



## SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR GEMS & MINERALS DEPT.

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The entries are beginning to roll in! What are YOU planning on entering the Fair this year? It's time to figure out which minerals, fossils, geodes, cabochons, faceted gemstones, spheres, jewelry, carvings and full-case "How to..." displays you wish to enter for 2025. The deadline is fast approaching: Friday, April 25, at 8 pm. Please do not wait until the last minute to enter – if you are cut off mid-entry, we will not be able to fix it for you this year, alas.

**Online entry has officially begun!** Here is the link, available through the Fair's website:

[www.sdfair.com/p/participate/entry/gems-minerals](http://www.sdfair.com/p/participate/entry/gems-minerals)

**New online fill-it-in-yourself labels are provided for most divisions.** If you have successfully made your own labels in the past, just keep doing what you've been doing and make sure that you include as much of the required info that you can see on the sample labels in the 19-page entry information file. Have questions? Please call Jennifer or me to get answers!

**Signing up for demonstrating, or volunteering to help with the sand pile will change this year.** A new online system is being set up and tested right now! You will be able to pick a day and time slot, then see if it is available, and sign up for it. Exceptions: Please contact Paul Williams about demonstrating sphere-making and contact Bill Brisebois about faceting demos. Jennifer Stapp will be emailing the link to this new sign-up system to all last year's participants.

**Now, for all those important dates that exhibitors need to remember:**

<b>Entry Deadline:</b>	Fri, April 25, 2025, by 8pm (Don't wait till Friday...)
<b>Entry Delivery:</b>	Sat & Sun, May 31 & June 1, from 9am to 6pm
<b>Opening Day of the Fair:</b>	Sat, June 14, 6 – 9pm
<b>Exhibitor Appreciation:</b>	Wed, June 11
<b>Last Day of the Fair:</b>	Sun, July 6th
<b>Closed Days:</b>	Mondays & Tuesdays
<b>Entry Pickup:</b>	Tue, July 8, 9am to 8pm

**New this year:** **The special awards for "Best Case" winners will now be \$150 and a trophy.** For the "Best Single Item" winners? \$75 and a rosette ribbon.

**Eblast reminders will be sent out by the Fairgrounds,** and Jennifer and I will be calling all last year's exhibitors to remind them to enter this year.

**Questions? Sometimes we have answers!** Please contact us:

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**We're looking forward to another exceptional year!**