



June 5-9, 2024
It's A Barnyard Mardi Gras
35th District Agricultural Association



Merced Arts Pavilion

Home to Kids', Fine & Home Arts, Plus 4-H Exhibits

You can find all of Merced County's greatest works of art under one roof! From imaginative artwork created by preschoolers all the way through adults, to the photography, sculptures, paintings and more found in the Kids and Fine Arts Divisions! Then tasty treats and beautiful creations found in the Home Arts Division and then a variety of creations from 4-H students – all in the Merced Arts Pavilion.

Special "Day Of" Contests

Stop by the Arts Pavilion on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday to witness different "Day Of" Contests; contest entries will be received from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., with judging taking place at 7:00 p.m. The different "Day Of" Contest are:

- June 5 | Almond Delights - which will judge any baking confection made using California Almonds
- June 6 | Salsa - which is limited to freshly made, unprocessed Mexican-style salsa used for dipping (judged in mild and hot categories)
- June 7 | It's the Cheese - which will judge any items that include California cheese
- June 8 | "Mix It Up" Cake Baking Contest – which will judge homemade whole cakes from scratch

Baking-Confections

Everyone loves a tasty homemade treat! Exhibitors show off their baking skills in numerous contest categories like biscuits, muffins, breads, rolls, fudges, cookies, loafs and pies. Follow the delicious scents and stop by to see who the champion baker is!

Recycled Arts & Crafts

Create your masterpiece from recycled materials and save the planet at the same time! Enter your creation into the Recycled Arts & Crafts. Entry must be constructed with at least 75% clean, recycled materials.

Mardi Gras Mask Making

Step into a world of imagination and creativity at our kids crafting area located in the Arts Pavilion sponsored by Valley Children's Healthcare, where young minds can explore and express themselves through art. Let your child's creativity soar as they create their very own Barnyard Mardi Gras mask!

Cartooning

You don't have to wait for the Sunday newspaper to get your weekly dose of cartoons! All sorts of cartoons made by the community will be on display, including both humorous and adventure. All cartoons are original.

Collections

Check out collections you may have never thought existed, and others you're more familiar with including stuffed animals, commercial products, sports team memorabilia and military collections.

Various Crafts

From beadwork to mosaic and faux stained glass, to model airplane and automobiles, the attention to detail in this division is sure to wow onlookers.



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Ceramics

Carved or cut out, glazed, painted...you name it, we have it! Stop by to see the lamps, vases, figurines and original designs on display.

Photography

Truly a place to see a variety of beautiful sights, this exhibit showcases those who have an eye for photography. From picturesque nature shots to moments of pure joy captured on film, the photography exhibit will showcase some of life's most beautiful moments and earth's beauty.

4-H

The growing number of 4-H entries will be on display in the Merced Pavilion! Here are the entry categories you will find in this building:

- **Mini-Member Projects**
- **Home Economics - Sewing**
- **Foods & Nutrition**
- **Food Preservation**
- **Arts & Crafts**
- **Photography**
- **Wood Working**
- **Electrical**
- **Rebuilt Tractor**

"I am thrilled with this continually growing Arts Pavilion that gives Merced County Fairgoers the chance to see the incredible talents of our community! Art – whether that is photography, drawing, painting, sculpting or creating delicious dishes or drinks – it is a creative outlet for so many to express their passion and showcase it for the community to enjoy! We are honored to be able to display so many different talents in one place for Fairgoers to enjoy this year! "

- Bea Trindade, Arts Pavilion Superintendent