

2023 EDITION

The logo for the Douglas County Fair is centered within a dark blue hexagonal frame. It features the words "DOUGLAS" and "COUNTY FAIR" in a large, white, serif font, stacked vertically. A small circular emblem with a ribbon is positioned between the two words. Below "COUNTY FAIR", the text "ALEXANDRIA, MN" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font on a dark blue banner.

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# **OPEN CLASS**

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**AUGUST 16-19, 2023**

OPEN CLASS ENTRY DAY | **MON, AUG 14 | 1PM - 7PM**

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# ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS

## For All Open Class Entries

In a continuing effort to streamline the Open Class entry process, the Douglas County Fair is pleased to announce that we have partnered with Fair Entry to offer an Online Registration/Entry process. **Reminder: Pre-registration is required for all Entries.**

Online registration can be completed in just a few easy steps.



### Tips for success with the online registration process:

- » You will need a valid email address to complete your registration process online.
- » Online Accounts do not carry forward from year to year, so your first step is to set up an account.
- » Read the directions on the screen, they will guide you through the process.
- » If you miss registering for an exhibit you are welcome to log back in any time and add items.

### ONLINE REGISTRATION STEP 1

Review the premium book and jot down or circle the Division, Class and Lot of the item you wish to enter.

### ONLINE REGISTRATION STEP 2

Browse to: <http://www.dcmnfair.com/openclass> and click on the Online Registration Button. Follow the directions on the screen to set up your account and then register your entries. When complete, make sure you review your entries and checkout. There is no cost for registration in Douglas County, the checkout just confirms your entries.

Online Registration closes **Midnight, August 12, 2023.**

#### Mail-In Registration

Deadline: Post Marked by **Monday, August 7, 2023**

#### Registration Help

Location: DIY Open Class Building

When: **Monday, August 7, 2023**

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Walk-Ins Welcome!

**\*\*\*DO NOT BRING IN YOUR ITEMS\*\*\***

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## OPEN CLASS RULES & INFORMATION

Everyone, regardless of age, is encouraged to participate. Do not need to be a Douglas County resident to enter.

### ENTRY DAY *(Pre-registration is **REQUIRED** at [www.dcmnfair.com](http://www.dcmnfair.com) or by mail)*

- » Entry Day is **MONDAY, AUGUST 14 from 1pm to 7 pm**. This is the only entry day for Open Class.
- » Entries must be entered in the name of actual owner/creator and all exhibits must have been raised or made by the exhibitor since the Douglas County Fair in August of 2022.
- » The fair will take every precaution to preserve all articles on exhibition, but will not be responsible for the loss or damage that may occur in the delivery, exhibition or removal of exhibits.

### JUDGING

- » No article shall compete for more than one premium.
- » One entry per lot is allowed in Division 1, 2, 3 Classes and Other Contests unless otherwise specified.
- » Each entry must correspond to a Class number and Lot number description from the premium list. Entries must be in their proper class to obtain a premium.
- » A Professional is anyone who receives income on a regular basis by providing or teaching skills and/or selling their DIY or Fine Art products pertaining to a specific class and lot
- » Each entry must have the entry tag securely attached to the entry itself.
- » All awards shall be made by comparison of the individual merits of the entry.
- » Decisions of the Judges are final.
- » Any interference by exhibitors to influence the decision of the judges will be sufficient cause to exclude the entry from the competition and will cause forfeiture of any premium offered.
- » Premium Awards in each Lot may be awarded as follows: 1st Place (Blue) \$5.00, 2nd Place (Red) \$4.00, 3rd Place (White) \$3.00, unless otherwise specified.
- » One Grand Champion \$15.00 and One Reserve Champion \$12.00 may be awarded in each Class.

### RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

- » All articles entered will remain on exhibit until 10:00 pm on the final day of the fair.
- » Open Class entries need to be picked up between 8:00 am and 1pm on Sunday, August 20, unless alternate arrangements have been made prior to the fair. Entries not picked up on designated pickup day will be donated or destroyed.
- » Exhibitors may be asked to show proof of name before exhibits or premiums are released.
- » Premium checks will be available for pickup in the DIY Building, Sunday, August 20 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Do not go to the fair office located in the Grandstand. Checks not picked up during this time will be mailed.
- » All cut flowers will be composed.



# DIVISION 1 | GARDENING & FARM CROPS

## Entry Tips

Questions | **Julie Bosek: 320.808.9845**

- » Follow the directions shown below for exhibiting fruits and vegetables.
- » Take care not to break the natural protective skin or outer layer.
- » Stems should be left on unless otherwise specified in directions.
- » Keep entries free of soil as it detracts from the appearance.
- » Use a soft cloth or brush when preparing fruits and vegetables for entry.

**Sweet Corn:** Ears filled out to tip. Kernels should be milky. Leave 2 banner leaves on husks. Trim silks to 1".

**Potatoes:** Firm, medium size, uniform color. Do not wash, brush clean.

**Root Crops:** (Beets, Carrots, Parsnips, Turnips, Rutabagas) Firm, smooth, uniform color. Tops trimmed to 1" to 1 1/2". Tap root trimmed to 1". Do not wash, brush clean.

**Broccoli:** Firm heads, uniform color, tender, crisp, tight bud stage. Remove leaves, stems trimmed to 5" total.

**Cabbage:** Heads solid and firm, heavy for size, tender and crisp. Leave 2 or 3 outside wrapped leaves.

**Cauliflower:** White, orange, or purple depending on cultivar. Crisp and solid, jacket leaves left on and trimmed even with the top of the head.

**Celery:** Crisp, firm, thick and uniform stalks. Trim leaves and roots uniformly. Place in jar.

**Kale/Swiss Chard:** Whole plant with crisp, fresh leaves and clean stems. Remove discolored outer leaves. Place in jar.

**Beans:** Uniform in color and size, straight, small seeds. Leave ends on.

**Peas:** Bright green, well-filled pods with seeds in eating stage. Pick with stem.

**Cucumbers:** Slicing - Straight, firm, uniform length with dark green skin. Leave 1/2" stem.  
Pickling - Firm, uniform in color with thin skin. Wipe clean.

**Eggplant:** Firm, shiny, medium to large size. Uniform color depending on cultivar. Wipe clean.

**Kohlrabi:** Ball 2 - 3" in diameter. Tender, good color. Cut leaves and roots to 1 - 2".

**Ornamental Gourds:** Rind should be hard, exhibit 3 of any variety. Trim stem to 1/2". Wipe clean.

**Pumpkins:** Thick flesh, heavy for size. True to type in size and color. Trim stem to 2". Wipe clean

**Rhubarb:** Tender stems, uniform color. Pull from plant, not cut. Trim leaf blade to 1" above stalk

**Peppers:** Color appropriate for variety. Uniform in size. Trim stems to 1/2 - 1". Wipe clean.

**Squash (Winter):** Rind should be hard and glossy with fully developed color. Leave 2 - 3" stem. Wipe clean.

**Squash (Summer):** Rind should be soft. Select small to medium fruit. Leave 1 - 2" of stem attached. Wipe clean.

**Tomatoes:** Firm fruits that are heavy in relationship to size. Smooth and well-shaped. Remove stems. Wipe clean.

**Onion:** (Dry) Firm, mature, well-shaped bulbs, small necks, heavy for size. Trim tops to 1" and roots to 1/4". Do not remove outer scales.

**Garlic:** Clean, smooth, brightly colored bulbs with dry necks. Trim neck to 2" and roots to 1/4".

**Muskmelon:** Pick at full maturity when stem easily separates from the vine. Medium size and fragrant. Do not wash.

**Watermelon:** In best eating stage, medium to large size, shape, and color typical. Leave 1 - 2" stem. Wipe clean.

**Berries:** Uniform in color and size. Leave calyx on Strawberries.

**Apples:** Firm, uniform color and size dependant on cultivar. Wipe clean.

**Grapes:** Bunches should be uniform in size, shape, and color.



## DIVISION 1 | GARDENING & FARM CROPS

### Class 1 Corn (3 ears)

- 1 Field Corn
- 2 Pop Corn
- 3 Sweet Corn
- 4 Any other variety, specify

### Class 2 Sunflowers - Field Grown

- 1 Sunflowers, less than 6", 2 each
- 2 Sunflowers, larger than 6", 1 each
- 3 Any other variety, specify

### Class 3 Farm Crops

- 1 Alfalfa, 4" middle band
- 2 Field Corn, 8 stalks, no roots
- 3 Soybeans, 4" middle band
- 4 Silage Corn, 8 stalks, no roots
- 5 Any other variety, specify

### Class 4 Potatoes (5 each)

- 1 Fingerlings
- 2 Kennebec
- 4 Norland
- 5 Pontiac
- 7 Any other variety, specify

### Class 5 Root Crops

- 1 Beets, 3 each
- 2 Carrots, less than 6", 3 each
- 3 Carrots, more than 6", 3 each
- 7 Any other variety, 3 each

### Class 6 Green - Salad Crop

- 1 Broccoli, 1 head
- 2 Cabbage, green, 1 head
- 4 Cauliflower, 1 head
- 5 Celery, 1 bunch
- 6 Kale, 1 head
- 7 Swiss Chard, 1 head
- 8 Any other, specify
- 9 Kohlarabi, 3 each

### Class 7 Beans/Peas (8 pods)

- 1 Beans, green
- 2 Beans, yellow
- 3 Peas, shelling
- 4 Peas, sugar snap
- 5 Any other variety, specify

### Class 8 Other Produce

- 1 Cucumbers, pickling, 6 each
- 2 Cucumbers, slicing, 3 each
- 3 Egg plant, 1 specimen
- 5 Ornamental gourds, 3 each
- 6 Pumpkin, field, 1 each
- 7 Pumpkin, pie, 1 each
- 8 Rhubarb, 6 stalks
- 9 Any other variety, specify

### Class 9 Peppers (3 each)

- 1 Bell
- 2 Hot, not Jalapeno, of same variety
- 3 Jalapeno
- 4 Sweet Banana
- 5 Any other variety, specify

### Class 10 Squash

- 1 Acorn, 1 specimen
- 2 Buttercup, 1 specimen
- 3 Butternut, 1 specimen
- 5 Spaghetti, 1 specimen
- 6 Summer Squash, 2 specimens
- 7 Any other variety, specify

### Class 11 Tomatoes

- 1 Red, 3 each
- 2 Cherry, 5 each
- 3 Yellow, 3 each
- 4 Paste, 3 each
- 5 Grape, 5 each
- 6 Any other variety, specify

### Class 12 Onions & Garlic

- 1 Garlic, 3 bulbs
- 2 Onion, red dry, 3 each
- 3 Onion, white, dry, 3 each
- 4 Onion, yellow, dry, 3 each
- 5 Any other variety, specify

### Class 13 Fruits

- 1 Muskmelon, 1 each
- 2 Watermelon, 1 each
- 6 Any other variety, specify
- 7 All types of Berries, 1/2 pint, specify

### Class 14 Apples (3 apples)

- 2 Haralson
- 4 Honeycrisp
- 6 State Fair
- 7 Sweet Sixteen
- 9 Zestar
- 10 Crab Apples
- 11 Any other variety, specify

### Class 15 Grapes (3 bunches)

- 3 Any other variety, specify

### Class 16 Herbs (3 stems)

- 1 Basil
- 3 Dill
- 4 Mint
- 5 Parsley
- 6 Rosemary
- 7 Sage
- 9 Thyme
- 10 Any other herb, specify

### Class 17 Giant (1 specimen)

- 1 Pumpkin
- 2 Watermelon
- 4 Zucchini Squash
- 5 Tomato
- 6 Onion
- 7 Potato
- 8 Any other variety, specify

### Class 18 Youth (Ages 0 - 17)

- 1 Beans, green, 8 each
- 2 Beans, yellow, 8 each
- 3 Carrot, less than 6", 3 each
- 4 Carrot, more than 6", 3 each
- 5 Cucumber, pickling, 6 each
- 6 Cucumber, slicing, 3 each
- 7 Giant Pumpkin, 1 each
- 8 Giant Zucchini, 1 each
- 9 Peas, 8 each
- 10 Tomato, 3 each
- 11 Tomato, Cherry, 8 each
- 12 Zucchini, 2 each
- 13 Seed art, 8" x 10"
- 14 Any other variety, specify

### Class 19 Special Needs

- 1 Up to 4 Gardening and Farm Crop Items from Class 1-17

## DIVISION 2 | FLOWER GARDENING

Questions | **Julie Bosek: 320.808.9845**

### Entry Tips

The maturity, form, color, stem length, botanical name and clean foliage are all points that should be considered.

- » All flowers/plants must be grown by exhibitor for at least 6 weeks prior to entry day.
- » Potted plants must be in exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months prior to entry day and containers should be limited to 14" diameter.
- » The Douglas County Fair provides vases for flowers and stems along with designated area for exhibitors to arrange their entries.
- » Each lot must be one color and three separate uniform stems unless otherwise specified.
- » Exhibitor must know type or variety of flower or plant to be eligible for entry.
- » All exhibits will be judged on quality and judge may withhold award if entries are not worthy.
- » No single entry may be exhibited under more than one class.
- » Judge's decisions are final.
- » Specimens maybe disqualified if it has more or less stems, sprays, stalks, blooms, etc. than the spike or stalk in its natural grown form, unless indicated in the premium book.
- » A bud showing color is classified as a flower.
- » Specimens should be clean, free of insect damage with an attractive amount of foliage attached unless otherwise specified.
- » Remove all foliage below the waterline.
- » Dahlia to be displayed with 2 sets of leaves only and no buds. One bloom on stem.
- » Any other variety lot - Exhibitor must specify variety of entry
- » Hydrangeas will be judged on their peak season color
- » Release of exhibit day - All cut flowers will be composted!





## DIVISION 2 | FLOWER GARDENING

### Class 1 Annuals

- 3 Aster, 3 stems
- 4 Bachelor Buttons, 3 stems
- 6 Calendula, 3 stems
- 7 Celosia, plumed/crested, 1 stem
- 8 Cleome, 1 stem
- 9 Cosmos, 3 stems
- 10 Salvia, 3 stems
- 11 Snapdragon, 3 stems
- 12 Sunflower, 4" and over, 1 stem
- 13 Verbena, 3 stems
- 14 Zinnia, 3 stems
- 15 Any other variety, specify

### Class 2 Marigold (3 Stems)

- 1 Yellow
- 2 Orange
- 3 Bi-Color
- 5 Any other variety, specify

### Class 3 Petunia (3 Stems)

- 1 Yellow
- 2 Red
- 3 Pink
- 4 Purple
- 5 White
- 6 Burgundy
- 7 Bi-Color
- 8 Any other variety, specify

### Class 4 Perennials

- 1 Chrysanthemum, 3 stems
- 3 Coreopsis, 3 stems
- 4 Dianthus Pinks, 3 stems
- 5 Gaillardia, 3 stems
- 6 Heliopsis, 3 stems
- 7 Liatris, purple or white, 3 stems
- 8 Pansies, 3 stems

- 9 Phlox, 1 stem
- 10 Coneflower (Echinacea), 3
- 11 Rudbeckia, 3 stems
- 12 Russian Sage, 1 stem
- 13 Solidago (Goldenrod), 1 stem
- 14 Sedum, 1 stem
- 16 Any other variety, specify

### Class 5 Daisy (3 Stems)

- 3 Any other variety, specify

### Class 6 Hosta (3 Stems)

- 1 Green
- 2 Blue
- 3 Yellow
- 4 Miniature, 3 leaves under 3" wide
- 5 Any other variety, specify

### Class 7 Lily (1 Stem)

- 3 Any other variety, specify

### Class 8 Rose (1 Stem)

- 3 Any other variety, specify

### Class 9 Dahlia (See entry tips)

- 1 Under 4", 3 stems
- 2 Over 4", 1 stem
- 3 Any other variety, specify

### Class 10 Gladiolus (1 Spike)

- 2 Bi-Color
- 3 Red
- 6 Purple
- 7 Miniature
- 8 Any other, specify

### Class 11 Hydrangea (1 Stem)

- 1 White or Cream
- 2 Pink or Burgundy
- 4 Green or Lime
- 6 Any other variety, specify

### Class 12 Collection of Flowers (Provide variety name on entry tag.)

- 1 Three different species annuals
- 2 Three different species perennials
- 3 Any Three different species

### Class 13 Potted Plants

*Container Limited to 14" Diameter*

- 1 Patio Planter (non-Hanging)
- 2 Hanging Planter
- 3 Any other, potted

### Class 14 Youth (Ages 0 - 17)

*Must be picked and exhibited by entrant*

- 1 Gladiolus, 1 spike
- 2 Marigolds, 3 stems
- 3 Petunias, 3 stems
- 4 Bachelor Buttons, 3 stems
- 5 Daisy, 3 stems
- 6 Patio Planter, 1 container
- 7 Hanging Planter, 1 container
- 8 Cosmos, 3 stems
- 9 Coneflower (Echinacea), 3 stems
- 10 Snapdragon, 3 stems
- 11 Sunflower, 4" and over, 1 stem
- 12 Zinnia, 3 stems
- 13 Three different species, annuals
- 14 Any other, specify

### Class 15 Special Needs

- 1 Up to 4 Flowering items from Class 1-Class 13

## DIVISION 3 | FOODS & CANNING

### Entry Tips

#### Questions | Julie Bosek: 320.808.9845

All entries must be packaged before exhibiting in order to qualify for prizes. Canned items in sealed jars only. Lids will be marked upon entering the item.

Pies - baked 6" whole double crusted fruit pie (Contest Pies should be 9 inch - see contest section)

#### Canning:

- » Exhibits must be in standard pint or half pint jars unless otherwise specified, with new lids and rings. Best of 4 Jars must be in a small container or tied together
- » Jars must be clear and manufactured for canning.
- » All foods must be processed according to the extension service of Minnesota. (<https://extension.umn.edu/food-safety/preserving-and-preparing>) A boiling water bath is used for processing jams and jellies, fruit, tomatoes, and pickles and a pressure canner must be used for low acid vegetables. **Your processing time must be written on lid or label.**
- » Jams and jellies must be sealed using a 2-piece lid. Paraffin seals are not allowed.
- » **All jars must be marked with the current year on lid to ensure against entry of same jar at fair next year.**

**Breads - Quick or Yeast:** Enter one small loaf for Quick Breads and 1/2 of a regular sized loaf for Yeast Breads, wrapped in a see through, plastic bag with twister or self sealing bag.

**Cookies:** Enter four cookies on a 6" disposable white plate, wrapped in a see through plastic bag with twister or self sealing plastic bag.

**Bars:** Enter four 2"x2" squares on 6" disposable white plate, wrapped in see through plastic bag with twister or self sealing plastic bag. **\*\*NO REFRIGERATED BARS ACCEPTED\*\***

**Cake:** Enter one 4" square on 6" disposable white plate, wrapped in see through plastic bag with twister or self sealing plastic bag. Decorated Cupcakes, enter four regular sized cupcakes in a clear plastic disposable container.

**Candies:** Enter six pieces on a 6" disposable white plate, wrapped in see through plastic bag with twister or self sealing plastic bag.

**Homemade Beers:** Each entrant needs to enter two bottles of beer for type entered into contest. Each entry must be bottled in a clean bottle of at least 10 oz. Capacity. We prefer no identification markings on the bottles. All entrants must be 21 years of age or older. Entries may be disqualified if these entry tips are not followed. \*Drop off at DIY building on entry day for judging\*

**Homemade Wines:** Each entrant needs to enter two bottles of wine for each type entered into contest. Each entry must be bottled in a clean bottle of at least 750 mil. We prefer no identification markings on the bottles. All entrants must be 21 years of age or older. Entries may be disqualified if these entry tips are not followed. \*Drop off at DIY building on entry day for judging\*





## DIVISION 3 | FOODS & CANNING

### **Class 1 Vegetables - 1 Pint**

- 1 Beans, string
- 2 Beets
- 4 Corn
- 5 Sauerkraut
- 6 Tomatoes
- 7 Any other canned, specify
- 8 Best 4 pints, Any

### **Class 2 Fruit - 1 Pint**

- 1 Apples
- 2 Blueberries
- 3 Cherries
- 4 Peaches
- 6 Any other canned, specify
- 7 Best 4 pints, Any

### **Class 3 Jellies - 1/2 Pint**

- 1 Apple
- 2 Chokecherry
- 4 Any other, specify
- 5 Best 4, 1/2 pints, Any

### **Class 4 Jams - 1/2 Pint**

- 1 Blueberry
- 3 Raspberry
- 4 Rhubarb
- 5 Strawberry
- 6 Any other, specify
- 7 Best 4, 1/2 pints, Any

### **Class 5 Pickle - 1 Pint**

- 1 Bean
- 2 Beet
- 3 Bread and Butter
- 4 Dill
- 5 Whole Cucumber
- 6 Any other canned, specify
- 7 Best 4 pints, Any

### **Class 6 Relishes/Sauces - 1 Pint**

- 1 Cucumber
- 3 Salsa
- 4 Spaghetti
- 5 Tomato
- 6 Any other canned, specify
- 7 Best 4 pints, Any

### **Class 7 Yeast Breads**

- 1 Bread, white, 1/2 loaf
- 3 Buns, white, 4 ea
- 4 Rolls, caramel, 4 ea
- 5 Rolls, cinnamon, 4 ea
- 6 Yeast Breads, Any other, 1/2 loaf

### **Class 8 Quick Breads**

- 2 Bread, banana, 1 sm. loaf
- 3 Bread, zucchini, 1 sm. loaf
- 4 Muffins, blueberry, 4 ea
- 5 Muffins, any other, 4 ea
- 6 Quick Breads, Any other, 1 sm. loaf

### **Class 9 Cake**

- 2 White, unfrosted
- 3 Chocolate, unfrosted
- 4 Any other, unfrosted, specify
- 5 Decorated Cupcakes, 4 each

### **Class 10 Cookies- Plate of 4**

- 1 Chocolate chip
- 2 Ginger/molasses
- 3 Oatmeal
- 4 Sugar
- 6 Any other, specify

### **Class 11 Bars - Plate of 4**

- 1 Brownies
- 2 Chocolate chip
- 3 Lemon
- 5 Cereal bars, any variation
- 6 Any other, specify

### **Class 12 Fruit Pies - 6" Double Crusted Whole Pie**

- 1 Apple
- 2 Blueberry
- 3 Cherry
- 4 Peach

### **Class 13 Holiday Baking**

- 1 Breads, 1 small loaf
- 2 Cookies, plate of 4
- 3 Ethnic, any, specify, on 6" plate
- 4 Any other, specify

### **Class 14 Candles - Plate of 6**

- 1 Soft
- 3 Peanut
- 4 Any other, specify

### **Class 15 Honey/Syrup - 1 Pint**

- 1 Extracted light honey
- 2 Extracted dark honey
- 3 Best 2 pints, light and dark
- 4 Syrup - Maple

### **Class 16 Healthy You Baking**

- 1 Any baking item made from low fat, low sodium, low sugar
- 2 Gluten free

### **Class 18 Youth (Ages 0 - 17)**

- 1 Bread, yeast, 1/2 loaf
- 2 Bread, banana, 1 sm. loaf
- 3 Bread, zucchini, 1 sm. loaf
- 4 Cake, unfrosted, 4" square
- 5 Cookies, 4
- 6 Brownies, 4
- 7 Cereal bars, any variation, 4
- 9 Any other, specify

### **Class 19 Special Needs**

- 1 Up to 6 food items of exhibitors choice in classes 1-16

## DIVISION 4 | DIY (DO-IT-YOURSELF)

### Entry Tips

Questions | **Karol Califas: 612.250.0475**

Review DIY classes carefully. Classes and Lots have been added and/or updated.

#### **YOU CAN NOW ENTER UP TO 2 ITEMS PER LOT**

DIY Classes **WITHOUT** specific ages are open to ALL ages.

#### **Ages have been adjusted in several areas to be consistent with the rest of open class:**

- » Youth Class: 0 - 17 years old
- » Adult Class: 18 - 69 years old
- » Senior Class: 70 plus years old

#### **All entries must be ready for display**

- » Any item that is to be hung must have hooks, wire, etc.
- » Clothing and Costumes must be on hangers.
- » Jewelry & Ornaments need to be on display racks (no plastic bags).
- » Puzzles must be matted and sealed as to not break apart.
- » Photos must be on stand, hooks, or wire.

#### **Lots requiring more than one item:**

- » Need to make sure the lot number is visibly displayed.
- » Items must be secured together if entered as a set. Example: Greeting Cards, set of 3.

#### **Professional class/lot added:**

- » A Professional is anyone who receives income on a regular basis by providing or teaching skills and/or selling their DIY or Fine Art products pertaining to a specific class and lot.
- » Premiums will be awarded



## DIVISION 4 | DIY (DO-IT-YOURSELF)

**NEW** - Enter Up To 2 Items In **EACH** Lot!

Class 1 - 21 Adults (Ages 18 - 69)

### Class 1 - DIY Crafts

#### Adult (ages 18-69)

- 8 Garden decoration
- 9 Greeting Cards, set of 3
- 10 Jewelry
- 11 Leather Work
- 12 Model
- 13 Needlepoint
- 14 Patriotic Item
- 17 Puzzle
- 18 Refrigerator Ornament
- 19 String Art
- 20 Stuffed Animal
- 21 Sun catcher
- 22 Table Runner
- 23 Tied Fleece, blanket
- 24 Wall Hanging
- 25 Wind Chimes
- 26 Stamping, set of 3
- 27 Recycled/Repurposed
- 28 Any Other

### Class 5 Counted Cross Stitch

- 1 Holiday Item
- 2 Picture, framed
- 5 Any Other

### Class 6 Crochet

- 1 Afghan, Small, under 4'x6'
- 2 Afghan, Large, over 4'x6'
- 3 Baby Item
- 4 Bedspread
- 5 Dish Cloth
- 6 Doily
- 7 Scarf
- 8 Shawl
- 9 Mittens
- 10 Any Other

### Class 7 Embroidery

- 1 Dish Towels, Hand
- 3 Holiday Item, Hand
- 6 Machine Embroidery
- 7 Any Other

### Class 8 Holidays (Any)

- 2 Door Decoration
- 3 Elves/ Gnomes
- 6 Ornament
- 7 Tablecloth or Runner
- 9 Wooden Article
- 10 Wreath
- 11 Any Other

### Class 10 Infants

- 3 Baby/Crib Quilt
- 4 Bib/Burp Cloth
- 8 Mittens
- 9 Sweater
- 10 Any Other

### Class 11 Knitting

- 1 Afghan
- 2 Cap
- 3 Sweater
- 4 Dish Cloth
- 5 Scarf
- 6 Shawl
- 8 Mittens
- 9 Any Other

### Class 12 Pillows

- 3 Pieced & Quilted
- 4 Appliqued
- 5 Any other

### Class 13 Quilt Made Entirely by Exhibitor

#### Class 14 Quilt Made by Exhibitor, Quilted by Another

\* Use lots below for **BOTH** Class 13 & 14\* (Quilts must have 3 layers)

- 1 Machine Pieced, less than 70" x 90"
- 2 Machine Pieced, 70" x 90" or larger
- 3 Applique, cotton, machined
- 4 Applique, cotton, by hand
- 5 Applique, wool
- 8 Original Design
- 9 Scrap Quilt
- 10 Any other

### Class 15 Quilted Wall Hanging

- 1 Pieced, large, over 18" x 18"
- 2 Pieced, small, 18" x 18" or under
- 3 Applique, large, over 18" x 18"
- 4 Applique, small, 18" x 18" or under
- 5 Any Other

### Class 16 Rugs

- 1 Hooked
- 2 Woven
- 3 Any other

### Class 17 Sewing

- 1 Costumes
- 2 Doll clothes
- 3 Household accessories
- 4 Pajamas or Nightgown
- 5 Pillowcases
- 6 Table runner
- 7 Clothing for a child
- 8 Clothing for an adult
- 9 Vest
- 10 Stuffed Animal/Doll
- 11 Any Other

## DIVISION 4 | DIY (DO-IT-YOURSELF)

**NEW** - Enter Up To 2 Items In **EACH** Lot!

### **ADULTS**

#### **Class 18 Woodworking**

- 1 New Furniture
- 2 Furniture, Refinished
- 4 Pallet Furniture or Sign
- 6 Wall Decor
- 7 Wood Burning
- 8 Any Other

#### **Class 19 Wood Carving**

- 1 Animal
- 2 Bird, song or other
- 3 Fish
- 4 Human Figure or Bust
- 5 Waterfowl
- 6 Any Other

#### **Class 20 Ceramics**

- 1 Acrylic item only
- 2 Acrylic/Antiquing item only
- 3 Animal
- 4 Holiday
- 5 Garden Items
- 6 Bank
- 7 Cups/mugs/bowls/dinnerware
- 8 Drybrush item
- 9 Glaze/Underglaze item
- 10 Any other

#### **Class 21 Scrapbooking**

- 6 Traditional and Handcrafted
- 7 Digital

### **YOUTH**

#### **Class 22 Legos**

- (Display in box or Lego tray)
- 1 Small, 0 - 300 pieces, ages 1-9
  - 2 Large, 300 - 500 pieces, ages 1-9
  - 3 Small, 0 - 800 pieces, ages 10-14
  - 4 Large, 800+ pieces, ages 10-14
  - 5 Small, 500 - 1000 pieces, ages 15 & up
  - 6 Large, 1000+ pieces, ages 15 & up
  - 7 Legos Creativity (No Kits/Own Design) 500+ pieces, Age 10 & up

#### **Class 23 DIY Crafts - Youth (Ages 0-17)**

- 3 Bookmark
- 4 Coaster
- 7 Foam art item
- 8 Garden decoration
- 9 Greeting Card, set of 3
- 12 Refrigerator Ornament
- 13 String Art
- 14 Stuffed Animal
- 15 Sun catcher
- 16 Tied Fleece, blanket/pillow
- 17 Wall Hanging
- 18 Ceramics
- 19 Woodworking
- 20 Sewing
- 21 Knitting
- 22 Any Other

### **SENIORS**

#### **Class 24 DIY Crafts - Senior (Ages 70+)**

- 1 Wood Item
- 2 Bookmark
- 3 Latch Hook
- 4 Art item
- 5 Garden decoration
- 6 Greeting Card, set of 3
- 7 Jewelry
- 8 Leather Work
- 9 Model
- 10 Needlepoint
- 11 Holiday item
- 12 Potholder
- 13 Puzzle
- 14 Refrigerator Ornament
- 15 Sun catcher
- 16 Tied Fleece, blanket
- 17 Wall Hanging
- 18 Quilts
- 19 Any Other

#### **Class 25 - Special Needs**

- 1 Up to 6 DIY items of exhibitors choice

#### **Class 26 - Professional**

- 1 Any DIY items of exhibitors choice

## DIVISION 5 | FINE ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY

**NEW** - Enter Up To 2 Items In **EACH** Lot!

### Questions | **Karol Califas: 612.250.0475**

- » All entries, except 3D exhibits, must be finished and ready to hang with wire.
- » Oil/acrylics must be framed or have the edges of stretched canvas painted.
- » Photography and all other works must be framed with glass/Plexiglass and have eye screws with wire for hanging on back. Zig-Zag hangers and stand up backs are not acceptable methods for presenting at the fair.
- » In photography, only one photo is allowed per lot. Single frames with multiple photographs or collections of framed photographs are not allowed.
- » All work must be an original.
- » One Best of Show will be awarded in Fine Arts, Photography, and Children/Youth.
- » Professional Art & Photography entries are not eligible for Best of Show.

### **Barn Quilt Blocks - Can adorn barns, outbuildings, homes and businesses:**

- » 4 feet by 4 feet painted on wood.
- » Pre-cut wood is available for purchase at Hilltop Lumber, Alexandria (contact Orvin).
- » Paint quilt blocks on exterior plywood or MDF board.
- » Primer on front, back and edges.
- » No logos. No decals or embellishments.
- » Design must translate to a sewn quilt block by geometric design of squares and half squares with 2 or more colors.

### **She Shed Barn Quilt Blocks - Can adorn sheds, barns, outbuildings, homes and businesses:**

- » 2 feet by 2 feet painted on wood.
- » Pre-cut wood is available for purchase at Hilltop Lumber, Alexandria (contact Orvin).
- » Paint quilt blocks on exterior plywood or MDF board.
- » Primer on front, back and edges.
- » No logos. No decals or embellishments.
- » Design must translate to a sewn quilt block by geometric design of squares and half squares with 2 or more colors.

### **She Shed Barn Quilt Block**

- 1 Taped (pre-register under contest)



## DIVISION 5 | FINE ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY

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#### **Class 1 Painting**

- 1 Oil
- 2 Acrylic
- 4 Portrait, any media
- 5 Any other

#### **Class 2 Drawings / Mixed Media 1**

- Pencil or Ink Drawing
- 4 Mixed Media Art

#### **Class 3 Pottery or Sculpture**

- 1 Pottery
- 2 Sculpture

#### **Class 4 Creative Art**

- 2 Environmental Art - Recycled
- 3 Creative Expressions
- 4 Mini Art - 7"x9" total or smaller
- 5 Any other

#### **Class 5 Professional Art**

- 1 Enter 3 items out of Class 1-Class 4, Class 15-Class 17, specify items

#### **Class 6 Photography Non-Manipulated**

- 1 Portrait
- 2 Landscape
- 3 Black & White
- 4 Nature
- 6 Animals
- 8 Action, must show movement
- 9 Flowers

- 12 Fair Pictures
- 13 Creative Photography
- 14 Mystery Photo
- 15 Any other

#### **Class 7 Photography - Manipulated (Must include original)**

- 1 Portrait
- 2 Landscape
- 3 Black & White
- 4 Nature
- 6 Animals
- 8 Action, must show movement
- 9 Flowers
- 12 Any other

#### **Class 8 Professional Photography**

- 1 Any 3 from Classes 6 or 7

#### **Class 9 Children (ages 0-4)**

- 1 Painting
- 2 Drawing
- 6 Any other: Creative Art/Pottery/

#### **Class 10 Children (age 5-9)**

- 1 Painting
- 2 Drawing
- 3 3-D Art
- 4 Photography, Nature/Landscape
- 5 Photography, Animals/Pets
- 6 Any other

#### **Class 11 Youth (Ages 10 - 14)**

- 1 Painting

- 2 Drawing, pencil or ink
- 3 Mixed media
- 4 Sculpture/Pottery
- 5 Photography, Animals/Pets
- 6 Photography, Nature/Landscape
- 7 Photography, creative
- 8 Any other

#### **Class 12 Youth (Ages 15 - 17)**

- 1 Painting, oil or acrylic
- 3 Drawing, pencil or ink
- 5 Sculpture/Pottery
- 6 Photography, Nature/Landscape
- 8 Photography, Animals/Pets
- 9 Photography, creative

#### **Class 13 Special Needs**

- 1 Up to 6 Art and Photography items of exhibitors choice

#### **Class 15 Diamond Dotz (Framed & Ready to Hang)**

- 1 Ages 0-17
- 2 Ages 18 & Over

#### **Class 16 Barn Quilt Block**

- 1 Taped
- 2 Stencil

#### **Class 17 She Shed Barn Quilt Block**

- 1 Taped (see contest pre-register)
- 2 Stencil

#### **Class 18 Canvas Photography (not larger than 18"x24")**

- 1 Manipulated (must include original)
- 2 Non-manipulated

## DIVISION 7 | FFA YOUTH ONLY

**NEW** - Register on line by Saturday August 12, 2023 midnight.

### Questions | Karol Califas: 612.250.0475

- » Bring Exhibits to DIY Building on Monday August 14, 2023 from 1:00pm-7:00pm
- » Pick up Exhibits /Premium Checks at DIY on Sunday August 20,2023 8:00 am-noon

Premiums for Placing - Grand Champion - \$15, Reserve Champion - \$12, Blue - \$5, Red - \$4, White - \$3

**\*\*Ribbon Placing is at the discretion of the judges. Not all entries will receive ribbons\*\***

**\*\*\*Exhibitors may exhibit in 4 lots per class below\*\*\***

#### Class 1 Gardening & Farm Crops

- 1 Beans, green - 8 each
- 2 Bean, yellow - 8 each
- 3 Carrots - 3 each
- 4 Cucumber - 6 each
- 5 Giant Pumpkin - 1 each
- 8 Potatoes - 5 each
- 9 Peas - 8 each
- 10 Tomatoes - 3 each
- 11 Zucchini - 2 each
- 13 Seed Art - 8" x 10"
- 14 Corn (1 quart Jar of Shelled Corn)
- 15 Soybeans (1 quart Jar of Shelled Beans)
- 16 Wheat (1 quart Jar of Wheat)
- 17 Oats (1 quart Jar of Oats)

#### Class 2 Flower Gardening

- 1 Gladiolus - 1 spike
- 2 Marigolds - 3 stems
- 3 Petunias - 2 stems
- 4 Bachelor Buttons - 3 stems
- 5 Daisy - 3 stems
- 6 Zinnias - 3 stems
- 7 Three different species, annuals
- 8 Patio Planter
- 9 Hanging Planter

#### Class 3 Foods & Canning

- 1 Canned Vegetables - 1 pint
- 2 Canned Fruit - 1 pint
- 3 Canned Jellies - 1/2 pint
- 4 Canned Jams - 1/2 pint
- 5 Canned Pickles - 1 pint
- 6 Relishes/Sauces - 1 pint
- 7 Bread, yeast - 1/2 loaf
- 8 Bread, banana - 1 sm. loaf
- 9 Bread, zucchini - 1 sm. loaf
- 10 Cake, unfrosted - 4 " square
- 11 Cookies - 4
- 12 Brownies - 4
- 13 Cereal Bars - 4
- 14 Honey/Maple Syrup - 1 pnt

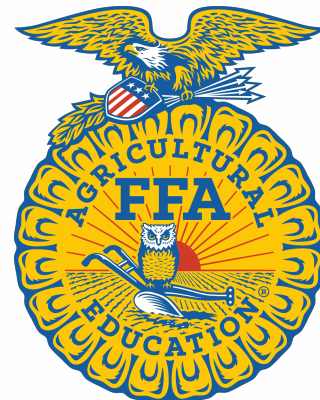
#### Class 4 Home Activities / DIY

- 1 Jewelry
- 2 Recycled/Re-purposed
- 3 Wood Carving
- 4 Wood Working
- 5 Ceramics
- 6 Scrapbooking
- 7 Legos 1000+ Pieces
- 8 Legos 500+ Pieces
- 9 Garden Decorations
- 10 Tied Fleece Blanket/Pillow
- 11 Wall Hanging
- 12 Sewing/Embroidery
- 13 Knitting/Crochet
- 14 Painting - Oil or Acrylic
- 15 Drawings - Pencil or Ink
- 16 Pottery/Sculpture
- 17 Creative Art - Recycled
- 18 Diamond Dotz
- 19 Barn Quilt Block
- 20 She Shed Quilt Block
- 21 Photography - Non-Manipulated
- 22 Photography - Manipulated
- 23 Canvas Photography

#### Class 10 Small Animals to Display in FFA Barn (Must verify and sign up with FFA Advisors )

1 Up to 2 animals per species except baby poultry up to 12

*(Exhibitor will receive a premium of \$15 per species exhibited)*



## OTHER CONTESTS

COMPLETE RULES & DETAILS FOUND  
AT [WWW.DCMNFAIR.COM](http://WWW.DCMNFAIR.COM) UNDER  
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### SCARECROW CONTEST

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1ST - \$25  
2ND - \$20  
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### Bird House Contest

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### PIE BAKING CONTEST

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\$25 GRAND CHAMPION  
\$20 RESERVE CHAMPION

### TABLE DECORATING CONTEST

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1ST - \$25  
2ND - \$20  
3RD - \$15

### WILD & FREAKY VEGETABLES CONTEST

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1ST - \$15  
2ND - \$10  
3RD - \$5

### GIFT BASKET CONTEST

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1ST - \$25  
2ND - \$20  
3RD - \$15

### HOMEMADE BEER

1ST - \$20  
2ND - \$15  
3RD - \$10

### HOMEMADE Wine

1ST - \$20  
2ND - \$15  
3RD - \$10

### QUILT ON A STICK

1ST - \$25  
2ND - \$20  
3RD - \$15

### "SHE SHED" BARN QUILT CONTEST

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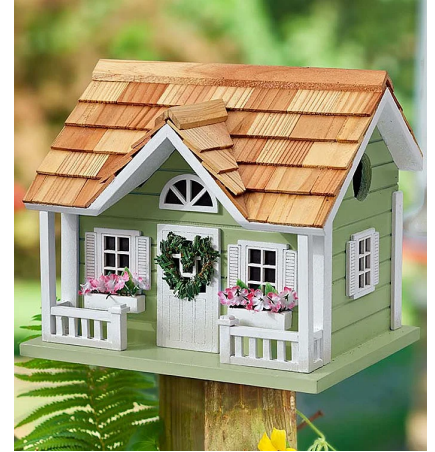


## OTHER CONTEST DESCRIPTIONS

### BIRD HOUSE CONTEST - Sponsored by Douglas County Fair

Rules: Create a Bird House

- Be artistic, imaginative, could be made from recycled products, just be creative!
- Must have hook so can be hung on shepherds hook for display outside of Echo Press Building
- If too large to be hung - will be placed on boards off the ground
- Bring entry Monday, August 14, 2023 for Judging
- Prizes: 1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10



### SCARE CROW CONTEST - Sponsored by MASTER GARDENERS

Rules: Maximum Height 5 Feet

- Must be Free standing and Family Appropriate
- No electricity or Generators allowed
- An area will be provided for entrants to exhibit the display. Area must be cleaned by entrant when finished
- Bring entry Monday, August 14, 2023 for Judging
- Prizes: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$15

### Wild & Wacky Vegetables - Sponsored by MASTER GARDENERS

Rules: Bring in your most wild or freaky or large vegetable

- Any weird looking vegetable is eligible to be entered
- Bring entry Monday, August 14, 2023 for Judging
- Prizes: 1st - \$15 2nd - \$10 3rd - \$5



### Baked Pie Tasting Contest - Sponsored by Douglas County Fair

Rules: Bring in homemade 9" fruit pie on Wednesday, August 16th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to the DIY Building

- Pies will be judged on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 on the Hubbard Radio Stage
- Prizes: 1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10

### GIFT BASKET CONTEST - Sponsored by Douglas County Fair

Rules: Use your creativity to construct a gift basket.

- Must include a variety of 4 homemade miscellaneous baked goods.
- Bring in your basket on Monday, August 14th, 2023 entry day to the DIY Bldg for judging and display
- Prizes: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$15



### HOMEMADE BEER CONTEST - Sponsored by Douglas County Fair



Rules: Each entrant needs to enter 2 bottles of beer for each type of beer entered

- Each entry must be in a clean bottle of at least 750 mil. No identification markings on the bottles.
- Labels must include Lot # from below, type of beer, special ingredients
- Lot 1 - Light Beer
- Lot 2 - Dark Beer
- All entrants must be over 21 years of age.
- Bring entries on Monday, August 14, 2023 entry day to the DIY Building
- Prizes: 1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10

### HOMEMADE WINE CONTEST - Sponsored by Douglas County Fair

Rules: Each entrant needs to enter 2 bottles of wine for each type of wine entered

- Each entry must be in a clean bottle of at least 750 mil. No identification markings on the bottles.
- Labels must include Lot # from below, type of beer, special ingredients
- Lot 1 - Grapes and Juice Based Wine
- Lot 2 - Kits Used - concentrated-based juice
- All entrants must be over 21 years of age.
- Bring entries on Monday, August 14, 2023 entry day to the DIY Building
- Prizes: 1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10



### TABLE DECORATING CONTEST - Sponsored by Douglas County Fair



Rules: Exhibit should include a place setting consisting of dishes, silverware, linens, centerpiece, and a meal menu mounted on an 8x10 poster (free standing)

- The display cannot be larger than 30" square
- An area will be provided for entrants to exhibit the display
- Bring entries on Monday, August 14, 2023 entry day to the DIY Building
- Prizes: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$15



## QUILT ON A STICK - Sponsored by Douglas County Fair

THEME: "MORE TO SEE IN 2023"

Rules: Each exhibit will use the Theme above and incorporate sunglasses, eyeglasses, eyes, telescopes, etc. somewhere in the quilt block - use your imagination!

- Finished Quilt Block size: 8" wide x 9" high. Must be lined
- Remember the piece is equivalent to that of a quilt
- Quilt back must include a centered vertical sleeve in which a painters stick (12" long x 1 1/2" wide) can be inserted...thus Quilt On A Stick!
- Any constructed stitch method - hand or machine
- Painter sticks will be provided on entry day
- Bring entries on Monday, August 14, 2023 entry day to the DIY Building
- Prizes: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$15



## "SHE SHED" BARN QUILT CONTEST - Sponsored by Douglas County Fair

Rules: 2 feet by 2 feet -- 1/2" double sided exterior MDO Board



- Designs must translate (equivalent) to "quilt blocks" geometric designs of squares and half squares with 2 or more colors.
- Make sure back and sides are painted also
- Must use Tape for your layout design. NO STENCILS!
- NO Logo, Decals, or Embellishments.
- Note: Pre-cut wood is available for purchase at Hilltop Lumber Alexandria (contact Orvin)
- Bring entries on Monday, August 14, 2023 entry day to the DIY Building
- Prizes: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$15



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