

2026 CREATIVE ARTS FOOD DIVISION



- ENTRY DATE & TIME:** Saturday, **March 21, 2026**, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Expo Hall
- CHAIRMAN:** Gwen Motes
- DIRECTOR:** Marty Moore and Elaine McMillian
- ENTRY LOCATION:** **Fairgrounds Expo Hall**
Enter through main parking lot @ 118 Fairgrounds Rd.
- DONATION OF ITEM:** Food entries may be donated to the Fair to be served at the Judges luncheon. Please indicate on registration form.
- JUDGING:** Saturday, immediately following the close of registration (judges only)
- PICK UP OF AWARDS:** Monday, **March 30, 2026**, 2-6 p.m., Fairgrounds
- CONTACT:** For more information please check our website: **PutnamFairAndExpo.com** or email the fair office at putfair@gmail.com

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

(See Additional Rules & Regulations that apply to this area under the Main Section of the Home Division)

1. Entries **MUST** be labeled with entrant's name, address and phone number, and have a copy of the recipe attached.
2. Any entry made from a mix will be placed in CLASS 8.
3. All items must adhere to the required amounts or designated sizes and entered on **non-returnable tray or plate**. Items will not be returned to the exhibitor.
4. **Premium money will be paid in cash and may be picked up at the times and location listed above.** No premium money will be paid without having completed all information on the registration form and all requirements followed.
5. Each exhibit will be labeled with a claim check provided by the Home Division when entered. Please keep your copy of the claim check and present it when you claim your exhibit. If someone else is picking up your exhibits, they **must** present the claim check(s).
6. The Modified Danish System is used in judging.
7. Entries may receive a blue, red, white, or participant ribbon. From the Blue Ribbon winners, a First place winner in each Class will be awarded. If there are no Blue ribbon winners in any lot in a particular class, there will not be a best of Class premium. A First place OVERALL winner will be selected from the Blue Rosettes winners. Premiums will be awarded according to the Judges' records only, and may be picked up when articles are claimed.

8. Pictures of winning items and ribbons will be on display during the fair.
9. For further details, see General Rules.
10. Exhibitors will be limited to five (5) items in each class, and one (1) in each lot.

JUDGING STANDARDS

Eating Quality: Tender, Texture (light, velvety, feathery), Moist, Flavor, good blend of ingredients, Appearance

Volume (baked layers should be about same height), Crust – Uniform color (if iced, should be attractive), Crumb – Uniform

BAKERY, CANDY & CANNING

(As needed, each class will have both a youth & adult division)

CLASS 1 CAKES

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|-----|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| LOT | A. Angel Food | G. Cup Cake (any flavor, 8) |
| | B. Carrot/Spice | H. Fruit |
| | C. Chiffon or Sponge | I. Pound Cake |
| | D. Chocolate | J. Upside Down |
| | E. Coconut | K. Miscellaneous |
| | F. Cheese | |

CLASS 2 CAKES DECORATED (Judged on **Decorations** only)

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| LOT | A. Cupcakes (8) | C. Miscellaneous |
| | B. Special Occasion (Birthday, Anniversary, and Characters, etc.) | |

CLASS 3 CANDIES (8 PIECES)

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| LOT | A. Bon Bons | D. Divinity |
| | B. Brittles | E. Fudge |
| | C. Crystallized Fruits | F. Miscellaneous |

CLASS 4 COOKIES (8)

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| LOT | A. Bars/Squares | C. Molded/Shaped |
| | B. Drop | D. Miscellaneous |

CLASS 5 PIES

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| LOT | A. Chiffon | E. Lemon/Lime |
| | B. Cream | F. Nut |
| | C. Custard | G. Vegetable |
| | D. Fruit | H. Miscellaneous |

CLASS 6 YEAST BREADS

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| LOT | A. Coffee Cake (any topping) | D. Rolls (8) |
| | B. Doughnuts (8) | E. Sweet Rolls (8) |
| | C. Loaf (Variety) | F. Miscellaneous |

CLASS 7 QUICK BREADS

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| LOT | A. Coffee Cake | E. Cornbread – Variety (8) |
| | B. Muffins – Variety (8) | F. Miscellaneous |
| | C. Biscuits (8) | |
| | D. Fruit/Vegetable (Banana, Zucchini, etc.) | |

CLASS 8 MIXES ONLY

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| LOT | A. Carrot/Spice | E. Chocolate |
| | B. Layer | F. Cup Cakes (8) (Any Flavor) |
| | C. Creative | G. Miscellaneous |

D. Rolls (8)

CLASS 9 HOME CANNED AND PRESERVED FOODS

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| LOT | A. Vegetables, individual or combination | E. Relishes |
| | B. Jams, Jellies, Marmalades or Preserves | F. Sauces |
| | C. Fruits | G. Miscellaneous |
| | D. Pickles | |

Suggestions and some points of judging:

- Each jar of canned food must have been canned after **March 2025**.
- All containers must be standard, clear glass, pint or quart jars. Only jellies and seafood may be in half-pint standard jars. Each container must be sealed and clean, with top in good condition; (NO RUST OR PITTING). Screw bands must be removed by the entrant.
- Label all canned foods with name of product and date when canned. **DO NOT LABEL WITH YOUR NAME.**
- Exhibits not presented or labeled according to these rules will be excluded from judging.
- Canned foods will be judged on color, condition, clearness, uniformity, and pack. All food except jellies should have ½” headspace. Jellies should have ¼” headspace.
- NO meat will be judged.

AWARDS for BAKERY, CANDY & CANNING

All entries will be judged on their own merit and may be awarded a **Blue, Red, White or Participant Ribbon**. The following premiums will also be awarded:

- Blue Ribbon = \$5.00
- Red Ribbon = \$3.00
- White Ribbon = \$1.00

BEST OF CLASS will be chosen from any Blue Ribbon winners in each class. If there are no blue ribbon winners in any lot in a particular class, there will not be a Best of Class awarded for that class. Winner will be awarded:

- Classes #1 – 6 Blue Rosette and \$8.00
- Classes #7 – 9 Blue Rosette and \$5.00

BEST OF SHOW will be chosen from the Best of Class winners and awarded:
Large Blue Rosette and \$20.00