

Open Fine Arts 2026 at the Bremer County Fair

So excited to let you all know that 2026 Fine Arts Show is a go! We will be displaying our creations in the Leistikow Family Event Center at our fairground's location at 300 39th St NE Waverly! We will be using the conference room and each item to enter is \$1.50. This goes toward your ribbons.

Dust off those projects and crafts. canning, florals, baked goods and more are so welcome! Let's make this a wonderful week of fair. July 26th – Aug. 1. Make Memories Stick in 2026!

Here are the requirements needed for the show. Good Luck!

Open Fine Arts Entry Requirements

Sunday July 26, 2026, from 9:00 am to Noon

We will be in the Leistikow Family Event Center in the conference room. There will be lots of activity so just go through the west doors and we are between the hall for restrooms and the kitchen on the left side.

Admission: \$1.50 per entry

*Exhibits should arrive at the building at the fairgrounds **between 9:00 am to Noon on Sunday, July 26th, 2026. NO LATER!**

*No pre-entry is required but we now have a pre-registration form you can fill out prior to make things quicker and easier! Take this with you when you register! Do not assume it will download and arrive in my inbox as it does not.

*Classes in this division are open to anyone who wishes to exhibit.

There will be a Junior Division for ages 0-13. Must put age level on form!

4-H'ers cannot enter the same exhibit in both 4-H classes and open classes. Example: if a 4-H'er enters a plate of cookies in the 4-H food class, he or she cannot enter a plate of the same in the open class division.

Entries will be accepted from surrounding counties.

There will be a \$1.50 per item entry fee, which goes toward the purchase of prizes and ribbons.

*** No more than 2 items per category but can enter in several classes.**

*Exhibits entered in previous years are not eligible for exhibit.

*Items must have been made within **the last 2 years.**

*The exhibit area will be closed during judging and the remainder of the day to allow judging and set up.

***Not responsible for accidents, loss or damage to items submitted.**

Class 1 – Open Fine Arts

If the item is larger than 8x10, the exhibitor must include a method to mount, display with a firm back or support and easel.

- A. Oil Painting
- B. Acrylic Painting
- C. Watercolor Painting
- D. Fabric Painting
- E. Painted Rocks
- F. Drawings (charcoal, pencil, acrylic, or colored pencil) please limit the size of these items!)
- G. Creative Writing
- H. Scrap booking (must have a page protector, no more than 2 pages per entry)
- I. Holiday novelties
- J. Diamond Painting
- K. Wreaths
- L. Silk or dried floral arrangements
- M. Ceramics
- N. Clay or Pottery
- O. Small creative items
- P. Beading
- Q. Stained Glass
- R. Leather
- S. Metal work
- T. Recycled Material
- U. Other

Class 2 – Open Photography

Entries must be at least 5”x 7” in size and mounted, NO Glass to allow judge to see the photos by the naked eye. It can be framed and **no larger than an 8x10**. No more than 2 per category

Must indicate if picture is 35 mm or digital.

- A. Color
 - A1. Color Digital
- B. Black and White
 - B1 Black and White Digital
- C. Digitally Enhanced Black and White
 - C1. Digitally Enhanced Color

Class 3 – Open Woodworking

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| A. Turning | F. Outdoor |
| B. Carving | G. Inlay |
| C. Toys | H. Intarsia |
| D. Scroll work | I. Home Accessories |
| E. Furniture | J. Laser Engraving |
| | k. Other |

Class 4 – Open Textiles

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| A. Pillows/Pillowcases | |
| B. Afghan | J. Holiday Sewing |
| C. Tablecloths/Runners | K. Knitting |
| D. Embroidery | L. Crocheting |
| E. Counted Cross Stitch Embroidery | M. Tatting |
| F. Needlework | N. Weaving |
| G. Needlepoint | O. Felting |
| H. Quilts | P. Fabric Crafts |
| I. Small Quilted Items | Q. Serger Sewing |
| | R. Rugs |

Class 5 – Open Clothing

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| A. Toddlers | C. Men's |
| B. Children | D. Women's |

Open Horticulture Exhibits

Class 6 - Vegetable Classes

All exhibits must be brought on a sturdy paper plate or cardboard and covered with a plastic/zip lock bag or wrapped in saran wrap. **Limit of one exhibit of each kind of vegetable.**

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| A. Apples – 3 specimens | H. Celery – 1 bunch |
| B. Snap Beans – 6 pods. | I. Cucumber – 5 pickling or 3 slicing. |
| C. Beets – 3 specimens | J. Dill – 2 heads tied together. |
| D. Broccoli – 3" head | K. Eggplant – 1 specimen |
| E. Cabbage – 1 head | L. Fruit – Cherries, raspberries - exhibit 1 Cup |
| F. Carrots – 3 specimens | M. Garlic – 3 specimens |
| G. Cauliflower – 1 head | |

N. Herbs – 3 different kinds, 1 sprig of each– 3 or 10

O. Kohlrabi – 2 specimens

P. Leafy greens – 1 plant in clear bottle

Q. Leeks – 2 specimens

R. Lettuce – 1 plant

S. Green Onions – 5 tied together.

T. Okra - 3

U. Onions - 3

V. Parsley – 5 sprigs in a clear bottle

W. Parsnips - 3

X. Peas – 6 pods

Y. Peppers - 2 specimens

Z. Potatoes - 3

A1. Pumpkin – 1 or 3 minis

B1 Spinach – 1 plant

C1. Squash – 2 summer

D1. Squash – 1 winter

E1. Sweet corn – 2 ears

F1. Tomatoes – 3 or 10 cherries

G1. Turnips – 3 specimens

H1. Watermelon - 1

Class 7 - Vegetable basket display

It must include 5 or more vegetables attractively displayed in a basket not larger than one-half bushel size.

Class 8 – Fresh Flowers and Flower Arrangements

Garden flower specimen – **Use a glass vase, no plastic.**

- A. Spike
- B. Stem
- C. Spray
- D. Kitchen Sunshine- Any kind of fresh flowers in a kitchen container.
- E. Houseplants
- F. Patio Plants
- G. Homegrown dried arrangement
- H. Fairy Gardens
- I. Other

Open Home and Family Exhibits

Each item of baked goods will be judged on taste, texture, and presentation. **Ingredients and recipe must be provided with each entry to be eligible for premiums.**

All jars must be displayed **with** rings. **Ingredients and recipe must be provided with each entry.**

Class 9 – Foods

- A. Yeast Bread – 1 loaf/ rolls
- B. Quick Breads/Muffins/Fruit and Nut Breads – 1 loaf, muffins – plate of 5
- C. Pastries - 3
- D. Cookies a plate of 7
- E. Candy, 3 or more to be displayed nicely on small plate.
- F. Jams/Jellies (1 clear sealed jar, not paraffin, labeled with method and recipe)
- G. Canned Vegetables/Fruits (1 clear sealed jar, labeled with method and recipe)
- H. Canned Pickles/Relishes (1 clear sealed jar, with method and recipe)
- I. Pie (no cream pies and no cream cheese)
- J. Cake/Cupcakes) 1 cake or 4 Cupcakes
- K. Themed Cakes - "Make Memories Stick in 2026!" No limits or requirements for themed cakes

Event sponsored in part by: Bremer County Fair, Tim and Renee Neil and Pizza Ranch – Waverly, Ia

Contact Superintendent Renee Neil at 319 404 8264 for questions and more information.

To pre-register click on **Basic Fine Arts Registration Form** in the form list on the website www.bremercountyfair.com and fill out the form. Please have a form for each item when you arrive that day.

Please pick up your items on Sunday Aug 2n^d from 8 am to 9 am. Thank You

*Early pickup will result in removal of all ribbons, premiums, or awards!