



2026 EDITION



DOUGLAS
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Stars and Stripes in 2026

OPEN CLASS

P R E M I U M B O O K

AUGUST 19-22, 2026

"NEW DATE" : OPEN CLASS ENTRY DAY

Sunday, AUG. 16th 1PM - 7PM

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If you have any questions, please e-mail info@dcmnfair.com
or call 866.656.FAIR

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, press submit, and press checkout !!!**

There is NO COST for registration in Douglas County, the checkout just confirms your entries.

You will receive a : THANKYOU for registering and it will show entries verified ! !

NEW DATE AND TIME : Online Registration closes: **NOON Saturday, August 15, 2026.**

Mail-In Registration: Deadline: **Post Marked by Monday, August 10, 2026.**

Registration Help

Location: DIY Open Class Building

When: **Monday, August 10, 2026**

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Walk-Ins Welcome!

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

If you have any questions,
please e-mail info@dcmnfair.com or call 866.656.FAIR

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 or by mail) **NEWDATE !!!**

- » Entry Day is **SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026 from 1 pm 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 2026.
- » 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 "teacher & professional" who receive 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. As for food and canning exhibitors, one is considered a professional if selling their canned goods on a personal website, social media site, or in a physical store /market.
- » 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) \$8.00, 2nd Place (Red) \$6.00, 3rd Place (White) \$5.00, unless otherwise specified.
- One Grand Champion \$15.00 and One Reserve Champion \$12.00 may be awarded in each Class.

Themed entries 2026: "Stars and Stripes in 2026"

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

- » All articles entered will remain on exhibit. No items will be released before Sunday 11:00 am.
- » Open Class entries need to be picked up Sunday, August 23, 2026 between 11:00am and 2:00 pm 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 - pickup ionly at the DIY Building
Sunday, August 22, 2026 between 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Checks not picked up during this time will be mailed.
- » All cut flowers and any non-picked up vegetables will be composed.
- » All baked goods will be disposed.

DIVISION 1 | GARDENING & FARM CROPS

Entry Tips

Questions | **Julie Bosek: 866.656.3247 ext. 709**

- » 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.
- » " Best of Show " awarded to one overall Horticulture Exhibit per judge's discretion.

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/red 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
- 7 All types of Berries, 1/2 pint, specify
- 8 Grapes any variety (3 bunches)

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 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, 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

Class 20 Seniors- Assisted Living/Nursing Homes (1 or more gardeners)

- 1 Up to 4 Gardening and Farm Crop items

DIVISION 2 | FLOWER GARDENING

Questions | **Julie Bosek: 866.656.3247 ext. 709**

Entry Tips

The maturity, form, color, stem length, botanical name & 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.
Containers are limited by diameter and specified in class / lot.
Exhibitor must be able to unload and load exhibit to & from the designated area.
- » 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.
- » 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
- » 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.
- » " Best of Show " awarded to one overall Floriculture Exhibit per judge's discretion.
- » 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 Planter- - Must be able to unload/load by exhibitor

- 1 Patio Planter (non-Hanging)
(Container : Limited to 18" diameter)
- 2 Hanging Planter -
(Container : Limited to 14" diameter)
- 3 Any other, potted planter
(Themed Container: **Stars and Stripes in 2026**) Limit to 24" diameter

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
(Limit 18" diameter)
- 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
- 15 Fairy Gardens, 1 container
(Limit 36"long x 15" wide)

Class 15 Special Needs

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

Class 16 Seniors- Assisted Living/Nursing Homes (1 or more gardeners)

- (Container: Limited to 18" diameter)
- 1 Patio Planter

DIVISION 3 | FOODS & CANNING

Entry Tips

Questions | **Julie Bosek: 866.656.3247 ext. 709**

FOODS and CANNING: Each exhibitor / family member must use a different recipe.

Any entries shown at another fair prior to the Douglas County Fair will forfeit any premiums awarded.

" Best of Show " awarded to one overall Food and Canning Exhibit per judge's discretion.

Canning: Canned items in sealed jars only. Lids will be marked upon entering the item.

- 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 jars 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 disposable white plate, wrapped in a see through plastic bag with twister or self sealing plastic bag.

Bars: Enter four 2"x2" squares on 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 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. ***NEW***
Professional Cake Decorators : up to 3 tiers, any occasion, provide description card- cake flavor, fillings used, type of frosting, and title of occasion. Cake will be taste tested by our judges.

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

Pies : Baked double crusted fruit pies. Only baked products accepted- no puddings, whipped cream, custard, or meringues. All fillings and crusts need to be made by scratch. No refrigeration available.

Homemade Wines: Enter under contests. 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
- 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
- 7 Artisan Breads, 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

- 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 Pies

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

Class 13 Holiday Baking

- 3 Ethnic, any, specify, on 6" plate
- 4 Any other, specify

Class 14 Candles - Plate of 6

- 4 Any soft or hard, specify

Class 15 Honey/Syrup - 1 Pint

- 1 Extracted Honey
- 3 Best 2 pints, Honey
- 4 Syrup - Maple

Class 16 Healthy You Baking

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

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

Class 20 Professional

- 1 Cake Decorators: see entry tips
- 2 Canning Vegetables/Fruits
- 3 Canning Jams/Jellies

Class 21 Seniors- Assisted Living/Nursing Homes

- (3 or more bakers)
- 1 Up to 6 food items of exhibitors choice in classes 1-16

DIVISION 4 | DIY (DO-IT-YOURSELF)

Entry Tips

Questions | Karol Callfas : 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
- » DIY classes 1-20 : all ages
- » Senior Class: 70 plus years old

All entries must be ready for display

- » Any item that is to be hung must have eye hooks, wire, etc.
- » Clothing and Costumes must be on hangers.
- » Jewelry needs to be on display racks (no plastic bags).
- » Ornaments and sun catchers need wire/string to be hung.
- » Puzzles must be matted and sealed as to not break apart.
- » Photos must have eye hooks and wire.
- » **Any entries show at another fair prior to DCF will forfeit any premiums awarded.**

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 - 20 (ALL AGES)

Class 1 - DIY Crafts

- 8 Garden decoration /
Wind chimes
 - 9 Greeting Cards-set of 3 /
Stamping- set of 3
 - 10 Jewelry
 - 11 Leather Work
 - 12 Model
 - 14 Patriotic Item
 - 17 Puzzle
 - 19 String Art
 - 23 Tied Fleece, blanket
 - 24 Wall Hanging
 - 27 Recycled/Repurposed
 - 28 Any Other
 - 29 Scrapbooking- traditional
 - 30 Scrapbooking- digital
 - 31 Artificial Floral Arrangement
 - 33 Legos 500+ pieces
- Themed: (Stars & Stripes202 6)

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
- 5 Dish Cloth
- 6 Doily
- 10 Any Other
- 11 Apparel items

Class 7 Hand Stitching

- 6 Machine Embroidery
- 8 Hand Embroidery
- 9 Needlepoint

Class 8 Holidays (Any)

- 2 Door Decoration / Centerpiece
- 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
- 10 Any Other
- 11 Apparel

Class 11 Knitting

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

Class 12 Pillows & Rugs

- 3 Pieced & Quilted - pillows
- 4 Appliqued - pillows
- 5 Any other - pillows
- 6 Rugs - Hooked
- 7 Rugs - Woven

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 17 Sewing

- 1 Costumes
- 3 Household accessories
- 4 Pajamas or Nightgown
- 5 Pillowcases
- 6 Table runner
- 7 Clothing for a child
- 8 Clothing for an adult
- 11 Any Other

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 / Waterfowl
- 3 Fish
- 4 Human Figure or Bust
- 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 Cup/mugs/bowls/dinnerware
- 8 Drybrush item
- 9 Glaze/Underglaze item
- 10 Any other

DIVISION 4 | DIY (DO-IT-YOURSELF)

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

YOUTH

Class 22 Legos

Youth (Ages 0-17)

(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,
any age (0-17)

7 Legos Creativity -
Themed: (Stars & Stripes 2026)
500+ pieces

8 Lego Team (2-4 youth)
800+pieces
(No Kits/Own Design)

YOUTH

Class 23 DIV Crafts

Youth (Ages 0-17)

2 Bird houses

3 Bookmark

4 Coaster

7 Foam art item

8 Garden decoration

9 Greeting Card, set of 3

11 Puzzle - Regular or 3D

12 Refrigerator Ornament

13 String Art

15 Sun catcher

16 Tied Fleece, blanket/pillow

17 Wall Hanging

18 Ceramics

19 Woodworking

20 Sewing

21 Knitting

22 Any Other

23 K'nex small under 50 pieces

24 K'nex large over 50 pieces

25 Quilts- any type or size

26 Barn Quilt- 12"x 12"

SENIORS

Class 24 DIY Crafts

Senior (Ages 70+)

1 Wood Item

4 Art item

5 Garden decoration & wind
chimes

6 Greeting Card & Stamping
set of 3

7 Jewelry

11 Holiday item

13 Puzzle (Team 2-4 seniors)

17 Wall Hanging

18 Quilts

19 Any Other

20 Lego Team

(2-4 seniors) 800+pieces

21 Barn Quilt- 12"x12"

Class 25 - Special Needs

1 Up to 6 DIY items of exhibitors

Class 26 - Professional

1 Any DIY items of exhibitors choice
in Adult or Senior classes

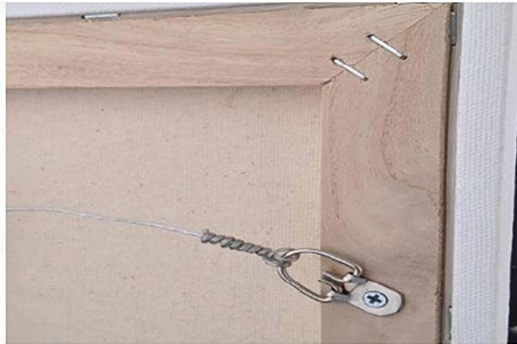
DIVISION 5 | FINE ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY

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

Questions | **Karol Callfas: 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.**
- » **Single frames with multiple photographs or collections of framed photographs are allowed only under Class 19.**
- » All work must be an original.

Note: All Photography in classes: 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13 must be framed



- » One " Best of Show " will be awarded in Fine Arts, Photography, and Children/Youth per judge's discretion.
- » All entries must be created by the exhibitor on or after the 2025 Douglas County Fair.
- » 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 or ACM(aluminum core material)
- » Pre-cut wood is available for purchase at Hilltop Lumber, Alexandria (contact Orvin).
- » 4'x4' ACM is available for purchase at Affordable Signs.
- » Paint quilt blocks on exterior plywood or MDF board or ACM.
- » Primer on front, back and wood edges need to be puttied and sanded.
- » 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:

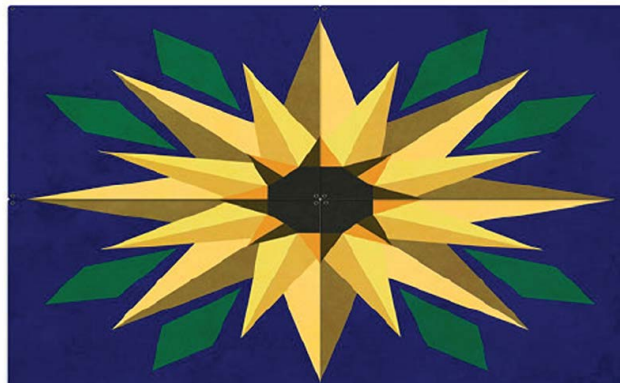
- » 2 feet by 2 feet painted on wood or ACM(aluminum core material)
- » Pre-cut wood is available for purchase at Hilltop Lumber, Alexandria (contact Orvin).
- » 2'x2' ACM is available for purchase at Affordable Signs.
- » Paint quilt blocks on exterior plywood or MDF board or ACM.
- » Primer on front, back and wood edges need to be puttied and sanded.
- » 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)

Any 12 " x 12" Barn Quilts

painted as group or individual follow instructions as above for barn quilts



DIVISION 5 | FINE ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY

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

Questions | **Karol Callfas: 612.250.0475**

Class 1 Painting

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

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 Manipulated

- All Classes Must Attach Original (cropped/enhanced in any way: photoshop & phone edited, etc and must be framed)

- 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 (must include original)
- 15 Any other

Class 7 Photography - Non-Manipulated - must be framed

- 1 Portrait
- 2 Landscape
- 3 Fair pictures
- 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 Premium Kit (Ages 0-17)
 - 2 Premium Kit (Ages 18 & Over)
 - 3 Photo (Ages 0-17)
- Must include original
- 4 Photo (Ages 18 & Over)
- Must include original

Class 16 Barn Quilt Block

- 1 Taped
- 2 Stencil
3. Taped - Themed Stars & Stripes

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

Class 19 Collection of Photographs

- 1 Three to five photos in 1 frame
- 2 Three Photos framed separately as a collection

DIVISION 7 | FFA YOUTH ONLY

NEW TIME - Registration Deadline (on line) by
NOON - Saturday August 16, 2026.

Questions | **Julie Bosek: 866-656-3247 EXT. 709**

- » **NEW DATE:** Bring Exhibits to DIY Building on Sunday August 16, 2026 from 1:00pm- 7:00pm
- » **Pick up Exhibits /Premium Checks at DIY on Sunday August 16, 2026- 11:00 am- 2:00pm**

Premiums for Placing - Grand Champion - \$15, Reserve Champion - \$12, Blue - \$8, Red - \$6, White - \$5

****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 - 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
- 8 Patio Planter

Class 3 Foods & Canning

- 1 Canned Vegetables or Fruit- 1 pint
- 3 Canned Jellies or 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 pint

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
- 9 Garden Decorations
- 10 Tied Fleece Blanket/Pillows
- 12 Sewing
- 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)

- Selection of animals will be made by FFA Advisors.
- Care of exhibits is the responsibility of the owner.
- Pens to be cleaned and bedded daily.

OTHER CONTESTS

COMPLETE RULES & DETAILS FOUND
AT WWW.DCMNFAIR.COM UNDER
COMPETITIONS & CONTESTS



SCARECROW CONTEST

SPONSORED BY MASTER
GARDENERS

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

Themed
(Stars & Stripes)



QUILT ON A STICK BY DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR

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

Themed (Stars & Stripes)



TABLE DECORATING CONTEST

SPONSORED BY
DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR

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

Themed
(Stars & Stripes)



"SHE SHED" BARN QUILT CONTEST

SPONSORED BY
DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR

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



WILD & FREAKY VEGETABLES CONTEST

SPONSORED BY
MASTER GARDENERS

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



HOMEMADE WINE CONTEST

SPONSORED BY
DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR

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



GIFT BASKET CONTEST

SPONSORED BY
DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR

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

Themed
(Stars & Stripes)

OTHER CONTEST DESCRIPTIONS



SCARE CROW CONTEST - Sponsored by MASTER GARDENERS

Rules: Maximum Height 5 Feet

(Themed : Stars & Stripes)

- 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 Sunday, August 16, 2026 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 Sunday, August 16, 2026 for Judging
- Prizes: 1st - \$15 2nd - \$10 3rd - \$5



QUILT ON A STICK - Sponsored by Douglas County Fair

THEME: (Stars & Stripes)

Rules: Each exhibit will use the Theme above and incorporate red, white and blue 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 Sunday, August 16, 2026 entry day to the DIY Building
- Prizes: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$15



GIFT BASKET CONTEST - Sponsored by Douglas County

Theme: (Stars & Stripes)

Rules: Use your creativity to construct a gift basket

- Must include a variety of 4 food/canning goods, which 2 are homemade baked goods.
- Bring in your basket on Sunday, August 16th, 2026 entry day to the DIY Bldg for judging and display
- Prizes: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$15



TABLE DECORATING CONTEST - Sponsored by Douglas County Fair



THEME: (Stars and Stripes)

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 Sunday, August 16, 2026 entry day to the DIY Building
- Prizes: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$15

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 wine, 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 Sunday, August 16, 2026 entry day to the DIY Building
- Prizes: 1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10



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



Rules: 2 feet by 2 feet -- 1/2" double sided exterior MDO Board or ACM-aluminum core material 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.
- Bring entries on Sunday, August 16, 2026 entry day to the DIY Building
- Prizes: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$15