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**CREATIVE ARTS BUILDING**

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The Creative Arts Building you're looking at has a dual personality more than any other structure at Fair Park.

On one hand, it is modern, in that it has only borne the name Creative Arts since the 1980s. It's called that because during the State Fair, it showcases the many creative talents of people from across the state. For example, you can watch exciting cooking demonstrations in its kitchen theatres. You can also view here the winners of the fair's quilting, cooking and canning competitions, among others.

However, the structure housing the Creative Arts Building was actually built for the 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition and is one of the 30 historic structures at Fair Park that remain from that fair. At that time, it and the adjacent building were one contiguous space called the Foods Pavilion. Fair officials carved out The Creative Arts section within that larger building during a renovation of it in 1983.

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