

HOME ARTS DEPARTMENT

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Departmental Rules and Regulations

Rules that are specific to a section will be listed with each department. The following are rules and regulations that are in effect for the entire Home Arts Department. Please read carefully the changes in entry days and times, as well as the time and day for removal of exhibits.

1. Entries in this Department are open to residents of Howard County and adjoining communities. An individual exhibitor may exhibit only one article in any one subdivision of a class. No entry will be accepted unless there is a specific class for it in this Fair Book. Exhibits must have been completed since the previous Fair.
2. All exhibits in this department must be the **sole** work of the exhibitor. Articles previously shown at the Howard County Fair are ineligible.
3. All entries must be made in compliance with the Premium List and must be classified according to the List. Improperly classified articles will not be judged.
4. All exhibits must have an Entry Tag filled out according to the classification and language given in the Premium List. Address labels are helpful. Entry Tags will be distributed at time of entry. Pre-entry is not required.
5. Pre-entry on the Internet will be available from Thursday, July 2, 2026, until Saturday, July 25, 2026. For those who wish to pre-enter, go to: <https://howardcountyfairmd.com> and follow the appropriate link. Bring your entry to the fair the appropriate dates and Pre-entry tags will be waiting for you at the Pre-Entry Table in the Home Arts Bldg. If you do not pre-enter, just bring your item/items to the fair on the appropriate entry dates. **If you forgot to pre-enter an item, you will still be able to enter it on the day you drop off.**
6. Judges will award only such premiums as they think proper, as the merit of the item may warrant. If an entry has been entered in the wrong category in the judges' opinion, they reserve the right to move the entry to the correct category.
7. Exhibits must be delivered to the Fairgrounds according to **dates and times listed in each section. There will be no exceptions, weight and size requirements in all sections will be strictly enforced. No entries containing political or controversial statements not in keeping with the family atmosphere of the fair will be accepted.** Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2026, for all non-perishable sections. Sections L - Baked Goods and Candies, Section R – First Flower Show, Section S - Jr. Flower Show, Section T - Food Preservation will be judged at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2026. THE HOME ARTS BUILDING WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026, at 1 p.m. The management of the Home Arts Building reserves the right to discard any spoiled food product during the Fair. The Exhibitor's container and any ribbons will be kept until the close of the Fair.
8. Exhibits will be released on Sunday August 16th between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All exhibits not picked up at this time become the property of the Howard County Fair Association, Inc. **Violation of this means prize money forfeiture and any Special Awards.**

9. **Premiums will be paid only on the record shown by the Judges sheets. The possession of a ribbon is not sufficient evidence for the payment of premiums.** A cash award will be made for First, Second and Third Places in each Class, with Blue, Red and White Ribbons, respectively. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Place Awards made where specified. **Premium checks will be available at the Fair Office on Sunday, August 16th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All checks not picked up will be mailed within 30 days.**
10. 4-H/FFA members may enter the Home Arts Department **only** if they are **not enrolled in a project that can be exhibited in the 4-H/FFA Exhibition.** If they are enrolled in a project in 4-H/FFA and they miss the entry times for the 4-H/FFA Exhibition or their entry does not meet the entry criteria for the 4-H/FFA, **they may not enter that exhibit in the Open Class Building.** 4-H/FFA members may enter the **Junior Flower Show.** All 4-H/FFA members are to use the same exhibitor number for 4-H, FFA and Open classes.
11. **No dogs will be allowed in the building other than service dogs with approved service dog attire.**
12. The Howard County Fair Association, Inc. reserves the right to reject any entry that it deems not in keeping with the **family atmosphere** and purpose of the Fair.

The 2026 Building Theme
Sheep (any breed)

The following awards apply to the entire Home Arts Department. Special Awards that are Section specific are listed at the end of the Section to which they apply.

*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR HOME ARTS DEPARTMENT*****

Howard County Fair Home Arts Department High Point Award Trophy
Trophy to the Howard County Resident having the highest number of points earned through overall entries in the Home Arts Department

Glenwood Lions Club
\$100 Gift to the Howard County Youth Exhibitor 18 years of age and under with the highest number of points earned through overall entries in the Home Arts Department.

\$200 in Premiums for the Table Setting Contest and the Apple Pie and Apple Dessert Contests
Provided by HAIGHT FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses and individuals who have graciously given the Special Awards. It is this Community effort that will continue interest in exhibiting at the Fair. Thank you! These are the known Special Awards at this time. Visit the Home Arts Department during Fair Week for any additional Special Awards."

SECTION K – ARTS & CRAFTS - CHILDREN'S & TEENAGE
Entries Due: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday, July 31, 2026 - 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday July 31st

Chairman – Ms. Kathy Kartak

- **All entries must have been completed since the previous Fair.**
- **NO KITS OF ANY KIND** will be accepted. All entries **MUST BE** the original idea and work of the exhibitor.
- Interlocking building block entries **CANNOT BE MADE** from build patterns or instructions or purchased kits.
- Interlocking building block entries can be no more than 12” in any direction. Be mindful of your interlocking building block entries. They need to be moved several times during judging. If the entry breaks, it will not be put back together.
- **No entries larger than 16” in any direction will be accepted. Entries for Decorated or Painted Fabric categories can be larger than 16” if they are clothing (t-shirt, sweatshirt, scarf, etc.) or towels.**
- All polymer clay items **must be** cooked. **No soft polymer clay or modeling clay will be accepted.**
- A clay item is one that **has not** been fired in a kiln. A ceramic item **has been** fired.
- If clothing is entered, please provide a hanger.
- See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme.
- Age as of January 1, 2026, will be used for age determination.

One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category

Best of Classes 1 - 5	Best of Classes 6 – 9
Best of Classes 10-13	Best of Classes 14 – 18
Best of Class 19	

One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded to one of the Champion Ribbon winners.

**K01. TEENAGE CRAFTS
(12-18 Years of Age)**

- | | 6.00 | 5.00 | 4.00 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. Decorated or Painted Fabric | | | | | | |
| 2. Other Fabric Art | | | | | | |
| 3. Jewelry | | | | | | |
| 4. Beading Other than Jewelry | | | | | | |
| 5. Sand Art | | | | | | |
| 6. Holiday Decorations | | | | | | |
| 7. Recycled Material Craft | | | | | | |
| 8. Nature Craft | | | | | | |
| 9. Paper Crafts (origami, decoupage, paper-mache, etc.) | | | | | | |
| 10. Hand Shaped Clay Items | | | | | | |
| 11. Hand Shaped Ceramic Items | | | | | | |
| 12. Ceramic from prepared form – painted | | | | | | |
| 13. Painting on Bone, Metal, Wood, Glass or Plastic | | | | | | |
| 14. Painted Rock or Stone | | | | | | |
| 15. Handmade Candles or Soap | | | | | | |
| 16. Glass Fusion | | | | | | |

SECTION K – ARTS & CRAFTS - CHILDREN'S & TEENAGE (Continued)

- 17. Miscellaneous Craft
- 18. Interlocking Building Block Item **not larger than 12" x 12" Must be original creation – NO KITS**

K02. BUILDING THEME (12-18 YEARS OF AGE)

19. Building Theme

**One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the
Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category**

- Best of Classes 20 - 24**
- Best of Classes 25 – 28**
- Best of Classes 29 - 32**
- Best of Classes 33 - 37**
- Best of Class 38**
- Best of Classes 39 - 43**
- Best of Classes 44 – 47**
- Best of Classes 48 - 51**
- Best of Classes 52 - 56**
- Best of Class 57**
- Best of Classes 58 and 59**

One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded to one of the Champion Ribbon winners

K03. CHILDREN'S CRAFTS

(8-11 Years of Age)

5.00 4.00 3.00 2.00 1.50 1.25

- 20. Decorated or Painted Fabric
- 21. Other Fabric Art
- 22. Jewelry
- 23. Beading Other Than Jewelry
- 24. Sand Art
- 25. Holiday Decoration
- 26. Recycled Material Craft
- 27. Nature Craft
- 28. Paper Crafts (origami, decoupage, papier-mâché, etc.)
- 29. Hand Shaped Clay Items
- 30. Hand Shaped Ceramic Items
- 31. Ceramic from Prepared Form- painted
- 32. Painted on Bone, Metal, Wood, Glass or Plastic
- 33. Painted Rock or Stone
- 34. Handmade Candle or Soap
- 35. Glass Fusion
- 36. Miscellaneous Craft
- 37. Interlocking Building Block Created Item not larger than 12" x 12" -
Must be original creation – NO KITS

K04. BUILDING THEME (8 – 11 YEARS OF AGE)

38. Building Theme

K05. CHILDREN'S CRAFTS (5-7 Years of Age)

5.00 4.00 3.00 2.00 1.50 1.25

- 39. Decorated or Painted Fabric
- 40. Other Fabric Art
- 41. Jewelry
- 42. Beading Other than Jewelry
- 43. Sand Art
- 44. Holiday Decoration
- 45. Recycled Material Craft
- 46. Nature Craft
- 47. Paper Crafts (origami, decoupage, papier mâché, etc.)
- 48. Hand Shaped Clay Items
- 49. Hand Shaped Ceramic Items
- 50. Ceramic from Prepared Form – Painted
- 51. Painting on Bone, Metal, Wood, Glass or Plastic
- 52. Painted Rock or Stone
- 53. Handmade Candles or Soap
- 54. Glass Fusion

SECTION L – BAKED FOODS AND CANDIES (Continued)

Co-Chairmen – Ms. Elizabeth Lawson, Mrs. Caitlin Williams

- Baked Foods & Candies entries will be transferred to Fair containers.
- All entries must be made from scratch, no box mixes accepted. Excluding class 9.
- **No cheesecakes or meringue pies** will be accepted.
- Sour cream will not be accepted unless it is a baked ingredient.
- Nuts must be listed by name on tag.
- Entries requiring refrigeration will not be accepted.
- The exhibitor cannot enter the same item in different classes.
- Age of youth exhibitor as of **January 1, 2026**.
- **See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme.**
- The exhibitor will remove his or her entire entry on Sunday, August 16, 2026. If you do not pick up your entry it will be discarded.

**One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the
Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category**

One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded as follows from the Champion Ribbons:

**One Best in Show Adult
One Best in Show Teenage
One Best in Show Children**

L01. CAKES (1/2 Layer Cake not to exceed 10" in diameter) 6.00 5.00 4.00 3.00

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| 1. Red Velvet (frosted) | 7. Special Needs (Gluten Free, Sugar Free etc.) |
| 2. Spiced (frosted) | 8. Vegetable Cake (any type) |
| 3. Marble (frosted) | 9. Cake Mix (as base with added ingredients,
indicate ingredients on entry tag) |
| 4. German Sweet Chocolate (frosted) | 10. Miscellaneous Cake (indicate type) |
| 5. Devil's Food or Chocolate (frosted) | |
| 6. Yellow or White (frosted) | |

L02. CAKES (1/2 Cake to be entered)

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| 11. Angel Food (not iced) | 16. Ethnic |
| 12. Applesauce (not iced) | 17. Better than store bought homemade Poptarts,
Twinkies, Zebra Cakes, Oreo's etc. |
| 13. Gingerbread (not iced) | |
| 14. Sponge or Chiffon (not iced) | |
| 15. Pound Cake (not iced) | |

L03. Cupcakes – any flavor

- 18. Cupcake (frosted) 4
- 19. Cupcake Decorated 4

L04. DECORATED WHOLE CAKE 8.00 6.00 5.00 4.00

Decorated Whole Cake not to exceed 12" x 14"

- 20. Regular round, square or oblong pans
- 21. Cake Molds or Shaped Pans

L05. BUILDING THEME CAKE

- 22. Building Theme Cake

L06. YEAST BREADS (1/2 Loaf, Round or Oblong) 5.00 4.00 3.00 2.00

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| 23. 1/2 White Loaf | 31. Fancy Rolls (4) |
| 24. 1/2 Wheat Loaf | 32. Sweet Buns (4) |
| 25. 1/2 Challah Bread Loaf | 33. 1/2 Swedish Tea Ring |
| 26. 1/2 Herb Bread Loaf | 34. 1/2 Miscellaneous Yeast Bread |
| 27. 1/2 Artisan Bread | |
| 28. 1/2 Sourdough Bread | |
| 29. 1/2 Sweet Loaf (specify) | |
| 30. Plain Rolls (4) | |

L07. QUICK BREADS AND PASTRY 4.00 3.00 2.00 1.50

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| 35. 1/2 Fruit and Nut Bread Loaf | 39. Biscuits (4) |
| 36. 1/2 Vegetable Bread Loaf | 40. Coffee Cake (1/2 only) |
| 37. 1/2 Zucchini Loaf | 41. Miscellaneous Quick Breads
and Pastry (1/2 if loaf) |
| 38. Muffins (4) | |

SECTION L – BAKED FOODS AND CANDIES (Continued)

L08. COOKIES (4 of a kind, no unbaked cookies)	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.50	
42. Brownies (with or without nuts)	51. Filled Cookies (indicate type)				
43. Shortbread	52. Refrigerator Cookies (indicate type)				
44. Drop Cookies (indicate type)	53. Hand Shaped Cookies (shape dough in ball before baking and indicate type)				
45. Bar Cookies (indicate type)	54. Peanut Butter Cookies				
46. Ginger Cookies	55. Oatmeal Cookies				
47. Chocolate Chip	56. Pressed Cookies				
48. Chocolate Chip w/other ingredients	57. Gluten Free Cookies				
49. Ethnic cookie (indicate type)	58. Misc. Cookies (indicate type)				
50. Rolled Sugar Cookies					
L09. BUILDING THEME – COOKIES					
59. Building Theme - Cookies					
L10. PIES (in 8" or 9" foil pans)	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.50	
60. Cherry	63. Pecan				
61. Blueberry	64. Pumpkin				
62. Fruit – any other than above	65. Misc. Pie (indicate type)				
L11. CANDIES (4 of a kind)	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.50	
66. Chocolate Fudge (Plain)	71. Fondant				
67. Fudge (Nuts)	72. Mints – No Chocolate				
68. Chocolate Peanut Butter Fudge	73. Hand Dipped Chocolate				
69. Fudge – Miscellaneous	74. Misc. Candies (indicate type)				
70. Nut Brittle					
L12. BUILDING THEME – Molded Candies (Hand shaped or purchased mold)					
75. Building Theme – Molded Candies					
L13. CHILDREN'S BAKING – 5 – 11 years of age					
COOKIES (4 cookies)	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50
76. Chocolate Bit or Toll House	84. Cupcakes (4)				
77. Hand Shaped	85. ½ Yeast Bread or Rolls (4)				
78. Rolled and Cut Cookies	86. ½ Quick Bread, Muffins (4) or Biscuits (4)				
79. Peanut Butter Cookies	Candy (4 pieces of candy)				
80. Brownies & Bars	87. Fudge				
81. Drop Cookies	88. Miscellaneous Candy				
82. Miscellaneous Cookies	89. Decorated Cake (whole cake to be entered)				
83. Cake (1/2-layer cake or whole 8"x 8" - frosted)					
L14. BUILDING THEME	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50
90. Building Theme anything in class L13					
L15. Cookie Challenge –					
91. Best Snickerdoodle Cookie					
L16. TEENAGE BAKING - 12-18 years of age	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50
COOKIES (4 cookies) Cakes, Breads, Pies					
92. Chocolate Bit or Toll House	99. Cake (1/2-layer cake or whole) not to exceed 8" x 8" - frosted				
93. Hand Shaped Cookies	100. Cupcakes (4)				
94. Peanut Butter Cookies	101. ½ Quick Bread, Muffins (4) or Biscuits (4)				
95. Pressed Cookies	102. ½ Yeast Bread Loaf/Yeast Rolls (4)				
96. Brownies & Bars	103. Miscellaneous Pie				
97. Drop Cookies					
98. Miscellaneous Cookies					
Candy (4 pieces of candy)					
104. Fudge					
105. Miscellaneous Candy					
Premium:	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.50
106. Decorated Cake (whole cake to be entered)					
L17. BUILDING THEME	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50
107. Building Theme – anything in Class L16					
L18. Cookie Challenge -	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50
108. Best Gingerbread Cookie					

SECTION L – BAKED FOODS AND CANDIES (Continued)
*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR BAKED FOODS AND CANDIES*****

- Air View Farm, Merhlyn Barnes – Pie Plate* - Champion Adult Pie
Kake Kraft Korner - Gift Certificate - Best Devil's Food Cake
Kake Kraft Korner - Gift Certificate - Champion Yeast Bread
Kake Kraft Korner - Gift Certificate - Best Misc. Quick Bread and Pastry
Kake Kraft Korner - Gift Certificate - Best Miscellaneous Cookies - Adult
Kake Kraft Korner - Gift Certificate - Best Fondant
Kake Kraft Korner - Gift Certificate - Best Pound Box Assorted Candies
Kake Kraft Korner - Gift Certificate - Best Fudge – Children's Baking
Kake Kraft Korner - Gift Certificate - Best Pressed Cookies - Teenage Baking
Kake Kraft Korner - Gift Certificate - Best Drop Cookies - Children's Baking
Kake Kraft Korner - Gift Certificate – Best Misc. Cookie - Teenage Baking
The R.L. Hedeman Family - \$30 – Best Bldg. Theme Cookie Class 59
The R.L. Hedeman Family - \$30 - Best in Show Teenage Baking
Kim Sullivan- \$25 – Best Adult Non-Decorated Cake frosted or non-frosted–
 In Memory of Mary Jane Sullivan
Mary Alexander - \$25.00 – Best Yeast Roll - Class 30
 in Memory of Ken Wolf

SPECIAL BAKED FOODS CONTESTS

The **Best Apple Desserts** and **Best Apple Pies** will be entered at the same time. The **Best Apple Desserts** will be judged first, followed by the **Best Apple Pies**. The announcing of the winners of both contests will follow the completion of judging. After the judging results have been announced, a picture of all winners will be taken and display in the Home Arts Bldg. The exhibitor will remove pies and desserts following the judging.

The Categories Will Be:

The Best Apple Non-Pie -- These desserts will be entered from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, **August 8th** at the **Home Arts Building**. The judging will take place there. Judging will begin at 2:30 p.m.

The Rules Are Simple:

- The dessert must be in an appropriate container for the type of dessert.
- The dessert must have Apple as the main ingredient.
- No **custard-type** Apple desserts will be accepted.
- No **sour cream** is to be used.
- Attach the recipe.

Premiums are:

First Place	\$20.00	Fourth Place	\$8.00
Second Place	\$15.00	Fifth Place	\$6.00
Third Place	\$12.00	Sixth Place	\$5.00

The Best Apple Pie - These pies will be entered from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, **August 8th** at the **Home Arts Building**. The judging will take place there. Judging will follow the desserts.

The Rules Are Simple:

- The pie must be in either an 8" or 9" pan.
- The pie must have Apple as the main ingredient.
- No **custard-type** Apple pies will be accepted.
- No **sour cream** is to be used.
- Attach the recipe.

Premiums are:

First Place	\$20.00	Fourth Place	\$8.00
Second Place	\$15.00	Fifth Place	\$6.00
Third Place	\$12.00	Sixth Place	\$5.00

*****CHALLENGE COOKIE CONTEST*****

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE:

- The recipe is supplied.
- **The recipe must be prepared as written.**
- There can be no changes or additions to the recipe.
- Bring four (4) cookies.
- Entries open on **Thursday, August 6th 5- 8 p.m. and on Friday, August 7th 3-8pm.**
- This contest is open to **all** ages.
- Pre-registering is requested but not required.
- The premiums for this contest are:

First Place	\$20.00	Third Place	\$10.00
Second Place	\$15.00	Fourth Place	\$5.00

**2026 Challenge Cookie
Little Lamb Sugar Cookies**

COOKIE

1 cup butter, softened
1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla extract
½ tsp. almond extract
2 -1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cream of tartar

Icing

½ cup butter, softened
½ cup shortening
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
¼ tsp. salt
5-1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
4 to 5 tbsps. milk
Food coloring

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg and extracts. Combine the flour, baking soda and cream of tartar; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Cover and chill for 2-3 hrs. or until easy to handle.

On a floured surface, roll out dough to ¼-in. thickness. Cut into sheep/lamb shape or likeness. Place 1 in. apart on greased baking sheets. Bake at 375° for 6-8 minutes or until the edges begin to brown. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

For icing, cream the butter and shortening in a bowl. Add vanilla and salt. Gradually add sugar, 1 cup at a time, beating well after each addition. Add milk; beat until light and fluffy. Tint icing with desired colors of food coloring; decorate the cookies.

Adapted Taste of Home Cutout Sugar Cookie recipe



2026 KING ARTHUR FLOUR BAKING CONTEST

DATE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026
ENTRY TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. **Judging** begins at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Home Arts Building
OPEN TO: Adults and Youth (up to age 17) as of January 1, 2026

WHAT YOU ARE MAKING: **Adults:** Braided Yeast Bread – white & rye
Youth: Blueberry Muffins (4)

Adult category Prizes

1st place: \$75.00 gift card to shop.kingarthurbaking.com
2nd place: \$50.00 gift card to shop.kingarthurbaking.com
3rd place: \$25.00 gift card to shop.kingarthurbaking.com

Youth category Prizes

1st place: \$40.00 gift certificate to shop.kingarthurbaking.com
2nd place: \$25.00 gift certificate to shop.kingarthurbaking.com
3rd place: \$25.00 gift certificate

RULES:

1. Pre – entry required for gate pass for exhibitor only. Gate pass will be mailed.
2. The exhibitor must bring the opened bag of King Arthur Flour or submit a UPC label from the bag of flour.
3. Must provide a legible recipe on 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper.
4. All entries must be submitted in a disposable container for judging. A photo of the winning entries will be displayed. All entries will be returned to the exhibitor after the judging.
5. The Home Arts Department General Rules and Regulations shall apply in conjunction with special contest rules.
6. Entries will be received on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in the Home Arts Building between 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
7. Prizes and ribbons will be given out that night.
8. For any questions, please contact Mary Alexander 443-340-9507.

SECTION M – CLOTHING/SEWING

Entries Due: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, July 31, 2026 - 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday July 31st

Chairman – Faye Liberatore

Assistant – Beck Seckler

- All entries must have been completed since the previous Fair.
- Garments must be clean. Please provide clothes hangers for display.
- Fragile garments may be exhibited individually in clear plastic.
- Bring an oatmeal box or other type of stand for your hat entry.
- Smocked dresses will be entered under smocked dresses only.
- Age as of January 1, 2026, will be used for age determination.
- See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme

**One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the
Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category**

One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded as follows from the Champion Ribbons:

One Best in Show Adult

One Best in Show Youth

ADULT CLOTHING – Sewn by Adults

M01. COATS, BLAZERS, JACKETS AND VESTS

1. Coat or Cape	8.00	6.00	5.00	4.00
2. Ladies' Jacket – Lined	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.50
3. Ladies' Jacket – Unlined	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50
4. Ladies' clothing piece upcycled	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50

M02. MEN'S' CLOTHING

5. Man's Vest	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50
6. Man's Shirt	6.00	5.00	4.50	4.00

M03. LADIES' SUITS, OUTFITS, DRESSES AND BLOUSES

7. Ladies' 2-piece Suit (skirt or slacks)	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.50
8. Skirt	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50
9. Matching Outfit (Skirt or Slacks and Vest or Tunic)	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00
10. Jacket Dress or Two-Piece Dress	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.50
11. Dress	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.50
12. Blouse (Set-in Sleeves) Dressy	5.00	4.00	3.50	3.00
13. Blouse (Set-in Sleeves) Casual	5.00	4.00	3.50	3.00
14. Blouse (Sleeveless, Other)	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
15. Ladies' Slacks	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.50

M04. BRIDAL GOWNS, FORMALS and ACCESSORIES

16. Bridal Gown	10.00	9.00	8.00	7.00
17. Formal - Long	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00
18. Formal - Short	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.50
19. Any Bridal Accessory - Sewn	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.50

M05. SPORTING WEAR, OUTERWEAR and LOUNGE WEAR

20. Sport Outfit	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
21. Casual Outerwear	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.50
22. Lounge Wear	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50

M06. EMBELLISHED (SMOCKING, APPLIQUE, ETC.) Judged on embellishment.

23. Embellished clothing	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.50
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SECTION M – CLOTHING (Continued)

24. Embellished item	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.50		
M07. MISCELLANEOUS SEWING	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00		
25. Apron						
26. Hat (sewed hat or bonnet)						
27. Purse (sewn)						
28. Bag (sewn))						
29. Any Non-Clothing Item						
30. Household Accessories						
M08 BUILDING THEME	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00		
31. Garment with Building Theme						
M09. CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (Infant to 16 Years) - MADE BY ADULTS						
32. Coat (lined)	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50		
33. Girl's Jacket	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00		
34. Boy's Jacket	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00		
35. Vest	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00		
M10. GIRL'S DRESSES	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00		
36. Girl's Dress (infant to 5 years) Plain						
37. Girl's Dress (infant to 5 years) Fancy						
38. Girl's Dress (6 to 12 years) Plain						
39. Girl's Dress (6 to 12 years) Fancy						
40. Girl's Dress (12 to 16 years) Plain						
41. Girl's Dress (12 to 16 years) Fancy						
42. Smocked Dress (Plain or Fancy)						
43. Blouse						
M11. GIRL'S - OTHER CLOTHING	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00		
44. Skirt and Jacket						
45. Skirt and Vest						
46. Jumper						
47. Girl's Slacks						
48. Girl's Skirt						
49. Sleep wear (robe, gown, P.J.'s or matching set)						
50. Other Item						
M12. BOYS CLOTHING	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00		
51. Boy's 2-Piece Suit						
52. Boy's Shirt						
53. Boy's Trousers						
M13. OTHER CHILDREN'S CLOTHING ITEMS						
54. Christening Outfit	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00		
55. Play Outfit (boy's or girl's)	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00		
56. Machine Sewn Toy	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50		
57. Child's Apron	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00		
M14. CHILDREN'S SEWING - 5 to 16 Years of Age	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.25
58. Skirt						
59. Blouse or Top						
60. Pants						
61. Girl's Dress - Plain						
62. Girl's Dress - Fancy						
63. Sleepwear						
64. Miscellaneous Sewn Item						
M15. Garment with Building Theme – 5- 16 Years of Age						
65. Garment with Building Theme from Category M14						
M16. DOLLS AND COSTUMES - OPEN TO ALL AGE GROUPS						
66. Machine Sewn Doll Clothes - 3 outfits (cloths only)	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50		
67. Adult Costume	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50		
68. Children's Costume – Girls	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50		
69. Children's Costume – Boys	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50		
M17. MACHINE EMBROIDERY - OPEN TO ALL AGE GROUPS						
70. Any item of Clothing with Machine Embroidery (will be judged on the embroidery, not the construction of garment)	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00		

SECTION M – CLOTHING (Continued)

71. Any non-clothing item with machine Embroidery	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
M18. BUILDING THEME	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
72. Any sewn item with Building Theme in Category M16 & M17				

*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR CLOTHING*****

Faye Liberatore and Beck Seckler - \$25.00 Adult Best in Show
Faye Liberatore and Beck Seckler - \$25.00 Youth Best in Show

*******Sewing Contest*******

Follow entry dates for Section M - Clothing

Most creative upcycling of denim fabric from old clothing.
Decorations and embellishments are encouraged.

Winner will receive \$25.00

Prize donated by Faye Liberatore and Beck Seckler

SECTION N – FINE ARTS - ADULTS

Entries Due: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday, July 31, 2026 - 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday July 31st

Chairman - Ms. Michele McGuinness
Assistant Chairman – Ms. Debbie Meloy

- All Artwork must be the original work of the exhibitor.
- All entries must have been completed since the previous Fair.
- No entry of previously submitted art. Reworked art is not eligible for submission or awards.
- Repeat offenders of resubmitted or reworked art may be barred from entry.
- Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each class. No more than 15 entries total.
- ALL ARTWORK MUST BE DRY AND FRAMED WITH PICTURE WIRES AND SCREW EYES on back for hanging. No saw tooth hangers or other hangers. Artwork must be firmly attached to frame.
- Gallery Wrap and Museum Wrap is acceptable. Gallery wrap is a frameless presentation where the painted image wraps around the edge of stretcher frame. Museum wrap is when the painting is on the front of the canvas and a solid color is wrapped around the edge of the stretcher frame.
- All pastels, watercolors, drawings, and mixed media should be matted and framed using glass or Plexiglas.
- No Prints or Giclee's
- Abstracts, impressionistic, and mini paintings will be entered only in their specific class.
- No Number Painting or Commercial Kits.
- Exhibit should be no more than 42 inches total in any dimension. This measurement includes the framing.
- Glass or dimensional art see Fine Arts and Crafts Adults (Section Q)
- See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme.

**One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the
Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category**

**One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded as follows from the Champion Ribbons:
One Best in Show Adult**



SECTION N – FINE ARTS – ADULTS (Continued)

ORIGINAL PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS 10.00 9.00 8.00 7.00

N01. OILS

1. Oil - Landscape
2. Oil - Marine – seascapes, water scenes
3. Oil - Street Scenes
4. Oil – Portrait
5. Oil - Figure Painting
6. Oil - Still Life
7. Oil – Flowers
8. Oil - Nature (animals)
9. Oil – Nature (birds, fish insects, butterflies, etc.)

N02. WATERCOLOR

10. Watercolor - Landscape
11. Watercolor - Marine – seascapes, water scenes
12. Watercolor - Street Scenes
13. Watercolor - Portrait
14. Watercolor - Figure Painting
15. Watercolor - Still Life
16. Watercolor - Flowers
17. Watercolor - Nature (animals)
18. Watercolor – Nature (birds, fish, insects, butterflies, etc.)

N03. PASTEL

19. Pastel - Landscape
20. Pastel - Marine - seascapes, water scenes
21. Pastel - Street Scenes
22. Pastel - Portrait
23. Pastel - Figure Painting
24. Pastel - Still Life
25. Pastel - Flowers
26. Pastel - Nature (animals)
27. Pastel – Nature (birds, fish, insects, butterflies, etc.)

N04. ACRYLIC

28. Acrylic - Landscape
29. Acrylic - Marine - seascapes, water scenes
30. Acrylic - Street Scenes
31. Acrylic - Portrait
32. Acrylic – Figure Painting
33. Acrylic - Still Life
34. Acrylic - Flowers
35. Acrylic – Nature (animals)
36. Acrylic – Nature (birds, insects, butterflies, etc.)

N05. COLORED PENCIL

37. Colored Pencil - Landscape
38. Colored Pencil – Marine – seascapes, water scenes
39. Colored Pencil – Street Scenes
40. Colored Pencil – Portrait
41. Colored Pencil – Figure Drawing
42. Colored Pencil – Still Life
43. Colored Pencil – Flowers
44. Colored Pencil – Nature (animals)
45. Colored Pencil – Nature (birds, insects, butterflies, etc.)

N06. GRAPHIC ARTS

46. Pen and ink or Brush Drawing (traditional, one ink color)
47. Pen and Ink (Colors)
48. Pencil Drawing (graphite, no colors)
49. Charcoal Drawing

N07. MISCELLANEOUS ART

50. Abstract and Impressionistic (any medium)
51. Copy Work (any medium)

10.00 9.00 8.00 7.00

SECTION N – FINE ARTS – ADULTS (Continued)

- 52. Historic Howard County (any medium) Does not have to be on Historic Register
- 53. Mini – Painting 5” x 7” and under not including frame (any medium)

N08. OTHER ART FORMS

- 54. Scratch Board
- 55. Linoleum Block, Monoprint or other print form (must be original)
- 56. Mixed Media (any two or more mediums from category 1-6)

N09. Sculpture

- 57. Polymer or other clay
- 58. Metal (cast, wire, repurpose items)
- 59. Stone
- 60. Wood
- 61. Plaster
- 62. Mixed Media, (no papier mâché)

N10. Alternative or Dimensional Painting

- 63. Art Film Painting
- 64. Art Film Pen and Ink
- 65. Art Film Miniature (any medium 5” x 7” and under)
- 66. Sculptural Relief or Embedded Collage Framed hanging
- 67. Abstract – other (marbling, pouring, ink float)

N11. BUILDING THEME

- 68. Building Theme – Drawing or painting any medium listed above, no sculpture

*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR FINE ARTS*****

- Mary Fleming Streaker Studios of Fine Arts - \$25.00 - Awarded by Mary Streaker**
Best Animal Painting, any Medium
- Mary Fleming Streaker Studios of Fine Arts - \$25.00 - Awarded by Mary Streaker**
Best Portrait, any Medium

SECTION O - FINE ARTS - CHILDREN'S
Entries Due: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday, July 31, 2026 - 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday July 31st

Chairman – Ms. Pat Yates

- **All articles must be the original work of the child exhibiting and must have been completed since the previous Fair. Paintings may be entered only in the year in which they were completed. Repeat entries will be disqualified.**
- Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each class.
- Gallery wrap is acceptable. Gallery wrap means: canvas is wrapped around the stretcher and must be painted with the **continuation** of the painting.
- **All work must be mounted on a rigid backing board example – foam board (NO POSTER BOARD) and can be matted please attach matting securely. Entries that do not adhere to this requirement will not be accepted. No materials will be provided.**
- **Do not use regular double-sided tape, if using double sided tape please use permanent.**
- Exhibits cannot exceed 30 inches in any dimension. This measurement includes the mat and frame.
- Age as of January 1, 2026, will be used for age determination.
- **See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme**
- **Please note:** All entries will be displayed with binder clips.

**One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the
Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category**

SECTION O - FINE ARTS CHILDREN'S (Continued)
One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded to one
Champion Ribbons winners from each age group

CHILDREN'S WORK (5 to 7 Years of Age)	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.25
O01. DRAWING						
1. Pencil						
2. Colored Pencil						
O02. CRAYONS/MARKERS						
3. Crayon						
4. Colored Markers						
O03. PAINTS/PASTELS						
5. Watercolor or Tempera						
6. Pastel						
7. Acrylic						
O04. MISCELLANEOUS						
8. Finger Paints						
9. Scratch Board Linoleum Block, College, Doodling, etc. (Select One)						
10. Mixed Media (any 2 or more Mediums)						
O05. BUILDING THEME – CHILDREN'S 5-7 YRS OLD						
11. Building Theme (any Medium)						
CHILDREN'S WORK (8 to 11 Years of Age)	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.50	1.25
O06. DRAWING						
12. Charcoal						
13. Pencil						
14. Pen and Ink						
O07. COLOR						
15. Pencil						
16. Crayon						
17. Colored Markers						
O08. PAINTS/PASTEL						
18. Watercolor or Tempera						
19. Pastel						
20. Acrylic						
21. Oil						
O09. MISCELLANEOUS						
22. Scratch Board, Linoleum Block, Silk Screen, Collage, Doodling etc. (Select One)						
23. Mixed Media (any 2 or more Mediums)						
O10. BUILDING THEME – CHILDRENS 8-11 YRS OLD						
24. Building Theme (Any Medium)						

<p>SECTION P - FINE ARTS - TEENAGE Entries Due: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2026 - 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday July 31st</p>

Chairman – Mr. Jim Jacobs and Mrs. Jill Carswell

- **All articles must be the original work of the Teen exhibiting and must have been completed since the previous Fair. Paintings may be entered only in the year in which they were completed. Repeat entries will be disqualified.**
- **Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each class.**
- **Any work that is framed must be FRAMED WITH PICTURE WIRES AND SCREW EYES ON BACK FOR HANGING. NO SAW TOOTH HANGERS OR OTHER**

SECTION P - FINE ARTS TEENAGE (Continued)

HANGERS. ARTWORK MUST BE SECURELY ATTACHED TO FRAME.

- Gallery wrap is acceptable. Gallery wrap means: canvas is wrapped around the stretcher and must be painted with the **continuation** of the painting.
- **Any work not framed should be mounted on a rigid backing board example – foam board (NO POSTER BOARD) and matted and attached securely. Entries that do not adhere to this requirement will not be accepted. No materials will be provided.**
- **Do not use regular double-sided tape, if using double sided tape please use permanent.**
- Exhibits cannot exceed 30 inches in any dimension. This measurement includes the mat and frame.
- Age as of January 1, 2026, will be used for age determination.
- **See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme**
- **Please note:** All unframed entries will be displayed with binder clips.

**A Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the
Blue Ribbon winner in each category**

**One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded to one of the
Champion Ribbon winners from each age group**

TEENAGE WORK (12 to 14 Years Old) 5.00 4.00 3.00 2.00 1.50 1.25

P01. PAINTINGS

1. Oil Painting - Landscape
2. Oil Painting - Still Life or Figure, Portrait
3. Acrylics
4. Watercolor
5. Pastel

P02. DRAWING

6. Color Pencil
7. Charcoal
8. Pen and Ink
9. Pencil
10. Colored Markers

P03. MISCELLANEOUS

11. Original Single Frame Cartoon
12. Manga – Japanese Animation
13. Abstract or Impressionistic (any Medium)

P04. OTHER

14. Miscellaneous Forms (select one) Scratch Board, Linoleum, Block, Doodling Collage, Etc.
15. Mixed Media

P05. BUILDING THEME – TEENAGE 12-14 YRS OLD

16. Building Theme (Any Medium)

TEENAGE WORK (15 to 18 Years Old) 5.00 4.00 3.00 2.00 1.50 1.25

P06. PAINTINGS

17. Oil Painting – Landscape
18. Oil Painting - Still Life or Figure, Portrait
19. Acrylics
20. Watercolor
21. Pastel

P07. DRAWING

22. Color Pencil
23. Charcoal
24. Pen and Ink
25. Pencil

SECTION P - FINE ARTS TEENAGE (Continued)

P08. MISCELLANEOUS

- 26. Computer Generated Art
- 27. Original Single Frame Cartoon
- 28. Manga – Japanese Animation
- 29. Abstract or Impressionistic (any Medium)
- 30. Miscellaneous Forms (select one) Scratch Board, Linoleum, Block, Doodling Collage, Etc.
- 31. Mixed Media

P09. BUILDING THEME – TEENAGE 15-18 YRS OLD

- 32. Building Theme (Any Medium)

*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR FINE ARTS*****

Jim & Beth Jacobs \$50.00 – Fine Arts Teenage Best In Show 12-14 yrs. Old

Jim & Beth Jacobs \$50.00 – Fine Arts Teenage Best In Show 15-18 yrs. Old

SECTION Q – FINE ARTS & CRAFTS - ADULTS

Entries Due: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, July 31, 2026 - 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31st

Chairman - Mrs. Donna Hoffman

- All entries are to be handmade.
- No Kits or Plastic Models.
- **Items entered to be hung must have hook or wire to hang them.**
- **All entries must have been completed since the previous Fair.**
- Entries will not be accepted that are larger than 24" x 24" overall.
- **See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme.**

**One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the
Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category**

**One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded as follows from the Champion Ribbons:
One Best in Show Adult**

Q01. ADULT DECORATIVE PAINTING **6.25 5.25 4.25 3.00**

(All judging based upon painting only) Maximum size limit of entire entry (i.e. box, plate, container) is 24" x 24".

- 1. Hand Painting on China
- 2. Decorative Painting on non-fabric/non-container surface
- 3. Decorative Painting on Container – Small (not to exceed 6" x 6")
- 4. Decorative Painting on Container – Large (larger the 6" x 6" but not to exceed 24" x 24")
- 5. Decorative Painting on nature item (i.e. gourd/rock/etc.)
- 6. Ceramics from Prepared Form, Glazed or Not Glazed, Hand painted - Acrylic & Antique

Q02. CREATIVE CRAFTS **6.25 5.25 4.25 3.00**

Maximum size of entry is not to exceed 24" x 24"

- 7. Stenciling on non-Fabric surface
- 8. Calligraphy on non-fabric surface
- 9. Paper Craft (lampshades, decoupage, quilling, origami, stamping, etc.)
- 10. Paper Craft – Scrap Booking two pages 12" x 12".
- 11. Paper Craft – Greeting Cards (group of 3-4 cards decorated in any coordinating method)

SECTION Q – FINE ARTS & CRAFTS ADULTS (Continued)

12. Egg Craft				
13. Shell and Nature Craft -no painted gourds/rocks				
14. Recycled Craft (made from any recycled object)				
15. Handmade/hand-decorated Soap or Candle (one item only)				
Q03. DECORATIVE FABRIC ART	6.25	5.25	4.25	3.00
(Please note – Maximum size of surface/item may exceed 24" x 24" (i.e., large t-shirt) but decorated area to be judged must be 24" x 24" or less)				
16. Rubber Stamping on non-fabric surface				
17. Gourd Art (no painting)				
18. Decorated Bottle /any medium not to exceed 24"				
19. Leather Craft				
20. Collage not to exceed 24" x 24"				
21. Wood Burning item				
22. Hand Painted Clothing (T-shirt, shoes, purses)				
23. Hand Painted Sweatshirts				
24. Decorative painting on non-clothing item				
25. Other Fabric Art (not to include painting)				
Q04. HOLIDAY CRAFTS/DECORATIONS	6.25	5.25	4.25	3.00
Items entered as something to be hung must have a hook or wire for hanging.				
26. Holiday Decoration - Wall Hanging				
27. Holiday Decoration - Door Decoration				
28. Holiday Decoration - Table Decoration				
29. Christmas Decoration - Wall Hanging				
30. Christmas Decoration - Door Decoration				
31. Christmas Decoration - Table Decoration				
32. Christmas Decoration – Ornament				
33. Christmas Stocking				
34. Seasonal Decoration - Wall Hanging				
35. Seasonal Decoration – Door Decoration				
36. Seasonal Decoration - Table Decoration				
37. Miscellaneous Seasonal Decoration				
Q05. JEWELRY	6.25	5.25	4.25	3.00
38. Beading (Jewelry Only)				
39. Polymer Clay Jewelry				
40. Button Jewelry				
41. Hand painted Jewelry				
42. Resin Jewelry				
43. Miscellaneous Jewelry				
Q06. 3-DIMENSIONAL ART/CRAFTING	6.25	5.25	4.25	3.00
The maximum size of entry is not to exceed 24" x 24"				
44. Hand-woven Basket				
45. Decorated Box - at least two media required (i.e., stamping, painting, decoupage, metal work etc.)				
46. Shadow Box (Defined as: a shallow enclosing case/box usually with a glass front in which something is set for protection and display				
47. Book Craft – Altered Book, Book making, etc. (If scrapbook is entered, it should be original creation of entrant (i.e., Original, or embellished cover, not undecorated store-bought cover)				
48. Resin 3-D item made by exhibitor				
49. Handmade Flower – Any medium				
50. Origami				
51. Utilitarian Item - handmade				
Q07. ART GLASS – NO KITS ALLOWED (MAXIMUM SIZE LIMITED 24" X 24")				
52. Stained Glass Painting (framed wall hanging)				
53. Stained Glass Box or free-standing object (constructed of stained-glass components)				
54. Fused Glass Painting (framed wall hanging)				
55. Fused Glass Box or free-standing object (constructed of fused glass)				
56. Glass Mosaic Painting (framed wall hanging)				

SECTION Q – FINE ARTS & CRAFTS ADULTS (Continued)

- 57. Glass-Embellished Object (Glass components must be crafted by submitting artist)
- 58. Art Glass Sun Catcher
- 59. Art Glass Jewelry (Glass components must be crafted by submitting artist)
- 60. Miscellaneous Art Glass

Q08. BUILDING THEME

- 61. Building Theme – Any Medium

*****SPECIAL AWARD FOR FINE ARTS & CRAFTS ADULTS*****

Donna Hoffman - \$20.00 - Best Decorated Box
Donna Hoffman - \$20.00 - Judges Choice of Polymer Clay Entries

SECTION R - FLOWERS AND HERBS

****PLEASE NOTE DAYS
OF ENTRIES AND JUDGING****

FIRST FLOWER SHOW

Classes R01-R06 must be brought in on **Thursday, August 6th** 5 p.m. – 8 p. m

Friday, August 7th from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 8:00 P.M.

Judging for these classes will be Saturday, August 8th.

MID-WEEK FLOWER SHOW

Classes R07- R11 must be brought in on **Tuesday, August 11th** from 6:00 p.m. -

8:00 p.m. and on **Wednesday, August 12th** from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:00 A.M.

Judging for these classes will be Wednesday, August 12th.

Chairman – Mrs. Donna Fisher

Assistant Chairman – Mrs. Michelle Martin

- All Plants, Flowers and Herbs must be grown and arranged by the exhibitor.
- Plant containers must be clean and unbroken.
- **Plant name must be written on the front of tag.**
- **Watering requirements must be written on the back of the tag.**
- Home dried or preserved materials please. Purchased dried material is discouraged.
- Vinegars may be entered in pint or decorative bottles. Paraffin may be used to seal the cork.
- Please check ALL entries to be certain they are free of mites and other plant bugs.
- **Absolutely no** poisonous plants or plant cuttings
- **See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme**

A Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the Blue-Ribbon Winners in each category

One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded from the Champion Ribbon winners

EDUCATIONAL HERB DISPLAY

Entries Due: Thursday, August 6, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, August 7, 2026 - 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7th

SECTION R – FLOWERS AND HERBS (Continued)

- **A display to educate the Fair visitors about herbs/spices** — the various kinds and the many uses for them other than cooking.
- The display should be easy to read and should be no larger than 36" high, 48" wide and 24" deep. The exhibit should be lightweight but strong. Foam board is good to use.
- You must have samples of the herbs/spices that are in your display — dry or fresh, with the names on them. The exhibitor must have grown 90% of the herb/spice.
- Be Creative.

Premiums: First Place - \$25.00; Second Place - \$15.00; Third Place - \$10.00

“PLANT YOUR TEAM COLORS” CONTEST”
Entries Due: Thursday August 6, 2026 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday, August 7, 2026 - 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday August 7th

- Arrangements of potted annuals or perennials in your favorite football team colors.
- Use pots or unusual containers not to exceed 24" overall.
- Can be a professional or a collegiate team.
- Be creative!
- **Absolutely no** poisonous plants or plant cuttings

Premiums: 1st Place - \$15.00; 2nd Place - \$10.00; 3rd Place - \$5.00
Sponsored by Sporticulture

R01. POTTED PLANTS	5.00 4.00 3.00 2.50
1. African Violets - Single	
2. African Violets - Double Blooms	
3. African Violets - Miscellaneous - 2 or more plants in pot	
4. Begonia, small leaf	
5. Begonia, large leaf	
6. Fern, Asparagus (not over 15" pot)	16. Philodendron
7. Fern, Boston, (not over 15" pot)	17. Pothos
8. Fern, Rabbit's Foot, (not over 15" pot)	18. Bonsai
9. Fern, Other, (not over 15" pot)	19. Patio Planter (3 or more different plants)
10. Jade Plant	20. Dish Garden, Cactus (5 or more varieties)
11. Succulent other than Jade	21. Dish Garden, Foliage (5 or more varieties)
12. Cactus, (not over 12" pot)	22. Blooming House Plant - other than listed
13. Coleus without flower	23. Miscellaneous potted plant other than listed above. Flowering or non-flowering.
14. Geranium – blooming	
15. Impatiens	
R02. HANGING BASKETS	5.00 4.00 3.00 2.50
24. Spider Plant	34. Other, Flowers
25. Swedish Ivy	35. Begonia, Tuberous
26. Wandering Jew	36. Begonia, other in flowers
27. Ferns, Boston	37. Geranium, Single in flowers
28. Ferns, Asparagus	38. Geranium, Double in flowers
29. Ferns, Rabbit's Foot	39. Other Foliage, Single variety
30. Ferns, Other	40. Other Foliage, Mixed plants
31. Philodendron	41. Other Flowering, Mixed plants
32. Pothos	42. Petunias
33. Other, Foliage	43. Other Baskets
R03. SILK	5.00 4.00 3.00 2.50
44. Arrangement	47. Wreath
45. Swag	48. Silk Wedding Bouquet
46. Corsage or Nosegay	

SECTION R – FLOWERS AND HERBS (Continued)

R04. HERBS	5.00 4.00 3.00 2.50
49. Potted Herbs (rosemary, scented geranium, lavender, etc.) (3 or more different)	
50. Potpourri (in clear jar) - Herbal - No Flowers	
51. Potpourri (in clear jar) – Spice	
52. Herbal Wreath	
53. Herbal Gift Item (other than items listed above)	
54. Collection of 3 Different Hanging, Dried Herbs on Stem	
R05. VINEGARS	5.00 4.00 3.00 2.50
55. Tarragon Vinegar	59. Basil Vinegar
56. Rosemary Vinegar	60. Mint Vinegar
57. Dill Vinegar	
58. Collection of Five (5) Different Vinegars	10.00 8.00 6.00 4.00
R06. DRIED MATERIALS	5.00 4.00 3.00 2.50
61. Potpourri (in clear jar) - Floral - No Herbs	
62. Arrangement of Dried Material under Glass	
63. Arrangement of Pressed Material under Glass	
64. Herbal Nosegay or Dried Floral Nosegay – (Tussie Mussie) (exhibitor may use lace and ribbon)	
65. Dried Floral Wreath	

MID-WEEK FLOWER SHOW

Classes R07 – R11 must be brought in on **Tuesday August 11th** from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and on **Wednesday, August 12th** from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00a.m.

****NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:00 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, August 12th ****

Judging for these classes will be Wednesday, August 12th

A Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the Blue-Ribbon Winners in each category.

One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded from the Champion Ribbon winners.

R07. ARRANGEMENTS -	6.00 5.00 4.00 3.00
66. Arrangement Suitable for a Formal Dinner Table	
67. Arrangement for Birthday Party - Informal Dinner Table	
68. Small Arrangement (3" to 6")	
69. Arrangement of Wildflowers	
70. Arrangement of Dried Flowers (no purchased or silk material)	
71. Arrangement Suitable for Outside Patio Table	
72. Arrangement in Kitchen Container	
73. Arrangement in Unusual Container	
74. Arrangement of Cultivated Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)	
75. Arrangement in Vase	
76. Arrangement in Tones and Tints of One Color	
77. Fresh Flower Arrangement in Williamsburg Manner	
78. Winter Holiday Arrangement (Christmas, Advent, Hanukkah, Kwanza, etc.) (exhibitor may use accessory and fresh flowers)	
79. Oriental Arrangement	
80. Corsage (Must be displayed in clear box or on a plate with clear bag that you provide)	
81. Professional Florist Arrangement (must provide proof of being a professional) – choice of exhibitor. All other rules apply.	
82. Wreaths or Swags - Any fresh materials	

SECTION R – FLOWERS AND HERBS (Continued)

R08. BUILDING THEME

83. Building Theme Arrangement Fresh Flowers

R09. HORTICULTURAL

4.00 3.00 2.50 2.00

One variety and color. Foliage is desirable, but must be growing from stem of bloom. Pick just before peak of bloom. Horticultural exhibits should be displayed in size-appropriate containers that will support the weight of the entry. The exhibitor will provide these containers. Absolutely no poisonous plants or plant cuttings.

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| 84. Ageratum | 100. Zinnias (3) - Small (2" and under) |
| 85. Aster | 101. Snapdragon (1) - Large |
| 86. Dahlias (1) - Extra Large (over 6") | 102. Snapdragon (1) - Dwarf |
| 87. Dahlias (1) - Large (6") | 103. Dwarf Sunflower |
| 88. Dahlias (1) - Medium (3" to 6") | 104. Coleus without flower |
| 89. Dahlias (1) - Small (under 3") | 105. Salvia - Red |
| 90. Gladiolus (1) – Large | 106. Salvia - White |
| 91. Gladiolus (1) - Miniature | 107. Straw Flower |
| 92. Cockscomb, celosia, crested | 108. Larkspur |
| 93. Cockscomb, celosia, plume | 109. Cosmos |
| 94. Chrysanthemum - (summer type) (1 spray) | 110. Verbena |
| 95. Marigolds - Large (3 blooms) | 111. Vinca |
| 96. Marigolds - Small (1 spray) | 112. Statice |
| 97. Petunia - Single (1 spray) | 113. Hydrangea |
| 98. Petunia - Double (1 spray) | 114. Dusty Miller |
| 99. Zinnias (3) - Large (over 2") | 115. Flowering Shrub Bush (name) |
| | 116. Miscellaneous Horticulture (name) |

Collections (MUST BE DISPLAYED IN 1 CONTAINER) 5.00 4.00 3.50 3.00

- 117. Collection of 5 Different Fresh Culinary Herbs (name them)
- 118. Collection of 5 Different Fragrance Herbs (name them)
- 119. Collection of 5 Different Medicinal Herbs (name them)
- 120. Collection of 3 Different Foliage Plants (name them)
- 121. Collection of 3 Different Fresh Flowers Grown for Drying (name them)
- 122. Collection of 5 Different Annuals (name them)
- 123. Collection of 5 Different Perennials (No Herbs) (name them)

R10. Roses –

4.00 3.00 2.50 2.00

- 124. Rose with foliage
- 125. Rose - Hybrid Tea Rose
- 126. Rose - Floribunda
- 127. Rose - Climber
- 128. Rose - Miniature or Dwarf

R11. Arrangements Using Bought Flowers and Greens 5.00 4.00 3.00 2.00

- 129. Arrangement suitable for a dinner table.
- 130. Teacup Arrangement. Not to exceed 6" overall.

*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR FLOWERS AND HERBS*****

**In Honor of His Mom, Cindy Rolfzen-Shreve by Adam Rolfzen - \$30.00 - Best in Show
Flowers & Herbs - Flower Show**

**The R.L. Hedeman Family in Memory of JoAnn Hedeman - \$30.00 - Best Herbal Vinegar
Collection - Flower Show**

**In Memory of Katherine Arrington by Doris Donaldson - \$15.00 - Champion
Horticultural Exhibit - Adult - Mid-week Flower Show**

**In Memory of JoAnn Hedeman by Carolyn Kulp - \$25.00 - Best of Adult Classes 117,118, or
119 – Mid-week Flower Show**

RH Fisher Contracting - \$25.00 -Best of Adult Class 63

SECTION S - JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW
Flowers are to be delivered on Thursday, August 6, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Friday, August 7, 2026 - 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7th

Chairman – Mrs. Donna Fisher
Assistant Chairman – Mrs. Michele Martin

Open to Children Eighteen (18) Years of Age or Younger as of
January 1, 2026

- **All Flowers will remain until the end of the Fair to help beautify the Home Arts Building and for all fair goers to enjoy.**
- **Rules for the Horticulture Classes:**
- Specimens in all Classes must be raised out-of-doors.
- Exhibitors are allowed one entry in each Class or Subdivision.
- The specimen must be in an appropriate size container furnished by the exhibitor.
- Each specimen must have attached foliage.
- **See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme.**
- **Rules for the Artistic Classes:**
- Exhibitors are allowed one entry in each class.
- ALL arrangements must be the work of the child.
- ALL entries must meet size requirements.
- ALL potted plants and dish gardens **must be** planted by the exhibitor.
- ALL bad foliage **must be** removed.
- ALL arrangements must be in floral containers and arranged.
- ALL entries **must be** free of mites and other plant bugs.
- **Absolutely no** poisonous plants or plant cuttings.

A Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the Blue-Ribbon winners in each class.

One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded from the Champion Ribbon winners.

S01. HORTICULTURE	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.25
Please leave foliage on specimen						
1. Aster - bloom	10. Zinnia - Large - 1 bloom (over 2")					
2. Dahlia - Large - 1 bloom (6")	11. Cultivated Black-Eyed Susan - 1 spray					
3. Dahlia - Medium - 1 bloom (3"-6")	12. Coleus without flowers					
4. Dahlia - Small - 1 bloom (under 3")	13. Cockscomb					
5. Snapdragon	14. Dwarf Sunflower					
6. Gladiolus - 1 spike	15. Petunia - 1 spray					
7. Marigold - Small - 1 bloom	16. Rose					
8. Marigold - Large - 1 bloom	17. Miscellaneous					
9. Zinnia - Small -1 bloom (2" & under)	18. Collection of 5 Different Annual or Perennial					
S02. POTTED PLANTS	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.25
19. Terrarium or Dish Garden (planted by exhibitor)						
20. Cactus Garden (planted by exhibitor)						
21. Flowing Plant (not to exceed 10" pot)						
22. House Plant, foliage (not to exceed 10" pot)						
23. Miscellaneous						
S03. ARTISTIC	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.25
24. Large Dried Arrangement over 6"						
25. Small Dried Arrangement under 6"						
26. Large Fresh Arrangement over 6"						
27. Small Fresh Arrangement under 6"						
28. Arrangement for Special Event or Holiday (name Event)						

SECTION S – JUNIOR FLOWERS SHOW (Continued)

S04. BUILDING THEME

29. Building Theme Fresh Flower Arrangement

S05. HERBS

4.00 3.00 2.50 2.00 1.50 1.25

- 30. Culinary Herbs - Cut and placed in water - 3 stems.
- 31. Medicinal Herbs - Cut and placed in water - 3 stems
- 32. Fragrant Herbs - Cut and placed in water - 3 stems

*****SPECIAL AWARD FOR JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW*****

- Hedeman Family - \$30** - Champion Horticulture
- Walnut Springs Nursery - \$30** - Champion Potted Plant
- Blossom and Basket Boutique** – Day with a Floral Designer -
Champion Artistic Arrangement
- RH Fisher Contracting – \$25.00** – Champion Building Theme
- RH Fisher Contracting - \$25.00** - Champion Herb
- RH Fisher Contracting - \$25.00** – Jr. Best in Show

SECTION T - FOOD PRESERVATION
Entries Due: Thursday August 6, 2026- 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday, August 7, 2026 – 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7th

Chairmen - Mrs. Betsy Gould
Assistant Chairmen – Mrs. Joan Waclawski

- Canned fruits, vegetables, pickles and meats must be exhibited in clear Standard Pint, Quart or 8-ounce jars (not Blue or Green jars). The Jars must be a Mason jar i.e., Ball, Kerr, etc. Leave rings on jars. All canned food must be sealed. Please check latest USDA findings on preserving through University of MD Extension, Howard County (410-313-2707).
- Jellies, jams, marmalades, butters, preserves, and conserves will be accepted only in self-sealing jars. These must be entered in 8-ounce or 12-ounce jelly jars only. **Pints and 4-ounce jelly jars will not be accepted.** **PARAFFIN IS NOT TO BE USED. JARS ARE NOT TO BE DECORATED WITH LABELS OR RIBBONS OF ANY KIND.**
- Dried foods must be entered in pint or 8-ounce jelly jars.
- **Class T10 – Special Building Theme** – This can be any type of edible canning. The purpose is to have a canned item that would represent the Building Theme. Building Theme entries will not be opened. It is a visual exhibit only. **All proper canning techniques must be followed.**
- Entries are to have been canned since the previous Fair.
- Age of youth exhibitor as of **January 1, 2026.**
- See Departmental Rules for **2026 Building Theme**

**One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the
 Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category**

One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded as follows from the Champion Ribbons:
One Best in Show Adult
One Best in Show Teenage

T01. CANNED FRUIT

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|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 4.00 | 3.50 | 3.00 | 2.50 |
| 1. Apples (Sliced) | 5. Cherries (light) | 9. Pears | | |
| 2. Applesauce | 6. Cherries (dark) | 10. Miscellaneous | | |
| 3. Raspberries | 7. Sour Cherries | 11. Pie Filling | | |
| 4. Other Berries | 8. Peaches | | | |

SECTION T - FOOD PRESERVATION (Continued)

T02. CANNED VEGETABLES		4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
12. Beets	16. Mixed Vegetables				20. Tomatoes (broken)
13. Carrots	17. Sauerkraut				21. Tomatoes (whole)
14. Corn (whole kernel)	18. String Beans				22. Tomato Juice
15. Squash	19. Tomato Sauce				23. Miscellaneous
T03. JELLIES		4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
24. Apple	28. Black Raspberry				32. Strawberry
25. Cherry	29. Red Raspberry				33. Herb Jelly
26. Grape	30. Blackberry				34. Sugar Free Jelly
27. Peach	31. Pepper Jelly				35. Miscellaneous
T04. PRESERVES		4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
36. Cherry	39. Plum				42. Sugar Free Preserve
37. Blueberry	40. Strawberry				43. Miscellaneous
38. Peach	41. Blackberry				
T05. JAMS, ETC.		4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
44. Blackberry	49. Blueberry				54. Apple Butter
45. Cherry	50. Apricot				55. Other Butters
46. Red Raspberry	51. Marmalade				56. Sugar Free Jam
47. Peach	52. Black Raspberry				57. Miscellaneous
48. Strawberry	53. Mixed Fruit (name)				
T06. PICKLES, RELISH, ETC.		4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
58. Bread and Butter					67. Sweet Pickle Mix
59. Catsup					68. Sweet Pickle Peaches
60. Chili Sauce					69. Watermelon Pickle
61. Zucchini Relish					70. Tomato Relish
62. Cucumber (dill, cut)					71. Sweet Pickle Relish
63. Dill (whole)					72. Zucchini Pickle
64. Cucumber (sweet, cut)					73. Mild or Medium Salsa
65. Pepper Relish					74. Hot Salsa
66. Pickled Beets					75. Miscellaneous
T07. DRIED FOODS		4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
76. Apples					80. Onions
77. Peaches					81. Peppers
78. Tomatoes					82. Meat - jerky
79. Squash - Yellow or Green					83. Miscellaneous
T08. SPECIALTY FOODS		4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
84. Syrup (must be processed)					88. Any Fruit Conserve
85. Chutneys					89. Meat
86. Soups (must be pressured cooked)					90. Miscellaneous
87. Barbeque Sauce					
T09. COLLECTIONS		10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00
(A collection is made up of five (5) jars--Standard Pint, Quart or 8-ounce jar for Fruit, Vegetables or Meats; Standard Pint, Quart or 8-ounce jar for Pickles; Standard 8-ounce or 12-ounce jelly jar for Jellies; Standard Pint or 8-ounce jelly jar for Dried Foods. Each jar in the Collection must be in the same size jar and must have an entry tag on which the contents of each is listed.)					
91. Five Different Fruits					95. Five Different Jellies
92. Five Different Vegetables					96. Five Different Preserves
93. Five Different Pickles					97. Five Different Specialty Foods
94. Five Different Jams					98. Five Different Dried Foods
T10. SPECIAL BUILDING THEME		4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
99. Special Building Theme for categories T01 – T09					
T11. YOUTH CANNING (AGE 18 & YOUNGER)		4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
100. Fruits	103. Jams				2.00
101. Vegetables	104. Pickles				1.50
102. Jellies	105. Dried Food				
					106. Miscellaneous
T12. YOUTH CANNING BUILDING THEME		4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
107. Building Theme					2.00
					1.50

SECTION T - FOOD PRESERVATION (Continued)
*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR FOOD PRESERVATION*****
AVS Plumbing & Heating - \$25 - Champion Adult Jelly
Robert, Carolyn and Felicia Kulp - \$25 - Champion Canning Collection
in Memory of Irene Robison

SECTION U - HAND SPINNING
Entries Due: Wednesday July 29, 2026- 5 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 5p.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday, July 31, 2026 - 3p.m. – 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday July 31st

Chairman – Ms. Pat Capogrossi

- Age as of January 1, 2026 will be used for age determination.
- Only one entry per person, per class allowed.
- **Entries must be submitted in the name of the spinner and spun within the year. HAND SPINNING** is done on a spinning wheel, treadle or electric power, or on a hand spindle.
- Skein should be at least 2 oz. in weight and should have a circumference of 1½-2 yards and be neatly wound and tied.
- All yarn should be washed thoroughly, dried and re-skeined before being submitted for judging. When setting twist, care should be taken to weight or block evenly.
- Sheep breed, if known, or fiber, method of preparation, and intended use must be indicated for each skein.
- Articles made from handspun yarn must be constructed by the spinner and made entirely from yarn spun by that person.

Basis for Judging: HAND SPINNING will be judged on control and consistency of chosen technique, aesthetic and tactile appeal of yarn, degree of time, skill and creativity represented, and value in relation to use.

**One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the
Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category)**
Best of Classes 1 - 4 Best of Classes 12 - 16
Best of Classes 5 - 11 Best of Classes 17 - 21
Best of Classes 22 – 25

One Best in Show Ribbon will be from the Champion Ribbon Winners.

ADULT OPEN CLASSES

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| U01. WOOL | 10.00 8.00 6.00 4.00 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skein handspun of 100% wool prepared by the spinner. 2. Skein handspun of 100% wool prepared commercially. 3. Skein handspun from fiber blend that is at least 50% wool 4. Skein handspun 3 or more plies, at least 50% wool | |
| U02. PLANT FIBERS AND ANIMAL FIBERS | |
| OTHER THAN WOOL | 10.00 8.00 6.00 4.00 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Skein spun fine or thick, singles or plied from fiber not including wool, including alpaca, Angora rabbit, mohair, llama, silk, dog hair, cotton, hemp, linen, bamboo, etc.). 6. Skein spun from fibers dyed by spinner, natural or commercial dye - specify dye used. | |
| U03. MISCELLANEOUS | 10.00 8.00 6.00 4.00 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Skein spun using novelty techniques, any fiber, using core or binding thread. State fiber used. 8. Skein spun using novelty techniques, any fiber, any design. State fiber used. | |

SECTION U – HAND SPINNING (Continued)

9. Skein spun by Novice Spinner with less than one year of experience, singles or plied, any fiber or blend. State fiber used.

10. Hand spinners yarn basket - minimum of one pound of yard handspun in any manner for a single project, displayed in a basket. Include a description of the fiber technique used to spin the yarn, fiber type, and its intended use.

11. Miscellaneous Hand spinning - any item not listed previously.

U04. HAND SPUN ARTICLES 10.00 8.00 6.00 4.00

12. Hand spun, hand woven item. Commercial warp is acceptable.

13. Hand spun item - knitted or crocheted.

U05. HAND FELTED ARTICLE 10.00 8.00 6.00 4.00

14. Wet or dry felted from un-spun fiber article, 2 dimensional (flat piece)

15. Wet or dry felted from un-spun fiber 3-dimensional object.

U06. BUILDING THEME - ADULT

16. Best representation of the Building Theme.

YOUTH CLASSES (18 years of age and under)

U07. WOOL 10.00 8.00 6.00 4.00 3.00 2.00

17. Skein handspun of 100% wool prepared by the spinner.

18. Skein handspun of 100% wool prepared commercially.

U08. ANIMAL FIBERS OTHER THAN WOOL

(Cotton, linen, alpaca, angora, rabbit, mohair, llama, silk, etc.)

19. Skein spun of animal fibers other than wool, fine or thick, even singles or plied.

U09. MISCELLANEOUS

20. Skein spun from fibers dyed by the spinner.

21. Skein spun from any fiber blend. State fibers used.

U10. HAND SPUN ARTICLES

22. Woven, knit or crocheted item made from handspun yarn.

U11. HAND FELTED ARTICLE

23. Wet or dry felted from un-spun fiber article, 2 dimensional (flat piece).

24. Wet or dry felted from un-spun fiber 3-dimensional object.

U12. BUILDING THEME- YOUTH

25. Best representation of Building Theme.

SPECIALS AWARDS FOR HAND SPINNING

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival - \$25.00 – Best Hand Spinning

Lynn Beattie, Hunt Valley Cashmere – Gift – Cashmere Yarn for

Adult Best in Show, Spinner

Lynn Beattie, Hunt Valley Cashmere – Gift - Cashmere Yarn for

Youth Best in Show, Spinner

SECTION V - HAND WEAVING

Entries Due: Wednesday July 29, 2026- 5 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 5p.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, July 31, 2026 - 3p.m. – 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday July 31st

Chairman – Ms. Pat Capogrossi

- Age as of January 1, 2026, will be used for age determination.
- Only one entry per person, per class allowed.
- **The exhibitor must have woven all entries since the previous Fair.**
- All entries must be properly finished (washed and pressed when appropriate).
- **HAND WEAVING** is weaving done on a handloom, which contains two or more harnesses, or a frame loom and includes card weaving, inkle weaving, and kumihimo.

SECTION V – HAND WEAVING (Continued)

- Basis for Judging: General appearance, design and workmanship.
- See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme.

**One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the
Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category**

Best of Classes 1 - 4	Best of Classes 12 - 15
Best of Classes 5 - 8	Best of Class 16
Best of Classes 9 - 11	Best of Classes 17 – 22
Best in Class 23	

One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded from the Champion Ribbon winners.

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|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| V01. ADULT OPEN CLASSES | 10.00 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 | | |
| 1. Small blanket, lap robe, baby blanket up to 39" wide. | | | | | | |
| 2. Large blanket or afghan - 40" wide or more | | | | | | |
| 3. Clothing other than items included in categories 4 - 9 | | | | | | |
| 4. Outerwear - ponchos, ruanas, quesquimitls, stoles, shawls, etc. | | | | | | |
| 5. Scarf: 18 ends per inch or less - any fiber | | | | | | |
| 6. Scarf: more than 18 ends per inch any fiber | | | | | | |
| 7. Scarf: any fiber 4 shafts or fewer | | | | | | |
| 8. Scarf: 5 or more shafts | | | | | | |
| 9. Woven on a rigid Heddle Loom – any item | | | | | | |
| 10. Home accessory: table runner or other home accessory (tablecloth, pillow, etc.) | | | | | | |
| 11. Woven set 2 or more dishtowels, placemats, etc. | | | | | | |
| 12. Rug, flat woven | | | | | | |
| 13. Tapestry | | | | | | |
| 14. Miscellaneous Weaving - Any item not previously listed. | | | | | | |
| 15. Hand woven, Hand dyed item: either warp or weft or both must be dyed by the weaver, specify the type of fiber and dye used. | | | | | | |
| V02. BUILDING THEME - ADULT | | | | | | |
| 16. Building Theme - woven item. | | | | | | |
| V03. NOVICE WEAVER (2 or fewer years of experience) | | | | | | |
| 17. Novice small item: belt, tote, etc. | | | | | | |
| 18. Novice medium item: shawl, placemats, scarf etc. | | | | | | |
| 19. Novice large item: afghan, blanket, etc. | | | | | | |
| V04. YOUTH CLASSES (18 years of age and under) | 10.00 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 | 3.00 | 2.00 |
| 20. Small Item - belt, tote, scarf, etc. | | | | | | |
| 21. Medium Item - shawl, tablecloth, placemats, etc. | | | | | | |
| 22. Large Item - afghan, blanket, rug, etc. | | | | | | |
| V05. BUILDING THEME – NOVICE, YOUTH | | | | | | |
| 23. Building Theme - woven item. | | | | | | |

*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR HAND WEAVING *****

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival - \$25.00 - Best Hand Weaving
Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival - \$50.00 - Best Entry Made of Maryland Wool, Weaving
Lynn Beattie, Hunt Valley Cashmere – Gift - Cashmere Yarn for
Best Youth Weaver
Lynn Beattie, Hunt Valley Cashmere – Gift - Cashmere Yarn for
Best Novice Weaver

SECTION W - NEEDLE ARTS
Entries Due: Wednesday July 29, 2026- 5 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 5p.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday, July 31, 2026 - 3p.m. – 8 p.m.

Entries close at 8:00 p.m. on Friday July 31st

Chairman – Mrs. Anne Walters

- The exhibits in this section are judged primarily for handwork and must be clean.
- **All entries must have been completed since the previous Fair.**
- Needlework pictures must be framed with finished back and ready to hang with PICTURE WIRE on back for hanging following judging.
- Embellished Cross Stitch must be entered as Miscellaneous Cross Stitch.
- Original Design means designed by the exhibitor.
- Adapted Design means exhibitor copied from picture, print, poster, etc. Photograph of article the exhibit was adapted from must accompany the exhibit.
- Afghans should measure 45"-60" wide and not more than 80" long including fringe. Afghans will be hung following judging.
- Age as of January 1, 2026, will be used for age determination.
- **See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme**

One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the

Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category

One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded as follows from the Champion Ribbons:

One Best in Show Adult
One Best in Show Children
One Best in Show Teenage

W01. RUGS	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.50
1. Latch Hook Rug				
2. Braided Rug				
3. Traditional Hooked Rug				
4. Miscellaneous Rug				
5. Original Design Rug				
W02. CROCHETED - BABY ITEMS	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
6. Two or Three-Piece Baby Set				
7. Baby or Child's Sweater (up to 6 years)				
8. Baby or Child's Dress (up to 6 years)				
9. Baby Afghan				
10. Miscellaneous Crocheted Baby Items				
W03. CROCHETED GARMENTS				
11. Child's Sweater (6-12 years)	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
12. Adult Sweater with Sleeves	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50
13. Vest/Shaw or Wrap	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
14. Top other than Sweater				
15. Scarf and Hat Set				
16. Hat				
17. Scarf				
18. Original Design				
W04. CROCHETED ITEMS	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.50
19. Granny Squares Afghan				
20. Ripple Afghan				
21. Afghan Stitch				

SECTION W - NEEDLE ARTS (Continued)

22. Shell Afghan	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.50
23. Squares Afghan				
24. Stripes Afghan				
25. Lap Robes				
26. Miscellaneous Afghan				
27. Crocheted Bedspread or Tablecloth				
28. Crocheted Doily or Centerpiece	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
29. Crocheted Pillow	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
30. Crocheted Miscellaneous	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
31. Original Design Crocheted Item	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
W05. KNITTED BABY ITEMS	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
32. Two or Three-Piece Baby Set				
33. Baby Afghan				
34. Baby Dress				
35. Baby Sweater				
36. Miscellaneous Knitted Baby Item				
W06. KNITTED GARMENTS - HAND KNITTED				
37. Knitted Scarf	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50
38. Sweater with Sleeves (Cardigan)	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.00
39. Shawl, Poncho, or Cape (Lace design)	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.00
40. Shawl, Poncho, or Cape (other than lace)	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.00
41. Sweater with Sleeves (Pullover)	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
42. Child's Sweater (6-12)	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
43. Shell or Vest	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
44. Hat	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
45. Gloves/Mittens or Hats/Scarf Sets (2 items)	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
46. Miscellaneous Knitted Garment, Hand	8.00	7.50	7.00	6.50
47. Hand Knitted Socks (pair)	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50
48. Knitted Afghan, Hand	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50
49. Original Design Knitted Item	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
50. Pillow	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
W07. BUILDING THEME	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
51. Building Theme in any form of Needle Art from categories W01 – W06				
W08. EMBROIDERED - FLOSS				
52. Napkins (4)	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.00
53. Pillowcase (1)	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.00
54. Ribbon Embroidery	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
55. Miscellaneous Embroidered – Floss	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
56. Original Design Embroidered – Floss	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
W09. CREWEL PICTURE				
57. Framed Item (not over 12" x 24")	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.00
58. Non-Framed Crewel, Pillows, etc.	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
59. Original Design Crewel	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
W10. NEEDLEPOINT				
60. Pillow	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
61. Picture (not over 24 x 24 design)	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.00
62. Miscellaneous Needlepoint	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
63. Original Design Needlepoint	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
W11. COUNTED THREAD/CANVAS	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.50
64. Blackwork/Redwork/Bluework				
65. Hardanger (To qualify as Hardanger embroidery, there must be cutting and removal of threads and filling stitches in the openwork.)				
66. Miniatures (32 ct. and above)				
67. Miscellaneous Counted Thread				
68. Original Design Counted Thread				
W12. COUNTED CROSS STITCH PICTURES (FRAMED)	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.50
69. Scenic Small (5x7 & under-measure only picture fabric)				
70. Scenic Medium (over 5 x 7, up to 12 x 15)				
71. Scenic Large (over 12 x 15)				

SECTION W - NEEDLE ARTS (Continued)

72. Verses, Small (5x7 & under-measure only picture fabric)				
73. Verses, Medium (over 5x7, up to 12x15)				
74. Verses, Large (over 12 x 15)				
75. Samplers, Small (5x7 & under-measure only picture fabric)				
76. Samplers, Medium (over 5x7, up to 12x15)				
77. Samplers, Large (over 12 x 15)				
78. Announcements-no size distinction				
79. Patriotic Theme				
80. Christmas – Small (5x7 & under-measure only picture fabric)				
81. Christmas – Medium (over 5x7, up to 12x15)				
82. Christmas – Large (over 12 x 15)				
83. Animal, Bird – Small (5x7 & under-measure only picture fabric)				
84. Animal, Bird – Medium (over 5x7, up to 12x15)				
85. Animal, Bird – Large (over 12 x 15)				
86. Flower – Small (5x7 & under-measure only picture fabric)				
87. Flower – Medium (over 5x7, up to 12x15)				
88. Flower – Large (over 12 x 15)				
89. People – Small (5x7 & under-measure only picture fabric)				
90. People – Medium (over 5x7, up to 12x15)				
91. People – Large (over 12 x 15)				
92. Miscellaneous – Small (5x7 & under-measure only picture fabric)				
93. Miscellaneous – Medium (over 5x7, up to 12x15)				
94. Miscellaneous – Large (over 12 x 15)				
W13. COUNTED CROSS STITCH – OTHER	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
95. Household Items				
96. Pillow				
97. Bell Pull				
98. Christmas				
99. Miscellaneous Counted Cross Stitch				
100. Original Counted Cross Stitch Design	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
W14. HOUSEHOLD ITEMS - Must have been made with floss, fabric or yarn.NO WOOD				
101. Small appliance Covers, Car Seat	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
Covers, Household Organizers (such as laundry bags, Diaper stackers, Pajama or shoe holder)				
102. Miscellaneous – Household items				
103. Macramé				
104. Appliqué (except quilts)				
105. Handbags – Hand or machine made				
106. Latch Hook	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50
W15. HANDMADE DOLL - (only one doll accepted)	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
107. Fabric Face, Hands and Feet				
108. Molded Face, Hands and Feet				
(Maybe purchased parts, but must be assembled by exhibitor)				
W16. STUFFED TOYS - (only one toy accepted) & Doll Clothes				
109. Crocheted or Amigurumi – large over 12”	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
110. Crocheted or Amigurumi – small under 12 “				
111. Knitted – large over 12”				
112. Knitted – small under 12”				
113. Sewed - made by hand				
W17. NEEDLEWORK ON PLASTIC	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
114. Tissue Box Covers				
115. Holiday				
W18. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
116. Handwork or Sewed Christmas Decoration				
117. Handwork or Sewed Holiday Decoration (other than Christmas)				
W19. Miscellaneous–	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
118. Ethnic Stitching				
119. Gold Work				
120. Thread Painting				

SECTION W - NEEDLE ARTS (Continued)

W20. Building Theme

121. Building Theme in any form of Needle Art from categories W08 – W19

W21. CHILDREN'S NEEDLE ARTS – 11 yrs. of Age and Under

- 122. Knitted Item **4.00 3.50 3.00 2.50 2.00 1.50**
- 123. Crocheted Item
- 124. Sewn Item
- 125. Embroidered Item
- 126. Counted Cross Stitch Item
- 127. Macramé
- 128. Latch Hook Article
- 129. Stuffed Toys - Hand Made or Machine Made
- 130. Handmade or Sewn Christmas or Holiday Decoration
- 131. Handmade Dolls - Molded Face, Fabric Face, Hands & Feet
- 132. Pillow
- 133. Plastic Canvas Work
- 134. Other Handmade Item of Fabric, Plastic, Canvas, Yarn or Floss Not Listed Above

W22. CHILDREN'S NEEDLE ARTS – BUILDING THEME

135. **Building Theme** -Any item from category W21

W23. TEENAGE NEEDLE ARTS –12 to 18 yrs. of Age 4.00 3.50 3.00 2.50 2.00 1.50

- 136. Knitted Item
- 137. Crocheted Item
- 138. Sewn Item
- 139. Embroidered Item
- 140. Counted Cross Stitch Item
- 141. Macramé
- 142. Latch Hook Article
- 143. Stuffed Toys - Hand & Machine Made
- 144. Handmade or Sewn Christmas or Holiday Decoration
- 145. Handmade Dolls - Molded Face, Fabric Face, Hands & Feet
- 146. Pillow
- 147. Plastic Canvas Work
- 148. Other Handmade Item of Fabric, Plastic, Canvas, Yarn or Floss Not Listed Above

W24. TEENAGE NEEDLE ARTS - BUILDING THEME

149. Building Theme - Any Item from category W23

*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR NEEDLE ARTS*****

Kim Sullivan - \$25.00 - Best Adult Counted Cross Stitch Picture

J. David Mullinix & Sons - \$25.00 – Best Crocheted Tablecloth or Bedspread

2026 Needle Arts Challenge

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For Ages all ages

Use Aida, Everweave, Linen or canvas with counts of 14 (28), 16 (32) or 18 (36) only

Go to: www.dmc.com

In search box, type “free butterfly”

Use the 2nd or Butterfly Lily Pattern

Choose the pattern only and click on free

Stitch it as indicated on the pattern.

Have it finished any way you like

Enter it into the fair in 2026. Good Luck!

SECTION W – NEEDLE ARTS (Continued)

1st Place \$10.00
2nd Place \$8.00

3rd Place \$6.00
4th Place \$4.00

Any questions please contact: Anne Walters 410-241-0370

TABLE SETTING CONTEST

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Bldg. Theme - Sheep

You are setting a picnic table in a meadow.

THE RULES ARE REALLY VERY SIMPLE:

Provide your menu.

The items that must be included are:

Placemat - No larger than 13" x 19".

Plate

Cup/Glassware

Napkin

Plastic Flatware preferred - **No Sterling Flatware**

Small Centerpiece

Valuable Glassware and China discouraged.

Be Creative!

Adults – 18 years and older

The premiums for this contest are:

First Place - \$20.00

Second Place - \$15.00

Third Place - \$12.00

Children – under 18 years of age

The premiums for this contest are:

First Place – \$8.00

Second Place - \$6.00

Third Place - \$5.00

SECTION X - NEEDLE ARTS – QUILTS

**Entries Due: Wednesday July 29, 2026- 5 p.m.- 8 p.m.
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Chairman – Mrs. Mary Alexander

- All quilts should be free of construction markings from handwork and must be clean. **Quilts for classes X01, 1 - 3; X03, 9-11; X05 (must have perimeter greater than 220").**
- Limit of one entry per entrant(s) or group per category.

SECTION X – NEEDLE ARTS – QUILTS (Continued)

X07. CHILDREN'S QUILTING – (maximum perimeter 220")

11 Years of Age and Under 4.00 3.50 3.00 2.50 2.00 1.50

24. Quilt – Hand Made

25. Quilt – Machine Made

26. Miscellaneous Quilting – Hand or Machine

X08. Building Theme Quilt – Children's Quilting

27. Building Theme - Hand or Machine Quilted

X09. TEENAGE QUILTING – (maximum perimeter 220")

12 to 18 Years of Age 4.00 3.50 3.00 2.50 2.00 1.50

28. Quilt – Hand Made

29. Quilt – Machine Made

30. Miscellaneous Quilting - Hand or Machine

X10. Building Theme Quilt – Teenage Quilting

31. Building Theme – Hand or Machine Quilted

*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR NEEDLE ARTS - QUILTS*****

Dessie Moxley - \$50 - Best in Show Hand Quilted Quilt in Memory Elmira Seibert

Kim Sullivan - \$25 - Best Hand Appliquéd Quilt

Mary Alexander - \$25.00 - Champion in Children's Quilting Section X07
in Memory of John Joseph Wolf

SECTION Y – PHOTOGRAPHY

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Chairman – Mr. Don Vermillion

Co-Chairman – Mr. Howard Smith

- Photography is the art of a photographer capturing an image. Unless specifically noted entries are to be single exposure, manually triggered, and minimally manipulated (e.g. rotate, crop, exposure, dust removal). They cannot be significantly altered from the original image.
- The focus of a photograph is the primary object/area of interest. Photos should be submitted in a category matching the image's focus. Judging will take entry category into account.
- The 2026 Building Theme (Sheep) is defined in the Home Arts Department rules.
- Entries are displayed using clips which may permanently indent/mark your backing/matting.

ALL ENTRIES – DO:

- Entries must be 8" x 10" or 8" x 12" photos printed on photo paper.
- Entries must be mounted with double-sided tape on stiff 11" x 14" backing such as foam, matte, or hard board.
- Entries may optionally be matted with at least 7 ¾" x 9 ¾" of the photo exposed.
- Photographs must have been taken since the start of the photo entries for the 2025 Howard County Fair.
- There is a maximum of seven (7) entries per entrant.

DON'T'S:

- Entrants may not enter more than one photo in any category (i.e. Y01.1-B&W Landscapes).
- Photos must not be submitted in more than one category – note that modified/special effects versions are not copies and may be entered in an appropriate category.
- Entry thickness must not exceed ¼".
- Backing material must not be flexible.
- Matting+photos without backing is prohibited.
- Framed entries are not allowed.

SECTION Y - PHOTOGRAPHY (Continued)

A Champion Ribbon is awarded to one Blue Ribbon (First Premium) winner per section

One (1) Best in Show Ribbon is chosen from the Champion winners from Sections Y01-Y05

One (1) Best in Show Ribbon is chosen from the Champion winners from Junior Section Y06-Y07

Y01. LIVE SUBJECT PHOTOGRAPHY	9.00	7.00	5.00	3.00		
1. People (Adult – 18 years old or older)						
2. People (Children – less than 18 years old)						
3. Domestic Animals (Pets)						
4. Farm animals (non-pet domesticated animals)						
5. Wildlife (Birds)						
6. Wildlife (non-bird)						
7. Aquatic animals/sea life						
8. Insect(s)						
9. Plants & Flowers (with or without insects)						
Y02. SCENIC & MISC PHOTOGRAPHY	9.00	7.00	5.00	3.00		
10. Landscapes – water (ocean, sea, lake, rivers, waterfalls etc.)						
11. Landscapes – with structures (buildings, bridges etc.)						
12. Landscapes – winter/snow scenes						
13. Landscapes –sunrises/sunset/celestial bodies.						
14. Landscapes – Other (not in categories10-13)						
15. Historic Places or Antique Machinery						
16. Still Life (Staged objects, includes displayed food)						
17. Special Effects – any subject – multi-exposure, automatic triggers, significantly altered during processing/development i.e. “Photoshopped”, etc.						
18. Open (any non-B&W photography, includes Special Effects)						
Y03. BLACK AND WHITE/MONOCROME PHOTOGRAPHY	9.00	7.00	5.00	3.00		
19. Landscapes						
20. People						
21. Animals – domestic and farm animals (non-people)						
22. Animals – other (not people, not category 21)						
23. Transportation & Machinery (includes non-functional/antique)						
24. Open (any B&W, includes modified)						
Y04. 2025 HOWARD COUNTY FAIR	9.00	7.00	5.00	3.00		
25. Photographs of the 2025 Howard County Fair – Color						
26. Photographs of the 2025 Howard County Fair – B&W						
Y05. THEMED CATEGORIES (SHEEP)	9.00	7.00	5.00	3.00		
27. 2026 Home Arts Building Theme – Color						
28. 2026 Home Arts Building Theme – B&W						
29. Photo Chairman’s Choice - Watercraft						
Y06. JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY – (5-15 Years Old)	9.00	7.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
30. People						
31. People (selfies – judged primarily on composition)						
32. Sporting Events						
33. Animals – domestic/pet or farm animal (not people)						
34. Animals – other (not people, not category 32)						
35. Landscapes – with structures (buildings, bridges, etc.)						
36. Landscapes – sunrise/sunset/celestial bodies						
37. Landscapes – other (not in category 35 or 36)						
38. Open (any Including Special Effects)						
Y07. JUNIOR BUILDING THEME (SHEEP)						
39. 2026 Home Arts Building Theme - all						

SPECIAL AWARD FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Heather Streaker - \$25.00 Best in Class 9 Plants & Flowers w/ without insects.

Heather Streaker - \$25.00 Best in Class 33 Animals, Junior Photography.

Anne Sealing Walters - \$25.00 In Memory of **Bill Walters** Most interesting sunrise/sunset/celestial body.

SECTION Y – PHOTOGRAPHY (Continued)
Anne Sealing Walters - \$25.00 In Memory of Bill Walters Most interesting
seascape/aquatic/lake/waterfall/river.

SECTION Z – WOODWORKING
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Chairman - Mr. Ron Clements

- All entries must have been completed since the previous Fair.
- Age as of January 1, 2026, will be used for age determination.
- See Departmental Rules for 2026 Building Theme.
- Will not accept Lichtenberg woodburning

CHALLENGE CARVING CONTEST

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE:

- Open to all ages.
- All entries must have been completed since the previous Fair.
- Carve: Sheep
- Max. size 12 x 12 x 12, must stand upright on its own, any wood, any color, any finish.
- Pre-registering is requested but not required.
- The premiums for this contest are:

First Place:	\$20.00	Third Place:	\$10.00
Second Place:	\$15.00	Fourth Place:	\$5.00

NON-CARVERS CHALLENGE CONTEST

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE:

- Open to all ages
- All entries must have been completed since the previous Fair.
- Build: **Serving Tray with Handles (grips)**
- Max 20" x 14" – 2 or more woods, natural finish
- Natural finish, any wood.
- Pre-registering is requested but not required.
- The Premiums for the contest are:

First Place	\$20.00	Third Place	\$10.00
Second Place	\$15.00	Fourth Place	\$5.00

One Champion Ribbon will be awarded from the
Blue Ribbon Winners in Each Category

One Best in Show Ribbon will be awarded as follows from the Champion Ribbons:

One Best in Show Adult
One Best in Show Teenage
One Best in Show Children

Sizes for Classes Z01, Z02, Z03 and Z04:

LARGE: Desk, Dresser, Table, Hutch, Etc.
MEDIUM: Chair, End Table, Floor Lamp, Etc.
SMALL: Stool, Small Chest, Table Lamp, Etc.

Sizes for Classes Z05, Z06, Z07, Z08, Z09, Z10, Z11 and Z12:

LARGE: Greater than 12" any direction
SMALL: Up to 12" any direction

SECTION Z – WOODWORKING (Continued)

Sizes for Classes Z13, Z14, Z15, Z16, Z17, Z18, Z19, Z20 and Z21:

LARGE: Greater than 24" any direction
MEDIUM: Greater than 12" up to 24" any direction
SMALL: Up to 12" any direction
EXTRA SMALL: Up to 6"

Z01. ANTIQUES				
1. Refinished – Large	25.00	20.00	18.00	15.00
2. Refinished – Medium	15.00	13.00	11.00	9.00
3. Refinished – Small	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.00
Z02. HANDMADE FURNITURE - ORIGINAL DESIGN				
4. Original Design – Large	25.00	20.00	18.00	15.00
5. Original Design – Medium	15.00	13.00	11.00	9.00
6. Original Design – Small	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.00
Z03. HANDMADE FURNITURE – FROM PLANS OR REPRODUCTION				
7. Reproduction or from plans – Large	25.00	20.00	18.00	15.00
8. Reproduction or from plans – Medium	15.00	13.00	11.00	9.00
9. Reproduction or from plans – Small	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.00
Z04. HANDMADE FURNITURE - RECYCLED/SALVAGED (Include a description of what the wood was salvaged from)				
10. Recycled or Salvaged Woodworking - Large	25.00	20.00	18.00	15.00
11. Recycled or Salvaged Woodworking - Medium	15.00	13.00	11.00	9.00
12. Recycled or Salvaged Woodworking - Small	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.00
Z05. WOOD BURNING				
13. Wood burning - Large	15.00	10.00	8.00	5.00
14. Wood burning - Small	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
Z06. PICTURE FRAMES				
15. Picture Frames – Large	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00
16. Picture Frames – Small				
Z07. INLAID - RELIEF				
17. Large	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00
18. Small				
Z08. SCROLL SAWING				
19. Scroll Sawing – Large	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00
20. Scroll Sawing – Small				
Z09. CARVING - DECOYS WORKING				
21. Decoys Working - Large	8.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
22. Decoys Working - Small	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
Z10. CARVING - BIRDS – DECORATIVE				
23. Waterfowl	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
24. Songbirds				
25. Shore Birds				
26. Birds of Prey/Game Bird				
Z11. CARVING – ANIMAL				
27. Wild Animal	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
28. Domesticated Animal				
Z12. LAZER CUT				
29. Large	8.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
30. Small	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
Z13. CARVING – CARICATURE				
31. Caricature	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
Z14. CARVING – STYLIZED				
32. Stylized Carving – Large	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
33. Stylized Carving – Small				
Z15. CARVING – SCULPTURAL				
34. Sculptural – Large	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
35. Sculptural – Medium				
36. Sculptural – Small				
Z16. TURNING				
	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00

SECTION Z – WOODWORKING (Continued)

37. Turning - Large						
38. Turning – Medium						
39. Turning – Small						
40. Turning – Extra Small						
Z17. TOYS	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00		
41. Toys - Large						
42. Toys - Medium						
43. Toys – Small						
Z18. BOXES	8.00	5.00	3.00	2.00		
44. Boxes – Large						
45. Boxes - Medium						
46. Boxes – Small						
47. Boxes – Extra Small						
Z19. WALKING CANES AND STICKS	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00		
48. Walking Canes						
49. Hiking Sticks						
Z20. INTARSIA						
50. Intarsia - Large	15.00	13.00	11.00	9.00		
51. Intarsia – Medium	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.00		
52. Intarsia - Small	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.00		
Z21. MISCELLANEOUS WOODWORKING						
53. Miscellaneous – Large	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00		
54. Miscellaneous - Small	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.00		
Z22. TEENAGE WOODWORKING (15-18 Years of Age)	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50
55. Woodworking - Natural (any item)						
56. Woodworking - Painted (any item)						
57. Pinewood Derby Cars						
58. School Projects (more than 1 teen working on)						
Z23. TEENAGE WOODWORKING (12-14 Years of Age)						
59. Woodworking - Natural (any item)						
60. Woodworking - Painted (any item)						
61. Pinewood Derby Cars						
62. School Projects (more than 1 teen working on)						
Z24. CHILDREN'S WOODWORKING (8-11 Yrs of Age)	4.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.25
63. Woodworking - Natural (any item)						
64. Woodworking - Painted (any item)						
65. Pinewood Derby Cars						
Z25. CHILDREN'S WOODWORKING (5-7 Years of Age)						
66. Woodworking - Natural (any item)						
67. Woodworking - Painted (any item)						
68. Pinewood Derby Cars						
Z26. CHILDREN'S WOODWORKING (3 and 4 Years of Age)						
69. Woodworking - Natural (any item)						
70. Woodworking - Painted (any item)						

*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR WOODWORKING*****

- Pat and Ron Clements - \$25.00** – Best in Show Woodcarving
- Pat and Ron Clements - \$5.00** – Champion of Children's Woodworking 8-11yrs old
Category Z24 Children's Woodworking
- Pat and Ron Clements - \$5.00** – Champion of Children's Woodworking 5-7yrs old
Category Z25 Children's Woodworking
- Pat and Ron Clements - \$5.00** – Champion of Children's Woodworking 3-4yrs old
Category Z26 Children's Woodworking
- Gary and Pam Stenger - \$5.00** - Champion of Teenage Woodworking 15-18 yrs old
Category Z22 Teenage Woodworking
- Gary and Pan Stenger - \$5.00** - Champion of Teenage Woodworking 12-14 yrs old
Category Z23 Teenage Woodworking
- Howard County Woodworkers Guild - \$25.00** - Best Handmade Furniture - Champion
- Howard County Woodworkers Guild - \$50.00** - Best in Show Woodworking - Adult

Special Contests

In an effort to effectively plan space for the “Special Contests”, please return this form by **July 20, 2026**. If you forget to send in this form, don’t worry you can still enter the contests.

Table Setting Contest

- You are setting a picnic table on the meadow.

Best Apple Desserts

- The Best Apple Dessert Non-Pie
- The Best Apple Pie

King Arthur Flour Baking Contest

- Adult Category
- Junior/Youth Category

Section Z: Woodworking

- Challenge Carving Contest
- Non-Carver’s Challenge

Section R: Flowers and Herbs

- Educational Herb Display

Please indicate by checking the contest(s) listed above that you anticipate entering, and return this form to: **Mrs. Carolyn Kulp, Co-Superintendent, Home Arts Department, 10226 Green Clover Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042-1653, e-mail: crf_kulp@comcast.net**. Please return this form by **July 20, 2026**.

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at the Howard County Fair? Well, now is your chance to find out!

Volunteers are needed to assist in the following areas:

Taking entries before the Fair on:

- Wednesday, July 29th 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 30th 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday July 31st 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 6th 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 7th 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- To assist the judges in the various departments from 9:00 a.m. until judging is completed on Saturday, August 1st.
- To assist the judges in the various departments from 8:30 a.m. until judging is completed on Saturday, August 8th.
- To help arrange the exhibits following judging on Saturday, August 1st.
- To help arrange the exhibits following judging on Saturday August 8th.
- During the week of the Fair, from Sunday, August 8th thru Saturday, August 15th to sit in the Home Arts Building during the day in four-hour shifts from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- To help with the releasing of exhibits on Sunday, August 16th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Premium checks are released from fair office until 2:00 p.m. Checks not picked up by 2 p.m. will be mailed to you.

We are requesting volunteers not to wear any political items.

There will be a **Volunteer Training Session** for our **Great Corps of Volunteers** on **Saturday, July 18th** from **9:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.** in the **Dining Hall** at the **Howard County Fairgrounds**. We encourage **YOU** to be a **volunteer**.

Please indicate by checking the area listed above that you would be interested in volunteering, and return this form to: **Mrs. Carolyn Kulp, Co-Superintendent, Home Arts Department, 10226 Green Clover Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042-1653, e-mail: crf_kulp@comcast.net.** Please return this form by **July 21, 2026**.

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____