

UKRAINIAN PYSANKA FESTIVAL 2026



**SHOWCASE OF UKRAINIAN CULTURE
FOLK ART COMPETITIONS and
EXHIBITS**

Friday, July 3, Saturday, July 4, and Sunday, July 5

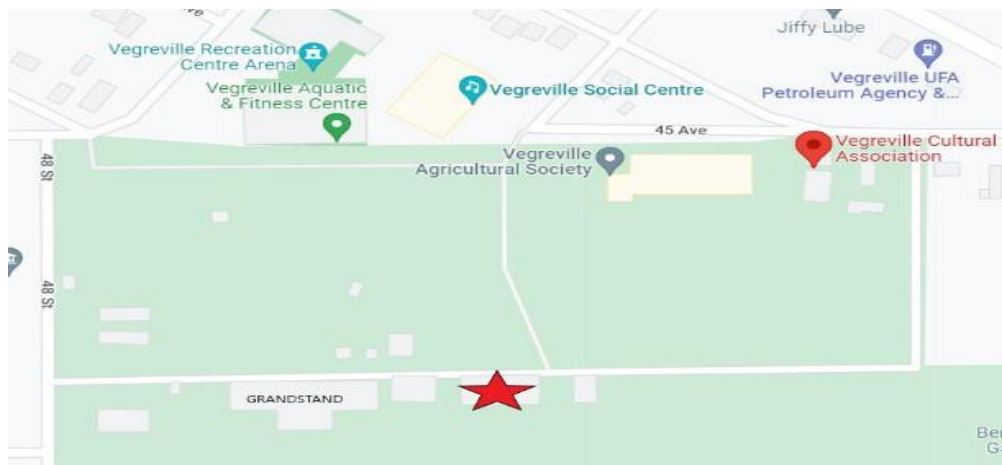
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GENERAL REGULATIONS

Please read the rules and guidelines carefully and consult the rules related to specific classes in the list.

EXHIBIT ENTRIES

1. An entry fee of \$2 per item for Adult and \$1 per item for Junior & Junior/Senior categories shall apply. Entry fee can be paid by etransfer to info@pysankafestival.com or in person (cash only) at the Vegreville Cultural Association office. Call 780-632-2777 to make in-person arrangements. If paying by etransfer ensure comments state: Folk Art Entry – *EXHIBITOR'S NAME*.
2. Each exhibitor must complete one entry form (i.e. different exhibitors cannot share the same form).
3. Only one entry per exhibitor in each class or sub-class is permitted.
4. The item(s) submitted for judging must be created by the exhibitor.
5. Items entered in previous years are not eligible for entry again.
6. Entry Forms & payment must be received no later than Saturday, June 27, 2026.
 - a. Entry Forms can be submitted to: folkarts@pysankafestival.com or the Vegreville Cultural Association office. Call 780-632-2777 to make in-person arrangements.
7. Entries close at 11:59 pm MST sharp on June 27, 2026.
8. Entry tags must be securely attached by the exhibitor. Fastening supplies to be provided by exhibitor.
 - a. Entry tags can be picked up in advance from the Vegreville Cultural Association office (call 780-632-2777 to make arrangements) or at the time of exhibit drop-off.
 - b. Please complete the tag information and bend the bottom portion to cover your name.
 - c. Tags must remain attached to exhibits during the show.
9. Exhibits must be brought to the Exhibit Building (red star on map) (Vegreville Fair Grounds, south side near the Grandstand) on July 2, 2026, between 10 am and 7 pm. Out-of-town entries will be accepted on July 3, 2026, between 8 am and 9 am with prior arrangement through folkarts@pysankafestival.com



10. Exhibitors will not be permitted into the Exhibit Hall while judging is in progress, except for Association Directors and volunteers.
11. Exhibits must be picked up between 3 pm and 5 pm on Sunday, July 5, 2026; special cases to be discussed with the Folk Arts coordinator. Exhibits not picked up by 5 pm on Sunday, July 5, 2026, will become the property of the Vegreville Cultural Association.
12. Questions about the Folk Arts Competition can be directed to: folkarts@pysankafestival.com

COMPETITION CATEGORIES AND GENERAL RULES

SECTION A – HANDICRAFTS

Entries must be the work of the exhibitor. The exhibitor may enter only one item per class or sub-class. Embroidery must be of traditional Ukrainian design and color using counted thread method. Entry form and tag must include design style/region displayed on the item, if applicable.

ADULT CLASS 1 – EMBROIDERY (Cross-stitch, Nyzynka, Yavorivka, etc.)

- A. Cushion
- B. Tablecloth
- C. Placemat
- D. Woman's Garment
- E. Men's Garment
- F. Rushnyk/Table runner
- G. Servetka
- H. Counted cross-stitch picture (framed)

ADULT CLASS 2 – MEREZHKA ZATIAHANKA

- A. Servetka
- B. Tablecloth
- C. Placemat

ADULT CLASS 3 – WEAVING

- A. Placemat
- B. Cushion
- C. Poyas
- D. Any other article

ADULT CLASS 4 – TRADITIONAL COSTUME ON DOLL (labeled with Region name)

ADULT CLASS 5 – MOTANKA

ADULT CLASS 6 – BEADING ** any article, using Ukrainian color and design motifs

SECTION B – HOBBYCRAFTS

Entries must be the work of the exhibitor. The exhibitor may enter only one item per class or sub-class. Judged on artistic creation and execution of design. Entry form and tag must include the design style/region displayed on the item, if applicable.

ADULT CLASS 1 – PYSANKA

- A. Etched
- B. Trypillian motif
- C. Collection of 5 eggs with one common theme
- D. Goose, Ostrich or Quail
- E. Regional
- F. Ukrainian National Pride theme
- G. Other

ADULT CLASS 2 – WOOD BURNING or INLAY (any article)

ADULT CLASS 3 – WOOD CARVING (any article)

ADULT CLASS 4 – HAND MOLDED POTTERY

ADULT CLASS 5 – ART – SKETCH, SCENERY or PEOPLE (any medium)

- A. Black and White
- B. Color

ADULT CLASS 6 – ART – UKRAINIAN THEMED PAINTING

ADULT CLASS 7 – WHEAT WEAVING

ADULT CLASS 8 – COLLECTION OF UKRAINIAN ITEMS MADE BY EXHIBITOR(S)

**note: Judging will be based on choice of items and execution of craft

- A. Group or Organization *10 items. Can be collected or made by members of the group/organization.
- B. Individual *5 items. All items must be made by the exhibitor.

ADULT CLASS 9 – PHOTOGRAPHY

- A. Ukrainian Culture & Heritage – capture the essence of Ukrainian traditions, architecture, crafts, and historical elements.
 - i. Black and White
 - ii. Color
- B. Ukrainian Diaspora – people of Ukrainian descent living in Canada, highlighting their everyday life, community and how they keep their cultural identity alive.
 - i. Black and White
 - ii. Color

SECTION C – TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN BAKING

Entries must be the work of the exhibitor. The exhibitor may enter only one item per class. Baking to be displayed in clear plastic bags (exception: Korovai), otherwise item will be disqualified. **Baking must be brought to the Exhibit Building by 9 am on July 3, 2026.** All classes will be judged based on presentation and taste. Exception: Korovai judged on presentation only.

ADULT CLASS 1 – KOROVAI

ADULT CLASS 2 – PASKA

ADULT CLASS 3 – BABKA

ADULT CLASS 4 – KOLACH

ADULT CLASS 5 – SYRNYK

ADULT CLASS 6 – MEDVINYK

ADULT CLASS 7 – MAKIVNYK

ADULT CLASS 8 – PAMPUSHKY

ADULT CLASS 9 – KHRUSTYKY

SECTION D – JUNIOR (GRADE 1 to 3)

Entries must be the work of the exhibitor, completed in 2025-2026, while in Grade 1-3. The exhibitor may enter only one item per class or sub-class. Entry form and tag must include the design style/region displayed on the item, if applicable.

JUNIOR 1-3 CLASS 1 – PYSANKA

JUNIOR 1-3 CLASS 2 – EMBROIDERY (traditional design/color using counted thread method)

A. Bookmark (no larger than 3" x 8")

B. Pin Cushion (no larger than 4" x 4")

JUNIOR 1-3 CLASS 3 – PENMANSHIP – Ukrainian Poem of 6 lines

A. Printing

B. Writing

JUNIOR 1-3 CLASS 4 – COLLECTION & DISPLAY OF 3 UKRAINIAN ITEMS MADE BY CHILD (eg: pysanka, willow whistle, bookmark, etc.)

SECTION E – JUNIOR (GRADE 4 to 6)

Entries must be the work of the exhibitor, completed in 2025-2026, while in Grade 4 to 6. The exhibitor may enter only one item per class or sub-class. Entry form and tag must include the design style/region displayed on the item, if applicable.

JUNIOR 4-6 CLASS 1 – PYSANKA

JUNIOR 4-6 CLASS 2 – EMBROIDERY (traditional design/color using counted thread method)

- A. Bookmark (no larger than 3” x 8”)
- B. Pin Cushion (no larger than 4” x 4”)

JUNIOR 4-6 CLASS 3 – MOTANKA

JUNIOR 4-6 CLASS 4 – PENMANSHIP – Ukrainian Poem of 8 lines

- A. Printing
- B. Writing

JUNIOR 4-6 CLASS 5 – COLLECTION & DISPLAY OF 3 UKRAINIAN ITEMS MADE BY CHILD (eg: pysanka, willow whistle, bookmark, etc.)

SECTION F – JUNIOR (GRADE 7 TO 9)

Entries must be the work of the exhibitor, completed in 2025-2026, while in Grade 7 to 9. The exhibitor may enter only one item per class or sub-class. Entry form and tag must include the design style/region displayed on the item, if applicable.

JUNIOR 7-9 CLASS 1 – PYSANKA

JUNIOR 7-9 CLASS 2 – EMBROIDERY (traditional design/color using counted thread method)

- A. Bookmark (no larger than 3” x 8”)
- B. Pin Cushion (no larger than 4” x 4”)
- C. Servetka or Placemat

JUNIOR 7-9 CLASS 3 - MOTANKA

JUNIOR 7-9 CLASS 4 – PENMANSHIP – Ukrainian Poem of 10 lines

- A. Printing
- B. Writing

JUNIOR 7-9 CLASS 5 – WOOD BURNING OR INLAY (Any article)

JUNIOR 7-9 CLASS 6 – WOOD CARVING (Any article)

JUNIOR 7-9 CLASS 7 – COLLECTION & DISPLAY OF 5 UKRAINIAN ITEMS MADE BY EXHIBITOR (eg: pysanka, willow whistle, bookmark, etc.)

SECTION G – SENIOR (GRADE 10 TO 12)

Entries must be the work of the exhibitor, completed in 2025-2026, while in Grade 10 to 12. The exhibitor may enter only one item per class or sub-class. Entry form and tag must include the design style/region displayed on the item, if applicable.

SENIOR 10-12 CLASS 1 – PYSANKA

SENIOR 10-12 CLASS 2 – EMBROIDERY (traditional design/color using counted thread method)

- A. Pin Cushion (no larger than 6” x 6”)
- B. Servetka or Placemat
- C. Cross-stitch picture (framed)

SENIOR 10-12 CLASS 3 – MOTANKA

SENIOR 10-12 CLASS 4 – WOOD BURNING OR INLAY (Any article)

SENIOR 10-12 CLASS 5 – WOOD CARVING (Any article)

SENIOR 10-12 CLASS 6 – DRAWING OF TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN COSTUME (with description)

SENIOR 10-12 CLASS 7 – DRAWING OF EMBROIDERY PICTURE (on graph paper)

SENIOR 10-12 CLASS 8 – COLLECTION & DISPLAY OF 5 UKRAINIAN ITEMS MADE BY EXHIBITOR (eg: pysanka, willow whistle, bookmark, etc.)

