

Open Class

Rules 2021

Brown County
4-H Fair



July 26th - July 31st

Brown County Fairgrounds

Nashville, Indiana

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Key (NP) = Non-Perishable (P) = Perishable

Extension Homemaker Clubs

Hosting Open Class exhibits:



Brown County Herb Society

Cedar Hills Club

Day Dreamers Club

Mail Box Members

Quick Quilters Club

Thank you for exhibiting!

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Exhibit Drop-Off

All exhibits checked in at Exhibit Building

Non-Perishables

Friday, July 23rd from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

****Late entries: Saturday, July 24th***

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Perishables

Saturday, July 24th from 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Exhibit Building Hours

Monday – Saturday

July 26th – July 31st

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Exhibit Pick-up

Sunday, August 1st

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

No early pick-ups



AUGUST 6 - 22, 2021

The Open Class County Fair exhibits competition is separate from State Fair competition. If you choose to have an entry at the State Fair level, you **MUST** enter yourself via online entry by the deadline of

July 1st!

County winners stay at the local level. Your exhibit does NOT automatically advance to the state fair.

For more state fair information go to:
<https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/>

PIE CONTEST

Due to potential health restrictions, the decision has been made to cancel the Pie Contest for 2021.

The contest will resume in 2022.

Pies have been added for 2021 as Food Preparation, Category 7 (see page 19)

GENERAL RULES

- 1) Entries are open to **ALL** residents of Brown County or members of a Brown County organization with no limitation of age.
- 2) No limits on the number of entries unless designated in a department.
- 3) Please see below **example** of Entry Tag.
These are required on each entry to be exhibited.
These will be available at check in or in advance at the Extension Office.

Example:

Exhibit No.—This will be assigned at check in
Dept. Arts & Crafts
Cat. (2) Creative Crafts—Class (4)

OPEN CLASS ENTRY TAG

Exhibit No. _____ (to be assigned at check in)

Dept. _____

Cat. _____ Class _____

Entry Description _____

Exhibitor _____

Address _____

SAMPLE
(Fold)

GENERAL RULES (continued)

NOTE: Where specific rules apply, they will be explained under individual categories.

Miscellaneous is only for the articles where there is no specific category. (More than one entry may be made in Miscellaneous providing they are different.)

- 4) Entries must be completed or grown by the exhibitor since **August 4th, 2019**
- 5) **Non-Perishable** exhibits **MUST** be entered on Friday, July 23rd 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Late entries will be accepted Saturday, July 24th 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- 6) **Perishables:** Floriculture and Gardening, Food Preservation, and Food Preparation exhibits must be entered on Saturday, July 24th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.
- 7) The Danish system of judging (where a project is judged on its own merit by certain guidelines) will be used, and each placing will be determined by the judge according to the quality of the exhibits. Any number of first, second, and third places may be awarded. **No one will be allowed to watch the judging except those officially designated.**



GENERAL RULES (continued)

- 8) All exhibits will be marked with a ribbon to designate the placing following the judging according to the official records. No monetary awards are given.
- 9) A Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon may be awarded from the blue ribbon winners in each category, providing there are at least three (3) blue ribbons in the category. Honorable Mention ribbons may be awarded when merited.
- 10) Open Class is **NOT** responsible for lost or damaged exhibits.
- 11) Exhibits must be claimed on **Sunday, August 1st, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Exhibits may **NOT** be removed between the time of official ENTRY and RELEASE. Exhibits will **NOT** be released before Sunday, 2:00 pm. Open Class is **NOT** responsible for exhibits left after Sunday, August 1st.



- 12) **The Entry Slip (page 9) is used to list all of your entries. The white copy will stay in our records and the yellow copy will go home with you after Check In. You (or a designated pick up person) MUST bring the yellow slip the day exhibits are released. The Entry Slips are available in advance at the Extension Office or will be available at Check In.**

SAMPLE ENTRY SLIP

BROWN COUNTY 4-H FAIR

OPEN CLASS

Name _____ 20 _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

MEMBER OF EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS YES NO

LIST EXHIBITS (brief description)

1. Rooster Table Runner
2. Swan Baby Quilt
3. Snowman Placemats
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.

SAMPLE

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Any number of items may be entered in any class providing **different techniques** are used.

CATEGORY 1 **Christmas at the Fair**

- Class:
1. Door, Window or Wall Decoration
 2. Table Decoration
 3. Stocking
 4. Christmas ornament or set of ornaments
 5. Handmade Christmas Card
(One per exhibit)



CATEGORY 2 **Creative Crafts**

- Class:
1. Handmade Toys
 2. Weaving, Hand Spun, Dying
 3. Tole or Folk Art Article
 4. Basketry
 5. Handmade Card (One per exhibit)
 6. Giftwrapping
 7. Miscellaneous

CATEGORY 3 **Jewelry**

- Class:
1. Beaded
 2. Metal work
 3. Miscellaneous



ARTS AND CRAFTS (continued)

- ### **CATEGORY 4** **Recyclables**
- Class:
1. Fabrics
 2. Wood
 3. Glass
 4. Paper/ Plastic
 5. Miscellaneous

CATEGORY 5 **Woodworking**

- Class:
1. Refinished
 2. Furniture
 3. Decorative piece or set
 4. Miscellaneous



CATEGORY 6 **Dried or Silk Flowers**

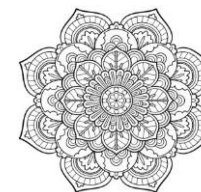
- Class:
1. Centerpiece (no larger than 18 inches long x 10 inches high)
 2. Wall or Door decoration (no larger than 16 x 24 inches)
 3. Miniature (no larger than 3 inches wide x 5 inches high)
 4. Miscellaneous

CATEGORY 7 **Coloring Pages**

- Class:
1. Age 12 & Under
 2. Age 13 –18 yrs
 3. Age over 19 yrs and up.

All exhibits must be framed for display.

Only 3 entries per exhibitor.



COLLECTIONS

- No more than **Three** exhibits of collections may be entered by an individual.
- **Exhibit must be presented securely on or in a container** conducive to making a good showing. The exhibit will be judged on presentation and content.
- An index card must be included with a description of the collection and it's origin.
- A collection is **3-10 items only**.
Examples: spoons, stamps, marbles, buttons, antique toys, Figurines, etc.



FINE ARTS

- Any number of items may be entered in any category providing different techniques are used.
- **Artwork intended to hang must be framed for hanging unless using wrap around canvas on wooden frame.**

Category 1 Watercolor / Oil / Acrylic

Category 2 Drawing / Pastel / Graphite

Category 3 Sculpture / Metal

Category 4 Ceramics / Potter

Category 5 12 & Under

Category 6 Miscellaneous

FLORICULTURE

- **A clear glass vase will be provided for each exhibit upon arrival for Categories 1 - 5.**
- Any number of exhibits may be entered in any class provided they are different varieties.
- If an exhibit has leaves, all leaves above water should be left on stem. No leaves below water level.
- One entry per bottle.

CATEGORY 1 Zinnia

- Class:
1. Large- over 4" one bloom
 2. Medium- 2" to 4" one bloom
 3. Small - under 2" one bloom
 4. Miniature - one bloom or spray



CATEGORY 2 Marigold

- Class:
1. Large - (over 4")
Orange or yellow - one bloom
 2. Medium - (2" to 4")
Orange, yellow, variegated - one bloom
 3. Small (under 2")
Orange, yellow, variegated - one bloom

FLORICULTURE (continued)

CATEGORY 3 Rose

- Class:
1. One flower on one stem
 2. Multiple flowers on one stem

CATEGORY 4 Sunflower

- Class:
1. One bloom, any color, under 6" diameter
 2. One bloom, any color, over 6" diameter

CATEGORY 5 Miscellaneous

- Class:
1. Any exhibit not listed in Categories 1 - 4

CATEGORY 6 Potted Plants

- Class:
1. Blooming Plant - Must have at least one bloom
 2. Foliage Plant
 3. Vine Plant
 4. Cactus & succulent
 5. Combination - one or more varieties in same container.



FLORICULTURE (continued)

CATEGORY 7 Artistic Design

- No artificial flowers or foliage are permitted.
- Plant materials for the Artistic Sections may be dried and acquired from any source.

- Class:
1. **Sunshine and Shadows** – an arrangement with two colors with a definite contrast.
 2. **Little Bit o’Irish** – green and white arrangement in a green or white container.
 3. **Simple and Sweet** – an arrangement using a single flower.
 4. **Over the Rainbow** – an arrangement using seven colors of flowers. red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.
 5. **Kaleidoscope of Color** – an arrangement using as many colors as possible.
 6. **Country Roads** – meadow or road side material in a suitable container.
 7. **Coffee/Tea arrangement** – utilizing a coffee mug or tea pot as your container for the display.

FOOD PREPARATION

Recipe required—printed or typewritten on a card

General Rules for all Food Preparation

- Any number of baked products may be entered in any class providing they are not the same product.
- All food products must be exhibited on disposable plates and covered with clear plastic wrap.
- All exhibits become the property of the Brown County 4-H Fair.
- **Recipe required (printed or typewritten on a card)**. Name and address on reverse side. If it's an old family recipe you do not want to reveal, you **MUST** include a list of ingredients. Recipes become the property of the Open Class Department with the right to use them in the future.
- Health Department Requirements for Baked Product Competitions: filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling and meringue – whether cooked or uncooked are **not permitted** to contain cream cheese, whipped cream/ sour cream topping, unpasteurized milk or eggs or egg whites. Pasteurized eggs or eggs cooked to 160 degrees F. may be used.
- Judges and individuals who will consume products from county competitions should be informed that they are at risk for food borne illness. 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.

FOOD PREPARATION (continued)

Recipe required - printed or typewritten on a card

CATEGORY 1 Cakes: frosted or unfrosted

(single or multi-layered)

- Class:
1. Scratch cake
 2. Cake Mix variation

CATEGORY 2 Cookies (Iced or un-iced)

- Class:
1. Six drop
 2. Six bar
 3. Six Cake mix cookies
 4. Six Rolled & shaped
 5. Six miscellaneous (other than above)



CATEGORY 3 Yeast Breads

- Class:
1. White - one loaf
 2. Whole wheat - one loaf
 3. Dinner rolls - six any shape
 4. Sweet rolls - six any shape
 5. Tea ring
 6. Miscellaneous



FOOD PREPARATION (continued)

Recipe required—printed or typewritten on a card

CATEGORY 4 Quick Bread

- Class:
1. Fruit - one loaf
 2. Nut - one loaf
 3. Whole wheat or bran - one loaf
 4. Muffins - six any kind
 5. Biscuit - six
 6. Cornbread
 7. Miscellaneous

CATEGORY 5 Decorated Cakes

Cake form or real cake

Exhibit must remain at fair ALL week

- Class:
1. Novelty
 2. Tier
 3. Sheet

CATEGORY 6 Candy

- Class:
1. Fudge - six pieces
 2. Divinity - six pieces
 3. Nut brittle - six pieces
 4. Party treats - six pieces (mints, chocolate creams, etc.)
 5. Miscellaneous - six pieces other than types listed above 1 – 4.



FOOD PREPARATION (continued)

Recipe required - printed or typewritten on a card

CATEGORY 7 Pies

- Class:
1. Apple
 2. Berry
 3. Cherry
 4. Other Fruit (fresh or dried)
 5. Nut

Contestants can only enter three (3) categories.

No cream, custard, pumpkin or meringue-topped pies will be accepted – even if they are in compliance with Food Safety Regulations below.

Pies will be judged on general appearance, flavor, texture of crust, and texture of filling.

All pie crust and filling must be made from scratch (No premade crust or filling)

The pie can be prepared in **any pie pan**, however, homemakers are not responsible for your pan.

Food Safety Regulation: for submitted baked products – filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling and meringue – whether uncooked or cooked are not permitted to contain cream cheese, whipped cream, sour cream, unpasteurized milk or eggs/egg whites. Pasteurized eggs or eggs cooked to 160 degrees F before use may be used. Home-canned fruits, vegetables, or meats are not permitted in products.

FOOD PREPARATION (continued)

Recipe required –printed or typewritten on a card

CATEGORY 8 Microwave Cooking

- Class:
1. Cake - any kind
 2. Cookies - six any kind
 3. Candy - six pieces any kind
 4. Miscellaneous

CATEGORY 9 Healthy Food

(Emphasis on reduced sugar and/or fat and/or increased fiber, and/or gluten free)

- Class:
1. Quick bread - one loaf
 2. Muffins – six any kind
 3. Vegetarian / Vegan
 4. Miscellaneous



CATEGORY 10 Hoo's yer Honey

- Class:
1. Any food item using Hoosier honey



The Brown County Fair Board recognizes that there are many talents. Entering projects in Open Class at the fair is your opportunity to show your unique creativity.

Please consider sharing your work for your friends & neighbors to see the hobbies you enjoy.

We look forward to a variety of exhibits on display the week of the fair.

FOOD PRESERVATION

Recipe required—printed or typewritten on a card

(CANNING & DEHYDRATED)

General Rules for all Food Preservation

- All canned food must be processed using appropriate method including jellies, jams, etc.
- Any number of jars may be entered in any class providing they are not the same product. (Example: 1 jar peaches, 1 jar cherries)
- Exhibit should be in appropriate standard canning jars for specific product. (Example: fruit in pint or quart jar, jelly in jelly glass or jar). Jars may be opened for judging.
- Each entry should include a label on the jar with the following information. Labels will be available at check in if needed.

Product: _____
Processing Date: _____
Method: water bath, pressure, dehydrated (circle)
Ingredients: _____
Source of Recipe: _____

Exhibit with rings on.

- Dehydrated Foods –exhibit in Zip lock bags with at least ½ cup of dried product – labeled and dated on the bag.



FOOD PRESERVATION (continued)

Recipe required—printed or typewritten on a card

Canning

CATEGORY 1

- Class: 1. Fruit
2. Vegetables (including tomatoes)
3. Juices, sauces, & salsas

CATEGORY 2

- Class: 1. Pickles
2. Relishes

CATEGORY 3

- Class: 1. Jams
2. Jellies
3. Marmalade
s, Butters, or Preserves

CATEGORY 4

- Class: 1. Miscellaneous



Dehydrated Foods

Must be exhibited in sandwichsize Zip lock bag.



CATEGORY 5

- Class: 1. Fruit
2. Vegetables
3. Herbs
4. Miscellaneous

GARDENING AND CROPS

Exhibitor may enter any number of different vegetables, fruits, or herbs.

Exhibits will be judged on:

- Uniformity- all specimens should be the same size, shape, and color.
- Condition- free from dirt, disease, and blemish and proper degree of edible maturity.
- Quality- crispness, firmness, flavor, etc.



CATEGORY 1

Vegetables

Exhibit Recommendations for Vegetables:

- a) Root vegetables (beets, carrots, onions, etc.) Cut tops 1/2 to 3/4 inches. Do not peel onions.
- b) Cabbage, corn, etc. – leave three or four wrapper leaves.
- c) Cucumbers – specify if it is a pickling or slicing cucumber.

Class: 1. One plate of **3** vegetables (same kind), **6** pods, or **1** head. A vegetable over 5 inches can be displayed singly.

3. Collection of **6** different vegetables plated together. Example- 1 each (beet, potato, onion, tomato, zucchini, pepper).

GARDENING AND CROPS

(continued)

CATEGORY 2 Fruits

Class: 1. One plate of **3** (apples, etc.) or **10** (cherries, berries, etc.) on or off the vine

CATEGORY 3 Herbs

Class: 1. Specimens - **2** sprigs (parsley, etc.) or **2** heads (dill, etc.) Bring specimen in a disposable bottle. If a glass vase is available they will be placed in that container.

2. Potted Herbs- Single Potted Herb or Combination—**2** or more in single container

CATEGORY 4 Crops

Class: 1. Miscellaneous—any specimen not listed in Categories 1 - 3

For example:

- Honey- strained, (pint or quart)
- Honey- combed, (pint or quart)
- Maple syrup— (pint or quart)
- Sorghum molasses



What is the largest item you have grown?
Please bring it to the fair for a friendly competition to win a prize.

NEEDLECRAFT

Any number of items may be entered providing they are different. (Ex.; needlepoint-belt, picture, cross stitch, pinafore, picture.)

CATEGORY 1

Class:



Needlework

1. Needlepoint- Canvas
2. Counted Cross-Stitch
3. Stamped Cross-Stitch
4. Crewel Embroidery
5. Embroidery - machine
6. Embroidery - hand
7. Rugs

CATEGORY 2

Plastic Canvas Needlepoint

CATEGORY 3

Knitting

Class:

1. Sweater
2. Stole, Poncho, Vest or Shell
3. Afghan
4. Miscellaneous

CATEGORY 4

Crocheting

Class:

1. Sweater
2. Stole, Poncho, Vest or Shell
3. Afghan
4. Miscellaneous

NEEDLECRAFT (continued)

CATEGORY 5



Class:

Baby Division

(garments under size 6)

Knitted or Crocheted

1. Afghan
2. Sweater Set
3. Miscellaneous

CATEGORY 6

Pillows

Class:

1. Needlepoint
2. Crewel
3. Latch Hook
4. Quilt Top
5. Miscellaneous



PHOTOGRAPHY

- All exhibits will be displayed in clear acid free protector sleeves (which will be provided at Check-In or in advance at the Extension Office at no cost to the exhibitor.) You may bring your photos in your own sleeves however to provide uniform judging we will ask you to place them in the type we are providing. PHOTOGRAPHS THAT ARE MOUNTED, MATTED OR FRAMED WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- All prints must be made from images not more than 2 years old. Only one entry may be made in each class. Photos previously entered for judging may not be entered again in Open Class.
- We reserve the right to reject pictures not in good taste.
- All Photos must be 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 inches
- Each entry should have the following on the back side upper left corner:
 - Name**
 - Address**
 - Title of Exhibit**
 - Category**
 - Class Numbers**
- **No more than 4 photos will be from one exhibitor.**



PHOTOGRAPHY (continued)



CATEGORY 1 Color

- Class:
1. Animals/ Insects
 2. Plants
 3. Portraits/ people scenes
 4. Scenery
 5. Barns, Bridges, Buildings
 6. Miscellaneous (must not fit in class 1-5)

CATEGORY 2 Black& White

- Class:
1. Animals/ Insects
 2. Plants
 3. Portraits/ people scenes
 4. Scenery
 5. Barns, Bridges, Buildings
 6. Miscellaneous (must not fit in class 1-5)

CATEGORY 3 Photo Shop

- Class:
1. Collage -4 or more pictures on 8x10
 2. Special Effect – copy /paste, halo, etc.

CATEGORY 4 Sepia

- Class:
1. Animals/ Insects
 2. Plants
 3. Portraits/ people scenes
 4. Scenery
 5. Barns, Bridges, Buildings
 6. Miscellaneous (must not fit in class 1-5)

Quilting

CATEGORY 1 Hand Pieced - Hand Quilted

- Class:
1. Appliquéd
 2. Embroidery
 3. Clothing
 4. Misc. & Mixed Technique
 5. Wall Hanging & Baby quilts
 6. Miniature



CATEGORY 2 Hand Pieced - Machine Quilted

- Class:
1. Appliquéd
 2. Embroidery
 3. Clothing
 4. Misc. & Mixed Technique
 5. Wall Hanging & Baby quilts
 6. Miniature

CATEGORY 3 Hand Pieced - Tied

- Class:
1. Any quilt - any size
 2. Mixed Technique



Quilting (continued)

CATEGORY 4 Machine Pieced - Hand Quilted

- Class:
1. Appliquéd
 2. Embroidery
 3. Clothing
 4. Misc. & Mixed Technique
 5. Wall Hanging & Baby quilts
 6. Miniature

CATEGORY 5 Machine Pieced - Machine Quilted

- Class:
1. Appliquéd
 2. Embroidery
 3. Clothing
 4. Misc. & Mixed Technique
 5. Wall Hanging & Baby quilts
 6. Miniature

CATEGORY 6 Patriotic or

Red, White & Blue Quilts

(any size or technique)



All quilts will be displayed to the best of our ability and based on the space available.

SCRAPBOOKING

- Any number of scrapbooks may be entered providing they are different subjects.
- Judging will include creativity, neatness, documentation or labeling (names, dates, places, etc.)



SEWING

Any number of items may be entered in any category providing they are different types.

CATEGORY 1 Sewing for self or others

Examples: Family outfit for a person and one or more family members

Street length dress or dress with jacket

Coat or suit

Swimwear, loungewear, tennis wear, or costume

Evening wear

Shirt, blouse, skirt, jacket, or vest

Children's Wear-Boy or Girl Aprons

Purses / Totes



SEWING

(continued)

CATEGORY 2 Sewing for the Home

Examples:

Place mats (Set of two)

Tablecloth

Table napkins (Set of two) Shower or window curtains

Miscellaneous (any number of items providing they are different)

CATEGORY 3 Creative Sewing

Examples

Sewing machine embellished garment

Appliquéd garment

Serged garment

Doll Clothes or dolls

Miscellaneous – Any garment utilizing creative techniques



V.I.P.--VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE

(People with Special Needs)

- Any number of items may be entered, provided they are not the same product.
- Please list age or limitation.

CATEGORY 1 Arts and Crafts

- Class:
1. Christmas (any item)
 2. Creative Crafts (any item)
 3. Woodworking (any item)
 4. Drawing and Painting (any item)
 5. Coloring pages (max 3)

CATEGORY 2 Needlecrafts

- Class:
1. Needlework (any item)
 2. Quilting (any item)
 3. Knitting (any item)
 4. Crocheting (any item)

CATEGORY 3 Miscellaneous



NOTES

While reading though this book you may want to jot down ideas as you are considering entering in Open Class.

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Entry Description _____

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Come join us at the fair!