

# 2025 PARKE COUNTY FAIR

JULY 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## OPEN CLASS ENTRY BOOK

Acrylic Painting	Food Preservation	Pickles and Relish
Baker's Best Competition	Frozen Foods	Pie Making
Basketry	Fruits and Veggies	Plants
Beading	Garden Goose and Porch Pals	Pottery
Best or Worst Cowboy/Cowgirl Hats	Garden Vegetables and Produce	Pumpkins
Black and White Photography	Gift Wrapping	Puzzles
Blacksmithing	Gingerbread House Contest	Quilting – Hand and Machine
Bread Baking	Gourds	Recycled Crafts
Cake Decorating	Handmade Cards	Red/Pink Hat Competition
Cake, Cookie, and Candy Making	Herbs	Redneck Windchimes
Ceramics and Clay	Hobbit House Contest	Rock Painting
Collage and Canvas Photography	Homemaker's Day Activities	Root Crops and Potatoes
Collections	Honey	Royal Outing/Easter Bonnets
Color Photography	Hoosier Spirit Items	Scrapbooking
Construction Toys	Hydroponics	Senior Bibs and Senior Cords
Creative Table Settings	Jellies, Jams, Butters	Sepia Tone Photography
Crochet	Jewelry Making	Snack Mixes, Donuts, Special Diets
Cross Stitch	Knitting	Sorghum and Molasses
Derby Day Hats	Letter Jackets and Sweaters	Trail Cam, Security Camera
Diamond Art	Maple Syrup	Ugly Christmas Sweaters
Digitally Enhanced Photography	Market Basket	Ugly Table Lamps, Ugly Neck Ties
Drawing – Pen and Ink, Charcoal	Metal Crafts	Ugly/Scary Doll or Toy
Dried Foods	Micro/Miniature Items	Ugly/Wild Hawaiian Shirts
Drone Photography	Models	Vintage/Antique Crafts
Embroidery	Oil Painting	Vintage/Antique Fancy Work Items
Faircrow Contest	Origami	Water Color Painting
Farm Crops and Produce	Paper Crafts	Weaving
Felting	Paper Quilling	Welding
Floral Arranging	Parke County Themes	Wood Crafting
Flower Specimens	Photo Albums	Youth, Adult, Professional Class

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 OPEN CLASS OVERALL WINNERS!**

**Ashlyn Leatherman**, Baking/Culinary -Youth 2 Grand Champion  
**Ashlyn Leatherman**, Baking/Culinary -Youth 2 Reserve Grand Champion  
**Rebecca Richardson**, Baking/Culinary -Adult Grand Champion  
**Kathy Dressler**, Baking/Culinary -Adult Reserve Grand Champion

**Daniel Lows**, Crafts and Hobbies -Youth Best of Show  
**Elaine Waltz**, Crafts and Hobbies -Adult Best of Show

**Christine Shaw**, Fancy Work -Adult Grand Champion  
**Abigail Lapp**, Fancy Work -Adult Reserve Grand Champion

**Daniel Lunsford**, Fine Arts -Youth 1 Grand Champion  
**Jack Overpeck**, Fine Arts -Youth 1 Reserve Grand Champion  
**Delores Collings**, Fine Arts -Adult Professional Grand Champion  
**Elaine Waltz**, Fine Arts -Adult Professional Reserve Grand Champion

**Sara Grayless**, Flowers, Plants, and Herbs -Adult Grand Champion  
**Sara Grayless**, Flowers, Plants, and Herbs -Adult Reserve Grand Champion

**Cora Swaim**, Food Preservation -Youth 1 Best of Show  
**Diane Wood**, Food Preservation -Adult Grand Champion  
**Diane Wood**, Food Preservation -Adult Reserve Grand Champion

**Lawrence Williams**, Farm Crops and Garden Produce -Adult Grand Champion  
**Lawrence Williams**, Farm Crops and Garden Produce -Adult Reserve Grand Champion

**Daniel Lunsford**, Photography -Youth 1 Champion  
**Brinley McCoy**, Photography -Youth 1 Reserve Champion  
**Karen Myers**, Photography -Adult Amateur Grand Champion  
**Amanda Brown**, Photography -Adult Amateur Reserve Grand Champion  
**Mike Lunsford**, Photography -Adult Professional Grand Champion  
**Mike Lunsford**, Photography -Adult Professional Reserve Grand Champion

**Lee Etta Lightle**, Pretty/Ugly Contest -Adult Grand Champion  
**Sarah Goetz**, Pretty/Ugly Contest -Adult Reserve Grand Champion

**Marilou Cox**, Quilts -Adult Grand Champion  
**Madonna Babyak**, Quilts -Adult Reserve Grand Champion

# PLEASE READ ALL OF THE GENERAL RULES

as several have changed and/or been updated.

*New categories have been added along with  
exciting theme contests.*

Please note changes in several categories to reflect entry requirements.

Call the Parke County Extension Office at  
765-569-3176 with any questions.

Fair Office (During Fair Week Only)  
765-569-3686

Or you may contact Lee Etta Lightle,  
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**Open Class book online - Purdue Extension, Parke County website:**  
**[https://extension.purdue.edu/county/parke/2025-parke-county-open-class-entry-  
book.pdf](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/parke/2025-parke-county-open-class-entry-book.pdf)**

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**\*\*\*New and Returning for 2025\*\*\***  
**Check-In/Out Days and Times Have Changed**  
*Entry forms due at check-in table*  
*Please see the following pages for all the details!*

Expanded categories in all departments...

- **TWO (2) entries per lot number in ALL divisions- except: Farm, Garden, Floral, Baking/Culinary, and Vintage/Antique.**
- **HOBBIT HOUSE CONTEST**
  - Best or Worst Dressed Garden Goose, Gnomes, Porch Pals
  - Creative Table Settings, Gift Wrapping
  - Hats: Derby Day, Crazy Cowboy/Cowgirl, Royal Outing, Easter Bonnet, Red Hat Society and Sweet Pink Hats
- **SENIOR BIBS/CORDS, LETTER JACKETS/SWEATERS, VINTAGE COSTUMES, UNIFORMS, FORMAL WEAR**
  - Ugly Table Lamps, Ugly Christmas Sweaters, Ugly Neck Ties
  - **Ugly or Scary Dolls and Toys, Wild Hawaiian Shirts, Redneck Windchimes**
  - Gingerbread House Decorating, Donuts, Snack Foods
- **FAIRCROW CONTEST**
  - Collections: Leaf, Rocks, Sports Cards, etc.
  - Construction Crafts: Legos, Models, etc.
  - Welding, Diamond Art, Rock Painting
- **Youth Fine Arts Now Divided Into Three (3) Grade Levels**
  - Micro/Miniature Entries in Fine Arts, Crafts, Needlework, Crocheting, Knitting, Sewing, Weaving, Quilting, Floral Arrangements
  - I Spy With My Little Eye... Something **WHITE**
  - I Spy With My Little Eye... Something **ROUND**
- Baker's Best Competition -New Day With Special OPEN CELEBRITY Judging (Now on Tuesday)
- **New Release Time for All Projects: Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 6 pm.**

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**ALL CHECK-IN/OUT TIMES AND DAYS HAVE CHANGED  
JUDGING BEGINS AT 1 PM AND WILL BE OPEN  
UNLESS NOTED AT CHECK-IN**

- *Please fill out entry form, clearly and bring to main check-in table (North end of the 4-H building) before dropping off entries in departments.*
  - *All youth MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times.*
- *Also, during this time, the 4-H side (South end of building) will be closed to the public for judging and set-up. Please do not venture to that side.*

## **FRIDAY, JULY 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **EARLY BIRD CHECK-IN: 4 PM TO 6 PM**

Crafts and Hobbies – page 8  
Fancy Work – page 10

Fine Arts – page 14  
Food Preservation – page 15

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Quilts – page 20

## **SATURDAY, JULY 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **CHECK-IN: 8 AM TO 11 AM**

### **JUDGING: 1 PM**

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Food Preservation – page 16

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## **MONDAY, JULY 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **CHECK-IN: 8 AM TO 11 AM**

### **JUDGING: 1 PM**

Baking/Culinary – page 21

NEW: Faircrow Contest – page 24

NEW: Hobbit House Contest – page 24

Pretty/Ugly Contest – page 25

## **TUESDAY, JULY 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **CHECK-IN: 8 AM TO 11 AM**

### **JUDGING: 1 PM**

Flowers, Plants, and Herbs – page 26

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### **CHECK-IN: 1 PM TO 2 PM**

### **CELEBRITY JUDGING: 2 PM**

Baker's Best Competition – page 28

Homemaker's Day at the Fair Program to follow directly after the judging. – page 29

## **FRIDAY, JULY 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **PICK-UP: NOON TO 6 PM**

***ALL EXHIBITS (OPEN CLASS AND 4-H) WILL BE RELEASED FOR  
PICK-UP ON FRIDAY, JULY 18<sup>th</sup>– FROM NOON TO 6 PM***

# GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

*All youth **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times.*

1. All entries must be received on the project scheduled day and time. No LATE entries will be accepted. **Entry form must be completed and turned in at main check-in table before dropping off entries.**
2. All judging will be open and will begin at 1 p.m. **Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> (Non-Perishables)** and at 1 p.m. on **Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> (Perishables)**, unless noted.
3. All projects should be removed on **Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from NOON to 6 pm.** There will be NO early release, unless previously arranged with superintendents. Ribbons, awards, and/or premiums will be forfeited if projects are removed from exhibit area prior to this time. Items not picked up on Friday can be picked up the week following the fair at the Extension Office during their business hours of 8:30 am to 4 pm.
4. There are no residency restrictions or entry fees to exhibit in Open Class.
5. **Entries may be photographed and used in future fair publications, various media outlets, and/or posted on social media group pages.**
6. **No items may be over 36" in any direction with the exception of quilts, bedspreads, and afghans.** Please see specific guidelines in each category for more details.
7. Articles of competition must be **completed within the last 2 years (after July 1, 2023)**, be the work of the exhibitor (except vintage, antiques, ugly table lamps, or where indicated), and not previously entered in the Parke County Open Class Department. **Exception is Pretty/Ugly and Vintage/Antique/Classic.**
8. Articles of competition may be **exhibited no more than ONE (1) year** total, unless noted in the department rules. If an article is submitted a second year, it will not be eligible for competition -- but will be displayed and will receive a green participation ribbon. Any person making exhibits under false pretenses shall forfeit all ribbons and awards. **Exception: see rule #9 below.**
9. Articles submitted in the Pretty/Ugly Contest and Vintage/Antique/Classic Divisions may be re-entered every five (5) years for competition.
10. **Two (2) entries per division per LOT Number for the following divisions: Crafts/Hobbies, Fancy Work, Fine Arts, Food Preservation, Photography, Quilts, and Pretty/Ugly.**
11. **One (1) entry per division per LOT Number for the following divisions: Farm Crops/Garden Produce, Flowers/Plants/Herbs, Baking/Culinary, Vintage/Antique/Classic, Hobbit Houses, and the Scarecrow Contest.**
12. **Only one entry per LOT NO. for family, garden, and/or field, etc.**
13. The Open Class Department reserves the right for an article not to be placed when/if it does not meet the established judging standards. Duplicate items will be displayed only and will not be judged in the "Any Other" category.
14. Precautions are taken to ensure the safety of all articles. Items of high value may be removed after judging with approval. The fair will not be responsible for articles damaged, lost or broken.
15. **All youth categories are the same as adult. All Youth I & Youth II entries will be judged separately and are eligible for the same ribbons and awards as the Adult Divisions.**
16. Entries will be divided into the following divisions:
  - Youth I – Kindergarten (K) through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)  
~ ***Fine Arts Youth I will be divided into Kindergarten (K) through Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Grade and Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Grade through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade ~***
  - Youth II – Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)
  - Adult Amateur/Novice (To be judged separately from Professional)
  - Adult Professional/Advanced (Anyone that derives income from their works)
17. All entrants may enter as an amateur or professional as necessary, but not both in the same department. Both divisions will be judged separately. Example: They may enter as an Amateur in Food Preservation but enter as a Professional in Photography.

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18. All consideration and the award of prizes is based on the judge's discretion\*.
19. Ribbons will be awarded **one (1) each per LOT number\***:
 

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| One (1) first place; blue ribbon  | If needed and available:           |
| One (1) second place; red ribbon  | One (1) fourth place; pink ribbon  |
| One (1) third place; white ribbon | One (1) fifth place; yellow ribbon |
20. All other entries, that do not receive a placement above, will receive a participation; green ribbon. **If there are only 2 entries in a lot number, \*the judge does NOT have to award a 1<sup>st</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup> if they do not deem the entry(s) worthy as such.** Reasons could include, but are not limited to: wrong number of items, unfinished or dirty items, size requirement not met.
21. **One (1) Champion**; purple ribbon and **one (1) Reserve Champion**; lavender ribbon *may* be chosen in each **CLASS**, from **all the FIRST-PLACE entries in that CLASS**, \*at the judge's discretion. The **SECOND-PLACE** entry, in the **LOT** of the entry chosen as Champion, *may* be considered for **Reserve Champion** \*at the judge's discretion.
22. **One (1) Grand Champion**; purple rosette and **one (1) Reserve Grand Champion**; lavender rosette, *may* be chosen in each **DIVISION**, from **all the CHAMPIONS in that DIVISION**, \*at the judge's discretion, **when a minimum of ten (10) projects are entered in the division**. The **RESERVE CHAMPION** entry, in the **CLASS** of the entry chosen as Grand Champion, *may* be considered for **Reserve GRAND Champion** \*at the judge's discretion.
23. Overall winners for **YOUTH** *may* be selected in **BOTH** age divisions, **when a minimum of ten (10) projects are entered in each of their respective divisions**.
24. **If there is not a minimum of ten (10) entries in the division, they *may* be combined with the others for a single overall Best of Show winner.**
25. Any other special awards and/or premiums are at the discretion of the Open Class Committee and will be based upon availability.
26. If any single Lot No. has three (3) or more of the exact same entry, the judge has the option to critique those items separately from the other items in the LOT. See example below: The judge may award ribbons for the 4 chocolate chip cookies (LOT NO. 1a), then judge the other 4 cookies on their own merits (LOT NO. 1b). Consideration will be given to create an additional category for future fairs.

Example:

BAKING/CULINARY  
Class C – Cookies from Scratch  
LOT NO. 1 – Drop Cookies (6)

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Exhibitor 1-Chocolate Chip* | Exhibitor 5-Chocolate Chip*  |
| Exhibitor 2-Coconut         | Exhibitor 6-Chocolate Chip*  |
| Exhibitor 3-Chocolate Chip* | Exhibitor 7-Spiced Cranberry |
| Exhibitor 4-Oatmeal         | Exhibitor 8-Macadamia Nut    |

BAKING/CULINARY  
Class C – Cookies from Scratch  
\*LOT NO. 1a – Chocolate Chip Cookies (6)  
(Exhibitors: 1, 3, 5, 6)  
LOT NO. 1b – Drop Cookies (6)  
(Exhibitors: 2, 4, 7, 8)

**\*\* A parent/guardian *MUST* accompany any youth, under 18 years of age, when dropping off or picking up projects.**

## **CRAFTS AND HOBBIES**

### **Adult and Youth**

*Superintendent: Lee Etta Lightle*

#### **GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

- 1. Must complete entry form and bring to main check-in table before dropping off entries.**
2. Entries must be completed within the last 2 years and not exhibited in the Parke County Open Class in prior years. Exception is Class H – Vintage/Antique (to be 50 years or older).
3. All holiday items must be entered in Class F, Lot number 6
4. Entries will be divided into the following divisions:
  - Adult – Ages 18 and over
  - Youth I – Kindergarten (K) through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)
  - Youth II – Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)
5. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or participation)
6. Include a 3” x 5” or 4” x 6” index card with project explanation or any information that you wish the judge to consider when scoring your items.

#### **Class A – Ceramics, Etc.**

- ☐ LOT NO. 1 – Ceramics and Plaster
- ☐ LOT NO. 2 – Glass
- ☐ LOT NO. 3 – Polymer Clay
- ☐ LOT NO. 4 – Clay (wheel thrown)
- ☐ LOT NO. 5 – Salt Dough
- ☐ LOT NO. 6 – Any other, not listed above

#### **Class B – Metal Crafting**

*Maximum size is 36” in any direction. All Blacksmithing must have maker’s mark.*

- ☐ LOT NO. 1 – Blacksmithing, Traditional: No Electric Welding
  - \*Must include at least one of the following: mortise & tenon, joinery, collars, or rivets*
- ☐ LOT NO. 2 – Blacksmithing, Non-Traditional: Includes Electric Welding
- ☐ LOT NO. 3 – Welding
- ☐ LOT NO. 4 – Tin Punch
- ☐ LOT NO. 5 – Re-purposed, list start and finish
- ☐ LOT NO. 6 – Other Metal items, not listed above

#### **Class C – Paper Crafts**

- ☐ LOT NO. 1 – Cards, Group of 4
- ☐ LOT NO. 2 – Origami
- ☐ LOT NO. 3 – Papier-mâché
- ☐ LOT NO. 4 – Quilling
- ☐ LOT NO. 5 – Scrapbooking
- ☐ LOT NO. 6 – Any other, not listed above

**Check Out These NEW Contests!**

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Pretty/Ugly – page 25

#### **Class D – Jewelry**

- ☐ LOT NO. 1 – Beaded
- ☐ LOT NO. 2 – Button
- ☐ LOT NO. 3 – Crocheted
- ☐ LOT NO. 4 – Woven
- ☐ LOT NO. 5 – Re-Purposed Item, explain
- ☐ LOT NO. 6 – Any other, not listed above

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**Class E – Wood Crafting**

*Maximum size is 36" in any direction.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Birdhouse, Toys, Games
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Household Items or Furniture
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Re-Purposed Items, (pallets, etc.) explain start and finish
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Carving and/or Engraving
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Wood Burning
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Any other, not listed above

**Class F – Miscellaneous Crafts**

*Maximum size is 36" in any direction.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Basketry or Cane Work
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Diamond Art
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Nature Item
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Rock Painting
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Re-Purposed Items, explain
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Christmas Decoration (or any other holiday item) *no Fancy Work items*
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Hoosier Spirit/Pride of Parke County Items
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Micro/Miniature, any medium not to exceed 3" in any direction
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Any other Craft, not listed above

**Class G – Hobbies – Returning for 2025**

*Maximum size is 36" in any direction. All items must be securely fastened and ready for display.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Collection – Nature (Bug, Fossil, Leaf, Rocks, Shells)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Collection – Paper (Sports Cards, Postcards, Stamps, Advertisements)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Collection – Miscellaneous
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Digitally Created Items
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Construction (Legos, K'NEX, Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs) *Must be on presentation board.*
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Puzzles (Framed or 3D) *Must be ready to hang or on presentation board if 3D.*
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Models (Plastic, Metal) *Must be securely fastened, dry, on presentation board or in case.*
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Photo Album
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Any other Hobby, not listed above

**Class H – Vintage/Antique/Classic – Returning for 2025** *(Completed before 1975. A single (1) Best of Show will be chosen from all the 1<sup>st</sup> place entries. Include a 3" x 5" or 4" x 6" index card with project explanation or any information that you wish the judge to consider when scoring your items. Does not have to be made by entrant, please tell us a short story about the item.) Vintage/Antique/Classic items may be brought back for competition every five (5) years, otherwise they will be on "display only" as space allows. Only one (1) entry per lot number per exhibitor.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Ceramics, Etc.
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Metal Crafting
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Paper Crafts
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Jewelry
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Wood Crafting
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Collection
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Hobby
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Any other, not listed above

**FANCY WORK**

**Adult and Youth**

*Superintendent: Sharon Donovan*

*Assistant Superintendent: Lee Etta Lightle*

**GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

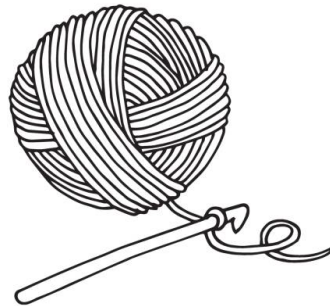
1. **Must complete entry form and bring to main check-in table before dropping off entries.**
2. Entries must be completed within the last 2 years and not exhibited in the Parke County Open Class in prior years. Exception is Class E – Vintage/Antique, items must be 50 years or older.
3. Entries will be divided into the following divisions:
  - Adult – Ages 18 and over
  - Youth I – Kindergarten (K) through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)
  - Youth II – Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)
4. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or participation)

**Class A – Miscellaneous Fancy Work**

- ☐ LOT NO. 1 – Hand Embroidery, any
- ☐ LOT NO. 2 – Machine Embroidery, any
- ☐ LOT NO. 3 – Cross Stitch, any
- ☐ LOT NO. 4 – Fancy Work made by a person 65 years old or older
- ☐ LOT NO. 5 – Felting (hand, machine, needle)
- ☐ LOT NO. 6 – Weaving, any
- ☐ LOT NO. 7 – Hoosier Spirit/Pride of Parke County items
- ☐ LOT NO. 8 – Micro/Miniature Fancy Work, must be under 3” in any direction, any medium
- ☐ LOT NO. 9 – Any other, not listed above

**Class B – Crocheting**

- ☐ LOT NO. 1 – Afghan or Bedspread (40” - 72”)
- ☐ LOT NO. 2 – Baby Afghan (Under 40”)
- ☐ LOT NO. 3 – Baby or Child’s Item (no afghans)
- ☐ LOT NO. 4 – Adult Clothing
- ☐ LOT NO. 5 – Hat or Head Band
- ☐ LOT NO. 6 – Scarf or Shawl
- ☐ LOT NO. 7 – Socks, Gloves, Mittens
- ☐ LOT NO. 8 – Novelty, Dolls, Toys, etc.
- ☐ LOT NO. 9 – Household Items (Rug, Tablecloth, Pillow, etc.)
- ☐ LOT NO. 10 – Doily
- ☐ LOT NO. 11 – Mixed Techniques, list
- ☐ LOT NO. 12 – Any other, not listed above



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**Class C – Knitting**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Afghan or Bedspread (40” - 72”)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Baby Afghan (Under 40”)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Baby or Child’s Item (no afghans)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Adult Clothing
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Hat or Head Band
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Scarf or Shawl
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Socks, Gloves, Mittens
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Novelty, Dolls, Toys, etc.
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Household Items (Rug, Tablecloth, Pillow, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Doily
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Mixed Techniques, list
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 12 – Any other, not listed above

**Class D – Sewing**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Adult Clothing
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Youth Clothing (2 years and above)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Baby Clothing (under 2 years)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Household Items
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Purses, Bags, Totes
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Collection of Four (4) Doll Outfits
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Holiday or Seasonal Items
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Costume, Novelty, Dolls, Toys, etc.
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Re-Purposed Textile, explain
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Mixed Techniques, list
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Any other, not listed above

**Class E – Vintage/Antique/Classic Fancy Work – Returning for 2025** *(Completed before 1975. A Best of Show will be chosen from all the 1<sup>st</sup> place entries. Does not have to be made by entrant, please tell us a short story about the item on a 3” x 5” to 8 ½” x 11” card or piece of paper. \*Only one (1) entry per exhibitor per lot number. Vintage/Antique/Classic items may be brought back for competition every five (5) years, otherwise they will be on “display only” as space allows.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Needle Work (Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Needlepoint, Beading)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Crocheting
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Knitting
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Sewing
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Weaving
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Quilting

**A stroll down memory lane...**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Senior Bibs or Cords
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Letterman Jacket or Sweater
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Favorite High School Attire
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Costume or Formal Wear
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Uniform or Accessory (Sports, Musical, Organization)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 12 – Any other, not listed above

**FARM CROPS AND GARDEN PRODUCE**

**Adult and Youth**

*Superintendent: Lee Etta Lightle*

*Assistant Superintendent: TBA*

**GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

**1. Must complete entry form and bring to main check-in table before dropping off entries.**

**2. Exhibitors allowed ONE (1) entry per LOT NO.**

**3. Entries are limited to one entry per LOT NO. for family, garden, field, etc.**

**4. All entries must be in correct amount of produce as noted by Lot No.**

**5. Plates will be furnished by the Open Class Department for fruit & vegetables**

**6. Entries will be divided into the following divisions:**

Adult – Ages 18 and over

Youth I – Kindergarten (K) through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)

Youth II – Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)

**7. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or participation)**

**\*\*Please see the following link for the Suggested 4-H Standards:**

[https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/\\_docs/projects/garden/4-h-970-w-suggested-garden-exhibits.pdf](https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/_docs/projects/garden/4-h-970-w-suggested-garden-exhibits.pdf)

**Class A – Farm Crops** (Exhibit 1 quart each in either a gallon zipper bag or quart jar)

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Corn or Popcorn

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Oats

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Soybeans

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Winter Wheat

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Any Silage

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Any Hay (Exhibit 1 bale slice, or a slice hay cut from a round bale, approximately 8” thick; exhibited in a box not over 24”)

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Ornamental Corn (3 ears)

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Eggs, any (Exhibit 6 in a carton)

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Any other farm item, not listed above

**Class B – Cabbage Family Vegetables**

*Cabbage note: If a powder form of insecticide was used on your cabbage, thoroughly wash & rinse your cabbage deep down inside leave to remove insecticide. Leave 3-4 wrapper leaves. Minor insect damage is tolerable only on wrapper leaves.*

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Broccoli, 1 head

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Brussels Sprouts, 10

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Cabbage – any, 1

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Cauliflower, 1 head

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Any other Cabbage Family, not listed above

**Class C – Gourd Family Vegetables**

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Cucumber, 3

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Melon, any, 1

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Pumpkin, any, 1

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Squash, any, 1

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Any other Gourd Family, not listed above

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## Farm Crops and Garden Produce continued

### **Class D – Other Vegetables**

*\*Corn: Kernels should be plump and milky; ears well filled. Do not trim silks or remove wrapper husks or make windows. Remove shank from the ear.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Beans, 10 pods or ½ cup shelled
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Celery, 1 bunch
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Corn, 3 ears
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Eggplant, 1
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Peppers, any, 3
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Tomatoes, 3 large or 10 small
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other vegetable, not listed above

### **Class E – Root Crops and Potatoes**

*\*Onions: Outer scales dry; bulb firm, free from sunburn. Allow leaves to dry; top to ½" of stem.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Beets, 3
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Carrots, 3
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Onions, 3
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Potatoes- Russet, White, Yellow or Gold, 3
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Potatoes- Sweet or Yams, 3
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Potatoes- Blue, Purple, Red, 3
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other Root Crop or Potato, not listed above

### **Class F – Fruits**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Apples, 5
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Berries, 10
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Cherries, 10
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Grapes, 1 cluster
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Peaches, 5
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Pears, 5
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other Fruit, not listed above

### **Class G – Miscellaneous Gardening and Special Produce**

*\*Must be edible and/or market quality.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Heaviest vegetable by weight, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Largest vegetable by diameter, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Corn Stalk or Sunflower, Tallest
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Pumpkin (all varieties), Smallest by size
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Sunflower, Largest by diameter, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Collection: three (3) plates of fruits or vegetables (quantities as in their respective Classes)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Best decorated fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Most unusual growth form, fruit or vegetable
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Hydroponics, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Market Basket\*\*
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Any other miscellaneous item, not listed above (please identify)

*\*\*Each exhibitor must furnish their own basket. The Parke County 4-H Fair Board is not responsible for loss or damage to basket or contents. Exhibit a Market Basket containing at least eight (8) different fruits, vegetables, herbs and/or crops. Item selection is up to exhibitor. Can be any combination of any of the above. Use your imagination. There is no minimum number of each item. Please attach card with amounts of each item included.*

**FINE ARTS**

**Adult and Youth**

*Superintendent for Adult: Rita Jacks*

*Superintendent for Youth: Susie Teschmacher*

*Assistant Superintendents: Joan Lunsford, Lee Etta Lightle*

**GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

- 1. Must complete entry form and bring to main check-in table before dropping off entries.**
- 2. Exhibitors allowed TWO (2) entries per LOT NO. with no limit to number of entries per exhibitor.**
3. All work must have been completed during the last two (2) years and never previously entered in this exhibit. Youth entries must have been completed in the *last school year*.
4. Entries must be original work of artist entering and will be judged on skills and ability to use the material chosen.
5. All entries must be **wired and ready to hang** (exception is Class E. Miscellaneous). **No sawtooth hangers** or pop tabs. All works **MUST** be dry and ready for display on arrival or the entry(s) will not be accepted for judging.
6. All youth categories are the same as adult.
7. Entries will be divided into the following divisions and judged separately:
  - Youth I – **NEW: Kindergarten (K) through Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Grade (in the past school year)**  
**NEW: Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Grade through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade (in the past school year)**
  - Youth II – Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Grade (in the past school year)
  - Amateur Division (To be judged separately from Professional)
  - Professional Division (Anyone that derives income from their works is deemed a Professional)
8. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or participation)

**Enter as many media as you like, but only TWO (2) per LOT Number, please.**

**Class A – Acrylics**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Landscape
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Nature
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Portrait
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Still Life
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Other

**Class B – Oils**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Landscape
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Nature
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Portrait
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Still Life
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Other

**Class C – Water Colors**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Landscape
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Nature
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Portrait
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Still Life
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Other

**Class D – Drawing (Pen & Ink, Pencil, Charcoal, Pastels, Marker)**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Landscape
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Nature
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Portrait
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Still Life
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Other

**Class E – Miscellaneous**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Mixed Media
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Digital/Graphic
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Sculpture
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Intarsia Wood
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Micro/Miniature, any medium (3” maximum in any direction)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Other

SNEAK PEEK FOR NEXT YEAR



## CELEBRATING OUR PAST “AMERICA250”

The United States Semiquincentennial, also called the Bisesquicentennial, the Sestercentennial or the Quarter Millennial, will be the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. Festivities will mark various events leading up to the Declaration's anniversary on Independence Day, July 4, 2026.

Special contests and theme categories to be included in every division.

Possible categories might include:

- Red, White, and Blue
- Bicentennial Memorabilia
  - Flags
- The Original Thirteen Colonies
  - Founding Fathers
- The Numbers “76” and “250”
  - National Parks

## **FOOD PRESERVATION**

### **Adult and Youth**

*Superintendent: TBA*

*Assistant Superintendent: Lee Etta Lightle*

#### **GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

1. **Must complete entry form and bring to main check-in table before dropping off entries.**
2. USDA Canning Guidelines will be followed by all classes.
3. All articles **MUST** be strictly homemade and the work of the person entering the exhibit.
4. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE CORRECTLY SEALED, LABELED WITH NAME OF PRODUCT, INGREDIENTS, METHOD OF PRESERVATION, DATE OF PRESERVATION, AND WEBSITE WHERE RECIPE/METHOD FOUND.** You may use recipe card provided in the back of this entry book or use your own. Recipes will not be displayed with product.
5. All canned products must be canned after the 2024 Parke County Fair.
6. Judges *will not taste any item*. Judge will look at headspace, air bubbles, product appearance, bands, ingredients (for acidity, etc.), container size, etc.
7. \*Fruits, vegetables, pickles, relish may be exhibited in quarts, pints, or half-pint jars. \*Preserves, jellies, jams may be exhibited in half-pint jars, quarter-pint (4 oz) jars, or jelly jars. \*Frozen Foods, Dried Foods, and Miscellaneous Food Preservation must be exhibited in appropriate containers for the specific type of foods.
8. **RINGS MUST BE LEFT ON ALL FOOD PRESERVATION JARS.**
9. Whenever possible, frozen foods should be packed in a cooler with ice for transport. Entries will be kept in a freezer upon arrival and released to exhibitor directly after judging. A picture of entry may be on display with entry tag and any ribbons won.
10. Entries will be divided into the following divisions:  
Adult – Ages 18 and over  
Youth I – Kindergarten (K) through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)  
Youth II – Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)
11. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or participation)

#### **Class A – Fruits and Vegetables**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Apples or Peaches
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Beans
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Berries or Cherries
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Corn
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Juice (Apple, Grape, Tomato, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Sauce (Apple, Spaghetti, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Tomatoes
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Any other, not listed above

#### **Class B – Preserves, Butters, Jams, Etc.**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Preserves (strawberry)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Preserves (other)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Butters (apple, pumpkin, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Fruit Jam, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Spiced or Savory Jam, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Curds (lemon, lime, orange, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Conserves (apricot, pineapple, rhubarb, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Marmalades (orange, peach, pear, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Any other, not listed above

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**Class C – Jellies**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Grape
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Strawberry
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Raspberry
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Apple
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Spicy or Savory, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Floral Jelly, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other, not listed above

**Class D – Pickles & Relish**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Dill Pickles
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Sweet Pickles
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Beet Pickles
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Dilly Beans
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Vegetable Relish or Salsa
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Fruit Relish or Chutney
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other, not listed above

**Class E – Frozen Foods**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Beans
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Vegetables
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Fruits
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Dessert
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Entrees
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Jam
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other, not listed above

**Class F – Dried Foods**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Fruits or Vegetables
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Fruit Leather
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Herbs
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Seeds
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Jerky
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Meat
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Freeze Dried, any item
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Any other Dehydrated Item, not listed above

**Class G – Miscellaneous Syrups**

*Honey: Exhibit in 2, 1-pound jars (11 fluid oz each)*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – 2, 1 lb. Jars of Light or Amber Honey (liquid, chunk, comb, or creamed)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – 2, 1 lb. Bars of Beeswax
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – 1, 1 lb. Jar of Bee Pollen
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – 2 Round Sections or 2 Basswood Sections Combed Honey

*Maple Syrup: Exhibit in 2, 1-pound jars (11.5 fluid oz each)*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – 2, 1 lb. Jars of Maple Syrup (Grade A, B, or C) (extra light, light, amber, dark, or very dark)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – 1 jar (any size) Maple Cream or Maple Butter

*Sorghum and Molasses: Exhibit in 2, 1-pound jars (10.5 fluid oz each)*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – 2, 1 lb. Jars of Sorghum, any (orange, honeydrip, black amber, sumac)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – 2, 1 lb. Jars of Light Molasses, any (light, dark, or backstrap)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Any other Honey, Maple Syrup, Sorghum, or Molasses item, not listed above

Don't forget the Baking/Culinary  
Division on Monday, July 14, 2025.  
See pages 21-23 for more details.

Also, the Baker's Best Competition is  
now on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 with  
special celebrity judging.  
More information on pages 28 and 29.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

### **Adult and Youth**

*Superintendent: Lee Etta Lightle*

*Assistant Superintendents: Martha Ann Hutchins, Julia Grange, Joan Lunsford*

#### **GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

1. Photographs are to be no smaller than 8" x 10" and no larger than 16" x 20" or 320" square, exception is CLASS E – Miscellaneous Photography entries.
2. Photographs must be mounted on a 16" x 20" foam board or matte board, 1 photo per board, and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Mount all prints securely. Cardboard, poster board, and cardstock paper used for mounting will not be accepted. Photos may be flush mounted (to the edge), salon mounted, or matted. CLASS E – Miscellaneous Photography entries are the exception to this rule.
3. Photographs may be mounted either vertical or horizontal.
4. No framed photos or wood mounted photos will be accepted, exception is CLASS E – Miscellaneous Photography entries. Details are listed under the category.
5. All entries must be made within the last 2 years and not exhibited in the Parke County Open Class in prior years. Amateur and Professional\* photographers may enter works. These works will be judged separately – professionals will be noted by a pink "P" on entry.
6. Entries will be divided into the following divisions and judged separately:
  - Youth I – Kindergarten (K) through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade (in the past school year)
  - Youth II – Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Grade (in the past school year)
  - Amateur Division (To be judged separately from Professional)
  - Professional Division (Anyone that derives income from their works is deemed a Professional)
7. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or participation)

#### **Class A – Black & White Photography**

- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Structures
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Scenic
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Wildlife
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Domestic Animal
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Portrait, Posed
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Portrait, Candid
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Flowers
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Action
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Insects or Butterflies
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Patriotic/Hoosier Spirit/Pride of Parke County
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Other not listed above

#### **Class B – Color Photography**

- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Structures
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Scenic
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Wildlife
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Domestic Animal
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Portrait, Posed
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Portrait, Candid
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Flowers
- \_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Action

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- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Insects or Butterflies
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Patriotic/Hoosier Spirit/Pride of Parke County
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Clouds, Sunsets, Sunrise
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 12 – Other not listed above

**Class C – Sepia Tone Photography**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Structures
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Scenic
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Wildlife
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Domestic Animal
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Portrait, Posed
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Portrait, Candid
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Flowers
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Action
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Insects or Butterflies
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Patriotic/Hoosier Spirit/Pride of Parke County
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Other not listed above

**Class D –Digitally Enhanced Photography**

*Original Print MUST be attached to back of board. Step by step procedure (including all software used) written out explaining how arrived at final photograph. All lot numbers should be wired and ready to hang.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Black & White, original photo by entrant, enhanced
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Color, original photo by entrant, enhanced
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Sepia, original photo by entrant, enhanced
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Black & White, photo *found* by entrant, enhanced
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Color, photo *found* by entrant, enhanced
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Sepia, photo *found* by entrant, enhanced
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Black & White, Canvas Print (*wrapped in plastic, wired, ready to hang, original print attached*)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Color, Canvas Print (*wrapped in plastic, wired, ready to hang, original print attached*)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Sepia, Canvas Print (*wrapped in plastic, wired, ready to hang, original print attached*)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Other not listed above

**Class E – Miscellaneous Photography**

*May be Black & White, Color, Sepia Tone, or Monotone.*

*Lots 1 & 2 – Collage: Group of minimum 3 to maximum 8 photos (3" x 5" to 5" x 7" each) in one frame. Maximum size 24" in any direction. Lots 3-10 – Same as general rules.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Collage: Theme or Series of Events (framed), Related Images
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Collage: Random (framed), Unrelated Images
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Selfie, Single (entrant only)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Selfie, Group (entrant must be included)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Cell Phone Photo, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Trail Cam Photo or Security Camera (doorbell, etc.) any, may include backstory
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Drone Photography, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – I Spy with My Little Eye...Something WHITE (white as the predominant color)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – I Spy with My Little Eye...Something ROUND (circular, spherical, oval, curved)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Other not listed above

**QUILTS**

**Adult and Youth**

*Superintendent: Madonna Babyak*

*Assistant Superintendent: TBA*

**GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

1. Entries must be made within the last 2 years and not exhibited in the Parke County Open Class in prior years.
2. **Exhibitors may enter two (2) items per LOT NO.**
3. Entries will be divided into the following divisions:
  - Youth I – Kindergarten (K) through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)
  - Youth II – Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)
  - Adult Amateur/Novice Division (Ages 18 and over)
  - Professional/Advanced Division (Anyone that derives income from their works)
4. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries. One each of the following per lot number: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and as many participations as needed.

**Class A – HAND (Hand Work by ENTRANT, Hand Quilted by ENTRANT)**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Applique
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Pieced
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Embroidered
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Wall Hanging (48” x 48” or under, ready to hang)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Comforter or Puff Quilt
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Baby (36” x 36” or under)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other HAND Quilted item, not listed above

**Class B – MACHINE (Machine Work by ENTRANT, Machine Quilted by ENTRANT)**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Applique
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Pieced
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Embroidered
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Wall Hanging (48” x 48” or under, ready to hang)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Comforter or Puff Quilt
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Baby (36” x 36” or under)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other MACHINE Quilted item, not listed above

**Class C – MIXED WORK (Hand Work by ENTRANT, Machine Quilted by ENTRANT)**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Applique
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Pieced
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Embroidered
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Wall Hanging (48” x 48” or under, ready to hang)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Comforter or Puff Quilt
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Baby (36” x 36” or under)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other MIXED Work item, not listed above

**Class D – DUAL WORK HAND (Hand Work by ENTRANT, Machine Quilted by ANOTHER)**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Applique
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Pieced
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Embroidered
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Wall Hanging (48” x 48” or under, ready to hang)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Comforter or Puff Quilt

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- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Baby (36” x 36” or under)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other DUAL Work item, not listed above

**Class E – DUAL WORK MACHINE (Machine Work by ENTRANT, Machine Quilted by ANOTHER)**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Applique
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Pieced
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Embroidered
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Wall Hanging (48” x 48” or under, ready to hang)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Comforter or Puff Quilt
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Baby (36” x 36” or under)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other DUAL Work item, not listed above

**Class F – MISCELLANEOUS QUILTING**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Digitally Enhanced Quilt, (Computer)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – T-shirt Quilt
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Group Entry Item
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Made of Repurposed Materials, please list
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Micro/Miniature Quilting, under 3” in any direction
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Mixed Techniques, please list
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other quilted item, not listed above

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

**BAKING/CULINARY**

**Adult and Youth**

*Superintendent for Adult: Sharon Donovan*

*Superintendent for Youth: Lee Etta Lightle*

*Assistant Superintendent: Madonna Babyak*

**GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

1. Filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling, & meringue, whether cooked or uncooked are **NOT PERMITTED** to contain cream cheese, whipped cream, unpasteurized milk, or unpasteurized egg/egg whites. Pasteurized eggs or eggs cooked to 160°F may be used.
2. **\*\* Home canned/preserved/frozen fruits, vegetables, or meats are NOT PERMITTED in ANY product. \*\***
3. **COMPLETE RECIPES MUST BE PROVIDED FOR EACH ENTRY. Entries will NOT be accepted without a recipe. Recipes will NOT be displayed with product. There is a sample recipe card in the back of this handbook or you may use your own.**
4. Contestants should carefully follow safe food handling practices. Entrants should wash their hands. Hands should not have open cuts before preparing food. Whenever possible, baked products should be transported and stored in chilled coolers (41°F or cooler).
5. Judges and individuals who consume products from County and State competitions should know they are at risk for food borne illness. *A judge has the discretion to not taste any item.*
6. All baked items will be placed in the Bake Sale to support the Parke County 4-H Fair – unless otherwise noted by participant.

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7. Entries will be divided into the following divisions:  
Youth I – Kindergarten (K) through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)  
Youth II – Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)  
Amateur Division (To be judged separately from professional)  
Professional Division (Anyone that derives income from their works)
8. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries. One each of the following per lot number: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and as many participations as needed.
9. Decorated/Artistic Items will be judged separately and not included in Grand Champion round.

**Class A – Bread from Scratch (Yeast or Quick)**      ~Baker's Best BREADS Category on Tuesday, July 15~  
~see page 28 more for details~

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Plain Yeast Bread or Plain Yeast Rolls (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Sweet Rolls (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Sweet Quick Bread or Muffins (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Savory Quick Bread or Muffins (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Corn Bread or Corn Muffins (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Biscuits (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other Bread, not listed above

**Class B – Cakes from Scratch**      ~Baker's Best CAKES Category on Tuesday, July 15~  
~see page 28 more for details~

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Dark Cake
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Light Cake
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Un-Iced Angel Food
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Cupcakes (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Jelly Roll
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Any other, not listed above

**Class C – Cookies from Scratch**      ~Baker's Best COOKIES Category on Tuesday, July 15~  
~see page 28 more for details~

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Drop Cookies (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Sugar Cookies (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Peanut Butter Cookies (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – No Bakes (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Bar Cookies (6) or Brownies (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Fancy Cookies (6)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Any other, not listed above (6)

**Class D – Candy from Scratch**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Brittle (1/4 pound)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Toffee (1/4 pound)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Rock Candy (1/4 pound)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Caramels (1/4 pound)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Creams (1/4 pound)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Plain Fudge, Chocolate or Peanut Butter (1/4 pound)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Box of Assorted Candy, 3 varieties or more (1/2 pound – 1 pound)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Any other, not listed above (1/4 pound)

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## **Class E – Pies from Scratch**

*Exhibit whole pie (8" or larger or 6 tarts)*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Nut Meat
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Apple or Peach
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Berry or Cherry
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Cream or Custard, no meringue
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Pumpkin, Sweet Potato, or Squash
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Any other, not listed above

**~Baker's Best PIES Category on Tuesday, July 15~**

**~see page 28 more for details~**

## **Class F – Miscellaneous**

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Donuts, Cake or Yeast (6) or Pastries, any (6)

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Snack Mix (2 Cups) or Caramel Corn (2 Cups)

*Create with a Mix: Must list type of mix with brand name and the additional ingredients listed separate.*

*Must be enhanced with at least 2 additional ingredients.*

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Create with A Mix – Breads, any or Rolls (6) or Muffins (6)

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Create with A Mix – Cakes, any or Cupcakes (6)

*Special Sweeteners: Must be at least 50% of sweetener*

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Honey

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Maple Syrup or Maple Sugar

*Special Dietary Needs: Please include the substitutions*

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Special Diet (Gluten-Free, Low Sodium, Diabetic, Vegan, etc.)

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Any other, not listed above

## **Class G – Decorated/Artistic Items**

*Items are judged on decoration, construction, and/or art work only. They are not judged on flavor and will not be tasted. These will not be included in the Grand Champion round. An overall Best of Show will be given to the best of the 1<sup>st</sup> place entries. (Adult, Professional, Youth I, Youth II)*

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Bread or Rolls (6)

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Cake, full size

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Cupcakes or Cake Pops (6)

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Cookies (6) or Brownies (6)

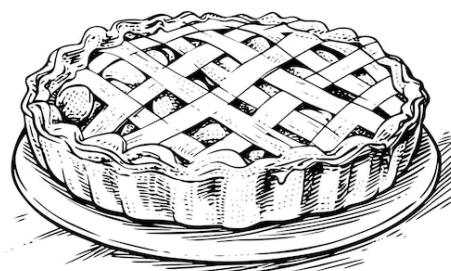
\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Candy, ¼ pound

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Pie, full size or Tarts (6)

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Gingerbread House

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Hoosier Spirit/Pride of Parke County

\_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Any other, not listed above



Baker's Best Competition information is listed on pages 28 and 29.

## **NEW FOR 2025 – FAIRCROW CONTEST**

### **Adult and Youth**

*Co-Superintendents: Lee Etta Lightle and Sharon Donovan*

#### **GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

1. Scarecrows are not required to be completely handmade, but at least 51% of entry should be done by exhibitor.
2. Use of natural materials is encouraged.
3. All Faircrows must be in good taste, family friendly, suitable for display.
4. Exhibit must be at least 3' tall, but no more than 6' tall. Exhibit must not be more than 36" wide at any point.
5. Exhibitors must provide their own bucket or bale and all anchoring materials for their scarecrow.
6. All parts, adornments, clothing must be securely fastened.
7. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or participation)
8. A special prize will be awarded to the overall winners in youth and adult from all the 1<sup>st</sup> place entries.
9. All youth categories are the same as adult.
10. Entries will be divided into the following divisions:
  - Youth I – Kindergarten (K) through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)
  - Youth II – Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)
  - Adult Division – Anyone 18 years and older

#### **FAIRCROW CATEGORIES:**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Farmer's Field (Your basic scarecrow, doing the job it was meant to do)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Inspirational Doppelganger (Favorite celebrity/hero/historical figure look-a-like of the past or present)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Who's Your Hoosier? (Any well-known Indiana resident, past or present)



## **NEW FOR 2025 – HOBBIT HOUSE CONTEST**

### **Adult and Youth**

*Co-Superintendents: Sharon Donovan and Lee Etta Lightle*

A Hobbit House is creative and fun way to dress up a stump on your property.

#### **GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

1. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries (Best of Show, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or participation)
2. All youth and adult entries will be judged together.
3. Mount on a poster board (approximately 22" x 28") a photograph or series of photographs showing progress and additions to your "house". Some of these additions may include a roof, doors, windows, chimneys, porches, awnings, signs, surrounding flowers, figurines of birds, animals, and of course, hobbits. Use your imagination!
4. Include also in your display a short, written story about your Hobbit House: What inspired you to build it, and all the fun additions you have made to make your Hobbit House truly your own.
5. Project will be judged on creativity.
6. Above all, enjoy yourself and HAVE FUN!



**RETURNING FOR 2025 – PRETTY/UGLY CONTEST**

**“Boy, that’s purdy ugly!”**

**Adult and Youth**

*Co-Superintendents: Lee Etta Lightle and Sharon Donovan*

**GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

1. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or participation)
2. Championship ribbons may be awarded as the judge deems worthy.
3. A special prize will be awarded to the overall winners in youth and adult from all the 1<sup>st</sup> place entries.
4. All youth categories are the same as adult.

**Class A – PRETTY**

**Creative Table Settings:** Must be a table setting for 1 person. Dinnerware, flatware, glassware, napkins & accessories (including centerpiece). Needs to match a printed menu that entrant provides for the competition. Space provided will be 24” by 30”. Will be judged on presentation, creativity, artistry, relevance to your theme, and accuracy of set-up. Displays will be roped off for safety.

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Creative Table Setting – Farm and Family (old fashion, down home feel)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Creative Table Setting – Happy Holidays (any holiday)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Creative Table Setting – Suit Yourself (anything goes)

**Gift Wrapping:** Entry to be a minimum of 6” and no larger than 24” in any direction.

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Gift Wrapping – Happy Birthday!
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Gift Wrapping – Home for the Holidays
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Gift Wrapping – Any other occasion

**Class B – UGLY**

**Ugly Household Items:** All lamps and windchimes must not be larger than 36” in any direction.

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Ugly Table Lamp, any (As purchased, modified, or recycled, the homelier the better! They are not required to work, but a plus.
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Ugly (Redneck) Windchimes, any (Re-Cycled, Re-Claimed, Re-Purposed, Re-Done, Re-Booted)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Ugly/Scary Doll or Toy, any (Maybe it was a special gift, something thrifted, or just seen its better days. May be handmade, purchased, or a combination of the two.

**Ugly Wearable Items:** All shirts must include a hanger for display.

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Ugly Christmas Sweater, any (Stock or modified, straight off the rack or self-designed, it’s Christmas in July. Any size sweater suitable for displaying. Must include hanger.)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Ugly Neck Tie, any (Simply purchased or self-made, let’s celebrate a Father’s Day tradition. Any size or style suitable for displaying.)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Ugly (Wild) Hawaiian/Aloha/Vacation Shirt, any (Waves, animals, flowers, surfers, palm trees galore, and more. Must include hanger)

**Class C – PRETTY/UGLY**

**Best or Worst Dressed Garden Goose or Porch Pal:**

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Goose, Duck, Flamingo, or Swan (Any Fowl)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Gnome or Fairy (Anything Mythical)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Any other (Dog, Cat, Raccoon, Bunny, etc.)

**Your Crowning Glory or Gloom:** May be purchased as is and/or adorned and embellished by entrant.

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Red Hat Society or Pink Hatters
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Derby Day, Royal Outing, Easter Bonnet, Wedding
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Best or Worst Cowboy/Cowgirl Hat

**FLOWERS, PLANTS, AND HERBS**

**Adult and Youth**

*Superintendent: Sharon Donovan*

*Assistant Superintendent: Lee Etta Lightle*

**GUIDELINES & INFORMATION**

1. All entries must have been grown by entrant (unless indicated) and not exhibited in the Parke County Open Class in prior years. Only one entry per lot number. **Exhibits are limited to one entry per LOT NO. for family, garden, field, etc.**
2. **Please label each entry with the variety of each specimen in Classes A. Specimens, D. Plants, and E. Herbs (scientific or common name both accepted)**
3. Entries will be divided into the following divisions:  
Youth I – Kindergarten (K) through Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)  
Youth II – Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Grade (past school year)  
Amateur Division (To be judged separately from professional)  
Professional Division (Anyone that derives income from their works)
4. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries. One each of the following per lot number: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and as many participations as needed.

**Class A – Specimens**

*\*PERFECTION OF BLOOM – Bloom is symmetrical, normal, not over matured, true to type & supported by fairly long, strong stem bearing healthy foliage. Entries must be grown by entrant and insect & disease free. Entries are to be shown in a plain clear container & will be judged for “Perfection of Bloom.”*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Rose, 1 flower
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Zinnia, 1 flower
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Marigolds, all 5 single flowers
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Gladiolus, single spike
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Dahlia, single spike
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Calla Lily, 1 stalk
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Day Lily, 1 stalk
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Sunflower, 1 flower
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Hosta leaf or bloom
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Snapdragon
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Flowering Shrub
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 12 – Cosmos
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 13 – Other not listed above: 1 spray, spike, or bloom

**Class B – Flower Arrangements**

*\*FLOWER ARRANGEMENT – Those factors & conditions which make for a pleasing floral display. Includes suitability & quality of flowers, color harmony appropriateness of arrangement & general appearance. Home grown materials only except in silk or dried arrangements. Wires should not show. Arrangements may be made in bowls, vases, trays, or baskets. Judged for overall appearance & quality. ALL LIVE FLOWERS MUST BE CUT.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Silk Flower Arrangement, No Dried Flowers Included
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Dried Flower Arrangement, No Silk Flowers Included
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Old Fashion Flowers in an Antique Container
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – White Flowers in a White Container
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Dining Table Arrangement, Centerpiece
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Miniature Vase & Flowers – not over 3” overall (tall/wide)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Roadside Beauty – using Wildflowers
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Flower Arrangement in Whimsical Container

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- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Arrangement using all the same flower
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Flower Arrangement in Kitchen Utensil
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Other not listed above

## **Class C – Miscellaneous Arranging**

*\*MISCELLANEOUS ARRANGEMENTS – Those factors & conditions which make for a pleasing display. Includes suitability & quality of flowers, fillers, props, greenery, fruits, vegetables. Color harmony, appropriateness of arrangement, general appearance, & whimsy will factor in. Home grown materials, purchased, homemade items may be included. Wires should not show. Arrangements may be made in appropriate containers for the entry. Judged for overall appearance & quality. Pictures will be taken of all perishable food products for display and returned to the entrant after judging. They will be kept in refrigerator until judging and pick-up.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Wreath or Candle Ring
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Handheld Bouquet – may be live, silk or dried
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Boutonniere/Corsage – may be live, silk or dried (must include pin or elastic)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Arrangement using props only, no flowers (candy, toys, balloons, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Arrangement in a fruit or vegetable
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Edible Arrangement (fruits, vegetable, baked goods, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Floating Arrangement – must be in water
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Hoosier Spirit/Pride of Parke County
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Fairy Garden – may be plants and/or flowers with at least 1 fairy
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Herb Arrangement
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Other not listed above

## **Class D – Plants**

*PLANTS – All plants must be displayed in an appropriate container for each entry. Terrariums and Whimsical entries will be judged on plant(s) and container(s) as a whole.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Begonias, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Foliage Plant
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – African Violets, 1 crown
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Orchids
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Fern
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Cactus
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Succulents
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Terrarium – judged together
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Collection, multiple plants in one container
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Hanging Plants
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Plant in Whimsical Container – judged together
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 12 – Bonsai
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 13 – Other not listed above

## **Class E – Herbs**

*HERBS – Herbs may be potted or 5 stems may be shown in a plain container of water.*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 1 – Basil
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 2 – Chives
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 3 – Dill
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 4 – Lavender
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 5 – Mint, any
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 6 – Oregano

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**TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025**

*Flowers, Plants, and Herbs continued*

- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 7 – Pansies
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 8 – Parsley
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 9 – Rosemary
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 10 – Sage (Culinary, Non-Ornamental)
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 11 – Scented Geranium, potted
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 12 – Collection of Herbs in One Container (at least 5 different), potted
- \_\_\_\_ LOT NO. 13 – Other not listed above

## **HOMEMAKER'S DAY AT THE FAIR**

Sponsored by the Parke County Fair Board in cooperation with the Parke County  
Indiana Extension Homemakers Association

## **BAKER'S BEST COMPETITION**

*Superintendent: Sarabeth Marcinko*

**2025 Baking Theme: TBD**

Find out more detailed information about the 2025 baking theme on our Facebook page  
Parke County IN Extension Homemakers  
<https://www.facebook.com/Parke-County-IN-Extension-Homemakers-10508383821363>

### **General Guidelines, Baking Rules, and Information:**

1. Categories of Baking Contest are: Cookies (6); Bread (quick or yeast); Pie (no meringue); & Cake.
2. **All entries will be accepted on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the 4-H Community Building. No LATE entries will be accepted.**
3. **Special OPEN celebrity judging will begin at 2 p.m. with the Homemaker's program to follow.**
4. **All entries MUST include a complete recipe card with ingredients and quantities listed. Entries will NOT be accepted without a recipe. Recipes will NOT be displayed with product.**
5. Name, address, and phone number must be provided on recipe card.
6. Ribbons will be awarded to the first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>), third (3<sup>rd</sup>), fourth (4<sup>th</sup>), and fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) place entries in each category. One overall Best of Show will be chosen.
7. **Contest is open to any Parke County resident (adult or youth, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above in the past school year) and any Parke County Extension Homemakers.**
8. Baked products, plates, pans, dishes to be picked up at the conclusion of the Homemaker's Day at the Fair.
9. All participants will follow the Food Safety Guidelines.
10. Filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling & meringue, whether cooked or uncooked are **NOT PERMITTED** to contain cream cheese, whipped cream, unpasteurized milk or unpasteurized eggs/egg whites. Pasteurized eggs or eggs cooked to 160° F may be used.
11. **\*\* Home canned/preserved/frozen fruits, vegetables or meats are NOT PERMITTED in ANY product. \*\***
12. Contestants should carefully follow safe food handling practices. Entrants should wash their hands. Hands should not have open cuts before preparing food. Whenever possible, baked products should be transported and stored in chilled coolers (41° F or cooler).
13. Judges and individuals who consume products from County and State competitions should know they are at risk for foodborne illness. A judge has the discretion to not taste any item.

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## **PROGRAM: UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

*Guest Speaker: To Be Announced at a Later Date!*

For the updated information about the 2025 Homemaker's Day Program on our Facebook page

Parke County IN Extension Homemakers

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Program to follow directly after the judging of the Baker's Best Competition.



### **Parke County Indiana Extension Homemakers Association**

Indiana Extension Homemakers Association, founded in 1913, continues to build on its rich heritage by working to strengthen Indiana homes and families. Membership is open to all regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin.

It is the mission of the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association to strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development and volunteer community support.

As an Extension Homemaker you have opportunities to . . .

#### **• LEARN . . .**

- \* Meet with friends and neighbors in educational and social settings
- \* Share experiences and information
- \* Keep up-to-date on new knowledge and research

#### **• GROW . . .**

- \* experiences personal growth and develop skills
- \* Form lasting friendships while sharing leadership responsibilities for programs and projects

#### **• CARE . . .**

- \* Make a difference in today's world
- \* Support projects that help children and families live better lives

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in becoming a member or associate member of Parke County Homemakers, please call the Extension Office at 765-569-3176.



Find out more on our Facebook page

Parke County IN Extension Homemakers

<https://www.facebook.com/Parke-County-IN-Extension-Homemakers-10508383821363>

# Thank you for exhibiting in the 2025 Parke County Fair!

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, suggestions... please contact any department superintendent, Parke County Fair Board Member, or Extension staff member.

Information about the Indiana State Fair and a list of nearby counties that have open class departments with NO residency restrictions:

You do not have to enter or place at any county fair to enter the Indiana State Fair in the Open Class Divisions.

Enter between May 16 - July 1, 2025 with late registration between July 2 - July 27, 2025.

**INDIANA STATE FAIR**  
2025 Theme: TBA  
August 1-17, 2025  
1202 E. 38TH St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46205-2869  
Office and Fax: (317) 927-7515  
<http://www.indianastatefair.com>  
[entry@indianastatefair.com](mailto:entry@indianastatefair.com)

## **Indiana**

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| Vermillion Co. | June 14-21, 2025 | <a href="http://www.vermillioncountyfairboard.org">www.vermillioncountyfairboard.org</a> |
| Vigo Co.       | July 5-12, 2025  | <a href="http://www.vigofair.org">www.vigofair.org</a>                                   |
| Fountain Co.   | July 11-17, 2025 | Purdue Ext. Fountain Co. (765) 793-6240                                                  |
| Sullivan Co.   | July 12-19, 2025 | <a href="http://www.sullivancounty4hfair.com">www.sullivancounty4hfair.com</a>           |

Clay, Montgomery, Owen, and Putnam Counties are all closed to their respective county residents only or members of their homemakers' groups.

## **Illinois**

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| Vermilion Co.   | June 25-29, 2025 | <a href="http://www.vermillioncountyfair.org">www.vermillioncountyfair.org</a> |
| Georgetown Fair | July 5-12, 2025  | <a href="http://www.georgetownfair.org">www.georgetownfair.org</a>             |
| Edgar Co.       | July 19-26, 2025 | <a href="http://www.edgarcountyfair.com">www.edgarcountyfair.com</a>           |

# 2025 OPEN CLASS ENTRY FORM

To be turned in at main check-in table

*Please Print Clearly* Number of years you have exhibited at the Parke County Fair: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

| STATE | ZIP |
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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Will someone else be picking up your entries? Yes/No    Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

☐ ADULT – AMATEUR

☐ ADULT – PROFESSIONAL (Anyone that derives income from their work is deemed a Professional)

☐ YOUTH I – KINDERGARTEN (K) THROUGH SIXTH (6<sup>th</sup>) GRADE

**\*\*Please List Grade In Previous School Year (2024-25)** \_\_\_\_\_

□ YOUTH II – SEVENTH (7<sup>th</sup>) THROUGH TWELFTH (12<sup>th</sup>) GRADE

**Exhibitors allowed TWO (2) entries per LOT NO. in the following: Crafts/Hobbies, Fancy Work, Fine Arts, Food Preservation, Photography, Quilts, and Pretty Ugly**

**Only ONE (1) per LOT NO. in the following: Farm & Garden, Floral, Baking/Culinary, Vintage/Antique/Classic, Hobbit Houses, Scarecrow Contest**

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## RECIPE CARD

**PRODUCT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ingredients with amounts:**

**Print instructions on back**

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**PRODUCT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ingredients with amounts:**

**Print instructions on back**

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