

COMPETITION  
HANDBOOK

HARVEST  
FAIR  
At the Classic

AT THE  
NEVADA COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
SEPT 19 - SEPT 22  
2024

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Call 530-273-6217



## **WELCOME TO HARVEST FAIR**

Come and participate in the 2024 Harvest Fair alongside fellow garden enthusiasts, bakers, and crafters. To join, complete the entry form and submit it via mail or at the Administration office. Alternatively, submit your entry online at [NevadaCountyFair.com](http://NevadaCountyFair.com) or via email to [entries@nevadacountyfair.com](mailto:entries@nevadacountyfair.com) by September 9, 2024. There is no entry fee required. Please note that entries for the Harvest Fair should not have been previously showcased at the Nevada County Fair and must have been created or grown within the last 12 months.

### **EXHIBITOR INFORMATION ENTRY FORMS DUE:**

Monday, September 9th by 11:59 pm

**NO ENTRY FEE**

**DROP OFF (ALL EXHIBITS)**

September 16, from 1 pm - 6 pm at the  
Main Street Building

**JUDGING (ALL EXHIBITS)**

Tuesday, September 17th  
• Closed Judging

**PICK UP (ALL EXHIBITS)**

Monday, September 23rd, from 1 pm – 6  
pm at the Main Street Building

**NO QUANTITY LIMIT**

### **DRAFT HORSE CLASSIC TICKETS**

- All exhibitors will get two free tickets to the Friday evening (6:30 pm) show of the Draft Horse Classic.
- Extra tickets can be purchased at the Fairgrounds Office or online.
- This year's four-day Classic showcases draft horses in six performances in the Arena.
- Don't forget to explore the Fairgrounds for musical acts at the Pine Tree Stage, Art at the Classic, DIY Days at Sugar Pine Lodge, tasty food and drinks, and vendors selling various items.

For information,  
call (530) 273-6217 or visit  
[NevadaCountyFair.com](http://NevadaCountyFair.com)



# 2024 Harvest Fair

## AWARDS

Best of Division Ribbons will be awarded for each division.

People's Choice Awards will be presented in the following departments:

Artistic Corner  
Division 90-92

Artistic Flowers & Gardens  
Divisions 1 - 12

Arts & Crafts by Special Friends  
Divisions 78 - 79

Bounty from the Harvest  
Divisions 21 - 43


Foods  
Divisions 50-57

Preserved Foods  
Divisions 60-65

Scarecrows  
Division 19

Youth/Teen  
Divisions 71-76

### RULES:

- Fairgrounds is not responsible for any article lost, stolen, or damaged.
  - Entries must not have been entered in any previous Nevada County Fair or Nevada County Harvest Fair
  - Entry sizes are not to exceed rules set in specific Divisions
  - Judging American unless specified
  - No commercial displays, brochures, or advertising
  - No "For Sale" signs are to be posted at or near any exhibit for the duration of the Harvest Fair. No private treaties allowed on the Fairgrounds
  - All rules /limits from the 2024 Nevada County Fair Competition Handbook apply unless otherwise stated.
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# Artistic Flowers & Gardens

## Floral Design

Design focus on natural materials like flowers and wood, limiting non-natural materials and avoiding silk, with a display size not exceeding 2' x 2' x 2'.

**Division 1 - Floral Design - Ages 18 & Over**

**Division 2 - Floral Design - Ages 17 & Under**

### CLASSES

1. "Gather"
2. "Fall Leaves"
3. "Hearth and Harvest"

## Table Settings

Exhibitor's display with a fresh arrangement area not exceeding 24" x 24". Flatware is not required.

**Division 3 - Table Setting - Ages 18 & Over**

**Division 4 - Table Setting - Ages 17 & Under**

### CLASSES

1. "Corn Maze"
2. "Bountiful Harvest"

## Design in a Boot

Use any size cowboy boot to create a:

**Division 5 - Design in a Boot - Ages 18 & Over**

**Division 6 - Design in a Boot - Ages 17 & Under**

### CLASS

1. Boot Planter

## Birdhouses

Please attach a screw eye to top for hanging.

**Division 7 - Birdhouses - Ages 18 & Over**

**Division 8 - Birdhouses - Ages 17 & Under**

### CLASSES

1. Indoor, decorative
2. Outdoor, utilitarian
3. Any other, specify

## Gourds

**Division 8 - Gourds - Ages 18 & Over**

**Division 9 - Gourds - Ages 17 & Under**

### CLASSES

1. Carving/filigree
2. Coiling
3. Painted
4. Stained
5. Wood burning (pyrography)
6. Any other, specify



## Fairy Garden

**Division 10 - Fairy Gardens - Ages 18 & Over**

**Division 11 - Fairy Gardens - Ages 17 & Under**

### CLASSES

1. Halloween Town
2. Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice

## Garden Photo

Display of Photos for Hanging

Present a collection of photos ready to be mounted and displayed. Showcase the beauty of your yard, deck, or patio, highlighting the plants and design. Ensure that the pictures are recent, taken within the last two years, and are large enough to be clearly visible in your presentation. Focus on capturing the beauty and functionality of the garden rather than the technical quality of the images. Keep the display within dimensions of 2' x 2' x 2'.

**Division 12 - Garden Photo Contest**

### CLASSES

1. Before and After



## Cut Flowers

### RULES:

- No Toxic or deadly plants allowed
- Cut Flowers to be exhibited in containers supplied by the Fairgrounds.
- Watering: Potted plants & garden exhibits will be maintained by Exhibits staff
- Exhibitors must provide drainage saucers for plants in pots.

### Division 13 - Cut Flowers - Ages 18 & Over

### Division 14 - Cut Flowers - Ages 17 & Under

#### CLASSES

1. Aster - 3
2. Chrysanthemum, specify - 2 sprays
3. Cosmos - 3
4. Dahlia, formal - 1
5. Dahlia, informal - 1
6. Daisies, specify 3
7. Geraniums, specify - 3
8. Hydrangeas, specify - 2
9. Marigolds, specify - 3
10. Perennials, any other, specify- 3
11. Petunias - 3
12. Rose- 1
13. Zinnia, specify -3
14. Annual, any other, specify



## Potted Plants

### Division 15 - Potted Plants - Ages 18 & Over

### Division 16 - Potted Plants - Ages 17 & Under

#### CLASSES

1. Annuals
2. Grasses
3. Herbs
4. Perennials

## Hanging Dried Flowers

To be exhibited in bunches ready for hanging  
**Division 17 - Dried Flowers - Ages 18 & Over**  
**Division 18 - Dried Flowers - Ages 17 & Under**

#### CLASSES

1. Dried bunch of flowering annuals
2. Dried bunch of flowering perennials
3. Dried bunch of grasses
4. Dried bunch of lavender
5. Dried bunch of mixed flowers

## Scarecrows

The scarecrow must be accompanied by a stand.

### Division 19 - Scarecrows

#### CLASSES

1. Adults - 18 & Over
2. Youth - 17 & Younger
3. Group Project



## Decorated Wagon Wheel

Decorate a Wagon wheel

Rules:

- Wheel should be ready for hanging/display.

### Division 20 - Decorated Wagon Wheel

#### CLASSES

1. Adults - 18 & Over
2. Youth - 17 & Younger
3. Group Project

# Bounty from the Harvest

## Vegetables Non Organic & Organic

Rules:

- Exhibitors must specify variety in classes listed as “any other”
- Uniformity of size is important
- Spoiled entries will be disposed of.

**Division 21 - Vegetables - Ages 18 & Over**

**Division 22 - Vegetables - Ages 17 & Under**

### CLASSES

1. Beans
2. Cabbage
3. Corn, ornamental - 3 ears
4. Corn, sweet yellow, husked, clear-wrapped (ends may be trimmed) - 3 specify
5. Corn, sweet white, husked, clear-wrapped (ends may be trimmed)- 3 specify
6. Cucumber - 2
7. Popcorn - 3 ears
8. Eggplant - 1
9. Garlic - 6
10. Gourds, small, under 8” - 3
11. Gourds, large, over 8” - 3
12. Melons, specify - 1
13. Okra - 6
14. Onions - 3
15. Peppers, bell - 4
16. Peppers, chili - 5
17. Peppers, jalapeño - 5
18. Peppers, sweet, yellow - 5
19. Peppers, any other, specify- 5
20. Potatoes, specify type - 5
21. Tomatoes, Beefsteak type (w/stem)- 4
22. Tomatoes - small, slicing (w/stem) - 4
23. Tomatoes - medium, slicing, (w/stem) - 4
24. Tomatoes - large, slicing (w/stem) - 4
25. Tomatoes - cherry (w/stem)- 1
26. Tomatoes - Roma (w/stem)- 4
27. Vegetables, any other, specify

## Pumpkins

**Division 23 - Pumpkins - Ages 18 & Over**

**Division 24 - Pumpkins - Ages 17 & Under**

### CLASSES

1. Pumpkin -1
2. Squash, acorn -1
3. Squash, banana -1
4. Squash, butternut -3
5. Squash, crookneck - 3
6. Squash, Hubbard - 1
7. Squash, scallop - 1
8. Squash, spaghetti - 1
9. Squash, zucchini - 3
10. Squash, summer, any other, specify
11. Squash, winter, any other, specify



## Harvest Haul

Tall corn and sunflowers must be brought in with root-ball attached, bur lapped and, in a bucket, so that it will hold well for the duration of the HarvestFair.

**Division 25- Huge Harvest Haul**

### CLASSES

1. Cornstalk, tallest top of root to tassel - 1
2. Field corn, longest ear kernel to kernel -1
3. Potato, largest by weight, any variety - 1
4. Pumpkins, largest by circumference at midpoint - 1
5. Squash, largest by weight, any variety - 1
6. Sunflower, largest head by diameter- 1
7. Sunflower, tallest stalk top of the root to base of head - 1
8. Zucchini, longest
9. Any other vegetable or fruit, specify



# HARVEST FRUIT

## Apples

### Division 30 - Apples Non Organic or Organic

#### CLASSES

1. Arkansas Black - 5
2. Delicious - 5
3. Fuji - 5
4. Gala- 5
5. Gravenstein - 5
6. Winesap -5
7. Any other, specify - 5



## Grapes

### Division 31 - Grapes Non -Organic or Organic

#### CLASSES

1. TableGrape, specify - 1 bunch
2. Wine Grape, Chardonnay - 1 bunch
3. Wine Grape, Sauvignon Blanc, 1 bunch
4. Wine Grape, White, specify - 1 bunch
5. Wine Grape, Merlot- 1 bunch
6. Wine Grape, Cabernet Sauvignon - 1 bunch
7. Wine Grape, Zinfandel - 1 bunch
8. Wine Grape, Red, specify- 1 bunch

## Pears

### Division 32 - Pears Division

#### CLASSES

1. Asian type - 3
2. Bartlett - 3
3. Beurre d'Anjou - 3
4. Any other, specify - 3



## Produce Characters

### Division 40 - Characters - Ages 18 & Over Division 41 - Characters - Ages 17 & Under

#### CLASSES

1. Transform produce into an animal
2. Transform produce into a bird
3. Transform produce into a horse
4. Transform produce into a scarecrow

## Nature's Oddities

To make it an oddity, any natural garden shows odd shapes, colors, or other qualities.

### Division 42 - Nature's Oddities

#### CLASSES

1. Curviest
2. Unique
3. Warty-looking

## Nevada County Grown Produce

Arrange a diverse selection of agricultural products cultivated in Nevada County.

### Division 43 - Nevada County Grown

#### CLASSES

1. Basket of fruits and vegetables
2. Basket of preserves, flowers, fruits & vegetables

# BAKED FOODS

## Bread

Division 50 - Bread- Ages 18 & Over

Division 51 - Bread - Ages 17 & Under

### CLASSES

1. Banana or banana nut
2. Zucchini
3. Any other, specify

## Cobblers

Please use disposable containers.

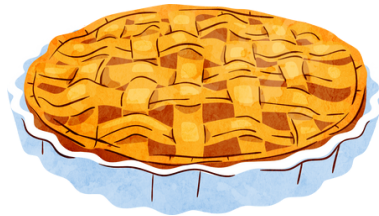
Single serving size portions preferred.

Division 52 - Cobblers/Crisps - Ages 18 & Over

Division 53 - Cobblers/Crisps - Ages 17 & Under

### CLASSES

1. Apple
2. Blackberry
3. Peach
4. Any other, specify



## Pies

Division 54 - Harvest Pies - Ages 18 & Over

Division 55 - Harvest Pies - Ages 17 & Under

### CLASSES

1. Apple
2. Berry, specify
3. Cherry
4. Peach
5. Rhubarb
6. Any Other, specify



## Pumpkin Creations

Division 56 - Pumpkin - Ages 18 & Over

Division 57 - Pumpkin - Ages 17 & Under

### CLASSES

1. Pumpkin bread
2. Pumpkin cake
3. Pumpkin cheesecake
4. Pumpkin cookies - 6
5. Pumpkin muffins - 4
6. Pumpkin pie
7. Any other specify

## Donations

Division 58 - Nevada County Donates

### CLASSES

1. Canned food
2. Dried/boxed food

Arrange a canned or dried food donation bundle in a basket, container, or bag. The food will be donated to a local food bank. To be eligible, food products must have a shelf date that will not expire before December 31, 2024. Prizes will be awarded on the base weight of food in the basket as follows:

- 1- 5 pounds will receive one free admission ticket to the 2025 Nevada County Fair, good any one day from August 6th – 10th, 2025.
- 5 -10 pounds will receive two free admission tickets to the 2025 Nevada County Fair, good any one day from August 6th – 10th, 2025.
- 11 pounds or greater will receive three free admission tickets to the 2025 Nevada County Fair, good any one day from August 6th – 10th, 2025.



# Preserved Foods

## RULES:

- Exhibits shall be in standard clear jars (No color) unless otherwise specified
- Two identical jars must be included at the time entry is received. One jar is for judges to taste & the second jar is for display (The tasting jar will be discarded)
- Exhibitor must provide a 1" x 2" label for the jar, stating the product name, full canning date, and method used (e.g., WB for water bath, PC for pressure canner). Steam-canned or open items are not permitted. The exhibitor's name MUST not be on the label.
- Due to food safety issues, we reserve the right to refuse entries that do not comply by the above rules or are not properly sealed

## Honey

### Division 60 - Honey

#### CLASSES

1. White Light
2. Medium
3. Dark



## Jams

Rule: Items shown at any previous Fair are not eligible

- Jar lids must be clean of decoration.

### Division 61 - Jams - Ages 18 & Over

### Division 62 - Jams - Ages 17 & Under

#### CLASSES

1. Apricot
2. Berry, specify
3. Cherry
4. Grape
5. Peach
6. Any other Specify

## Jellies

### Division 63 - Jellies - Ages 18 & Over

### Division 64- Jellies- Ages 17 & Under

#### CLASSES

1. Apricot
2. Berry, specify
3. Cherry
4. Grape
5. Peach
6. Any other Specify



## Pickles & Relishes

### Division 65 - Pickles & Relishes - Ages 18 & Over

### Division 66 - Pickles & Relishes - Ages 17 & Under

#### CLASSES

1. Beets, pickled
2. Beets, pickled
3. Bread & butter pickles
4. Pickles, sweet
5. Pickles, zucchini
6. Relish, zucchini
7. Relish, any other, specify



# ARTISTS CORNER

## Youth / Teen

**Entry Forms Due By** Sept, 9th

Drop Off: Monday, Sept 16th from 1 pm - 6 pm

Deliver to: **Main Street Building**

Judging: Tuesday, Sept 17th

Pick Up: Monday, Sept 23rd from 1 pm - 6 pm

### **RULES:**

- All hanging items must be ready for hanging. Flat-mounted items must be fitted for hanging. Mounted items mean they must be securely fastened down.
- You may not enter items that have been previously entered in the Fair.
- Maximum size 16" x 16" x 16" unless otherwise specified
- All rules/Limits from Nevada County Fair 2024 apply to Harvest Fair

## Arts & Crafts

**Division 71 - Arts & Crafts - Ages 5-8**

**Division 72 - Arts & Crafts - Ages 9-12**

**Division 73 - Arts & Crafts - Ages 13-17**

### **CLASSES**

1. Apple face dolls
2. Beadwork
3. Birdhouse
4. Ceramics
5. Découpage
6. Halloween mask
7. Haunted House
8. Painted pumpkin, fresh or artificial
9. Any other, specify



## Painting

**Division 74 - Painting - Ages 5-8**

**Division 75 - Painting - Ages 9-12**

**Division 76 - Painting - Ages 13-17**

### **CLASSES**

1. Chalk or chalk pastel
2. Drawing, charcoal, pencil, pen & ink
3. Oil, alkyd, acrylic
4. Watercolor
5. Any other, specify



## Preschooler Projects

**Division 77 - Preschooler Project  
(For children under 5 years old)**

### **CLASSES**

1. Halloween mask
2. Painting
3. Painted pumpkin, fresh or artificial

## Arts & Crafts

### by Our Special Friends

**Division 78 - Ages 18 & Over**

**Division 79 - Ages 17 & Under**

### **CLASSES**

1. Flower arrangement
2. Garden photo
3. Gourd
4. Mask
5. Painting
6. Painted pumpkin, fresh or artificial
7. Produce character
8. Any other, specify

## Adults

**Division 90 - Arts**

### **CLASSES**

1. Drawing, Pencil, Pen or Ink
2. Painting, Acrylic, Oil or watercolor
3. Sculpture
4. Any other

**Division 91 - Crafts**

**RULES:** Pallet specific size

- Maximum size 48" x 48"

### **CLASSES**

1. Beadwork
2. Baskets
3. Cell phone, Seasons, Halloween theme
4. Ceramics
5. Diamond Painting
6. Jewelry
7. Masks
8. Painted Pumpkins
9. Recycled painted pallets
10. Any other, specify

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Mailing Address

Harvest Fair

Adult & Youth Still Exhibit

ENTRY FORM

Nevada County Fairgrounds

17th District Agricultural Association 11228 McCourtney

Road Grass Valley, CA 95949

(530) 273-6217

NevadaCountyFair.com

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The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Fair, the county, and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss, or expense including reasonable attorney fees arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is any way connected with participation in this program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the Fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property. I certify that I have read the statement listed above.

Exhibitor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_