

“Pulaski County Extension Homemakers Association—

2025 OPEN CLASS DIVISIONS/CLASSES

Entry Categories-Adults, Professionals, and Youth; Classes = Numbers; Sections = Letters

SEWING/CLOTHING DIVISION/CROCHET AND KNITTING DIVISION

Must be cleaned, pressed, and have appropriate hanging materials.

1. Woman's or Man's Garment
2. Coat or Ensemble, Adult
3. Child's Garment
4. Recycled Clothing (must tell what it was before)
5. Other (formals, costumes, non-wearable, etc.)

If article is to be mounted, it must have appropriate hanging material already attached. Items mounted on poster board must be on standard size (22x28) with stiff backing.

6. Afghan
 - A. Crocheted
 - B. Knitted (Hand)
 - C. Knitted (Machine)
 - D. Baby or Lap Afghan, (crocheted/knitted)
7. Crocheted Item
 - A. Baby Outfit
 - B. Other (not Afghan)
8. Knitted Item
 - A. Baby Outfit (Hand)
 - B. Baby Outfit (Machine)
 - C. Other (not Afghan)
 - D. Other (Hand)
 - E. Other (Machine)



QUILTING DIVISION

ON QUILTS INDICATE ON LABEL NAME OF QUILTER (Piece) AND NAME OF WHO DID QUILTING (Stitching)

NOTE: in classes 9-15 only 2 entries/participant are allowed per class.

9. Quilts, Pieced, Hand-Quilted
 - A. Larger quilted items
 - B. Smaller quilted items
10. Quilts, Pieced, Machine-Quilted
 - A. Professionally Done
 - B. Done by Exhibitor
 - C. Smaller quilted items
11. Quilts, Not Pieced, Hand or Machine Quilted
 - A. Large to medium items
 - B. Smaller quilted items
12. Baby Quilt, Pieced
- 12a. Baby Quilt, Not Pieced
13. Group Quilt-quilt completed by 2 or more people together (Hand or machine quilted)
14. Novelty Quilts-not usually quilted, rather tacked or tied (includes yo-yo, cathedral window, crazy quilts biscuit, comforters, etc. Can be any size).
15. Quilts, Other, such as Appliquéd

ARTS AND CRAFTS DIVISION

16. Pin Cushions
17. Comforter
18. Pillows, Stitched, Painted, Appliquéd
19. Counted Cross Stitch
20. Embroidery, Including Crewel
 - A. Hand
 - B. Machine
21. Needlepoint

22. Textile or Tube Painting
23. Picture/Wall Hanging, Other Than Stenciled, Painting or Drawing
24. Christmas Decoration
 - A. Small
 - B. Large
25. Ceramics
26. Pottery
27. Woodworking
 - A. Hand Carvings
 - B. Machine Carved
 - C. Constructed items
28. Doll
29. Stuffed Animal
30. Basket Weaving
31. Recycled Items (Tell What It Was)
 - A. Jewelry
 - B. Other
32. Wearable Art
 - A. Purses
 - B. Shirts/Clothes
33. Other Arts and Crafts
34. Nature Crafts
35. Painting—Oil
36. Painting—Acrylic
37. Painting—Water Color
38. Drawing
 - A. Pen & Ink
 - C. Chalk
 - B. Colored pencils
 - D. Mixed Media
39. Centerpieces, Can Be Non-Floral, Any Variety
40. Silk Flower Arrangement



FOODS DIVISION

Must include recipe written down.. See Open Class Rules for additional guidelines that must be followed.

41. Yeast Rolls (exhibit 5)
42. Yeast Bread (exhibit 1 loaf)
43. Yeast Bread—Fancy Item
 - A. Tea Ring/Braids (exhibit 1)
 - B. Sweet Rolls (exhibit 5)
44. Quick Bread (exhibit 1 loaf)
45. Other Breads
 - A. Muffins (exhibit 5)
 - B. Biscuits (exhibit 5)
 - C. Pretzels (exhibit 5)
46. Breads made in a Machine
47. Dropped Cookies (exhibit 5)
48. Rolled Cookies (exhibit 5)
49. Bar Cookies (exhibit 5)
50. Molded or Shaped Cookies (exhibit 5)
51. No Bake Cookies (exhibit 5)
52. Pie or Pastry (no cream or custard)
 - A. Fruit Pie or pastry
 - B. Nut Pie or Pastry
 - C. Other Pie or Pastry



Class = numbers Sections = letters

Foods Division continued-

53. Cakes (iced or un-iced)
A. White Cake B. Chocolate Cake
C. Bundt Cake D. Sponge Cake
E. Angel Food Cake F. Cupcakes - Exhibit five
G. Other (i.e.—Cake pops)
54. A. Decorated Cake
B. Decorated Cupcake (1 only)
(Judged on decoration only, no recipe card needed)
55. Candy (exhibit 5 pieces)- Recipe card needed
A. Molded B. Fudge C. Free form Brittles/Caramel/Toffees
56. Box Mix Adaptations-Baked Product using a box mix as an ingredient.
A.. Cake B. Cookies C. Other

FOOD PRESERVATION

Must have been canned since last year's fair. Only standard jars with lids and rings accepted. Items must be Labeled with name of product, date canned, process used, and length of time processed.

57. Jelly
58. Jams, Preserves, Marmalades, Butters, Honey
A. Jams, preserves, marmalades
B. Butter C. Honey
59. Fruits
A. Peaches B. Pears
C. Other Fruits
60. Vegetables
A. Green Beans B. Tomatoes
C. Other
61. Pickles & Pickled Products (beets, relishes, etc.)
62. Juices
63. Other Canned Foods
A. Meats C. Sauces E. Other
B. Salsas D. Soups

HORTICULTURE & GARDEN DIVISION

64. 3-Specimen Exhibits (separate stems)
A. Blooms, Same Variety Exhibit in Glass Container
B. Foliage, Greenery, Etc.
65. Fresh Arrangement
A. Holiday Arrangement
B. Fresh Roadside Wildflowers
C. Miniature arrangement less than 5 inches tall.
D. Arrangement using purchased flowers/foilage
E. Arrangement using home grown flowers/foilage
F. Other
66. House Plant
A. Single Plant
B. Multiple Plants
C. Outdoor Flower Box
67. Dried Flower Arrangement
68. An Attractive Display of 5 or More Different Vegetables



69. Single plate any vegetable - 3 items
70. Largest Single Vegetable
71. Other

SPECIAL INTEREST DIVISIONItems mounted on poster board must be on standard size (22x28) with stiff backing. All photographs must be ready to hang with appropriate mounting materials, (with the exception of 3x5 or 4x6 photos, which may be exhibited in a standing frame.)

72. Collectables (must include a story about the collection) (please read rules regarding size suggestions and what to bring) You can bring the same kind of collection if you have added to it.

- A. Collections B. Heirlooms
73. Collectable Scenes (All scenes should be 24" X 28" or smaller on a rigid form/base such as plywood.)
A. Farm. i.e. fields, farmstead
B. Village/Town/City
C. Transportation. i.e. Railroad, airport
D. Business/Construction. i.e. factory, gravel pit
E. Environmental/Wildlife. i.e. watershed, jungle, woods
F. Other
74. Poetry (Your Own Work) Framed and ready to hang.
75. Place setting
A. Holiday/Special Occasion C. Everyday
B. Picnic D. Formal
76. Scrapbooking
A. One page B. Book
77. Stamping

SPECIAL INTEREST PHOTOGRAPHY

Don't forget to Specify

Adult, Professional or Youth

78. Photography— *film* Color or B&W (exhibit no more or no less than 5 of one subject mounted on poster board)
79. Photography—*Digital* (exhibit no more or no less than 5 of one subject mounted on poster board)
80. Individual Photo— *film* Color or B&W (any size, framed and ready for hanging or standing up)
A. People
B. Pets or Animals
C. Nature/Scenery
D. Other
81. Individual Photo—*Digital* (any size, framed and ready for hanging or standing up)
A. People
B. Pets or Animals
C. Nature/Scenery
D. Other
82. Manipulated i.e.-Computer enhanced or photo shop used.



2025 EXTENSION HOMEMAKER OPEN CLASS

RIBBONS AND AWARDS

- ~Blue and red awards will be granted based on the merit of each exhibit.
- ~If a judge finds a deserving exhibit, one champion per class may be given.
- ~A judge may also select a Best of Show for the Adult and Youth division she/he is judging. ~Open Class exhibits do not go to State Fair.



DECISIONS

Decisions made by judges and/or Exhibit Committee are final.

DISCLAIMER

Precautions will be taken to insure the safety of articles entered. The Pulaski County 4-H & Community Fair Association, Pulaski County Extension Homemakers Association and Purdue Extension of Pulaski County **does not** accept responsibility for the loss or damage of any exhibit.

EXHIBIT ENTRY TIME

Exhibits are to be brought to the Community Building on **Friday, June 27, from 8:30 to 12:30 PM, ET.** Judging will begin at 1:00, ET. All Judging will be closed to the public except for Foods Judging with limited seating.

EXHIBIT RELEASE TIME

Projects will be released on Wednesday, July 2, 3:30-5:00 PM. Exhibits not picked up will be taken to the Extension Office within reason. If you are unable to pick up your exhibit (s) at this time, please try to make arrangements with someone who can. **We request not to have early releases.**

The theme for the Fair this year is

Grow it, Show it, Play it at 4-H

All foods left from the foods judging (except for a sample piece that will be on display) may be taken home immediately following the judging or they will be donated or disposed of.

WHO MAY ENTER/CATEGORIES

Anyone may enter an exhibit in Open Class. You do not need to be a resident of Pulaski County to enter exhibits.

There are three categories for open class exhibition: Adults, Professionals, Youth

Youth Categories: A. Ages 5 and below B. Ages 6-9 C. Ages 10-14 D. Ages 14-16

Professional Category A person who has made \$1200 or more in their specialty project (i.e.-photography, woodworking, etc.) or if you sew for money, you are considered a professional.

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

Peoples Choice Award where the public will be allowed to vote for their favorite project at the hostess table. Watch for signs at the Open Class.

LIST OF EXHIBITS

A list of Divisions with class numbers and section letters are available to guide you as you prepare and enter your exhibit at the beginning of this handout.

OPEN CLASS RULES CONTINUED



HOW MANY EXHIBITS TO ENTER

NO LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT AN EXHIBITOR CAN ENTER! (Not even if they are in the same class with the exception on classes 9-15) Also, If an exhibitor wishes, an item may be set up for display only, not to be judged. i.e. – you may bring 10 quilts that all fall in the same category—2 would be picked to be judged and others marked for “display only”. This should be written on the label.

Categories to enter are Adult, Professional, and Youth by ages.

EXHIBITS THAT QUALIFY

Items that reasonably fit the list of Divisions and class numbers are eligible for competition, with the following exceptions.

- ~Any item previously exhibited at the Pulaski County Fair is ineligible for competition.
- ~Articles must have been made and finished within the last 2 years**, except comforters, tablecloths, quilts and afghans, which may have been made within the last five years. (** we are allowing 2 years this year only since Open Class was cancelled in 2020.)

DISPLAY STANDARDS

- ~Your exhibit must be labeled on the standard label provided by the Extension Office. You may fill it out before the fair or upon entering your exhibit.
- ~Articles must be brought in ready to display, cleaned and pressed. Any exhibit requiring hanging must be ready with appropriate mounting materials. You may place your displays in a plastic bag in order to keep clean.
- ~An item that is pre-cut or partially pre-cut must be designated as a kit. Exhibits made from kits should be labeled as such. Quilts should be labeled as to which part of the process was the exhibitor's work.
- ~Photographs and other items mounted on poster board should use a standard size (22"x 28") with stiff backing. (Foam backing and plastic covering is available at the Extension Office for a minimal fee.)
- ~We may not be able to fully protect Collectibles. Please place your exhibit in a glass case if it is valuable.
- ~Please limit the overall size of your display. We are abiding by 4-H rules for most of the projects but keep in mind our display spaces are limited. If you are unsure about your exhibit size being acceptable please contact the Extension Office at 574-946-3412.
- ~We will accommodate electrical needs of your exhibits only when possible and practical.
- ~Showcase space is limited and the open class committee will utilize them to protect exhibits as best possible. Requests to have exhibit in cases will be considered and honored if possible.
- ~Exhibitor is responsible for watering plants throughout the week of fair—Committee is not responsible.

FOODS CLASSES

Recipes must be provided with the foods classes, and displayed on a standard index card. Food items must be displayed on a disposable plate or stiff cardboard. The only exception is for pies. Pies may be exhibited in a non-disposable pan, but entrant is responsible for picking up the pan after all judging is complete.

A piece of each food exhibit will be kept for display after judging. When you bring in your exhibit, if the food type allows, display your food using a clear, closed plastic bag. This makes a better presentation for the judge.

CANNING CLASSES

Canning items must be labeled with name of product, date canned, processing method and length of processing time.

FOODBORNE ILLNESS RULES

For baked product competitions: Filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling and meringue whether uncooked or cooked are not permitted to contain cream cheese, whipped cream, unpasteurized milk or eggs/egg whites. (Pasteurized eggs or eggs cooked to 160 degrees F may be used.) Home-canned fruits, vegetables or meats are not permitted in products. Recipes must be provided that show which ingredients were used in each part of the product. Contestants should carefully wash their hands and make sure that their hands do not have any open cuts before preparing foods. Whenever possible, baked products should be transported and stored in chilled coolers (41 degrees F).

Judges and individuals who will consume products from county and state competitions should be informed that they are at risk for food borne illness since the established policy cannot guarantee that an entry which is a “potentially hazardous food” has been properly prepared or handled before, during or following the competition.