



# Elkhart County 4-H Fair Green Committee



Presents

2026

## UPCYCLED/RECYCLED YARD ART CONTEST Business/Organization/Individual

The contest is open to all Elkhart County and adjacent county businesses, organizations and individuals. **No entry fee required.** One entry per business, organization or individual allowed. **All entries must be made from at least 50% up cycled/recycled materials.** The Yard Art will be on display during the Elkhart County 4-H Fair.

Prizes will be awarded to entries as follows:

- 1st Place - Plaque + 16 Fair Tickets
- 2nd Place - Plaque + 12 Fair Tickets
- 3rd Place - Plaque + 8 Fair Tickets
- Plus a SBH Created item

### Guidelines for the contest:

1. **Registration is required** and must be **received** in the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Office **no later than, Friday, June 19, 2026** or **emailed to [elkhartcountygreenfair@gmail.com](mailto:elkhartcountygreenfair@gmail.com)** by the same deadline. **Late registration will not be accepted.**
2. **No entry fee is required.**
3. Size of the entry can be no larger than 5 ft. long, 4 ft. wide and 7 ft. tall. Display must be free standing. Metal T-posts may be driven into the ground to stabilize your display if needed. Digging a support into the ground is prohibited. Space may be limited so size must be followed.
4. **At least 50% of the materials** used to construct your entry **must be repurposed or recycled items.** (Old or used, could be bound for the trash, could be obtained at a resale shop, etc.) The base or stand can be newer so the exhibit will be stable. Make sure all parts of the Yard Art are securely attached. Also, make sure your Yard Art will withstand the weather.
5. Electricity and water will not be available for your display. You may use solar/battery power. If batteries are used they must be contained within the display and housed in a safe manner not accessible to the public. Displays cannot contain a burning flame.
6. The Contest is limited by imagination only. Displays must be in good taste and 4-H Fair appropriate. **Yard Art displays that reflect controversial social, political, cultural or religious situations will not be accepted.**
7. The Green Committee will provide signage for your display after judging takes place.
8. Entries will be judged based on: design, appearance, creativity, use of recycled/reused materials and overall quality.
9. **Your entry needs to be checked-in and placed Wednesday, July 22 between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.**
10. Judging will take place on Wednesday evening and the winners will be announced during The Green Day event in Heritage Park on Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>.
11. **Entries will remain on display for the duration of the Fair.**

12. **Your entry must be removed Sunday, August 2 or Monday, August 3.** Any entry remaining after these days will become the property of the Fair Green Committee and may be used as the committee and Fair see fit.
13. The Green Committee and the Fair Board are not responsible for loss or damage to entries.
14. The Green Committee and Fair Board reserve the right to deny any entry that does not follow the guidelines.

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 Green Committee  
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### 2026 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Theme



**Special Note:** Since a 4-H Clover is part of this year's Fair Theme, use of the clover must conform to National 4-H Guidelines. The clover must appear upright. The whole emblem must be used. The shape cannot be altered and nothing can be placed on top of it. Clover leaves are Green (PMS 347) or the RGB equivalent. The "H"s are capitals and white. The USC code "18USC707" must be included parallel to the bottom right leaf of the clover.

Example



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**Registration Form**

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Please print.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Business** \_\_\_\_ **Organization** \_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ **Individual** \_\_\_\_ check one

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_ or Landline \_\_\_\_

Contact No. After Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_ or Landline \_\_\_\_ To be used to  
announce  
contest winners.

Approximate size of your Yard Art display: \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_  
(Length x width x height)

Title of Entry for sign \_\_\_\_\_

The Green Committee and Fair has my permission to use photos of our entry for promotion of Green Day and Fair events. (Includes print and electronic media.)

If we fail to claim our display entry by Monday, July 28 deadline, we understand that it will become a donation to the Green Day Committee/Fair for their use.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative

Name you would like on the sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this registration to: **Green Day  
Elkhart County 4-H Fair  
17746 D County Road 34  
Goshen, IN 46528**

**or email the form to:** [elkhartcountygreenfair@gmail.com](mailto:elkhartcountygreenfair@gmail.com) Questions can also be directed to the same email. Leave a contact number and we will call you back.

Jan Robinson  
Green Committee, Chairperson  
Elkhart County 4-H Fair 2026



Location No: _____
Placing: _____

**YARD ART DESCRIPTION CARD**  
(Must be turned in at the time of entry)

Entry Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Business \_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_

Techniques & Materials Used: \_\_\_\_\_

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How Article Was Made: \_\_\_\_\_

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List of Recycled items used in the construction of you entry: \_\_\_\_\_

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List of new Items used in the creation: \_\_\_\_\_

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