

SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR & EXPOSITION

Open Class Rules, Contest Details & Events

July 13-18, 2026



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Admission- Events Only

No General Admission Charge at the Main Gate

All Vehicles: \$5.00 per day/ \$25.00 per week

Parking charge in effect:

Monday- 4PM to 8PM

Tuesday- Friday- 8AM to 8PM

Saturday- Noon to 7PM

FAIR OFFICIALLY OPENS AT 4PM

Monday, July 13, 2026

Open/Closing Times

Administration Office.....8:00 AM- 6:00 PM

4-H Office.....8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Exhibit Building.....9:00 AM- 8:30 PM

Varied Industry Building.....10:00 AM- 9:00 PM

(Tuesday- Saturday)

Grandstand.....10:00 AM- 9:00 PM

OPEN CLASS JUDGING SCHEDULE

Monday, July 13, 2026

**Quilts- 11:00 AM
Culinary- 11:00 AM
Needlecraft- 1:00 PM
Holidays- 2:00 PM**

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

**Jr. Arts & Crafts- 9:00 AM
Photography- 10:00 AM
Family History- 10:00 AM
Care Centers- 10:00 AM
Hobbies- 10:00 AM
Horticulture/Floriculture- 11:30 AM
Art- 2:00 PM**



OPEN CLASS GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Exhibit Hall Hours: 9:00 AM – 8:30 PM

1. Premiums:

- The Association will award cash premiums as listed in the premium catalog to encourage participation.
- Space will be provided for all appropriate exhibits.
- In the event of inclement weather, the Association reserves the right to extend the fair by one or two days. Exhibits must remain in place until officially released by the secretary. Exhibits removed without authorization will forfeit any premiums won.

2. Exhibit Delivery:

- Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the delivery of their exhibits to the Exhibit Hall on the fairgrounds.

3. Previous Exhibits:

- Items that have been previously exhibited at the Southern Iowa Fair will not be accepted in Open Class.

4. Liability:

- While the Board of Directors and Superintendents will take reasonable precautions to protect exhibits, the Association is not responsible for any loss or damage.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to monitor their property and collect their exhibits promptly at the close of the fair.

5. Judging Conduct:

- Exhibitors are strictly prohibited from commenting during the judging process. Violations will result in disqualification.
- Questions may be addressed after the conclusion of judging.

6. Judges:

- Individuals with a direct interest in a particular department's premiums may not serve as judges for that department.
- The Association will appoint qualified judges for each department.

7. Parking:

- Starting Monday at 4:00 PM and on Saturday, all vehicles must park in the designated general parking lot. A parking fee will apply.

8. Premium Payment and Exhibit Pick-Up:

- Premiums for Open Class exhibits will be paid by the fair office personnel on Saturday, July 18, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall.
- If you are unable to collect your exhibit during this time, please arrange for someone to pick it up on your behalf.
- **Southern Iowa Fair is NOT responsible for items left.**

Thank you for your participation and cooperation. We look forward to a wonderful fair!

Open Class Superintendents

Superintendents shall have full charge of their department, being responsible to the Secretary and the Fair Board. Each superintendent is expected to be on the grounds each day of the fair, to attend to the reception and arrangement of articles to be exhibited in his or her division and to exercise great care in preserving and returning entry books, as soon as entry of awards are in them, and upon no other authority can warrants be drawn for premiums.

Rita Antolik and Karen McBeth oversee the Open Class Department.



DIVISION I
JUNIOR ARTS

SuperintendentsPaulette Williams, Connie Stout, Jayne Rozenboom

Judge.....Becky Nibe

Exhibit Hall Opens at 9:00 am & Closes at 8:30 pm

Judging: Tuesday, July 14,2026 – 9:00 am

Rules:

Entries will be received 3:00 – 5:00 pm, Sunday, July 12,2026 in the Exhibit Hall, or 8:00 – 10:00 am Monday, July 13,2026 in the Exhibit Hall. **These entries CANNOT be entered prior to this date. NO ENTRY FEE FOR THIS CLASS.**

ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME.

All exhibits must have been completed since September 1,2024.

Limit of ONE ENTRY PER ENTRY NUMBER, such as 1a, 1b, and 1c, with a limit of 6 entries overall.

Child will be given a number by the JUNIOR ARTS SUPERINTENDENT at check in, not prior to entry in the Exhibit Hall.

All pictures must be mounted on card stock, poster board or matted. NO CONSTRUCTION PAPER!

Premiums: First, second place – Money and Best of Show ribbon will be awarded at the Judge's discretion.

Exhibits will be released from 7:00 – 8:00 pm Saturday, July 18, 2026. If you cannot pick up your exhibit at this time, please make arrangements for someone else to pick it up. **ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY RELEASES. SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEMS LEFT AFTER THIS TIME.**

Premiums awarded: First Place - \$2.00 Second Place - \$1.00 Rosette - \$5.00

COPYRIGHT LAW* **No copying cartoon characters or “logos”. You will be disqualified.*

ALL CHILDREN MAY ENTER ANY OF THE CATAGORIES LISTED, BUT ARE LIMITED TO 6 ENTRIES PER CHILD.

CLASS P.S. – PRESCHOOL – 4 & 5 YR. OLDS (MUST BE 4 BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025)

CLASS A – KINDERGARTEN

CLASS B – FIRST & SECOND GRADES

CLASS C – THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES

CLASS D – FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES

CLASS E – SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADES

CLASS SP – SPECIAL NEEDS

ENTRY #

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. 3-D Paper Construction | 30. Homemade Candles | 58. Posters |
| 2. Bird Feeder | 31. Homemade Hair Accessories | a. Acrylic b. Crayon |
| 3. Bird Houses – any media | 32. Homemade Jewelry | c. Magic Marker d. Mixed Media |
| 4. Booklet | 33. Homemade Key Chain | e. Pencil |
| 5. Button Art | 34. Homemade Stuffed Item | 59. Pot Holder |
| 6. Clay Pieces | 35. Leaf Painting | 60. Quilting |
| a. Hand Built | 36. Leather Art | 61. Recycled Items |
| b. Molded | 37. Lego Art – 12x12 Base (No Larger) | a. Cardboard b. Marbles |
| 7. Clothes Pin Art | MUST BE IN CONTAINER | c. Metal d. Paper |
| 8. Collage – Any Media | 38. Mini Lego Farm Scene | e. Plastic f. Other |
| 9. Construction Blocks (Not Legos) | (No larger than 18"x18" Base) | 62. Rock Art |
| 10. Craft Sticks | 39. Macaroni Art | a. Painted b. Decor |
| 11. Crayon Art | 40. Magnets | 63. Sand or Salt Art |
| 12. Decorated Tile | 41. Match Stick Art | a. 3-D Art b. Flat (on paper) |
| 13. Design – Any Media | 42. Metal Relief | c. Sandpaper Art |
| 14. Diamond Art | 43. Meta Work | 64. Scrapbook Page |
| 15. Dioramas (Shoe Box 3-D) | 44. Mobile | 65. Soap Carving |
| 16. Dolls – Any Media | 45. Models – Assembled by child only. | 66. Stained Glass |
| 17. Dough Art | Must be in container not to exceed | 67. Stamp Art |
| 18. Drawings | 2" larger than item | 68. Stencil Art |
| a. Chalk b. Charcoal | a. Airplane b. Boat | 69. Stepping Stone |
| c. Colored Pencil | c. Car d. Truck | 70. Stitchery |
| d. Crayon e. Cray-Pas | e. Other Than Mentioned | 71. String Art |
| f. Ink g. Magic Marker | 46. Mosaic – Any Style | 72. Sun Catchers |
| h. Lead Pencil | 47. Nature Arrangement | 73. Tissue Art |
| 19. Duct Tape | 48. Nature Art | 74. Toothpick Art |
| 20. Fairy Garden | 49. Painting | 75. Tye Dying |
| a. Smaller than 18" | a. Acrylic b. Finger Painting | 76. Wall Hanging |
| b. Larger than 18" | c. Oil Pastels d. Tempra | 77. Weaving |
| 21. Flower Construction | e. Watercolors f. Other | a. Paper |
| a. Cardboard (Egg Carton) | 50. Painted Apparel | b. Yarn |
| b. Fabric c. Paper | a. Pillows b. T-Shirts | c. Other |
| d. Plastic e. Shell | c. Other | 78. Wreath |
| f. Tissue | 51. Painted Wood Craft | 79. Wire Sclupture. |
| 22. Flower Pot Art | 52. Paper Mache | 80. Writing |
| 23. Foam Art | 53. Perspective | a. Cursive |
| 24. Foil Pictures | 54. Pipe Cleaner | b. Manuscript |
| 25. Free Hand – Scrap or Paper Cutting | 55. Placemats | 81. Wood Burning |
| 26. Free Hand Enlarging | 56. Plastic Grid | 82. Wood Carving |
| 27. Fuse Beading | 57. Photography | 83. Wood Project |
| 28. Glass Etching | a. Animal b. Flower | 84. Yard Art |
| 29. Holiday Themed | c. Scenery d. People | 85. Yarn Art |
| a. Christmas | e. Other | 86. Yarn Pictures |
| b. Halloween | | 87. Other Than Mentioned |
| c. Thanksgiving | | |
| d. Valentines | | |
| e. Other | | |

DIVISION II

CULINARY

Superintendent.....Linda VanDonselaar, Lori McKinney, Sherry Elliott

Judge.....Ronda Magnusson

Exhibit Hall Opens at 9:00 am and Closes at 8:30 pm

Judging: Monday, July 13,2026 – 11:00 am

Rules:

1. Entries at the Fair Office prior to the Fair. Sunday, July 12, 2026 – 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Exhibit Hall. Monday, July 13, 2026 8:00 – 10:00 am at the Exhibit Hall. **NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME.** Entry Fee is \$.50 per item. You must get an exhibitor number at the front table before taking your items to the Division they will be entered in. You will need a separate sheet for each Division you enter items.
2. Exhibitor may pick up baked goods as soon as all food items have been judged, not before judging is over. Only a portion of the baked items will be retained for exhibition. Any item not picked up by 8:00 pm July 14th will be disposed of.
3. Limit of one entry in each entry number. Identical items cannot be entered in two different classes. Entries must have been prepared since last year’s fair.
4. Entry tag is to be placed on outside of each container.
5. Best of Show Ribbons will be awarded at Judge’s discretion.
6. All baked goods are to be in zip lock bags.
7. No mixes are to be used unless altered to make a different product such as cookies from a cake mix, etc.
8. All canned goods, including Jam & Jellies are to be properly sealed with the screw bands left on the jars. All canned items must have a card attached with the following information:
 - a. Method of Preservation
 - b. Processing Time
 - c. Date Processed
 - d. List of ingredients

Jars may be opened for judging.
9. **NO PANS.** Cakes are to be baked in an 8”x8” pan and placed upon cardboard (unless a different size is warranted, angel food etc.) No 9”x13” cakes. **Yeast Breads in 7 3/8”x3 5/8” pans will not be accepted. (Bread Machines)**
10. **All entries need to be on HEAVY paper plates or heavy cardboard covered with white freezer paper. For cakes, cardboard is not to exceed 1” larger than the item. (White plates show off foods the best)**
11. A card with the list of ingredients **Must** be attached to ALL items. Entries not having a card will **NOT** be accepted.
12. No frostings, glazes or drizzles will be allowed on ANY baked goods except on decorated cake/ cupcakes.
13. Entries using uncooked egg or cream cheese will Not be accepted. Cream Cheese mints will be accepted if there is at least 1-cup sugar to 8oz. cream cheese.
14. Younger exhibitor classes 23-27 will be judged first.
15. **All entries must be the work of amateurs unless stated on the entry tag.**
16. **Entries to be released Saturday, July 18,2026 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. If you cannot pick up your entry at this time please make arrangement for someone to pick it up. ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY RELEASES. SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ITEMS LEFT AFTER THIS TIME**
17. **Premium money will be with office personnel at Exhibit Hall.**

Premiums: First Place - \$3.00 Second Place - \$2.00 Rosette - \$5.00

CLASS 1

BREAD/ROLLS WITH YEAST

Please specify what brand of yeast was used.

ENTRY #

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|---|----------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1. Cinnamon Rolls – 4 per plate | 6. Bread | | |
| 2. Coffeecake, whole cake | a. Braided | b. Cinnamon | c. French |
| 3. Dinner Rolls – unattached
(Butter horn, cloverleaf, etc.) | d. Honey | e. Mixed Grain | f. Oatmeal |
| 4. Hamburger Buns | g. Potato | h. Raisin | i. Rye |
| 5. Pan Rolls – attached | j. Sourdough | k. Wheat | l. White |
| 8x8” or 9x9” pan (9 only) | 7. Any Not Mentioned | | |

CLASS 2
QUICK BREADS & MUFFINS – NO YEAST

ENTRY #

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8. Apricot Bread | 13. Corn Bread Muffins (flour) | 18. Nut Bread |
| 9. Banana Bread | 14. Dried Fruit Bread | 19. Pumpkin Bread |
| 10. Biscuits (four) | 15. Fresh Fruit Bread | 20. Zucchini Bread |
| 11. Coffeecake (non yeast) | 16. Fruit Muffins (flour) | 21. Any Not Mentioned |
| 12. Corn Bread | 17. Muffins (other than fruit) | |

CLASS 3
CAKES – NO FROSTING

ENTRY #

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|----------------|--|-----------------------|
| 22. Angel Food | 26. Chocolate | 29. Pound Cake |
| 23. Bundt | 27. Coconut | 30. White |
| 24. Carrot | 28. Fruit Cake (Apple,
Raisin, Rhubarb, etc.) | 31. Yellow |
| 25. Chiffon | | 32. Any Not Mentioned |

CLASS 4
DECORATED CAKE/ CUP CAKES/COOKIES
(NO Larger than 18 inches/ 4 to a plate)

Entry #

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| 33. Decorated Cake | 34. Cupcakes/Cookies |
| a. Ages 7-11 b. Ages 12-17 c. 18 & Older | a. Ages 7-11 b. Ages 12-17 c. 18 & Older |

CLASS 5
PASTRY
NO SOFT PIES/PECAN ACCEPTED – MAY BE IN GLASS, ETC. PIE PLATE
LIST VARIETY OF FRUIT IF POSSIBLE

ENTRY #

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|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 35. Apple | 38. Peach | 41. Miscellaneous Pastries/Tarts - 4 |
| 36. Apricot | 39. Any Berry | 42. Any Not Mentioned |
| 37. Cherry | 40. Rhubarb | |

CLASS 6
BAR COOKIES

No Frosting/ May have Edible Garnish – 4 to a Plate

ENTRY # 6

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|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 43. Blondies | 46. Peanut Butter Bars | 49. Rice Krispy Bars |
| 44. Brownies | 47. Pecan Bars | 50. Layered Bars |
| 45. Fruit Bars (Apple, etc.) | 48. Pumpkin Bars | 51. One-layer Bar Cookie |
| | | 52. Any Not Mentioned |

CLASS – 7
COOKIES
4 Pieces to a Plate

ENTRY #

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 53. Chocolate Base Cookies | 57. No-Bake Cookies | 61. Peanut Butter Based Cookie |
| 54. Chocolate Chip (traditional) | 58. Oatmeal Butterscotch | 62. Sugar Cookies |
| 55. Icebox (sliced) | 59. Oatmeal Chocolate Chip | 63. White Chocolate (traditional) |
| 56. M&M Cookies | 60. Oatmeal Rasin | 64. Any Not Mentioned |

**CLASS – 8
CANDY
4 Pieces to a Plate**

Entry #

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| 65. Candies | 67. Fudge |
| 66. Caramels | 68. Any Not Mentioned |

**CLASS – 9
SNACK FOODS
Either 2 cups in bag or 4 to a plate**

ENTRY #

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|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 69. Carmel Corn | 71. Flavored Popcorn | 73. Sweetened Nuts |
| 70. Cereal | 72. Party Mix | 74. Any Not mentioned |

**CLASS – 10
JAM
No Freezer or Refrigerator Jam**

Entry #

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|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 75. Apricot | 79. Combination of Fruits | 83. Plum |
| 76. Blackberry | 80. Gooseberry | 84. Raspberry |
| 77. Blueberry | 81. Grape | 85. Strawberry |
| 78. Cherry | 82. Peach | 86. Any Not Mentioned |

**CLASS – 11
JELLIES
No Freezer or Refrigerator Jan
May not contain commercial fruit Juices**

ENTRY #

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|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 87. Apple | 91. Crab Apple | 95. Plum |
| 88. Blackberry | 92. Elderberry | 96. Raspberry |
| 89. Cherry | 93. Grape | 97. Strawberry |
| 90. Combination of Fruits | 94. Peach | 98. Any Not Mentioned |

**CLASS 12
BUTTERS & PRESERVES**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 99. Blackberry | 102. Raspberry | 104. Apple Butter |
| 100. Cherry | 103. Tomato | 105. Any Not Mentioned (2 allowed) |
| 101. Peach | | |

**CLASS 13
CANNED FRUITS
Must be canned in quart or pint CANNING jars**

ENTRY #

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|-------------------|------------------|---|
| 106. Apples | 112. Peaches | 118. Spiced Apple Ring |
| 107. Applesauce | 113. Pears | 119. Berries other than mentioned |
| 108. Apricots | 114. Pie Filling | 120. Fruits (except berries) other than mentioned |
| 109. Cherries | 115. Plums | 121. Juice |
| 110. Blackberries | 116. Raspberries | 122. Any Not Mentioned |
| 111. Mixed Fruit | 117. Rhubarb | |

**CLASS 14
CANNED VEGETABLES**

Must be canned in pint or quart CANNING jars

Entry #

123. Asparagus Spears	128. Mixed Vegetables	133. Tomato Juice
124. Beets	129. Sauerkraut	134. Vegetable Soup
125. Carrots	130. Shelled Green Peas	135. Yellow (wax) Beans
126. Corn	131. Potatoes	136. Any Not Mentioned
127. Green Beans	132. Tomatoes	

CLASS – 15

PICKLES, RELISHES, KETCHUP, SALSA & SAUCES

Must be canned in pint CANNING jars except otherwise specified

Entry #

137. Beets	142. Sweet Pickles	146. Salsa
138. Bread & Butter Pickles	143. Chutney	147. Tomato Ketchup
139. Pickled Peppers	144. Pickle Relish	148. Watermelon
140. Dill Pickles	145. Chili Sauce	149. Any Not Mentioned
141. Lime Pickles		

CLASS – 16

MEATS

Must be canned in pint or quart CANNING jars

ENTRY #

150. Beef	152. Pork	154. Any Not Mentioned
151. Chicken	153. Venison	

CLASS 17

MISCELLANEOUS

ENTRY #

155. Dehydrated Fruit	157. Dehydrated Herbs
156. Dehydrated Vegetables	158. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS – 18

HONEY/MAPLE SYRUP

3 Jars

ENTRY #

159. White Extracted Honey	161. Amber Extracted Honey	163. Section Honey
160. Light Amber Extracted Honey	162. Dark Amber Extracted Honey	164. Maple Syrup
		165. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS – 19

ITEMS MADE WITH HONEY/MAPLE SYRUP

ENTRY #

166. Bread	168. Granola/Cereal	170. Any Not Mentioned
167. Cookies	169. Muffins	

CLASS – 20

GIFT JAR MIXES

ENTRY #

171. Cookies	173. Soups	175. Any Not Mentioned
172. Drinks	174. Best Decorated Jar (with contents)	

CLASS - 21
SUGAR FREE

ENTRY #
Any Item 1 – 175

CLASS – 22
GLUTEN FREE

ENTRY #
Any Item 1-175

CLASS 23
CREATE A FAMILY BAKING LEGACY

This division is only open to two-member team of Grandparent/ Grandchild or Parent/Child from the same family.
Please list on recipe the team members' relationship to one another.

- a. Age 5 & under
 - b. Age 6 – 10
- Select from any category

CLASS - 24
GIRLS & BOYS: 4-8 YEARS OF AGE
State age on entry tag

ENTRY #
Any Item 1-175

CLASS – 25
GIRLS & BOYS: 9 – 12 YEARS OF AGE
State age on entry tag

Entry #
Any Item 1 – 175

CLASS – 26
GIRLS & BOYS: 13 – 18 YEARS OF AGE
State age on entry tag

ENTRY #
Any Item 1- 175

CLASS – 27
SPECIAL NEEDS

Any Item 1-175



DIVISION III
QUILTS & NEEDLECRAFT

Exhibit Hall Opens at 9:00 am and Closes at 8:30 pm.

Rules

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You must get an exhibitor number at the front table before taking your items to the Division they will be entered in.
2. Any articles previously exhibited at the Southern Iowa Fair will not be shown or judged, if positive proof is shown. This rule will be enforced. If proof is found, ALL premium money will be withheld.
3. Entries must have regulation entry tags.
4. Each article entered must be the work of the exhibitor and shown in clean and neat condition.
We reserve the right not to judge a dirty article.
5. **All entries must be the work of amateurs unless stated on the entry tag.**
6. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in each entry number, but as many classes as you wish. **Identical items cannot be entered in two different classes.**
7. All articles and garments must have an entry tag secured to it.
8. Any name tags on articles or garments must be covered.
9. A Best of Show Ribbon will be awarded at the Judges discretion.
10. **Entries will be released Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. If you cannot pick up your exhibits at this time please make arrangements for someone to pick it up. ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY RELEASES. SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEM LEFT AFTER THIS TIME. Premium money will be with office personnel in the Exhibit Hall.**

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QUILTS

Superintendents.....Portia Figland, Barbara Johnson

JudgeAleta Gustavson

Judging: Monday, July 13, 2026 – 11:00 am

Entry Fee is \$.50 per item

Definition: A quilt is a fabric sandwich (3 layers) held together with tying, hand or machine quilting stitches. The same individual, with the exception of entries for team and group quilts, must do piecing and quilting.

Perimeter is the measurement around the outside edge of the quilt. All items must be finished. List the name of the quilt if known.

CLASS 1

**BED SIZE QUILT (total perimeter of 300 inches or more).
MACHINE QUILTED, DONE ENTIRELY BY ONE INDIVIDUAL**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Appliqued | 5. Pieced | 9. Scrap (more than 20 fabrics) |
| 2. Hand Embroidered | 6. Memory | 10. Patriotic |
| 3. Machine Embroidered | 7. My first quilt | 11. Amy Not Mentioned |
| 4. Mixed Technique (2 or more:
Pieced, appliqued, embroidery, etc.) | 8. Novelty | |

CLASS 2

**BED SIZE QUILT (total perimeter of 300 inches or more)
HANDQUILTED, DONE ENTIRELY BY ONE INDIVIDUAL**

ENTRY #

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|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 12. Appliqued | 16. Pieced | 20. Scrap (more than 20 fabrics) |
| 13. Hand Embroidered | 17. Memory | 21. Patriotic |
| 14. Machine Embroidered | 18. My First Quilt | 22. Any Not Mentioned |
| 15. Mixed Technique (2 or more:
Pieced, appliqued, embroidery, etc.) | 19. Novelty | |

CLASS 3

BED SIZE TEAM OR GROUP QUILT (total perimeter of 300 inches or more)

MACHINE QUILTED. Please provide names of others who have done any part of the quilt on the back of the entry tag or on a card attached to the quilt.

ENTRY #

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|---|--|
| 23. Appliqued | 28. Pieced |
| 24. Block Exchange Quilt | 29. Mixed Technique (2 or more-
pieced, appliqued, embroidered, etc.) |
| 25. Hand Embroidered | 30. Scrap (more than 20 fabrics) |
| 26. Machine Embroidered | 31. My First Quilt |
| 27. Found & Finished (quilt blocks
"found & finished) for yourself or
someone else. | 32. Patriotic |
| | 33. Any Not Mentioned |

CLASS 4

BED SIZE TEAM OR GROUP QUILT (total perimeter of 300 inches of more)

HAND QUILTED. Please provide names of others how have done any part of the quilt on the back of the entry tag or on a card attached to the quilt.

ENTRY #

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|---|---|
| 34. Appliqued | 39. Pieced |
| 35. Block Exchange Quilt | 40. Mixed Technique (2 or more -
pieced, appliqued, embroidered, etc.) |
| 36. Hand Embroidered | 41. Scrap (more than 20 fabrics) |
| 37. Machine Embroidered | 42. My first Quilt |
| 38. Found & Finished (quilt blocks
"found & finished) for yourself
or someone else. | 43. Patriotic |
| | 44. Any Not Mentioned |

CLASS 5

WALL QUILT (total perimeter less than 300 inches)

Can be machine or hand quilted. Done entirely by one individual

ENTRY #

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|--|--|-----------------------|
| 45. Appliqued | 49. Machine Embroidered | 52. My First Quilt |
| 46. Memory | 50. Pieced – total perimeter
less than 150" | 53. Patriotic |
| 47. Mixed Technique (2 or more-
pieced, appliqued, embroidered, etc.) | 51. Pieced – total perimeter
less than 300" | 54. Any Not Mentioned |
| 48. Hand Embroidered | | |

CLASS 6

WALL QUILT (total perimeter less than 300 inches)

Can be machine or hand quilted. Team or Group. Please provide names of others who have done any part of the quilt on the back of the entry tag or on a card attached to the quilt.

ENTRY #

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|--|---|-----------------------|
| 55. Appliqued | 59. Machine Embroidered | 62. My First Quilt |
| 56. Memory | 60. Pieced – total perimeter less than 150" | 63. Patriotic |
| 57. Mixed Technique (2 or more - pieced, appliqued, embroidered, etc.) | 61. Pieced – total perimeter less than 300" | 64. Any Not Mentioned |
| 58. Hand Embroidered | | |

CLASS 7

LAP/YOUTH QUILTS (total perimeter less than 300 inches)

Can be machine or hand quilted. Done entirely by one individual

ENTRY #

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|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 65. Appliqued | 68. Scrap (more than 20 fabrics) | 72. Machine Embroidered |
| 66. Mixed Technique (2 or more - pieced, appliqued, embroidered, etc.) | 69. My First Quilt | 73. Any Not Mentioned |
| 67. Pieced | 70. Memory | |
| | 71. Hand Embroidered | |

CLASS 8

LAP/YOUTH QUILTS (total perimeter less than 300 inches)

Can be machine or hand quilted. Please provide names of others who have done any part of the quilt on the back of the entry tag or on a card attached to the quilt.

ENTRY #

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|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 74. Appliqued | 77. Scrap (more than 20 fabrics) | 81. Machine Embroidered |
| 75. Mixed Technique (3 or more - pieced, appliqued, embroidered, etc.) | 78. My First Quilt | 82. Any Not Mentioned |
| 76. Pieced | 79. Memory | |
| | 80. Hand Embroidered | |

CLASS 9

BABY/CRIB QUILTS

Done entirely by one individual. Can be machine or hand quilted.

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 83. Appliqued | 85. Pieced | 88. Machine Embroidered |
| 84. Mixed Technique (2 or more – pieced, appliqued, embroidered, etc.) | 86. My First Quilt | 89. Any Not Mentioned |
| | 87. Hand Embroidered | |

CLASS 10

BABY/CRIB QUILTS

Team or Group. Can be machine or hand quilted. Please provide names of others who have done any part of the quilt on the back of the entry tag or on a card attached to the quilt.

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 90. Appliqued | 92. Pieced | 95. Machine Embroidered |
| 91. Mixed Technique (2 or more – Pieced, appliqued, embroidered, etc.) | 93. My First Quilt | 96. Any Not Mentioned |
| | 94. Hand Embroidered | |

**CLASS 11
OTHER QUILTED ITEMS**

Done entirely by one individual. Can be machine or hand quilted.

ENTRY #

- 97.** Miniature Quilt – A Miniature Quilt is a quilt 12"- 24" finished. Blocks are to be 4" or less. It may be pieced, appliqued or a combo. The finished quilt should be a replica of a big quilt.
- 98.** Novelty Quilt
- 99.** T-Shirt Quilt
- 100.** Art Quilt
- 101.** Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 12
OTHER QUILTED ITEMS**

Team or Group. Can be machine or hand quilted. Please provide names of others who have done any part of the quilt on the back of the entry tag or on a card attached to the quilt.

ENTRY #

- 102.** Miniature Quilt – A Miniature Quilt is a quilt 12" – 24" finished. Blocks are to be 4" or less. It may be pieced, appliqued or a combo. The finished quilt should be a replica of a big quilt.
- 103.** Novelty Quilt
- 104.** T-Shirt Quilt
- 105.** Art Quilt
- 106.** Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 13
GIRLS/BOYS 5-8 YEARS OF AGE – ANY ITEM 1-106**

**CLASS 14
GIRLS/BOYS 9-12 YEARS OF AGE – ANY ITEM 1-106**

**CLASS 15
GIRLS/BOYS 13-18 YEARS OF AGE – ANY ITEM 1-106**

**CLASS 16
SPECIAL NEEDS – ANY ITEM 1-106**

**SEE RULES FOR THE YOUTH AND ADULT QUILT
BLOCK CONTEST IN BACK OF BOOK**

DIVISION III A
NEEDLECRAFT

Superintendents.....Ruth Branderhorst

Judge.....

Entries at Fair Office prior to Fair, Sunday, July 12, 2026-- 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Monday, July 13, 2026 – 8:00 – 10:00 am.

NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME.

Entries will be released Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. If you cannot pick up your exhibits at this time please make arrangements for someone to pick it up. **ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY RELEASES. SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEM LEFT AFTER THIS TIME.**

Entry Fee is \$.50 per item.

Premiums: First Place - \$3.00

Second Place - \$2.00

Rosette - \$5.00

**CLASS 17
SEWING/QUILTING**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Potholders – Set of 2 | 8. Childs Item | 12. Small Personal Item |
| 2. Coasters – Set of 2 | a. Quilted b. Dress c. Top | a. Jewelry Bag/Roll |
| 3. Table Runner | d. Pants e. Other | b. Eye Glass Case |
| 4. Table Centerpiece | 9. Ladies Item | c. Curling Iron Bag |
| 5. Place Mats – set of 2 | a. Quilted b. Dress c. Top | 13. Any Not Mentioned |
| 6. Baby Item | d. Pants e. Other | |
| a. Quilted Item b. Sewn | 10. Men's Item | |
| 7. Pillow Case | a. Top b. Bottom c. Other | |

**CLASS 18
EMBROIDERY/APPLIQUE/FELTED WOOL**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 14. Potholders – Set of 2 | 21. Appliqued Clothing | 25. Needlepoint |
| 15. Coasters – Set of 2 | a. Hand Appliqued | 26. Decorated T-Shirt/Sweatshirt |
| 16. Table Runner | b. Machine Appliqued | 27. Pillow Case |
| 17. Table Centerpiece | 22. Appliqued Household Item | 28. Patchwork Item |
| 18. Place Mats – Set of 2 | a. Hand Appliqued | 29. Embroidered Picture (framed) |
| 19. Tea Towels – Set of 2 | b. Machine Appliqued | 30. Embroidered Clothing |
| a. Hand Appliqued | 23. Felted Wool Item | 31. Any Not Mentioned |
| b. Hand Embroidered | a. Clothing b. Picture | |
| 20. Embroidered Wall Hanging | c. Other | |
| a. Hand Embroidered | 24. Printed Cross Stitch | |
| b. Machine Embroidered | a. Small b. Large | |

**CLASS 19
KNITTED**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 32. Potholders – Set of 2 | 36. Afghan | 38. Baby Item |
| 33. Coasters – Set of 2 | 37. Clothing Item | 39. Any Not Mentioned |

34. Table Runner
35. Table Centerpiece

- a. Mittens b. Hat
c. Slippers d. Other

**CLASS 20
CROCHET**

ENTRY #

40. Potholders – Set of 2
41. Coasters – Set of 2
43. Table Centerpiece
44. Place Mats – Set of 2

45. Rug
46. Afghan
 a. Large b. Small c. Baby
47. Stuffed Animal/Toy

48. Clothing Item
 a. Mittens b. Hat
 c. Slippers d. Other
49. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 21
TATTING**

ENTRY #

50. Book Mark
51. Doily – Mounted (May be removed)

52. Edging
53. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 22
PURSES/TOTES**

ENTRY #

54. Tote Bag (Larger than 12x12")
 a. Quilted b. Sewn
 c. Made From Something Else (Jeans)
 d. Any Not Mentioned

55. Tote Bag (Smaller than 12x12")
 a. Quilted b. Sewn
 c. Made From Something Else (Jeans)
 d. Any Not Mentioned

56. Purses
 a. Quilted b. Sewn
 c. Made from Something Else
 d. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 23
COUNTED CROSS STITCH**

ENTRY #

57. Wall Hanging
 a. Large – Over 12"
 b. Small – Under 12"
58. Sampler
 a. Larger – Over 12"
 b. Small – Under 12"
59. Picture – Outside Scene
 a. Larger than 8x10"
 b. 8x10" or Smaller
60. Picture – Inside Scene
 a. Larger than 8x10"
 b. 8x10" or Smaller

61. Picture – Animals & Birds
 a. Larger than 8x10"
 b. 8x10" or Smaller
62. Picture – Precious Moments
 a. Larger than 8x10"
 b. 8x10" or Smaller
63. Picture – Original Design
 a. Larger than 8x10"
 b. 8x10" or Smaller

64. Picture – Sampler
 a. Larger than 8x10"
 b. 8x10" or Smaller
65. Pillowcases
66. Afghan
67. Article of Clothing
68. Jar Lids
69. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 24
BLANKETS/QUILTS**

ENTRY #

70. Tied Quilt
 a. Large b. Small

72. Minky Blanket
 a. Large b. Small

74. Any Not Mentioned

- a. Large b. Small
71. Fleece Blanket
a. Large b. Small

- a. Large b. Small
73. Rag Quilt
a. Large b. Small

CLASS 25
MISCELLANEOUS

ENTRY #

75. Pillow
a. Appliqued b. Crochet
c. Folded Star d. Knitted
e. Quilted f. Sewn
g. Any Not Mentioned
76. Rugs
a. Braided b. Woven
c. Any Not Mentioned

77. Child's Activity Book
78. Child's Toy
79. Apron
80. Doll
a. Handmade Doll
b. Doll Clothes
c. Doll Blanket

81. Recycled Item
(Give Description)
82. Wall Hanging
(total Perimeter under 150")
83. Wall Hanging
(total Perimeter under 300")
84. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 26
WORK OF Girls/Boys
Ages:5-8 Years

Please list age on Entry Sheet

ENTRY #

Any Items Previously Listed

CLASS 27
WORK OF Girls/Boys
Ages:9-12 Years

Please list age on Entry Sheet

ENTRY #

Any Items Previously Listed

CLASS 28
WORK OF Girls/Boys
Ages:13-18 Years

Please list age on Entry Sheet

ENTRY #

Any Items Previously Listed

CLASS 29
WORK OF SPECIAL NEEDS

Please list age on Entry Sheet

ENTRY #

Any Items Previously Listed



DIVISION IV
HOBBIES

SuperintendentBeth Stout

Judge.....Pam VandeVoort

Exhibit Hall Opens at 9:00 am & Closes at 8:30 pm.

Judging: Tuesday, July 14,2026 – 10:00 am

Rules:

1. Entries at Fair Office prior to Fair, Sunday, July 12,2026 - 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Exhibit Hall, Monday, July 13,2026 – 8:00-10:00 at the Exhibit Hall. NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME. Entry fee is \$.50 per item. You must get an exhibitor number at the front table before taking items to the Division they will be entered in. You will need a separate sheet for each Division you enter items.
2. No entry will be accepted if not entered on official entry tags.
3. Each article must be the work of the exhibitor and shown in a clean and neat condition.
4. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each entry number (example: Class 3 one entry in a, one entry in b, etc.
5. Best of Show ribbon will be awarded at the Judge's discretion
6. Any article that comes in a set or grouping will be accepted.
7. Any article previously exhibited at the Southern Iowa Fair will not be accepted.
8. All entries must be the work of amateurs unless stated on the entry tag.
9. No exhibit to exceed 24"x36"x18".
10. Classes # 25-28 WILL BE JUDGED FIRST.
11. Exhibits will be released from 7:00 – 8:00, Saturday, July 18. IF YOU CANNOT PICK UP YOUR ENTRY AT THIS TIME, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENT FOR SOMEONE TO PICK IT UP. ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY RELEASES! SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEM LEFT AFTER THIS TIME.
Premium Money will be with Office Personnel in the Exhibit Hall.

Premiums: First Place - \$3.00 Second Place - \$2.00 Rosette - \$5.00

CLASS 1
CERAMICS

ENTRY #

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Stains | 5. Holidays – Other than Christmas |
| 2. Under Glaze | 6. Glazes |
| 3. Porcelain | 7. Over Glaze |
| 4. Groupings
(3 or more items coordinated) | 8. Suede |
| | 9. Any Not Mentioned |

CLASS 2
WALL HANGINGS

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| 10. Macrame | 13. Fabric | 16. Latch Hooks |
| 11. Plaques Mosaic | 14. Plaques | 17. Wood (original pieced wood design) |
| 12. Needle Punch | 15. Plaster Plaques | 18. Any Not Mentioned |

CLASS 3
POTTERY

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 19. Wheel and Hand Built – Original Design | | |
| a. Earthenware | d. Raku | g. Design (3 entries allowed) |
| b. Porcelain | e. Glazes | h. Any Not Mentioned |
| c. Stoneware | f. Stains | |

**CLASS 4
DOLLS**

ENTRY #

- 20. Crocheted
- 21. Fabric

- 22. Constructed
- 23. Heritage (pillowcase)

- 24. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 5
FABRIC**

ENTRY #

- 25. Fabric Frames
- 26. Fabric Boxes

- 27. Wreaths
- 28. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 6
FLOWER CRAFT**

ENTRY #

- 29. Silk
- 30. Beaded

- 31. Fiber
- 32. Artificial Arrangement

- 33. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 7
JEWELRY**

ENTRY #

- 34. Beads
- 35. Paper

- 36. Fabric
- 37. Kits

- 38. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 8
METAL CRAFT**

ENTRY #

- 39. Tin Can Craft
- 40. Metal Tooling
- 41. Copper

- 42. Tin Punching
- 43. Leaded Stained Glass Kits
- 44. Leaded Stained-Glass Originals

- 45. Liquid Lead Glass
- 46. Other Than Mentioned

**CLASS 9
SCULPTURE**

ENTRY #

- 47. Metal
- 48. Wire
- 49. Clay

- 50. Rosin
- 51. Plastic
- 52. Dough Art

- 53. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 10
STENCLING**

ENTRY #

- 54. Fabric Items
- 55. Wood
- 56. Tin

- 57. Crockery
- 58. Glass
- 59. Holidays (No Christmas)

- 60. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 11
PAINT BY NUMBER**

- 61. Landscapes/Seascapes
- 62. Animals & Birds

- 63. Flowers/Plants

- 64. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 12
SCRAPBOOKING**

ENTRY #

65. Scrapbook – 1 page (place in plastic sleeve)

(Maximum of 4 per person)

- a. Animals
- b. Birthday
- c. Fair
- d. Family
- e. Scenery
- f. School
- g. Sports
- h. Wedding
- i. Any Not Mentioned

67. Albums

- a. Regular – 8 ½ x 11" or larger
- b. Mini – 8 ½ x 11 or smaller
- c. Theme
- d. Calendar
- e. Any Not Mentioned

66. Cards (1 per entry)

- a. Birthday
- b. Get Well
- c. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 13
DIAMOND ART**

ENTRY #

68. Coaster

69. Picture

70. Key Chain

71. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 14
NATURE**

ENTRY #

72. Seeds

73. Weed Arrangements

74. Wreaths

75. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 15
REFINISHING**

ENTRY #

76. Large Item (over 10" long)

77. Small Item (under 10" long)

78. Miniatures (under 4 inches)

79. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 16
WOODWORKING/WOOD CARVING**

ENTRY #

80. Large Item – (over 10" long)

81. Small Item - (under 10" long)

82. Miniature Item (under 4" long)

83. Grouping (3 or more pieces)

84. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 17
MODELS**

Model must be put together by the person entering

ENTRY #

85. Plastics (1/24th scale)

86. Die Cast (1/24th scale)

87. Snap/Lego (must be in container)
(not to exceed 12x12")

88. Ships, Planes or Trains

89. Scratch Built

90. Miniatures (1/43rd – 1/160th scale)

91. Any Not Mentioned
(includes Pinewood Derby)

**CLASS 18
DIORAMAS**

ENTRY #

92. Plastic Model Kit Used

93. Die Cast Model Kit Used

94. Pre-Made Model May be Used

95. Grouping (2 or more of 91, 92, 93. Used)

96. Scratch Built Everything

97. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 19
DECORATED ITEMS**

ENTRY #

98. Baskets
99. Kitchen Items

100. Eggs
101. Dolls

102. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 20
COLLECTIBLES**

ENTRY #

103. Large Item (over 10" long)
104. Small Item (under 10" long)

105. Miniature Item (under 4" long)
106. Grouping

107. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 21
RECYCLED ITEMS**

ENTRY #

108. Large Item (over 10" long)
109. Small Item (under 10" long)

110. Miniature Item (under 4" long)
111. Fabric

112. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 22
RESTORED (SMALL)**

ENTRY #

113. Metal
114. Wood

115. Plastic
116. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 23
STAMP ART/PAPER CREATIONS**

ENTRY #

117. Paper
118. Fabric

119. Any Not Mentioned

**CLASS 24
PLASTER CRAFT**

ENTRY #

120. Painted
121. Sculptured

122. Any Not mentioned

**CLASS 25
YARD ART**

ENTRY #

123. Wood
124. Metal

125. Clay
126. Ceramic

127. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 26
WORK OF GIRLS/BOYS
Ages:5-8 -years old
Please list age on Entry Sheet
ENTRY # Any Item 1 – 127

CLASS 27
WORK OF GIRLS/BOYS
Ages: 13-19 years old
Please list age on Entry Sheet
ENTRY # Any Item 1-127

CLASS 28
WORK OF GIRLS/BOYS
Ages 9-12 years old
Please list age on Entry sheet
ENTRY # Any Item 1-127

CLASS 29
SPECIAL NEEDS
Please list age on Entry Tag
ENTRY # Any Item 1-127

**DIVISION V
HOLIDAYS**

SuperintendentsVirginia Pierson, Jeremy Pierson, Jeff Pierson

Judge.....Ann Ohms

Exhibit Hall opens at 9:00 am and closes at 8:30 pm.

Judging : Monday, July 13, 2026 – 2:00 pm

RULES

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2. No entry will be accepted if not entered on official entry tags.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each entry number (example one in Class 1 a., one in Class 1 b. etc. Identical items cannot be entered in two different classes.
4. Best of Show ribbon will be awarded at the Judge's discretion.
5. Any article previously exhibited at Southern Iowa Fair will not be accepted.
6. All entries must be the work of amateurs unless stated on the entry tag.
7. **Entries will be released Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. IF YOU CANNOT PICK UP YOUR ITEMS AT THIS TIME, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOMEONE TO PICK UP YOUR ITEMS. ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY RELEASES. SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEM LEFT AFTER THIS TIME.**
8. **Each item must use one of the following categories:**
 - a. Valentine's Day
 - b. Easter
 - c. 4th July
 - d. Halloween
 - e. Thanksgiving
 - f. Christmas(Example: A crocheted heart could be entered as – Division V; Class A-1; Entry # 8. A crocheted flag could be entered as Division V; Class C-1; Entry #1) Not all entry numbers will apply to each holiday.

Premiums: First Place - \$3.00 Second Place - \$2.00 Rosette - \$5.00

**CLASS 1
CROCHETING**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Wall Hanging
(Unframed tapestry or other
small /large flat object | 4. Afghan | 8. Tree Ornament |
| 2. Pillow | 5. Doily | 9. Tree Skirt |
| 3. Table Cover | 6. Picture (framed) | 10. Any Not Mentioned |
| | 7. Stocking | |

**CLASS 2
KNITTING**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 11. Pillow | 14. Hat | 17. Any Not Mentioned |
| 12. Afghan | 15. Tree Ornament | |
| 13. Stocking | 16. Tree Skirt | |

CLASS 3

**CLASS 3
EMBROIDERY**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 18. Stitched Area | 21. Tree Ornament | 26. Original Design |
| a. Larger than 8x10" | 22. Tree skirt | 27. Stocking |
| b. Smaller than 8x10" | 23. Picture (framed) | 28. Any Not Mentioned |
| 19. Pillow | 24. Liquid Tube (painted) | |
| 20. Table Cover | 25. Machine | |

**CLASS 4
CROSS STITCH**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 29. Picture (framed) Stitched Area | 32. Picture (framed) | 37. Any Not Mentioned |
| a. Larger than 8x10" | 33. Original | |
| b. Smaller than 8x10" | 34. Stocking | |
| 30. Pillow | 35. Tree Ornament | |
| 31. Table Cover | 36. Tree Skirt | |

**CLASS 5
COUNTED CROSS STITCH**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 38. Pillow | 41. Original | 46. Any Not Mentioned |
| 39. Table cover | 42. Tree Skirt | |
| 40. Wall Hanging | 43. Stocking | |
| (Unframed tapestry or other | 44. Tree Ornament | |
| small/large flat object) | 45. Picture (Framed) | |
| a. Larger than 8x10" | a. Larger than 8x10" | |
| b. Smaller than 8x10" | b. Smaller than 8x10" | |

**CLASS 6
PLASTIC GRID**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 47. Tree Ornament | 51. Coasters | 55. Placemat |
| 48. Table Doily | 52. Tote Bag | 56. Wall Hanging |
| 49. Stocking | 53. Scene | 57. Centerpiece |
| 50. Door Hanger | 54. Box Cover | 58. Any Not Mentioned |

**CLASS 7
APPLIQUE**

ENTRY #

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 59. Tree Ornament | 61. Stocking |
| 60. Table Piece | 62. Any Not Mentioned |

**CLASS 8
QUILTS OR QUILTED ITEMS**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 63. Pieced | 67. Wall Hanging | 71. Tree Ornament |
| 64. Applique | 68. Pillow | 72. Tree Skirt |
| 65. Machine Quilted | 69. Table Cover/Table Runner | 73. Any Not Mentioned |
| 66. Tied Quilt | 70. Stocking | |

**CLASS 9
TOLE PAINTING**

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 74. Wood Item | 76. Crockery Item | 78. Cement Block |
| 75. Tin Ware Item | 77. Tree Ornament | 79. Any Not Mentioned |

CLASS 10
STAMP ART

If items are placed in a sip lock bag, entry tag is to be taped to outside of bag.

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 80. Winter Scenes | 83. Gift Tags | 86. Any Not Mentioned |
| 81. Religious | 84. Tree Decorations | |
| 82. Cards | 85. Decorations | |

CLASS 11
PAPER CREATIONS

Items Must be Handmade With Exception of Gift Box

If items are placed in a zip lock bag, entry tag is to be taped to outside of bag.

Entry #

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|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 87. Tree Ornament | 90. Hand Crafted Card | 93. Gift Bag |
| 88. Wrapped Gift Box
(Decorations must be handmade) | 91. Picture | 94. Decorations |
| | 92. Album | 95. Any Not Mentioned |
| 89. Table Favor | | |

CLASS 12
SCRAPBOOK PAGE (INCLUDING PICTURES –(Maximum of 4 Sleeves per person)

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| 96. 8 ½ x 11" | 98. 6 x 6" | 100. Any Not Mentioned |
| 97. 12 x 12" | 99. 8x8" | |

CLASS 13
FABRIC

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 101. Fabric Boxes | 107. Bottle Cover | 112. Potholders |
| 102. Table Cover | 108. Gift Bag | 113. Purses |
| 103. Tree Ornament | 109. Tree Skirt | 114. Casserole Cover |
| 104. Baskets | 110. Stocking | 115. Sewn Item |
| 105. Aprons | 111. Wall Hanging | 116. Any Not Mentioned |
| 106. Stuffed Animal | | |

CLASS 14
PINE CONE ITEMS
(other than a wreath)

ENTRY #

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 117. Doll | 119. Scene |
| 118. Tree Ornament | 120. Any Than Mentioned |

CLASS 15
WREATH, SWAG OR CENTERPIECE

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 121. Pine Cone | 124. Vine | 127. Lighted |
| 122. Evergreen (real or artificial) | 125. Straw | 128. Any Not Mentioned |
| 123. Fabric | 126. Dried Floral or Silk | |

CLASS 16
TREES

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 129. Fabric | 131. Lighted Tree | 133. Pine Cone |
| 130. Ceramic | 132. Vine | 134. Any Not Mentioned |

CLASS 17.

FELT

ENTRY #

135. Stocking
136. Tree Ornament

137. Centerpiece
138. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 18

STYOFOAM CRAFT

ENTRY #

139. Figures
140. Tree Ornament

141. Scene
142. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 19

BEAD WORK/DIAMOND ART

ENTRY #

143. Tree Ornament
144. Stickers

145. Picture
a. 8x10" or larger b. Smaller than 8 x 10"

146. Cards
147. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 20

WOOD ITEM

ENTRY #

148. Large – over 14"
149. Small 13" and under

150. Scene
151. Wood Burning

152. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 21

CERAMIC

ENTRY #

153. Scene
154. Figures
155. Dishes

156. Lighted Item
157. Tree Ornament
158. Centerpiece

159. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 22

RECYCLED ITEM

ENTRY #

160. Tree Ornament
161. Scene

162. Figures
163. Centerpiece

164. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 23

DUCT TAPE

ENTRY #

165. Flowers
166. Wallet
167. Purse

168. Hair Accessory
169. Clothing
170. Decorative (no flowers)

171. Jewelry
172. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 24

OTHER THAN MENTIONED TECHNIQUE

ENTRY #

173. Wall Hanging
174. Centerpiece

175. Chunky Blankets
176. Tree Ornament

177. Multi Media
178. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 25
WORK OF CHILDREN: AGE 5-8 YEARS
Please state age on entry tag

Entry #
Any item 1-178

CLASS 26
WORK OF Girls/Boys
Ages: 9-12 Years
Please list age on Entry Sheet

ENTRY #
Any Items Previously Listed

CLASS 27
WORK OF Girls/Boys
Ages: 13-18 Years
Please list age on Entry Sheet

ENTRY #
Any Items Previously Listed

CLASS 28
SPECIAL NEEDS
Please list age on Entry Sheet

ENTRY #
Any Items Previously Listed



DIVISION VI
FINE ARTS

Superintendents.....Tammy Sparks, Michelle Van Donselaar, Laura Mann

Judge.....Photography – Patricia Herr ; Art -

Exhibit Hall Opens at 9:00 am and Closes at 8:30 pm.

Judging: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 – Photography – 10:00 am/Art Judging Tuesday – 2:00 pm.

RULES

1. **Entries at Fair Office prior to Fair, Sunday, July 12, 2026 - 3:00 – 5:00 pm, Monday, July 13, 2026 - 8:00 – 10:00 am. NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME.** You must get an exhibitor number at the front table before taking your items to the Division they will be entered in.
2. All articles entered for premiums must NEVER have been entered in the Southern Iowa Fair before. All work must be original, no kits or molds. PICTURES MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE PAST 5 YEARS.
3. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry in each number, **NOT TO EXCEED TOTAL OF 10 ENTRIES.** The Judge has the right to disqualify one.
4. No work will be accepted unless prepared by the exhibitor for display.
5. **Watercolors and prints must be framed UNDER PLEXIGLASS ONLY – NO GLASS.** Oil and acrylics must be framed with wires for proper hanging. No glued on hangers will be accepted. No string with tape fasteners.
6. **If a picture is not equipped with a hanging wire, it will not be judged.**
7. All pictures that are not framed do not require a hanger of any kind, but must be mounted on Poster Board or matted. (they will be hung with binder clips) If they are framed they must have a hanging wire.
8. The name and address of the exhibitor and title of the work must be firmly affixed on the back of each exhibit. **Affix entry tag to the top right corner of the back.**
9. All paintings or exhibits must be hand painted. Work must have been done entirely by the exhibitor.
10. **“Other Than Mentioned” cannot be used if it’s for a 2nd picture already in that category!**
11. All work will be judged on originality of subject, quality and handling the materials used, graphic appeal and overall pictorial representation.
12. **Copyright Law applies to all entries.**
13. We will not be responsible in case of breakage.
14. **All entries must be the work of amateurs unless stated on the entry tag.**
15. **No talking to the Judge is allowed during judging.**
16. Best Of Show Ribbon will be awarded at the discretion of the Judge.
17. **Entries will be released Saturday, July 18 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. IF YOU CANNOT PICK UP YOUR ITEMS AT THIS TIME PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENT FOR SOMEONE TO PICK IT UP . ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY RELEASES! SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEM LEFT AFTER THIS TIME.**

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******* NEW CLASS! – SNAPSHOTS**

No prints larger than 4"x7". All entries must be mounted on white poster board with no more than 1" border. (5"x8" index cards work), Entries should be labeled below the photo with the name of the entry caption. A humorous original sup caption may be included if desired. **No matting or framing allowed. No enlargements. No computer enhanced photos.**

CLASS 1

**PICTURES MUST BE TAKEN SINCE JULY, 2021
PHOTOGRAPHY DIGITAL CAMERA PICTURE (BLACK & WHITE)**

Photo 5 x 7 "

MUST BE MOUNTED ON POSTER BOARD OR MATTED

(If your picture is framed, it must have a wire hanger.

All other pictures will be hung with binder clips)

ENTRY #

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Sports | 7. Scenes | 10. Picture series mounted together on poster board. Example – same boat. May be snapshots. |
| 2. People | a. At Fair b. Other | a. Four Pictures b. More than 4 pictures |
| 3. Animals | 8. Collage – 4 or more pictures | 11. Any Not Mentioned |
| 4. Still Life | 9. Landscapes | |
| 5. Flowers/Plants | | |
| 6. Altered – Explain How | | |

CLASS 2

**PICTURES MUST BE TAKEN SINCE JULY, 2021
PHOTOGRAPHY DIGITAL CAMERA PICTURE (COLOR)**

Photo 5 x 7 " or larger

MUST BE MOUNTED ON POSTER BOARD OR MATTED

(If your picture is framed, it must have a wire hanger.

All other pictures will be hung with binder clips.)

ENTRY #

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 12. Sports | 18. Scenes | 21. Picture series mounted together on poster board. Example – same boat. May be snapshots. |
| 13. People | a. At Fair b. Other | a. Four Pictures b. More than 4 pictures |
| 14. Animals | 19. Collage – 4 or more pictures | 22. Any Not Mentioned |
| 15. Still Life | 20. Landscapes | |
| 16. Flowers/Plants | | |
| 17. Altered – Explain How | | |

CLASS 3

SNAPSHOTS

(see instructions on previous page)

SPECIAL DAYS – BLACK AND WHITE OR COLORED

Entry #

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|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 23. Happy Birthday | 27. St Patrick's Day | 31. Thanksgiving |
| 24. Graduation | 28. Happy Easter | 32. Christmas |
| 25. Wedding/Anniversary | 29. July 4th | 33. Happy New Year |
| 26. Cupid's Valentine | 30. Halloween | |

SPECIAL THEME – BLACK AND WHITE OR COLORED

Entry #

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| 34. Patriotic | 36. Sports |
| 35. Religious | 37. School |

THE WORLD AROUND US – BLACK AND WHITE OR COLORED

Entry #

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| 38. Featuring Children – (Birth – 4) | 41. Featuring Children-(15 -17) | 44. Country Living |
| 39. Featuring Children – (5-9) | 42. Featuring Adults –(18 & Older) | 45. Urban Life |
| 40. Featuring Children –(10-14) | 43. Featuring Adults & Children | 46. 3 or More Series – to tell a story |

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| 47. 4 Picture Series – of same | 55. Scenic View | 63. Fish |
| 48. Buildings | 56. Nature View | 64. Adults & Animals |
| 49. Flowers | 57. Zoo Animals | 65. Children & Animals |
| 50. Butterflies/Bugs | 58. Cats | 66. Close Up of Anything |
| 51. Fun In the Sun | 59. Dogs | 67. Landmarks |
| 52. Still Life | 60. Farm Animals | |
| 53. Water Fun | 61. Birds | |
| 54. Winter Wonderland | 62. Wildlife | |

FAIR PHOTOS – BLACK AND WHITE OR COLORED

Entry #

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|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 68. People | 70. Featuring Livestock | 72. Any Other |
| 69. Grandstand Event | 71. 3 or More – Tell a Story | |

INTERPRETIVE PHOTO – (Take a photo showing your interpretation of the titles given)

Entry #

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| 73. Band | 74. Litter | 75. Nails/Bolts/Tools |
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**CLASS 4
PHOTO ALBUMS
(Non-Professional)**

ENTRY #

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 76. Family/People | 78. Holidays |
| a. Regular b. Mini | a. Regular b. Mini |
| c. Themed d. Any Not Mentioned | c. Themed d. Any Not Mentioned |
| 77. Vacations | 79. Other Than Mentioned |
| a. Regular b. Mini | a. Regular b. Mini |
| c. Themed d. Any Not Mentioned | c. Themed d. Any Not Mentioned |

ART CLASSES

CLASS 5

OIL

MUST BE MOUNTED ON POSTER BOARD OR MATTED

(See Rule #6)

ENTRY #

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 80. Landscapes | 83. Still Life | 86. Flowers/Plants |
| 81. Seascapes | 84. Portraits and Figures | 87. Any Not Mentioned |
| 82. Animals and Birds | 85. Modern Art | |

CLASS 6

WATERCOLOR

MUST BE MOUNTED ON POSTERBOARD OR MATTED

(See Rule #6)

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 88. Landscapes | 91. Still Life | 94. Flowers / Plants |
| 89. Seascapes | 92. Portraits and Figures | 95. Any Not Mentioned |
| 90. Animals and Birds | 93. Modern Art | |

CLASS 7

ACRYLICS

MUST BE MOUNTED ON POSTERBOARD OR MATTED

(See Rule #6)

ENTRY #

96. Landscapes
97. Seascapes
98. Animals and Birds

99. Still Life
100. Portraits and Figures
101. Modern Art

102. Flowers / Plants
103. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 8

PASTELS

MUST BE MOUNTED ON POSTER BOARD OR MATTED

(See Rule #6)

ENTRY #

104. Landscapes
105. Seascapes
106. Animals and Birds

107. Still Life
108. Portraits and Figures
109. Modern Art

110. Flowers / Plants
111. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 9

PEN, PENCIL & INK

MUST BE MOUNTED ON POSTERBOARD OR MATTED

ENTRY #

112. Landscapes
113. Seascapes
114. Animals and Birds

115. Still Life
116. Portraits and Figures
117. Modern Art

118. Flowers / Plants
119. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 10

CHARCOAL & CRAYON

MUST BE MOUNTED ON POSTERBOARD OR MATTED

ENTRY #

120. Landscapes
121. Seascapes
122. Animals and Birds

123. Still Life
124. Portraits and Figures
125. Modern Art

126. Flowers / Plants
127. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 11

TEMPERA

MUST BE MOUNTED ON POSTERBOARD OR MATTED

ENTRY #

128. Landscapes
129. Seascapes
130. Animals and Birds

131. Still Life
132. Portraits and Figures
133. Modern Art

134. Flowers / Plants
135. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 12
MIXED MEDIA
MUST BE MOUNTED ON POSTERBOARD OR MATTED

ENTRY #

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|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 136. Landscapes | 139. Still Life | 142. Flowers / Plants |
| 137. Seascapes | 140. Portraits and Figures | 143. Any Not Mentioned |
| 138. Animals and Birds | 141. Modern Art | |

CLASS 13
METHOD PAINTING
MUST BE MOUNTED ON POSTERBOARD OR MATTED

Method Painting is the result of the use of an instructional book, which gives the artist assistance with color mixing, color placement, composition, etc., whether the picture was copied in part or in whole. This category also includes paintings resulting from classroom instruction.

ENTRY #

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|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 144. Landscapes | 147. Still Life | 150. Any Not Mentioned |
| 145. Seascapes | 148. Portraits and Figures | |
| 146. Animals and Birds | 149. Flowers / Plants | |

CLASS 14
PAINTED METAL ART
Any Media

ENTRY #

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 151. Large 14" and up | 152. Small 13" and under |
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CLASS 15
WORK OF STUDENTS: AGES 5-8 YEARS. Please State Age on Entry Tag.

ENTRY # - Any Item 1-152

CLASS 16
WORK OF STUDENTS: AGES 9-12 YEARS. Please State Age on Entry Tag.

ENTRY # - Any Item 1-152

CLASS 17
WORK OF STUDENTS: AGES 13-18 YEARS. Please State Age on Entry Tag.

ENTRY # - Any Item 1-152

CLASS 18
SPECIAL NEEDS

ENTRY # - Any Item 1-152

CLASS 19
WORK OF PROFESSIONALS

ENTRY # - Any Item 1-152



DIVISION VII
FLORICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

Superintendent.....Marlene Maxwell

Judges.....Eileen Blom, Joy Prothero

Exhibit Hall Opens at 9:00 am and Closes at 8:30 pm.

Judging: Tuesday, July 14, 2026– 11:30 am.

Entry Fee is \$.50 per item.

Rules:

1. No entry forms accepted in the Fair Office. No early entry necessary.
2. Entries will be accepted in the Exhibit Hall on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 – 8:00 – 10:00 am . Judging begins promptly at 11:30 am.
3. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in each number. Example: #36 Daisies, you may enter one in a, one in b and one in c.
4. You must have your own entry list filled out. **One can be obtained from the Fair Office prior to the Fair.**
5. All specimens must have been grown by the exhibitor. If there is positive proof that the exhibitor is at fault, all of their premium money from each department will be withheld.
6. Floriculture Exhibits will exhibit in clear glass container; colored glass will not be accepted, sized for specimen in class exhibited. Please add rocks or marbles for weight, so they will not blow over. Horticulture Exhibits must be on paper plates. Can be wedged with foam. Floral entries must have leaves attached to earn a blue. Any entry with leaves in the water will not be judged.
7. The decision of the Judge is final.
8. Each entry must be checked by an authorized person before judging. There is always someone to help you if you have questions. If entry doesn't meet the rules, it will be removed.
9. Premiums designated by ribbons, Blue and Red. A Best of Show Ribbon will be awarded at the discretion of the Judge for Adult and Youth divisions. Master Gardeners will be giving outstanding exhibitor ribbons also – no premium.
10. If there is any spoilage, the Superintendents have the right to dispose of the Exhibit.
11. The entry will be disqualified if not entered in the correct entry number, once judging begins.
12. Please name specimen, if possible, on entry tag. Entry must be named to be considered for "Best of Show".
13. Artistic Division Rules will be listed in Class 8.
14. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE THE WORK OF AMATEURS UNLESS STATED ON THE ENTRY TAG.**
15. Exhibits will be released Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. IF YOU CANNOT PICK UP YOUR ITEMS AT THIS TIME, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENT FOR SOMEONE TO PICK IT UP. SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEMS LEFT AFTER THIS TIME. ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY RELEASES.

Premium Money will be with Office Personnel in the Exhibit Hall.

16. Premiums: First Place - \$3.00 Second Place - \$2.00 Rosette - \$5.00
17. Roses will be judged first, Vegetable Baskets, then Flower Arrangements.
18. The following are NOT permitted in flower shows: Noxious weeds, natural Bird's nests, stuffed birds, butterflies or other insects, fish, birds or animals or cut fruit or vegetables. Wild bird feathers (except those for which there is a hunting season in Iowa) are not permitted.
19. Number of specimen's is different than 4-H rules
20. Use references: ISU publication #462 "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit, #464 Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit", #551 Harvesting and preparing Herbs for Exhibit and #552 "Preparing Floral Arrangements for Exhibit".

Primary Noxious Weeds: Buckhorn, Bull Thistle, Canadian Thistle, Field Bindweed, Hoary Cress, Horse nettle, Leafy spurge, Musk Thistles, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack Grass, Russian Knapweed and Tall Thistle.

Secondary Noxious Weeds: Buckhorn Plantain, Cocklebur, Wild Sunflower, Curly Dock, Poison Hemlock, Puncture Vine, Red Sorrel, Smooth Dock, Teasel, Velvet Leaf, Wild Carrot (Queen Anne's Lace) and Wild Mustard.

Explanation: Bloom – Full Bloom; Spike – (such as Glad) Stalk – 1 stem Spray – (bud & blooms – branch)

CLASS 1
ANNUALS

(Items must be grown by exhibitor)

(Please add rocks or marbles to stabilize) Please Name if Possible)

ENTRY #

1. African Daisy – 3 stems
2. Ageratum
 - a. Blue b. Purple c. Other
3. Bachelor Buttons – 3 stems
4. Balsam
5. Bells of Ireland – 2 stems
6. Fountain Grass (tie stems)
7. Calendula – 3 blooms
8. Celosia
 - a. Plume – 2 stems
 1. Red 2. Yellow 3. Other
 - a. Crested
 1. Orange 2. Cockscomb 3. Other
9. Cleome – Spider Flower – 1 stem
 - a. Pink b. Purple c. White
10. Coleus – 3 stems
11. Cosmos – 3 sprays
12. Dahlia
 - a. Decorative b. Catus/Semi Catus
 - c. Miniature/Pom Poms d. Giant - Over 10"
 - e. Water Lily
 1. Yellow 2. Red 3. Purple 4. Orange
 5. White 6. Blonde 7. Any Color
13. Dianthus (pinks) 3 blooms
14. Everlasting Flowers – 5 stems
15. Gazania – 3 – blooms
16. Gladiolus
 - a. Large – 1 spike
 1. Pink 2. White 3. Red 4. Purple
 5. Yellow 6. By/color 7. Any Other
 - b. Miniature – 1 spike
 - 1-7 of above
17. Impatiens – 1 spray
 - a. Single b. Double
18. Lantana – 3 stems
19. Marigold – 1 spray (with leaves)
 - a. French b. African
20. Nasturtium 3 blooms
21. Pansy – 3 blooms
22. Petunia (Double) - 1 spray
 - a. White b. Variegated c. Pink d. Purple
23. Petunia (Single) - 1 spray
 - a. White b. Variegated c. Any color
24. Salvia – 1 stem
 - a. Red b. Any Color
25. Snapdragon – 3 spikes
 - a. Tall b. Bush Type
26. Sunflower
 - a. Large (measures above 5")
 1. Yellow 2. Any 3. Largest Head
 - b. Small (measures 3-5")
 1. Yellow 2. Any Other
27. Torenia
28. Verbena – 3 sprays
29. Collection of any – 6 each named
30. Zinnia
 - a. Small, Under 1.5" – 3 blooms
 1. Red 2. Pink 3. Purple 4. White
 5. Yellow 6. Varied 7. Other
 - b. Large – 3 blooms
 1. Red 2. Pink 3. Purple 4. White
 5. Yellow 6. Varied 7. Other
31. Any Not Mentioned (2 entries allowed if different)
 - a. Small – 3 specimens
 - b. Large – 1 specimen

CLASS 2
PERENNIALS

Must be named and exhibitor must grow items.
(Please add rocks or marbles to stabilize)

ENTRY #

32. Achillea Yarrow – 3 sprays
a. Pink b. White c. Purple d. Red
e. Gray f. Salmon
33. Black Eyed Susan – 3 stems
a. Rudbeckia b. Irish Eyes
34. Chrysanthemums – 1 spray
a. Daisy Type b. Cushion c. Old Fashioned Hardy
35. Coneflower – 1 spray
a. Purple b. White c. Yellow d. Green
e. Orange f. Red g. Other
36. Daisy – 1 stem
a. Gloriosa b. Shasta c. Gerbera
37. Delphinium – Larkspur – 1 stem
38. Gaillardia – 1 stems
39. Lilies
a. Day Lilies – 1 stem
1. Yellow 2. Red 3. White 4. Peach
5. Pink 6. Gold 7. Orange 8. Purple
b. Small Bloom 3" or less, 1 stem
c. Tiger Lily – 1 stem
d. Double
40. Lilies (Hybrid)
a. Oriental – 1 stem
1. White 2. Pink 3. Yellow 4. Other
b. Trumpet – 1 stem
1. White 2. Pink 3. Yellow 4. Other
c. Orienpet - 1 stem
1. White 2. Pink 3. Yellow 4. Other
41. Hollyhock – 1 stalk
42. Liatris – Blazing Star – 1 spike
43. Ornamental Grasses – 5 stems (Tie in bunch)
44. Phlox – 1 stem
a. White b. Pink c. Any Purple d. Red
45. Russian Sage – 3 stems
46. Scabiosa (Hot Pincushion) – 3 stems
47. Collection of 6 – each named
48. Hosta's – Name Variety
a. Leaves (single)
b. Flower (single)
49. Any Not Mentioned (2 entries allowed if different)
a. Large specimen – 1stem
b. Small specimen – 1 stem

CLASS 3
SHRUBS

Must be named if possible & blooming

ENTRY #

50. Buddleia (Butterfly Bush) 1 spray
a. Pink b. Purple c. White
51. Hydrangea – 1-stem
a. White b. Pink c. Red
d. Blue e. Green
52. Hardy Hibiscus – 1 bloom
a. White b. Red c. Pink
53. Rebloom Lilac – 1-stem
54. Smoke Bush = 1 stem
55. Viburnum – 1 stem
56. Rose of Sharon – 1 stem
a. Orchid b. White c. Pink d. Any Other Color

CLASS 4
ROSES

ENTRY #

57. Hybrid Tea – 1 stem
a. White b. Yellow c. Orange d. Pink
e. Red f. Red Blend g. Mauve
h. Any other color not listed
58. Floribundas – multi-bloom on 1 stem
a. White b. Apricot c. Orange d. Pink
e. Red f. Any other color not listed
59. Miniature Roses, multi bloom on one stem
a. White b. Yellow c. Pink d. Red e. Any other color not listed.
60. Climbing Rose – Shrub Rose-Old Garden – 1 stem
a. White b. Yellow c. Pink
61. Knock Out Roses – 1 stem
a. Pink b. Red c. Any other color
62. Buck Roses – 1 stem
a. Red b. Pink c. Yellow d. Any other color

CLASS 5

CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

Plant must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for 2 months.

One plant to a container and must be named if possible

ENTRY #

- 63. African Violet
 - a. Blue b. Pink c. Variegated d. Violet
- 64. Begonia
 - a. Blooming b. Foliage c. Tuberous
- 65. Bougainvillea
- 66. Cactus
 - a. Small (5" pot or under
 - b. Large (6" pot or larger)
- 67. Succulent
 - a. Small (5" pot or under b. Large (6" pot or larger)
- 68. Lantana
- 69. Mandevilla
- 70. Rubber Plant
- 71. Gerbera Daisy
- 72. Impatient
 - a. Super Elfin b. New Guinea c. Regular
- 73. Jade
- 74. Geraniums
 - a. Red b. Pink c. White d. Other
- 75. Unusual – must be named
- 76. Sansevieria
 - a. Green b. Variegated c. Dwarf
- 77. Any other not mentioned above
 - a. Small b. Large

CLASS 6

BASKETS & POTS

Must be named

ENTRY #

- 78. Hanging Basket
 - a. Small Blooming b. Large Blooming
 - c. Small non blooming d. Large non blooming
- 79. Pots
 - a. Small blooming b. Large blooming
 - c. Small non blooming d. Large non blooming

CLASS 7

CONTAINER GARDENS

Collection of assorted plants grown in combination pots

Must be named

ENTRY #

- 80. Container Gardens
 - a. Common Annual Flowers
 - b. Green Foliage
 - c. Tropical
 - d. Terrarium
 - e. Fairy Garden
 - 1. Large
 - 2. Small
 - f. "Beauty of the Leaves" (a collection of assorted plants)

CLASS 8
ARTISTIC DIVISION
FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Rules:

1. No age restriction or residency requirements
2. Artistic entry must be done by the exhibitor. Flowers, dried, treated and plant materials need NOT be Grown by the exhibitor. No noxious weeds allowed;
3. Be sure to mark your containers and accessories on the bottom
4. A minimum amount of painting permitted on dried or treated materials.
5. Your Choice of any plant material and container but **label flowers in arrangement.**
6. NO flags in any arrangement please

ENTRY #

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 81. Three's Company | 83. Summer Beauty | 85. Fair Memories Forever |
| 82. Lemon Shake Up
(Only use yellow flowers) | 84. Sweet Days of Summer | |

CLASS 9
VEGETABLES IN A BASKET

(Items must be grown by exhibitor and named) No Flowers.

ENTRY #

86. Vegetables in a Basket (9 or more)
- a. Large b. Small c. At least 9 different vegetables

CLASS 10
VEGETABLES

(Items must be grown by exhibitor and placed on a paper plate or container)

ENTRY #

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| 87. Beans – 6 specimens
a. Green b. Yellow c. Other color | 97. Tomatoes – 3 specimens (remove stems from all)
a. Red – small b. Red – large c. Yellow – large |
| 88. Beets – 5 specimens | d. Cherry e. Grape f. Any other 3 varieties- 2 each |
| 89. Broccoli – 1 head | 98. Eggplant – 1 specimen |
| 90. Cabbage – 1 head
a. Small b. Large c. Red | 99. Turnips – 3 specimens |
| 91. Carrots – 5 specimens | 100. Potatoes – 3 specimens
a. Red b. White c. Yellow |
| 92. Cucumbers – 3 specimens
a. Less than 5" (for pickling) b. Over 5" (for slicing) | 101. Squash – 1 specimen
a. Acorn b. Butternut c. Zucchini |
| 93. Okara – 3 specimens | d. Spaghetti e. Other |
| 94. Peppers – 3 specimens – Named
a. Banana b. Bell c. Jalapeno | 102. Any Not Named above (Garlic)
a. Small – 3 specimens b. Large 3-Specimens |
| d. Any Other e. Display of 3 different varieties | 103. First Year Exhibitor – 1 tomato, 1 pepper,
2 other vegetables on a plate, NAMED |
| 95. Onions – 3 specimens
a. Red b. White c. Yellow | 104. Herbs – 1 sprig or stem (in water)
a. Basil b. Oregano c. Rosemary |
| 96. Sweet Corn
a. Yellow b. White c. Other | d. Sage e. Mint f. Dill |

105. Any Not Mentioned in any Class

CLASS 11
FRUIT
DISPLAY ON PAPER PLATE – Must be Ripe

- 106. Apples – 4 specimens
- 107. Blackberries – 6 specimens
- 108. Blue Berries – 6 specimens

- 109. Raspberries – 6 specimens
- 110. Any Not Mentioned

CLASS 12
HEIRLOOM

ENTRY #
Any item, any class, named

CLASS 13
CHILDREN 5-12 YEARS OLD

ENTRY #
Any Item mentioned

CLASS 14
CHILDREN 13-18 YEARS OLD

ENTRY #
Any Item mentioned

CLASS 15
SPECIAL NEEDS AGES 5-18 YEARS OLD

ENTRY #
Any Item mentioned

CLASS 16
SPECIAL NEEDS AGES 19 AND OVER

Entry #
Any Item mentioned

MASTER GARDNERS BUCKET OF FLOWERS

Buckets planted for display at the Southern Iowa Fair should be brought to the Exhibit Hall on Monday, July 13th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Please attach a card to your bucket with your name, the words “Master Gardner” and a list of the plants in bucket. They will be judged for Most Colorful, Most Unique and Best Use of Plants. Winners will be announced ribbons attached to buckets. After Judging the buckets will be placed around the fairgrounds. Buckets should be picked up Saturday night between 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Ribbons will be awarded by the Master Gardner’s. No premiums.

DIVISION VIII
FAMILY HISTORY

Superintendent.....Kathy Virgil

Judge.....Jay DeYoung

Judging: Tuesday, July 14,2026 – 10:00 am

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2. No more than one entry per entry number (example; Class1, you may have one entry in #1, #2, #3, etc.) Identical items cannot be entered in two different classes.
3. **All entries must be of a genealogical nature. Each entry should be accompanied by 3x5 sized card description explaining its family connection to the exhibitor, and how it has helped the exhibitor understand and appreciate his/her family history.**
4. **Both the ITEM and the DESCRIPTION will be considered when judging.**
5. Superintendents reserve the right to refuse or reclassify any exhibit.
6. Diligence will be used to ensure the safety of articles after their arrival and placement, but in no case will the management be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
7. NO entry may have been previously exhibited at the Southern Iowa Fair.
8. Copies of photos, documents or research material are accepted
9. All framed items and all posters should be **very sturdy, framed or matted ready for hanging with a wire hanger attached.** The Exhibit will be refused if it is not equipped with a very strong hanger. We will not be responsible for breakage.
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Premiums: First Place \$3.00 Second Place \$2.00 Rosette \$5.00

CLASS 1
PHOTOGRAPHS & PORTRAITS

ENTRY#

1. Ancestral Portrait or Photo (1 or 2 persons)
2. Family Group Picture (more than 2 persons)
3. Wedding Photo
4. 4 or more Generation Photo (in one picture)
5. Ancestral Home or Farmstead Picture
6. School, Church or Organizational Photo
7. Family Photo Album
8. Pictorial Family History or Photo Display (2 or more items, must be predominantly photographic material). Exhibit must be constructed so that all elements are visible at the same time, and should not be included in a book or folder.
9. Miscellaneous Photo or Picture Item.

**CLASS 2
OLD DOCUMENTS**

ENTRY #

10. Records from Family Bible
11. Personal Letter
12. Birth Certificate
13. Marriage License or Certificate
14. Death Certificate
15. Land Grant, Deed, Mortgage or Plat Maps
16. Military Record
17. Will and Testament or Probate Record
18. Church or Religious Material
19. Display or documents (2 or more items, must be predominantly documentary). Exhibit must be constructed so that all elements are visible at the same time and should not be included in a book or folder.
20. Miscellaneous Document

CLASS 3

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

ENTRY #

21. Pedigree Chart (shows Parents, Grandparents, Great Grandparents, etc. of an individual)
22. Linage Chart (shows bloodline relationship between any two individuals).
23. Family Tree (shows ALL descendants of an individual).
24. Genealogy Research Notebook or Scrapbook created by exhibitor. May include family group sheets, clippings, computer generated lists, etc.
25. Gravestone Rubbing
26. Poster or display of Research Material. Exhibit must be constructed so that all elements are visible at the same time and should not be included in a book or folder.
27. Compiled Research Material presented in notebook or binder.
28. Miscellaneous Research Material
29. Other Miscellaneous Research Material (Does not need to be done by exhibitor; can be done by other family members).

CLASS 4

HEIRLOOMS (RULE #4)

ENTRY #

- | | |
|---|--|
| 30. Book | 38. Child's Toy or Play Thing |
| 31. Old Scrapbook (clippings, greeting cards, etc.) | 39. Personal Item (razor, comb, false teeth, etc.) |
| 32. Jewelry Item | 40. Religious Item |
| 33. Glassware | 41. Silverware or Metal Ware |
| 34. China Item | 42. School Related Item |
| 35. Kitchen Utensil | 43. Military Related Item |
| 36. Small Household item | 44. Any Not Mentioned |
| 37. Small Tool | |

CLASS 5

HEIRLOOM CLOTHING (Rule #4)

Entry #

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|-----------------------|---|
| 45. Baby Clothes | 48. Adult Clothing |
| 46. Child's clothing | a. Wedding Dress, Shoes/Accessories b. Favorite Dress |
| 47. Any Not Mentioned | c. Men's/Women's Suits d. Accessories (shoes, hats, etc.) |
| | e. Special Trendy/Fashionable Styles of the Past |

CLASS 6

MISCELLANEOUS (Rule #4)

Entry#

49. Needlework

50. Old Quilts

- a. Totally Old Quilt b. Quilts Made of Old Material c. Quilts Made of Ancestors Items

51. Heirloom Display (may include a limited number of supporting photos, documents, etc.) Exhibit must be constructed so that all elements are visible at the same time and should not be included in a book or folder.

52. Miscellaneous Heirloom Item

53. Any combination

JUNIOR DIVISION

CLASS 7

Children 5-8 years old (Rule #8)

(Must tell whom it belonged to and how they are related to you) Please give full names and dates if possible.

ENTRY #

54. Photos

- a. Grandparent or Grandparents (one or two people)
b. Great Grandparent or Great Grandparents (one or two people)
c. Family Group (three or more people)
d. Any Family Photo Not Mentioned

55. Clothing

- a. Baby Clothes
b. Other clothes
c. Accessories (purses, shoes, ties, etc.)

56. Toys

- a. Your Toy
b. Parent Toy
c. Any Not Mentioned

57. Heirloom (Any well-loved item that is a treasure to your family, passed down from an earlier generation)

58. Family Tree

CLASS 8

Children 9-12 years old (Rule #8)

(Must tell whom it belonged to and how they are related to you) Please give full names if possible.

ENTRY # Any Item # 53-58

CLASS 9

Children 13-18 years old (Rule #8)

(Must tell whom it belonged to and how they are related to you) Please give full names if possible.

Entry # Any Item #53-58

Class 10

SPECIAL NEEDS Entry # Any Item Previously Mentioned



Southern Iowa Fair Quilt Block Contest For Youth & Adults

Join the Quilt Block Contest by creating a block using only the fabric provided! Blocks will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall at the Southern Iowa Fair, July 13-18, 2026. Last years completed quilt will be on display at the Fair Office/Free Stage. It will be auctioned off in the free stage on Monday, July 13th following the queen contest. There will also be a pie auction.

How to Enter:

- Contestants can enter by paying a \$5.00 fee to receive a packet of materials for constructing one quilt block.
- The blocks become the property of the Southern Iowa Fair.

Materials:

- Adult packets will contain four different fabrics. Youth packets (Age 17 & Under) will contain 3 different fabrics.
- All fabrics must be used in the block. No additional fabric may be used.
- Fabric pieces are 14 inch square.

Block Requirements:

- Finished block size: 12½ x 12½ inches (unfinished)
- Blocks must be pieced (no quilting, appliqué, or embellishments allowed).
- You may use an established pattern or create an original design.

Voting & Prizes:

- Blocks will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall during the Fair, and the public will vote for their favorite block. (Please only vote once a day)

Prizes For Each Division:

- 1st Place: \$40
- 2nd Place: \$20
- 3rd Place: \$10

Packet Availability:

- Pick up your packet at Quilted Treasures and Retreats Quilt Shop or the Fair Office.
- Only 36 Adult & 18 Youth packets available.

Block Submission:

- Drop off your finished block at the Fair Office before the Fair or bring it to the Exhibit Hall during these times:
 - Sunday, July 12th- 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - Monday, July 13th- 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Voting will end at 4 PM on Saturday, July 18th & winners will be announced.



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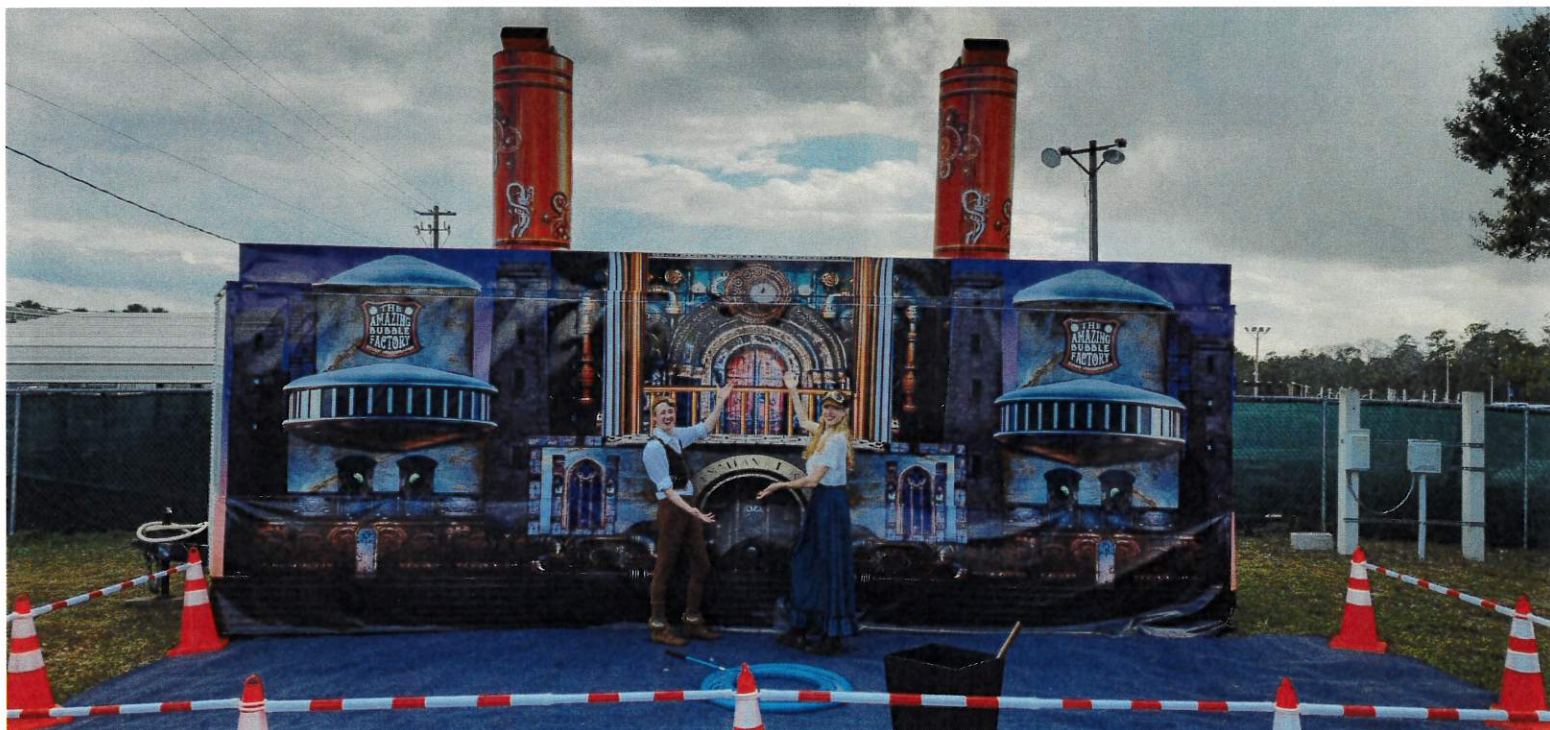


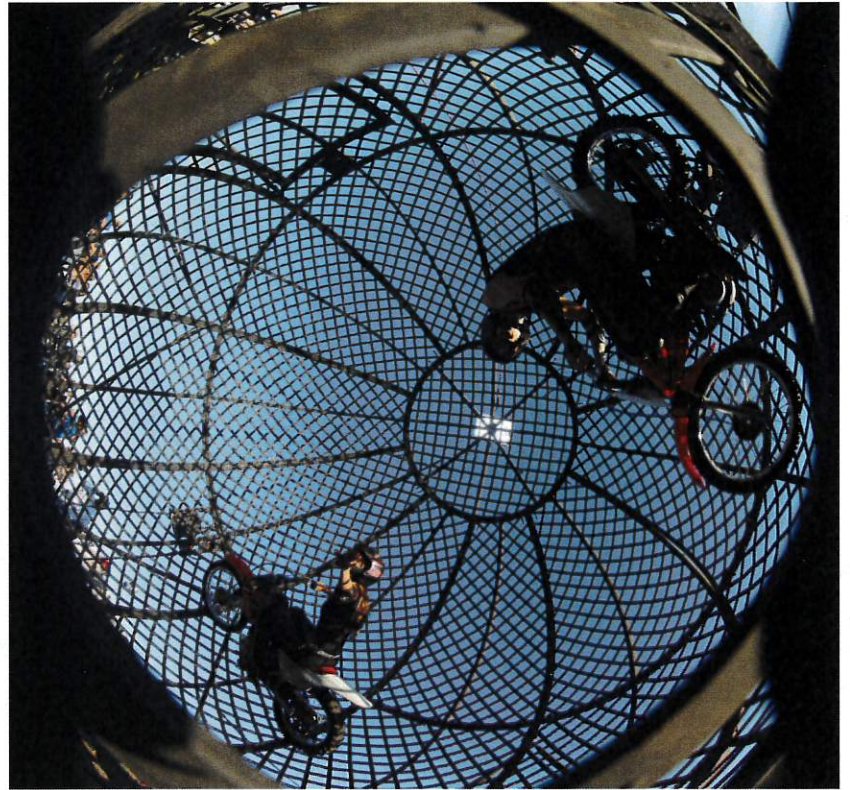
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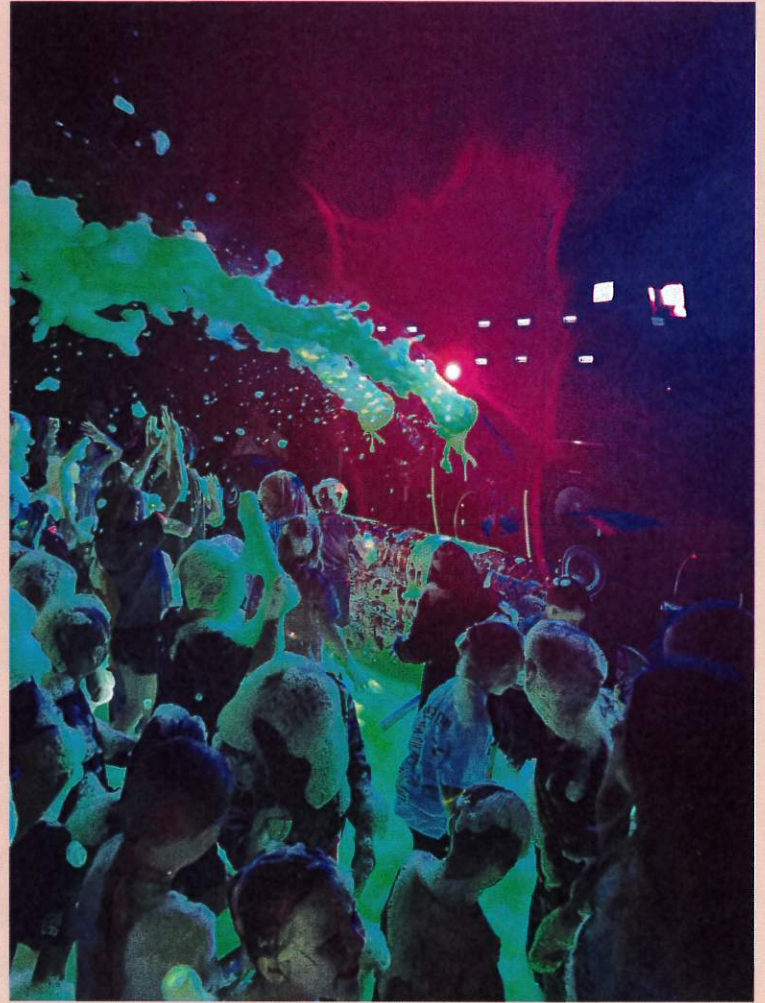
FEARLESS FLORES THRILL SHOW

(Tuesday - Saturday)

FOAM PARTY

TUESDAY, JULY 14th

**3 TIMES DURING THE DAY
1 GLOW PARTY AT DARK**





BRAIDED PIGTAIL CONTEST
Tuesday July 14th
1:30 PM
Free Stage
Sponsor: Expressions Hair Studio

Think you have the best pigtails around? Join us for some braided fun!

Registration:

Opens 30 minutes before the contest at the Free Stage.

Categories:

(Ages 0-5 & 6-10)

- Longest or Shortest Pigtails
- Blondest, Darkest, or Reddest
- Most Creative/Unique
- Best Use of Theme
- Curliest Ends
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Contest Rules:

1. Pigtails must be braided and braided as far as possible. No French braids.
2. Pigtails can be one, two, or more!
3. For the Longest Pigtail category, the braid must be one continuous tail, secured with rubber bands at both the top and bottom. No loose strands will be measured.
4. Pigtails may be placed anywhere on the head.
5. Judging will consider neatness, beauty, and creativity based on the category.
6. Contestants may register on the day of the contest during registration time.
7. One entry per person — choose your best category!
8. Prizes awarded to the First Place Winner in each category.

Bring your best braids and show off your pigtail pride!

Joke Telling Contest

Tuesday, July 14th

3:00 PM

Free Stage

Superintendent: MaKayla Stittsworth

Registration: Begins 30 minutes before the contest start time.

Age Groups:

4-7 years

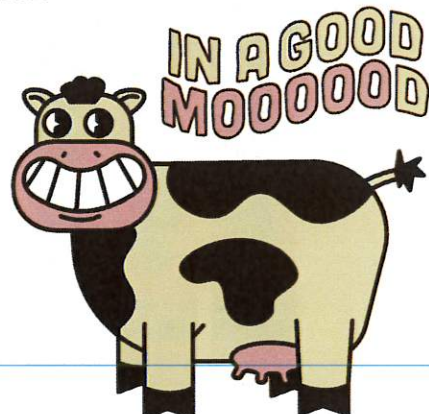
8-12 years

Contest Details:

- Contestants will perform one at a time in front of the judges.
- Each participant will tell one joke.
- Judges will score the jokes based on delivery, creativity, and audience reaction.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be announced for each age group.
- Participation ribbons will be awarded to all contestants.

Important:

- Jokes must be appropriate for all ages. Inappropriate jokes will result in disqualification and no score.
- Come prepared to share your funniest, family-friendly joke! We can't wait to hear your laughter!



Coloring Contest

Wednesday, July 15th

3:00 PM

Free Stage

Superintendent: MaKayla Stittsworth

Age Categories:

• 3 & 4 years old

• 5 & 6 years old

• 7 & 8 years old

• 9 & 10 years old

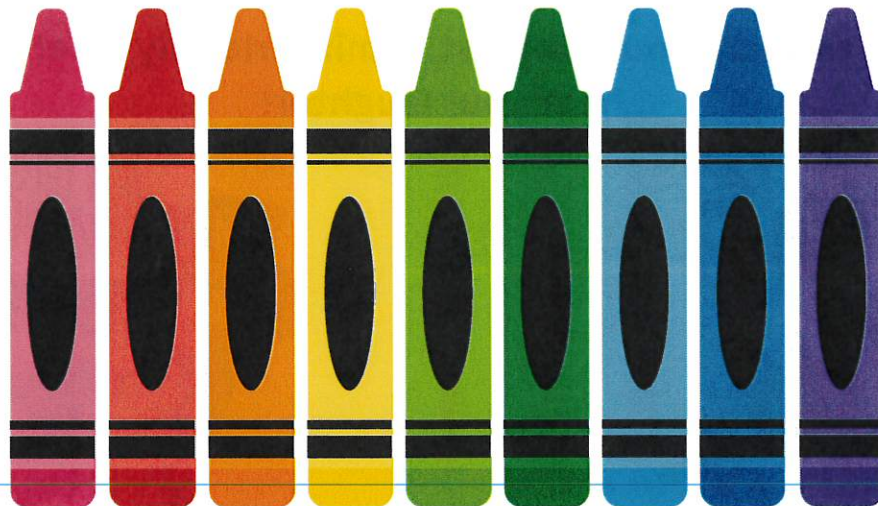
• 11 & 12 years old

• 13-17 years old

• Adults

Contest Rules:

1. Each age group will be provided with a designated picture to color.
2. Participants will have a set amount of time to complete their coloring.
3. All coloring must be done during the contest time.
4. Contestants must complete their coloring independently without assistance.
5. Judging will take place immediately after the contest ends.
6. A trophy will be awarded to the winner in each age group.



Cookie Decorating Contest

Thursday, July 16th

10:00 AM

Free Stage

Superintendent: Linda Van Donselaar

- **Registration Time: Begins at 9:30 a.m.**

Start Times & Age Groups:

- 10:00 AM- 2-3 years
- 10:15 AM- 4-6 years
- 10:30 AM- 7-9 years
- 10:45 AM- 10-12 years
- 11:00 AM- 13-16 years

Decorating Time:

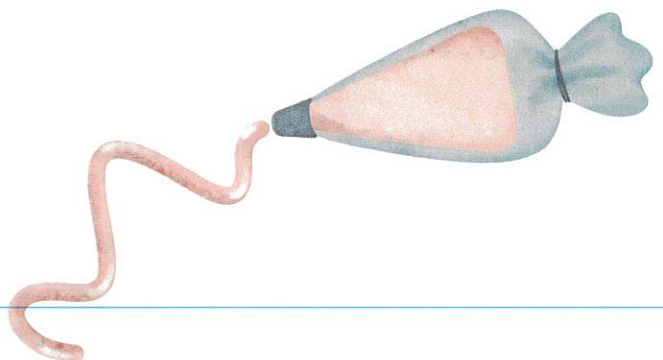
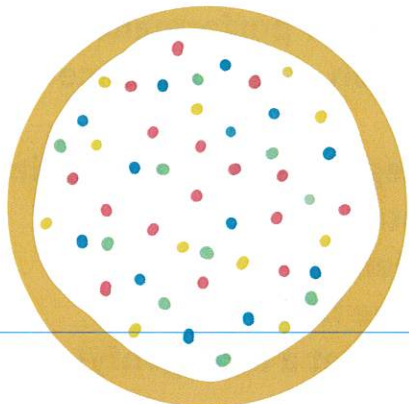
- Each child will have a set amount of time to decorate their cookie.

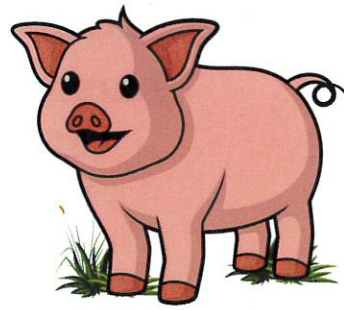
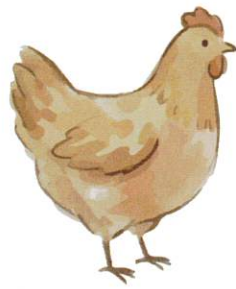
Judging Criteria:

- Cookies will be judged by age category based on neatness and originality.

Awards:

- Ribbons will be awarded to all participants.
- A trophy will be awarded to the overall winner in each age group.





Chicken & Hog Calling Contest Rules

Thursday, July 16th

Registration- 3:00 PM

Start Time- 3:30 PM

General Rules

Open to all ages : Youth & Adult

No live animals allowed.

Contestants must use only their voice (no props, recordings, or instruments).

Each contestant gets 30 seconds to perform.

Contestants may enter one or both categories (chicken and hog).

Chicken Calling

Contestants should imitate chickens (clucking, crowing, etc.).

Creativity is encouraged—be funny, loud, and entertaining!

Can include a short “calling your chickens” skit if desired.

Swine Calling

Contestants should imitate pigs (oinking, calling hogs, feeding calls, etc.).

Farm-style calling is encouraged (think calling pigs in from the lot!).

Humor and crowd interaction welcome.

Judging Criteria

Volume & Clarity – Can we hear you across the fairgrounds?

Realism – Does it sound like the animal?

Creativity – Unique style, humor, or performance

Audience Appeal – Crowd reaction, stage presence

Awards

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category for youth & adults

Additional Notes

Keep it family-friendly.

Judges’ decisions are final.

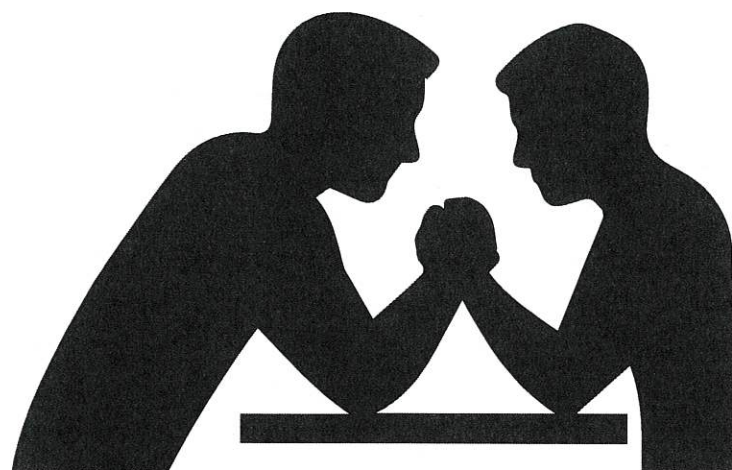
Have fun and don’t be afraid to get a little goofy!

MONSTER ARM WRESTLING

THURSDAY, JULY 16th

WEIGH-IN: 5PM-6PM

START TIME: 6 PM



WRESTLING

FREE STAGE

Cookie Stacking Contest

Friday, July 17th

9:00 AM

Free Stage

Superintendent: Kathleen Rempe

0-3 Years Old
4-6 Years Old
7 to 9 Years Old
10 to 12 Years Old
13 Years Old & Up

- **Time Limit:** Contestants have 30 seconds to build the highest single stack of cookies.
- **Cookie Organization:** Cookies must not be pre-arranged before stacking begins.
- **No Supports or Adhesives:** No adhesives, supports, or pyramid structures are allowed in the stack.
- **Cookie Integrity:** Cookies cannot be broken or twisted apart during the competition.
- **Final Stand Test:** At the end of the 30 seconds, contestants must remove their hands, and the stack must remain standing on its own for three seconds.
- **Knockdown Rule:** If a child's stack is knocked over by another stack during the 30-second wait time, it will still count. If it is knocked down during the actual stacking, the competition will restart.
- **Awards:** Trophies will be given out in each category.



Lego Masterpiece Contest
Friday, July 17th
1:00 PM
Free Stage

Superintendent: MaKayla Stittsworth

Registration: Begins 30 minutes before the contest start time.

Age Groups:

4 to 6 Years Old

7 to 9 Years Old

10 to 12 Years Old

Rules:

Each participant will receive Legos.

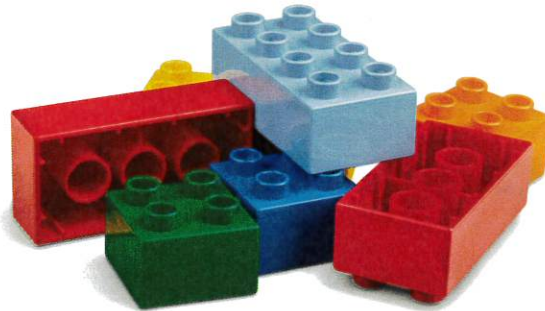
You will have 20 minutes to create your Lego "masterpiece."

Be creative – build anything you like, such as a house, barn, food item, or something imaginative!

Judging will be based on appearance and creativity.

Ribbons will be awarded to all participants

A trophy will be awarded to the overall winner in each age group.



Civics Quiz

Kids & Adults

Free Stage

Friday, July 17th

3:00 PM

Family Look-Alike Contest
All Ages Welcome
Friday, July 17th
Registration: 5:00 PM
Contest Start: 5:30PM
Free Stage

Contest Categories:

Participants can enter in one or more of the following categories:

- Father/Son
- Father/Daughter
- Mother/Son
- Mother/Daughter
- Cousins
- Brother/Brother
- Sister/Sister
- Sister/Brother

Judging Criteria:

Judges will evaluate contestants based on how much they look alike.

Additional Information:

- Contestants are encouraged to dress alike to enhance their chances of winning.
- A trophy will be awarded to the winner of each category.



DIAPER DERBY
Saturday, July 18th
Registration- 8:30 AM
Start Time- 9:00 AM
Location- Free Stage

Sponsored By: Mahaska Health & Modern Floor Covering

Age Groups:

Crawlers
Walkers

RULES:

All contestants must be less than two years of age as of July 18, 2026.
Contestants can register the day of the contest beginning at 8:30 am.
Contestant can enter only one of the two categories—crawler or walker.
(If a contestant in the crawler category walks, they will be disqualified.)

Contestant cannot be touched once the race begins.

First contestant to completely cross the finish line will be declared the winner.

Prizes will be awarded to every contestant.

First Place trophy awarded to the winner of each category. Second and Third Place ribbons will be awarded in each category.

Decision of judges will be final



DECORATED DIAPER CONTEST
Saturday, July 18 - 9:00 AM
(Following the Diaper Derby Contest)
Sponsored By: Mahaska Health
& Modern Floor Covering

CATEGORIES:

**Most Creative
Decorated Diaper
Best Use of Theme Diaper– Barn To Be Wild**

RULES:

All contestants must be less than two years of age as of July 18, 2026.
All contestants must be in decorated diaper attire, disposable or cloth.
(You may design a costume to coordinate with the diaper, but the diaper must be visible for judging.)

Contestants register the day of the contest beginning at 8:30 am.
Judging for the Most Creative Diaper & Best use of Theme Diaper will be based on originality of design, creativity, public appeal and overall effect.
Contestants will be assigned a number at registration which must be clearly in view of the judges at all items during the competition.

Prizes will be awarded to each contestant.

First Place trophy awarded to the winner in each category. Second and Third Place ribbons will be awarded in each category.

Decision of the judges will be final.



Hula Hoop Contest Saturday, July 18th Noon Free Stage

Superintendent: MaKayla Stittsworth

This will be a timed contest to determine who can hula hoop the longest.

Contestants are only allowed to hula hoop around their waist.

The contest will have a set cut-off time, which will be announced.

In case of a tie, the contestants will perform an additional hula hoop trick for as long as they can to break the tie.

Age Groups:

- 4-6 Years Old
- 7-9 Years Old
- 10-14 Years Old
- 15 & Up

Prizes:

Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each age group!

Additional Info:

Hula hoops will be provided for all contestants.



Ohana Kids Pedal Tractor Pull

Saturday, July 18th
Registration: 4:30 PM
Start Time: 5:00 PM


The Kids Pedal Power Pull is open to all children ages 4 to 11.

This is a state-sanctioned event, and the top two finishers in each age group will qualify for the Iowa State Pedal Pull Championship.





The Garfield Boosters 4-H Club will be serving homemade ice cream & pie in the antique tractor area on Wednesday, July 15th & Thursday, July 16th. Start Time: 6 PM & serving until they run out of ice cream.



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FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

TICKETS: \$25 Advanced / \$35 Day of Show

Doors Open 6:30 PM / Showtime 7:30 PM

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The restriction reference golf carts, ATVS, Rangers and similar vehicles is placed in our policy due to congestion which occurs in the traffic area of the fairgrounds and is intended for protection of the public and public safety and is not in any manner discriminatory nor intended to be discriminatory against any person suffering physical or mental disabilities.

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- ★ Bucket Bottle Calves: Born after **February 1, 2026**
- ★ Bucket Bottle Lambs: Born after **January 1, 2026**
- ★ Bucket Bottle Goats: Born after **January 1, 2026**

Show Date: Saturday, July 18, 2026 • 2:00 PM

◆ Bring your calf, lamb or goat for **the whole week of the fair**

OR

◆ **Show & Go:** Bring your animal on show day and leave **right after the show**

★ **Check-In Begins at 12:30 PM on Show Day!**

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SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

Check-In
4:00 PM

Show
5:00 PM

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Sprouts: Ages 2-12 & Seniors: Ages 13-21

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FAIR WEEK EVENING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 12

BILL RILEY TALENT SHOW

THURSDAY, JULY 16

*SPRINT INVADERS WITH
STOCK CARS & HOBBY STOCKS*

MONDAY, JULY 13

*QUEEN CONTEST
JACK POT BARREL RACE*

FRIDAY, JULY 17

*BAYKER BLANKENSHIP
WITH OPENER
CADEN GILLARD*

TUESDAY, JULY 14

*KEVIN HORNER-
VENTRILOQUIST*

SATURDAY, JULY 18

*COMBINE DERBY, REDNECK
RALLY, TWO MAN CRUISER,
TRAILER RACE*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

*CALEB HAMMOND
MEMORIAL RACE*

SUNDAY, JULY 19

*GOSPEL CONCERT-
THE NEW HORIZONS
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2026 FAIR WEEK GRANDSTAND EVENTS



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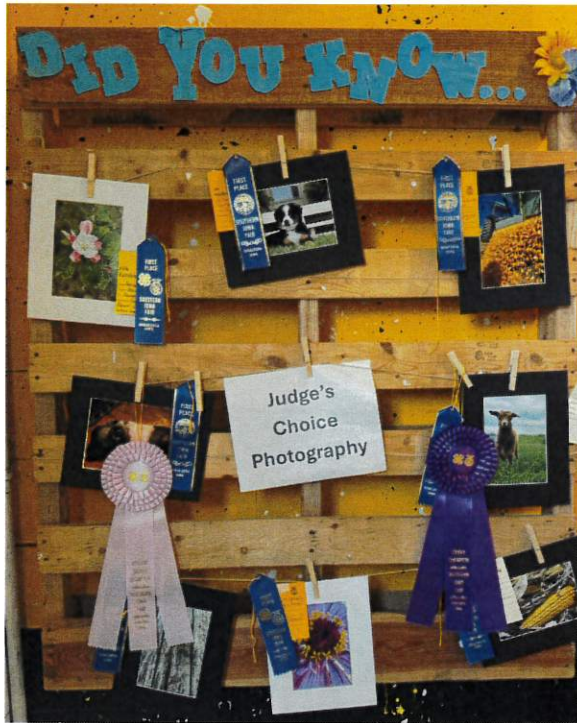
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**TUESDAY, JULY 14TH -
10 AM TO NOON & 2 PM TO 6 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH -
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2 PM TO 6 PM**

**FRIDAY, JULY 17TH -
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