

SUGAR ART

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EARLY ENTRIES DUE: Thursday, August 24.....by 5:00 pm
(Entries are late after August 25)

ENTERING: Monday, August 31.....4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

RELEASED: Sunday, September 13.....3:00 pm to 5:00 pm



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 16 th	17 th MYSTERY BRIDAL PACKET -- MAIL OUT DEADLINE	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
23 rd	24 th EARLY ENTRIES DUE DATE	25 th LATE ENTRIES AFTER THIS DATE	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th
30 th	31 st ENTERING: 4:00 to 8:00 pm	September 1 st	2 nd	3 rd AWARDS PRESENTATION @ 6:00 pm	4 th EISF BEGINS!	5 th PARADE @ 10:00 am
6 th	7 th LABOR DAY!!	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th NAILED IT CHALLENGE @ 4:00 pm	12 th EISF ENDS!
13 th RELEASED: 3:00 to 5:00 pm						

Nailed It Competition

Date: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

Entering Time: 4 - 5 pm

Judging Begins: 5 pm

Can you recreate one or all of these items? Test your skill and enter "Nailed It." Contestants will receive a text Friday morning with an image of an item they must recreate and then they have until entry time to "re-create" their masterpiece. Three categories to choose from, or choose them ALL. See Page 8 for more details.

ENTRY INFORMATION: Available online at www.funatthefair.com Select the **EXHIBITORS & COMPETITORS** button on the home page then scroll down to find your specific department. You may also contact the Eastern Idaho State Fair, 97 Park Street, PO Box 250, Blackfoot, ID 83221; email entries@funatthefair.com; or call EISF Office at 208-785-2480.

ENTRY FORM DUE DATES: See entry form for fees for each department

- Registration Form: Postmarked by August 24, 2026
- Late Registration: Postmarked August 25, 2026, or later

ENTRY DATE:

- Monday, August 31, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 - No exhibits will be received after these hours.

ENTRY LOCATION: HOME ART BUILDING, two buildings west of the main fair office

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RELEASE DATE: Sunday, September 13, 2026, from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- NO ENTRIES WILL BE RELEASED EARLY
- Any entries left after 4:00 pm will be disposed of.

AWARDS CEREMONY: **Thursday, September 3rd, 2026 at 6:00 pm** in the **Home Arts Building-Demonstration Kitchen**, where the winners will be announced, and awards presented in all categories of the Sugar Art Show.

PREMIUMS: Will be mailed out by September 30, 2026, by Fair Office.

GENERAL RULES

1. Personal information of any kind cannot appear on any entry.
2. Any person who wins a **Grand Champion** in a specific category for two (2) consecutive years will be ineligible to compete for one (1) year in that category, but are eligible to enter in all other categories.
3. **All entries must be the sole work of the entrant, including entries for children & teens.**
4. No part of any entry can be sued from any previous fair entry. This includes base, floral, appliques or decorations.
5. No part of any entry, excepting the base, may touch the tablecloth.
6. Superintendent reserves the right to allow or disallow any entry.
7. **NO PREMIUM WILL BE PAID IF NO COMPETITION EXISTS – A COMPETITION CONSISTS OF A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) OR MORE ENTRIES IN A SINGLE DEPARTMENT CLASS.**
8. **Superintendent may allow the judge to move an entry into a different class if the originally entered class will not have enough entries for a competition to exist.**
9. The Superintendent will be the only person authorized to change class entries.
10. Awards will be made according to the merits of the entry. If the judge decides an entry is not worthy of 1st place, the judge may disqualify the entry or the judge can choose to award 2nd place, 3rd place, or 4th place premiums, at the judge's discretion.
11. If there is no competition for an entry, but the judge still deems that the entry would have been worthy of a blue ribbon it can still be considered for any Department Special Awards, including Best of Show.

12. Only one of each placing in any one class will be awarded, unless otherwise specified in Department Special Rules. Sponsor given gift boxes are reserved for entries in Categories 1-9, with only one per person.
13. See “EASTERN IDAHO STATE FAIR 2026 GENERAL RULES”

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! – If you meet even one requirement under a division, then that is the lowest division you may enter. **ANYONE WHO HAS WON TWO (2) BEST OF DIVISION AWARDS OR ONE GRAND CHAMPION WILL BE REQUIRED TO MOVE UP TO THE NEXT HIGHEST DIVISION.** This does not apply to teen, pre-teen, and child divisions. Teen competitors may enter the adult division but will be judged as an adult and will pay the adult fee. **ONLY ADULT PROFESSIONAL** participants will be allowed to place promotional business material beside their entries on, and not before Saturday. Promotional material may not be larger than 4 in. x 9 in.

DIVISIONS

- AB ADULT BEGINNER:** Less than two (2) years decorating experience, or less than six cakes, and no more than two (2) courses of cake decorating lessons.
- AI ADULT INTERMEDIATE:** More than two (2) years of decorating experience, three or more courses of cake decorating lessons including basic Wilton courses. Past or present teacher having taught LESS than three (3) classes or more; operator of a home business selling LESS than an average of 36 cakes per year.
- AP ADULT PROFESSIONAL:** Past or present teacher having taught MORE than three (3) classes, operator of in-home business selling MORE than an average of 36 cakes per year; employed as a decorator in a commercial bakery for more than one (1) year; have taken the equivalent of five (5) classes from a recognized professional teacher.
- T TEEN:** Age 13 to 17 as of the first day of September.
- PT PRE-TEEN:** Age 8 to 12 as of the first day of September.
- C CHILD:** Age 4 to 7 as of the first day of September.

CATEGORIES

Category 1 - WCF

WEDDING CAKE – FONDANT

2026 Theme: Flour Power

The cake must have two or more tiers. Tiers may be separated or stacked and MUST BE covered with fondant. Base must be no larger than 24 inches. Entry may be made of styrofoam or rice cereal. Sculpted cakes must be able to be made out of a real cake. Theme MUST BE readily apparent. No personal information or explanation will be allowed.

Grand Champion Prize: \$50.00 and be eligible for Best of Show.

1st Place Professional: \$25 1st Place Intermediate: \$20 1st Place Beginner: \$15

Category 2 - WCB

WEDDING CAKE – BUTTERCREAM

2026 Theme: Flour Power

The cake must have two or more tiers. Tiers may be separated or stacked and MUST BE covered with buttercream icing. All decorating techniques must also be buttercream. Decorating techniques using royal icing, chocolate medium, gum paste or fondant WILL NOT be considered in judging. Base must be no larger than 24". Entry may be made of styrofoam or rice cereal. Sculpted cakes must be able to be made out of a real cake. Theme MUST BE readily apparent. No personal information or explanation will be allowed.

Grand Champion Prize: \$50.00 and be eligible for Best of Show.

1st Place Professional: \$25 1st Place Intermediate: \$20 1st Place Beginner: \$15

Category 3 - MBP

MYSTERY BRIDAL PACKET CAKE

2026 Theme: MYSTERY PACKET

Cake must have two or more tiers. Tiers may be separated or stacked. Base must be no larger than 24". As soon as your entry is received with payment, a packet will be sent to you with the mystery inspiration to be used for your cake. **DEADLINE FOR A PACKET BY MAIL OUT IS AUGUST 17, 2026. Mail out fee of \$3.00 will be charged or packets can be picked up at EISF Main Office during business hours for no charge.** If you wish to enter this category after the deadline, you must pick up your own packet at the EISF Main Office. Entry may be made of styrofoam or rice cereal. Sculpted cakes must be able to be made out of real cake.

Grand Champion Prize: \$50.00 and be eligible for Best of Show.

1st Place Professional: \$25 1st Place Intermediate: \$20 1st Place Beginner: \$15

Category 4 - SOC

SPECIAL OCCASION CAKE

2026 Theme: Rock 'N Roll

Any style of decoration and type of icing may be used. Non-edible adornments will not be considered in judging. Entry may be made of Styrofoam or rice cereal. Sculpted cakes must be able to be made out of real cake. Base must be no larger than 24".

Grand Champion Prize: \$50.00 and be eligible for Best of Show.

1st Place Professional: \$25 1st Place Intermediate: \$20 1st Place Beginner: \$15

Grand Champion Teen prize: \$50.00

Category 5 - SAF

SUGAR ART FLORAL

2026 Theme: Daisy (minimum 2 daisies)

Entry must be made out of sugar, gum paste, sugar paste, fondant or any combination. All parts must be edible except for the wire, florist tape and the display. Display must be on a display board or in a container that is no larger than 18" which will not be considered when being judged.

Grand Champion Prize: \$50.00 and be eligible for Best of Show.

1st Place Professional: \$25 1st Place Intermediate: \$20 1st Place Beginner: \$15

Category 6 -SAS

SUGAR ART SCULPTURE

2026 Theme: Peace and Love

Sugar display must be made out of sugar, gum paste, sugar paste, fondant or any combination. Any style of decoration and type of icing may be used. All parts must be edible except for wire and/or florist tape. The display board can be no larger than 18 inches. Non-edible adornments will not be considered in judging.

Grand Champion Prize: \$50.00 and be eligible for Best of Show.

1st Place Professional: \$25 1st Place Intermediate: \$20 1st Place Beginner: \$15

Category 7 - ISISOMALT SCULPTURE

2026 Theme: Floral Power

Sculpture must be 50% Isomalt not including base. Jewelry clasps, wire, or fishline are allowed. Entry must be displayed vertically. Purchased display pieces are acceptable.

Grand Champion Prize: \$50.00 and be eligible for Best of Show.

1st Place Professional: \$25 1st Place Intermediate: \$20 1st Place Beginner: \$15

Category 8 – DCS

DECORATED COOKIE SERIES

2026 Theme: OPEN THEME – YOUR CHOICE

THIS IS A DUAL ENTRY CATEGORY. Adults wishing to enter this category MUST also be entered in any other category 1 through 7. Entries must be 100% edible. Entry will consist of four cookies decorated to reflect an obvious connected theme. All cookies must be decorated differently while still connecting to the theme. Cookies must be displayed on a board or easel that will fit into an area no larger than 18".

Grand Champion Prize: \$25.00

First Place Winners – Teen, Preteen, and Child Divisions: \$10.00

Category 9 – DCP

DECORATED CAKE POPS

2026 Theme: Disco Ball (minimum of 4; taste counts)

THIS IS A DUAL ENTRY CATEGORY. Adults wishing to enter this category MUST also be entered in any other category 1 through 7. Entries must be 100% edible. Entry will consist of four cake pops decorated to reflect an obvious connected theme. All cake pops must be decorated differently while still connecting to the theme. Cake Pops must be displayed on a board or tray and must fit into an area no larger than 10".

Grand Champion Prize: \$25.00

First Place Winners – Teen, Preteen, and Child Divisions: \$10.00

Category 10 – JTC

JUNIOR THEME CAKE

2026 Theme: Music

Any style of decoration and type of icing may be used. Non-edible adornments will not be considered in judging. Base must be no larger than 18 inches. Entry may be made of styrofoam or rice cereal. Sculpted cakes must be able to be made out of real cake. Entry must be solely the work of the entrant. Youth must ice, decorate and carve, if necessary, without assistance –NO EXCEPTIONS!

First Place Winner – Preteen Division: \$25.00

First Place Winner – Child Division: \$25.00

Category 11 – DCC

DECORATED CUPCAKE

2026 Theme: Patriotic – Stars & Stripes

Cupcake can be real cake, styrofoam or rice cereal. **CUPCAKE PAPER MUST BE VISIBLE**, and entry must be able to be made of real cake. Any edible medium can be used, non-edible decorations will not be considered in judging. All entries must be displayed on a stand or base. Adult and Teen Divisions require a 6-inch height minimum, not including the base. There is no height requirement for Preteen, or Child Divisions.

High Point Winner – Adult Division: \$25.00

First Place Winners – Teen, Preteen, and Child Divisions: \$10.00

Category 12 - DSC

JUNIOR DECORATED SUGAR COOKIE

2026 Theme: Favorite Book Character

Entry **MUST BE** a baked sugar cookie and must be on a display board or plate which can be exhibited in an 8” x 8” area. Entry must be the sole work of the entrant. Youth must shape, ice, and decorate without assistance – NO EXCEPTIONS!

First Place Winners – Teen, Preteen, and Child Divisions: \$10.00

Category 13 – BDC

BIRTHDAY CAKE

2026 Theme: Disco

Any style of decoration and type of icing may be used. Non-edible adornments will not be considered in judging. Entry may be made of Styrofoam or rice cereal. Sculpted cakes must be able to be made out of real cake. Base must be no larger than 24”.

Grand Champion Prize: \$50.00 and be eligible for Best of Show.

1st Place Professional: \$25 1st Place Intermediate: \$20 1st Place Beginner: \$15

Grand Champion Teen prize: \$25.00

Category 14 - BCT

BEST TASTING CAKE

2026 Flavor: Death by Chocolate... *and only chocolate*

Entry **MUST** be a homemade cake - **MAY NOT USE** a box mix or commercial mix of any kind, minimum of 6-inch round and at least two layers. Cake must contain real chocolate and cake and any filling **MUST NOT CONTAIN ALCOHOL**. Entry must be in a bakery box that is labeled with cake flavor description **ONLY**. Recipe **MUST** be submitted with entry, but will not be shared or published. Please try to use products from our sponsor **AMALGAMATED SUGAR COMPANY LLC**, which include the following brands: WinCo, Good Day, Shopper’s Value, Western Family, and White Satin.

1st Place: \$50

2nd Place: \$35

3rd Place: \$15

1st place named the “2026 BEST SCRATCH CAKE BAKER IN IDAHO”

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SPECIAL AWARDS

BEST OF SHOW

Is chosen from the Grand Champion Winners from Categories 1 through 7. Grand Champion points **WILL NOT** determine the Best of Show and will be at the sole discretion of the judge.

Prize: \$1,000 in cash and named the
“2026 IDAHO SUGAR ARTIST OF THE YEAR”

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DECORATOR’S CHOICE

The winner will be determined by votes cast by other adult competitors.
Each adult Sugar Art competitor will receive one ballot to vote for “Decorator’s Choice”.

Prize: \$100.00

JUDGE’S CHOICE

Is determined from any Categories 1 through 12 and is not determined by points,
this will be at the sole discretion of the judges.

Prize: \$100.00

FOR OTHER PRIZES SEE CATEGORIES

Nailed It

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Test your skill and enter "Nailed It." Contestants will receive a text Friday morning with an image of an item they must recreate and then they have until entry time to "recreate" their masterpiece. Three categories to choose from, or choose them ALL.

Entry Form Due by: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

EVENT ENTRY DATE: **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026**

ENTRY TIME: **4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

JUDGING: **5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

LOCATION: **HOME ARTS BUILDING – DEMONSTRATION KITCHEN**

CONTEST CATEGORIES:

1. Fondant Cake - Will be 1 layer. Must be fondant, gum paste, or candy clay. Must be edible, both real or fake base will be accepted.
2. Buttercream Cake Design - Will be 1 layer. Must use butter cream frosting. Both real or fake cake base will be accepted.
3. Royal Icing Cookie - Decoration must be on a baked sugar cookie using royal icing. Adult - 18+
4. Youth Cookie - Decoration must be on a baked sugar cookie - any type frosting.
 - a. Teen - 13-17
 - b. Child - 12 and younger

RULES:

- Entry Form and fee must be received by Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 5 pm
 - Email: entries@funatthefair.com
 - Mailed: PO Box 250, Blackfoot, ID 83221 (must be received by September 8)
 - Dropped off: 97 Park Street, Blackfoot, ID 83221
 - Faxed: 208-785-2483
- Entry Fee: \$5.00 per category entered.
- On Wednesday, September 9 by 6:00 pm you will receive a test email to verify contact information and provide you with the complete rules for the competition.
- On Friday, September 5 at 8:00 am an image will be emailed to you.
- Entries will be prepared at HOME and brought to EISF between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm.
- Contact Lynn Winter – 2lynnwinter@gmail.com



1st place in each category – \$50.00 and a special prize for your kitchen