

2026 Special Contest

SHE'S A GRAND OLD FLAG: A CELEBRATION OF OLD GLORY IN CRAFT AND ART

Honor the flag that unites us — in paint, fiber, metal, wood, or clay. This one-time special competition invites artists and crafters of all ages to interpret the flag of the United States of America in their own medium, their own voice, and their own vision.

ENTRY	Online or via mail by July 31 of the current year. In-person entries will be accepted at drop-off, see below for times.
ENTRY DEADLINE	August 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM
ENTRY FEE	\$2 per entry
DROP-OFF	Ft. Fetterman-Crafted Arts Saturday, August 8, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday, August 9, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
JUDGING	Monday, August 10
RELEASE TIME	Sunday, August 16, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1. All Open Static guidelines apply (pg 76 in the premium book) unless otherwise noted.
2. For this special competition only, items that have been previously entered at the Wyoming State Fair may be resubmitted.
3. NO kits of any kind allowed—all work must be original.
4. One entry per class per exhibitor.
5. Each class will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placement with special contest premiums listed below.
6. Special rosettes will be given for the Most Patriotic exhibit, the Most Innovative exhibit, and a Grand of Show for the best exhibit in both adult and youth divisions.
7. Judging for this contest will be done by a panel appointed by the Wyoming State Fair.

Special Contest Premiums

Proficiency level	1st	2nd	3rd
Amateur/Adult	\$10	\$6	\$4
Youth/Children	\$7	\$5	\$3

Division 250 - Adult, all proficiencies
Division 251 - Youth, all ages

CLASS

1. Old Glory Reimagined
2. Stitching Stars & Stripes
3. Forged in Freedom
4. Made in the USA

Old Glory Reimagined MIXED MEDIA ART

Flat artwork in any medium — painting, drawing, collage, printmaking, or mixed media — where the American flag is the central visual element. Realistic, abstract, or interpretive approaches are all welcome. Must be framed and ready to hang.

Examples: watercolor portrait of a weathered flag, acrylic abstract in red/white/blue, patriotic collage with vintage printed memorabilia.

Stitching Stars & Stripes TEXTILE & FIBER ARTS

A flag-inspired piece crafted from fiber — quilting, weaving, cross-stitch, macramé, knitting, rug hooking, or fabric appliqué. The piece should evoke the flag through color, pattern, or direct representation. Does not need to be flag-shaped.

Examples: patriotic quilt, woven wall hanging, cross-stitched flag sampler, braided rug in red/white/blue

Forged in Freedom SCULPTURAL & 3D ART

A flag as an object, built from unconventional or handcrafted materials. Stars, stripes, and the red/white/blue palette should be recognizable — but the materials and construction are the stars of the show.

Examples: painted barnwood flag, welded metal flag, mosaic tile flag, carved and stained wood, repurposed hardware assemblage

Made in the USA FUNCTIONAL PATRIOTIC CRAFTS

A usable, functional item that prominently features flag-inspired design. Equal weight given to craftsmanship and patriotic creativity. Item must be handcrafted and display-worthy.

Examples: hand-painted tray or cutting board, tooled leather piece, embroidered tote, decorated ceramic, hand-stamped stationery set