

Honey Bee Community Showcase

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- **PLEASE CHECK DATES AND TIMES OF ALLOWED CHECK-IN FOR EACH EXHIBIT CLASS CAREFULLY. ALSO NOTE THAT ITEM CHECK-IN TIMES FOR THE HONEY BEE SHOWCASE MAY DIFFER FROM OTHER COMMUNITY AND 4-H YOUTH EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR.**
- ELIGIBILITY: Entries are open to residents and 4-H youth members of Osceola County.
- The use of copyrighted characters, logos, or other material is prohibited.
- Any items entered into this department may be photographed and used by the Osceola County Fair for advertising and promotional usage at any time.
- All articles entered may never have been shown at the Osceola County Fair.
- ENTRY FEES:
 - ADULTS (19 and up) – \$3.00 per item entered.
 - YOUTH (18 and under) – \$2.00 per item entered.
 - 4-H/FFA/FCCLA YOUTH (18 and under) – no fee.
- No individual serving as an exhibit judge may participate in the judging of any exhibit(s) in any category in which they have submitted an exhibit for consideration. Exhibitors will not be permitted to enter the building during judging.
- Kissimmee Valley Livestock Shows & Osceola County Fair, Inc. or UF IFAS Extension or Kissimmee Valley Beekeepers Association will not be responsible for any damages or loss in conjunction with any and all of the Creative Arts exhibits.
Attendants will be provided during operation hours only. General night security will be provided when fair is closed.

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Section: **HONEY**

- Class: **Honey**
- Entries may be registered November 14 – January 25, 2026 (no physical items need to be registered during this time; this is just the registration to be able to exhibit your items in the fair).
- Registration can be done online at <https://tinyurl.com/BeeExhibit> or a paper entry form may be requested from sullivan@ufl.edu.
- Check-in of the actual items in this class is:
 - Saturday, February 7, 2026, 10:00am-4:00pm
 - or Sunday, February 8, 2026, 12:00pm-3:00pm

At the back (North side) of the Events Center in Osceola Heritage Park, 1901 Chief Osceola Trail, Kissimmee, FL.

- Exhibitors must pick up their exhibits during the following:
 - Sunday, February 22, 2026, 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - or Monday, February 23, 2026, 9:00am-4:30pm
- Open to Registered Florida Beekeepers submitting their own honey from beehives that they own and manage.
- Honey must be produced from Florida floral sources only.
- No added flavorings or additives are allowed, including infused honey, creamed honey, or comb honey.
- Each Exhibitor may submit multiple entries in this class, as long as each entry represents honey harvested from different apiaries or from different harvest seasons (different floral sources).
- Honey submission must be in a one-pound, unmarked, unlabeled, glass, Queen-line-style honey jar or Classic-style honey jar. No comb is allowed in the jar. Lids may be plastic or metal.
- Honey jar must be filled with one pound of honey (no partially-filled jars).
- Honey will be judged by: flavor and aroma, cleanliness and clarity of the honey, cleanliness of the jar and lid.
- Each entry must include a white index card which includes: their Florida Beekeeper Registration Number, a description of the honey (may include floral sources/variety, location of origin, management practices, etc.)



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- Class: **Baked food items with honey**
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- Check-in of the actual items in this class is on the following day *ONLY*:
 - Sunday, February 8, 2026, 12:00pm-3:00pmAt the back (North side) of the Events Center in Osceola Heritage Park, 1901 Chief Osceola Trail, Kissimmee, FL.
- Exhibitors may pick up their ribbons during the following (or arrange with exhibit coordinator to pick up at a later time):
 - Sunday, February 22, 2026, 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - or Monday, February 23, 2026, 9:00am-4:30pm
- Any non-potentially hazardous baked goods (shelf-stable, non-refrigerated items) that utilize Florida honey as a primary ingredient. No meats, cheeses, uncooked vegetables, uncooked fruits, raw eggs (i.e. meringue) or uncooked dairy (i.e. buttercream or cream cheese frosting) may be used in entries.
- Required quantities for each type of entry:
 - Cookies, bar cookies, granola bars, biscuits, rolls, muffins, cupcakes, pastries, similarly sized items: Four (4) items
 - Cakes, pies: One (1) whole cake or pie (using a 8-9 inch pan) OR two (2) mini-cakes or mini pies (using 4-6 inch pans)
 - Loaf breads: One (1) whole loaf OR two (2) mini-loaves (using a 5-6 inch pan)
- No pre-made, boxed products may be used in recipes (pre-made pie crust, boxed cake mix, etc.)
- A white index card must be submitted with each entry that includes: recipe name, honey source (name of farm, apiary or beekeeper), complete recipe (including full ingredient list and procedures).
- Items must be in disposable containers, labeled with Exhibitor's name and recipe name. *Food items will be photographed, judged, and disposed of. Photos of entries will be displayed at the Fair.*
- Entries will be judged on flavor, texture, influence of honey on the final product, and visual appeal.

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- Class: **Home-crafted alcoholic beverages: Mead**
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- **Check-in of the actual items in this class is at the following date and times ONLY:**
 - Sunday, February 8, 2026, 1:00pm-3:00pm
 - Beverage judging will be at 3:30pm; participants with entries are encouraged to stay for the competition.

At the back (North side) of the Events Center in Osceola Heritage Park, 1901 Chief Osceola Trail, Kissimmee, FL.

- Exhibitors must pick up their exhibits during the following:
 - Sunday, February 22, 2026, 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - or Monday, February 23, 2026, 9:00am-4:30pm
- Beverage entries must be made and submitted by adults 21 and older.
- The entry must be in one glass 750ml wine bottle or two 375 ml wine bottles (one for tasting, one for display). Tee, tasting, or mushroom-style corks are acceptable closures.
- Must be home-crafted with Florida honey as a significant ingredient.
- A white index card must accompany each entry which includes: a description (i.e. type or style of mead, sweetness, carbonation, etc.), honey source (name of farm, apiary or beekeeper), and a *full ingredient list*.
- Entries may be judged by: Flavor, aroma, clarity, lack of sediment, body, balance, complexity, finish flavor, and influence of honey on the final product. This beverage has been specifically chosen because of its ability to showcase honey as an ingredient. The influence and impact of honey on the finished product will be a primary factor the judges will consider. The more pronounced and complementary the flavor and aroma of honey is to the finished product, the greater the preference that exhibit will receive from the judges.

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Section: **HONEY**

- Class: **Home-crafted alcoholic beverages: Beer/Ale**
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- Beverage entries must be made and submitted by adults 21 and older.
- The entry consists of one (1) glass, standard 12oz or 16oz beer bottle. Standard, crimped closures or lightning closures will be accepted.
- Must be home-crafted with Florida honey as a significant ingredient.
- A white index card must accompany each entry which includes: a description of the type or style of beer or ale, honey source (name of farm, apiary or beekeeper), and a *full ingredient list*.
- Entries may be judged by: flavor-including body, balance, complexity, and finish- aroma, cleanliness, fill, clarity, lack of sediment, and influence of honey on the final product. This beverage has been specifically chosen because of its ability to showcase honey as an ingredient. The influence and impact of honey on the finished product will be a primary factor the judges will consider. The more pronounced and complementary the flavor and aroma of honey is to the finished product, the greater the preference that exhibit will receive from the judges.

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Section: ARTS AND CRAFTS

- Class: **Visual arts and crafts**
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- Honey bees must be the subject of any entry.
- Entries may include but are not limited to: painting, drawing, sculpture, fabric/fiber arts, woodcrafts, ceramics, photography, printmaking, metalwork, glass art, etc.
- Machine-made or “follow-the pattern” type items (3-D printed sculptures, “diamond painting”, laser-cut items, etc.) will not be scored as highly as original works.
- Artwork will be judged by: subject matter, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, and creativity/originality.
- Artwork must be mounted to hang, or be presented with a stand, or be freestanding.
- A white index card may accompany the entry, which may include: title of artwork, a description of methods, media, subject matter, etc.

Categories:

- youth (18 and under)
- adult (19 and above)

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- Class: **Health, beauty and home products made with beehive products**
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 - Sunday, February 22, 2026, 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - or Monday, February 23, 2026, 9:00am-4:30pm
- Entries may include, but are not limited to: soap, lip balm, salve, furniture polish.
- Must use Florida honey, Florida beeswax, and/or Florida propolis as a significant ingredient.
- For soap or other items for which sampling or use of the product for judging will degrade the display value, please include two identical entries, which shall be counted as one entry.
- Each entry must include a white index card which includes: a description of the product, hive product source (name of farm, apiary or beekeeper), the ingredient list, and directions for use.
- Products will be used/sampled from.
- Items will be judged by, depending on the type of product: flavor, aroma, texture, appearance, ease of application, or product performance.

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- Class: **Molded ornamental beeswax candles**
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 - or Monday, February 23, 2026, 9:00am-4:30pm
- Entries must be ornamental candles made with a mold, made only with pure Florida beeswax, free from any additives, scents or enhancements. The use of synthetic, artificial, or adulterated beeswax or drawn honeycomb is strictly prohibited.
- An exhibit entry in this class is defined as two (2) identical candles. One of the candles in each exhibit will be lit by the judge and allowed to burn and one will be for exhibit.
- The beeswax should be clean and free of impurities. Beeswax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax aroma.
- Wicks must be trimmed to one-half inch in length, with wicks waxed and well centered.
- The candle must have a flat finished base.
- Each candle in the entry must be presented with a free-standing, fire-proof base.
- Each entry must include a white index card which includes: hive product source (name of farm apiary or beekeeper).
- Candles will be judged on: casting form and lack of imperfections, sharpness of detail, wax cleanliness and color, aroma, proper wicking, performance.

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- Class: **Decorated beehive box**
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 - or Monday, February 23, 2026, 9:00am-4:30pm
- Any individual or group can enter an exhibit in this class
- Entry may be any usable beehive box that can hold moveable frames. Box may be preassembled, from a kit, or handcrafted; the decoration of the box will be the focus of this exhibit, not the box itself.
- Exterior components of the box may be decorated with non-oil-based, weather-proof paint or sealant, weather-resistant decoration, carving, woodburning, etc.
- Hives must include a minimum of a top, one box, and a bottom, but the Exhibitor may include additional boxes at the Exhibitor's discretion (up to a maximum total of three boxes).

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Section: POLLINATOR GARDEN

- Class: **Pollinator garden display board**
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- Exhibitors must pick up their exhibits during the following:
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 - or Monday, February 23, 2026, 9:00am-4:30pm
 - Any individual or group may enter an exhibit in this category
 - Entries may showcase any residential, farm, school, or community landscape in Osceola County that provides food and habitat for pollinating species (bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, etc.).
 - Gardeners should make an effort to include Florida native plants and to not include invasive plants in their gardens.
 - Submission must be a tri-fold, corrugate display board that includes the following components:
 - Photos: Must include a minimum of five landscape-scale photos, in addition to up-close photos of plants, pollinators, etc.
 - Plant list: List of plants in the garden including common and scientific names.
 - Pollinator sighting list: A list of pollinator species that you have observed in the garden.
 - Optional elements may include: Garden design layout; Descriptions of the garden; Descriptions of your gardening practices; Nature observations, Original stories, poems or artwork.
 - Garden display board entries will be judged by: visual appeal and design of the actual pollinator garden; plant selection and diversity; presentation of the garden display board.

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SCORING AND RIBBONS

We use the Danish method of judging. It does not judge one person's work against another. It is an evaluation made against the project's standard. Judges will evaluate the requirements and quality criteria and designate awards according to the degree that the project meets or exceeds the standards.

Best in Class (Superb): Some classes of entries may include one, overall Best in Class award to the entry that is judged to be an outstanding example of fine artisanship or quality product for that class.

Blue Ribbon (Excellent): Awarded to those entries that exceed the product standard for quality or artisanship and meet the exhibit requirements in that class. Item does not have significant flaws.

Red Ribbon (Good): Awarded to those entries that meet the average standard for that class and meet the exhibit requirements in that class. Item may have small flaws.

White Ribbon (Fair): Awarded to those entries that may have flaws or deficiencies that detract from the overall quality of the item or may not meet the exhibit requirements for that class.

Premiums for Ribbons:

Best in class - \$7.00

Blue ribbon – \$5.00

Red ribbon – \$3.00

White ribbon – \$2.00

- Exhibitors will be paid for each award earned (Premiums are stacked)

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