. Beyond the classroom, she was deeply involved in the Rio Linda community, volunteering in support of our troops, serving as a dedicated Grange member. Barbara's passion was sharing her love of quilting through handmade gifts that brought comfort, kindness, and care to people throughout the community and to those in need.



RLECF Community Showcase 2026

ENTRY FORM

Entries Due: September 7, 2026



Exhibitor's Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

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ITEM DESCRIPTION/CAPTION	DIVISION	SECTION	CLASS	ITEM #	AWARD	RELEASED	HIGH PT.
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