



MONROE COUNTY FAIR

OPEN CLASS

DEPARTMENT

JULY 30th – AUGUST 3RD 2026

2026 Monroe County Fair – Open Class Department

Welcome to the 2026 Open Class Division of the Monroe County Fair!

Whether you're a returning exhibitor or joining us for the first time, we're excited to have you participate. Open Class is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to showcase your talents and celebrate our community.

Important Dates and Information

Entry – All Departments

Thursday, July 30 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Activity Building

Judging – All Departments – Building will be Closed

Thursday, July 30 | 12:30 p.m.

The building will be closed to the public during judging.

If you need an alternate entry time prior to July 30, please contact the appropriate department superintendent or Angela Wilson for assistance. We are available to help you with your entries.

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Entry Information

Entry forms and tags are available after June 1st at:

- The Monroe County Fair Board Office (Fairgrounds)
- Albia Chamber Main Street Office (18 S Main St, Albia)

Open Class is available to:

- Monroe County residents
- Members and parents/guardians of active 4-H and National FFA Organization members in Monroe County

For full details, visit: www.monroecountyiafair.com

Premiums & Awards

Premiums are paid by the Monroe County Fair Board:

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| • Blue Ribbon – \$3.50 | * | Age Divisions – 2-5 Years | 6-8 Years |
| • Red Ribbon – \$2.50 | | 9-13 Years | 14 & Up - Adult |
| • White Ribbon – \$1.50 | | | |

Best of Show \$10.00 cash premiums prizes will be awarded in all Divisions. **NEW IN 2026!!!**

Premiums and prizes will be available for pickup beginning Friday, July 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fair Board Office and will remain available throughout the fair. Exhibitors are responsible for picking up their awards and premiums.

We look forward to seeing you July 30 – August 3 in Albia for a great week at the Fair. Thank you for being part of the 2026 Open Class experience!

Angela Wilson

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Monroe County Open Class Departments

Fruits – Vegetables – Crops Department

General Rules

1. All exhibits in the Fruits, Vegetables, and Crops Department are to be entered from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Thursday, July 30th, 2026
2. All grain and legume samples, except corn and soybeans, should be grown in 2025.
3. Vegetables should be brushed, wiped clean, or washed gently.
4. Where class designates plate, use an 8–10-inch paper plate or foam plate.
5. All premiums will be pro-rated on a point system and will be paid on a blue, red, and white grouping.
6. Exhibitors are limited to **residents of Monroe County and parents/guardians of active 4-H/FFA members in Monroe County.**
7. Entry tags should be picked up from the Monroe County Fair Board Office before the date of the fair. They should be filled out and attached to the exhibit before entering.
8. No responsibility will be taken for loss or damage to exhibits.
9. There will be overall Best of Show ribbons and a \$10.00 cash prize awarded for each age division.
10. Entries cannot be exhibited in the “other than named” class if there is a specified class for the item.
11. **Exhibitors are welcome to pick up exhibits on Sunday but must be picked up by 9:30 a.m. Monday. Premiums will be paid at a time and place announced at judging time.**
12. All Fruit, Vegetable, and Crop entries will be judged according to the criteria: quality, maturity at the time of the fair, and crop season.

Division H1 – Grain

- Corn and soybeans exhibited must have been grown during previous crop year. With the exception of the tallest corn.
- Sheaf grain and hay must be cured and tied securely in 2 places and must be 3 inches in diameter at center.
- Samples of grain and grasses must be labeled, giving name of variety and where grown.

Classes:

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| 1. Bundle of bird's foot trefoil | 9. Four ears of popcorn |
| 2. Bundle of brome grass hay | 10. Four ears of yellow field corn |
| 3. Bundle of clover hay | 11. Gallon of corn, shelled. |
| 4. Bundle of oats | 12. Gallon of oats |
| 5. Bundle of orchard grass | 13. Gallon of soybeans |
| 6. Bundle of timothy | 14. Gallon of Wheat |
| 7. Bundle of wheat | 15. Sheaf of green alfalfa |
| 8. Four ears of calico corn | 16. Tallest stalk of corn |

Division H2 – Vegetables

Classes:

1. Asparagus; plate of 5 spears. Trim to 7-8 inches and display in a pie tin of water.
2. Beets; plate of 5. Leave 2" tops and 2" tap root. Remove soil.
3. Broccoli; plate of 1 stalk. Minimum diameter of head is 3" and minimum length of stalk 5".
4. Cabbage (green); plate with 1 head. Don't trim outer leaves
5. Cabbage (red); plate with 1 head. Don't trim outer leaves.
6. Carrots; plate of 3. Leave 1-1 1/2" Tops, also 1-1 1/2" in diameter at crown. Remove soil.
7. Cauliflower; plate with 1 head. Trim jacket leaves even with top of head. Some of the older leaves may be removed.
8. Celery plate of 1 stalk. Leave roots attached. Trim leaves uniformly. Wash gently in cold water. Keep cold until ready to exhibit.
9. Chinese cabbage; plate with 1 head. Leave 1 or 2 outer leaves on head. Trim butt close to head. Wash gently in cold water and keep cold until it is ready to exhibit.
10. Cucumbers (for pickling); plate of 3. Cut off stem 1" long and trim to 1/2" to show. Wipe clean.
11. Cucumbers (over 4" in length); plate of 3. Cut off stem 1" long and trim to 1/2" to show. Wipe clean.
12. Eggplant; plate of 1. Leave 1" of stem. Wipe with soft cloth if necessary.
13. Endive; 1 entire plant with roots in shallow container of water to prevent wilting.
14. Garlic; plate of 3. Dig early (2 weeks). Leave tops and outer peels. Let dry until show time. Trim tops to 1" and roots to 1/4" for showing. Do not peel outer sheath. Do not wash. Brush off dirt.
15. Green beans; plate of 12.
16. Honeydew melon (smooth skin); plate of 1.
17. Kale; exhibit 1 entire plant with roots in shallow pan of water to prevent wilting. Discolored outer leaves may be removed.
18. Kohlrabi; plate of 2. Trim leaves to 1-2" in length. Do not trim roots too closely.
19. Lima beans; plate of 12 pods.
20. Muskmelon (cantaloupe); plate of 1.
21. Okra; plate of 6. Leave a short stem on.
22. Onions (red); plate of 3. Do not peel. Prepare the same as garlic.
23. Onions (white); plate of 3. Do not peel. Prepare the same as garlic.
24. Onions (yellow); plate of 3. Do not peel. Prepare the same as garlic.
25. Onions (green); plate of 5. 1/2" in diameter. Remove loose skin. Cut tops 4-5" above white shank. Trim roots to 1/2".
26. Peas; plate of 6 pods. Pick with stem. Rinse with cool water to clean.
27. Peas (edible pod); plate of 6 pods. Pick with stems. Brush with soft brush to remove dirt.
28. Peppers (banana, sweet); plate of 3. Leave stems as long as possible. Cut with a knife.
29. Peppers (banana, hot); plate of 3. Leave stems as long as possible. Cut with a knife.
30. Peppers (hot); plate of 3. Leave stems as long as possible. Cut with a knife.
31. Peppers (red, sweet); plate of 3. Leave stems as long as possible. Cut with a knife.
32. Peppers (red, hot); plate of 3. Leave stems as long as possible. Cut with a knife.
33. Peppers (green, sweet bell); plate of 3. Leave stems as long as possible. Cut with a knife.
34. Peppers (other, name variety); plate of 3. Leave stems as long as possible. Cut with a knife.
35. Potatoes (red russet); plate of 3. Clean dirt off gently. Do not scrub.
36. Potatoes (white); plate of 3. Clean dirt off gently. Do not scrub.
37. Potatoes (other, name variety); plate of 3. Clean dirt off gently. Do not scrub.
38. Pumpkin (sweet, pie); plate of 1. Leave a 1 1/2" or more stem on

39. Rhubarb; plate of 3 stalks. Leave the bottom stem on and trim the leaves to 2-3".
40. Radishes; plate of 5. Wash gently in cool water. Remove discolored or injured leaves.
41. Salsify; plate of 3 roots. Cut topes to 1" in length. Wash in cool water.
42. Spinach; exhibit 1 entire plant in water to prevent wilting. Wash in cold water. Trim off roots to crown. Remove outer damaged leaves.
43. Squash (acorn); plate of 1. Clean gently, Leave a 1 1/2" stem on.
44. Squash (buttercup); plate of 1. Clean gently. Leave a 1 1/2" stem on.
45. Squash (butternut); plate of 1. Clean gently. Leave 1 1/2" stem on.
46. Squash (yellow summer); plate of 1. Clean gently. Leave a 1 1/2" stem on.
47. Squash (zucchini); plate of 2. Clean gently. Leave 1 1/2" stem on.
48. Squash (other, name variety); plate of 1.
49. Sweet corn; plate of 4 ears. Remove husk from one side of ear. Trim silk to within 1" of tip of husk. Trim shanks to bottom end of ear.
50. Sweet potatoes; plate of 4. Clean dirt of gently. Do not scrub.
51. Swiss chard; 1 stem in water.
52. Tomatoes (red cherry); plate of 6. No stems.
53. Tomatoes (yellow cherry); plate of 6. No stems.
54. Tomatoes (other cherry, name variety); plate of 6. No stems.
55. Tomatoes (red Roma); plate of 4. No stems.
56. Tomatoes (red); plate of 4. No stems.
57. Tomatoes (yellow/orange); plate of 4. No stems.
58. Tomatoes (other, name variety); plate of 4. No stems.
59. Turnips; plate of 4. Leave 3" tops.
60. Watermelon; plate of 1. Leave 1-2" stem. Wipe with soft cloth.
61. Yellow beans; plate of 12.
62. Any other vegetable than named, name variety. Bring nice sample.

Division H3 – Herbs

Classes:

1. Basil; 3 sprigs in bottle of water.
2. Dill; plate of 2 heads. 10-12" long, tied near lower end of stems and again just below the seed heads.
3. Fennel (name variety); 3 sprigs in bottle of water.
4. French tarragon; 3 sprigs in bottle of water.
5. Mint (name variety); 3 sprigs in bottle of water.
6. Oregano; 3 sprigs in bottle of water.
7. Parsley; 3 sprigs in bottle of water.
8. Rosemary; 3 sprigs in bottle of water.
9. Sage (name variety); 3 sprigs in bottle of water.
10. Savory (summer); 3 sprigs in bottle of water.
11. Savory (winter); 3 sprigs in bottle of water.
12. Thyme (name variety); 3 sprigs in bottle of water.
13. Any other individual herb (name variety); 3 sprigs in a bottle of water.
14. Herb collection – A collection of 4 herb varieties to be displayed in separate bottles of water. Specimens should include 3 sprigs with stems of adequate length for each variety. Collection MUST include variety information on a card.

Division H4 – Fruit

Classes:

1. Apples (Wealthy); plate of 4.
2. Apples (Red Delicious); plate of 4.
3. Apples (Yellow Delicious); plate of 4.
4. Apples (other variety); plate of 4.
5. Apricots (name variety, if known); plate of 6.
6. Blackberries (name variety if known); plate of 10.
7. Grapes (Concord, seeded, name variety); plate of 3 bunches.
8. Grapes (seeded, name variety); plate of 3 bunches.
9. Grapes (seedless, name variety); plate of 3 bunches.
10. Peaches (name variety if known); plate of 4.
11. Pears (fall); plate of 4.
12. Pears (winter); plate of 4.
13. Plums (name variety if known); plate of 4.
14. Raspberries, black (name variety if known); plate of 10.
15. Raspberries, red (name variety if known); plate of 10.
16. Whitney crabs; plate of 4.
17. Any other fruit. Bring us a nice sample of what you have, and we'll add it to our collection.

Division H5 – Eggs (To be exhibited in one-dozen egg containers.)

Classes:

1. White eggs; ½ dozen.
2. Brown eggs; ½ dozen.
3. Any Other Egg; ½ dozen.

Division H6 – Honey

Classes:

1. Comb Honey – Cellophane wrapped
2. Jar of extracted honey, pint or quart

Division H7 – Potted Plants – including Hanging, Succulents, and Cacti

POTTED PLANTS

Classes:

1. African violet (single bloom)
2. African violet (double bloom)
3. African violet (variegated foliage)
4. African violet (mini variety)
5. Begonia (tuberous)
6. Begonia (fibrous)
7. Peace lily.
8. Any other potted plant, single specimen blooming.
9. Any other potted plant, one variety, multi-specimen, in bloom, in 1 container.
10. Any other potted plant, various varieties, blooming, in 1 container.
11. Any other potted plant, one variety, non-blooming in 1 container.
12. Any other potted plant, various varieties, non-blooming, in 1 container.

HANGING CONTAINERS

Classes:

13. Non-blooming vine, 1 variety (may be multiple plants in the container).
14. Non-blooming vine, more than 1 variety.
15. Multiple plants in hanging basket (different varieties).
16. Multiple plants in hanging basket (same variety), non-blooming.
17. Blooming vine in hanging basket.
18. Other than named.

SUCCULENTS AND CACTI

Classes:

19. Single Cactus.
20. Single succulent.
21. Three different cacti in one container.
22. Three different cacti, in individual pots.
23. Other than named.

Division H8 – Jumbo Vegetables

Classes:

1. Cabbage; 1 specimen. Don't trim.
2. Potato; 1 specimen.
3. Pumpkin; 1 specimen.
4. Squash (zucchini); 1 specimen.
5. Squash (any other variety with fleshy stem); 1 specimen.
6. Tomato; 1 specimen. No stem.
7. Watermelon (name variety if known); 1 specimen. Leave stem.
8. Other than named. If you have a huge veggie, bring it out and we'll make a class for it!

Division H9 – Novelty Fruits and Vegetables!!

Classes:

1. Any strangely formed fruit or vegetable; the weirder the better! Anything goes here, folks!

Home Arts Section

General Rules

1. Exhibits can be entered July 30th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Activity Building.
2. All entries will be judged and awarded Blue, Red or White ribbons.
3. Entry tags should be picked up from the Monroe County Fair Board Office before the date of the fair. They should be filled out and attached to the exhibit before being presented at the fair.
4. No exhibitor will be allowed to stand with the judge while exhibits are being judged. Comments will be written on entry tags.
5. All premiums will be pro-rated on a cash system. Premiums will be paid in a blue, red, and white grouping.
6. A Best of Show Ribbon and \$10.00 Cash Awards will be given to each age division of the following:
 - a. Culinary and Canned Goods
 - b. Textiles
 - c. Fine arts
 - d. Hobbies and Crafts.
7. All entries are limited to **residents of Monroe County and parents/guardians of active 4-H/FFA members in Monroe County.**
8. All items must be made or constructed by the exhibitor.
9. Items exhibited in the Open Class in previous years cannot be exhibited again.
10. The management will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
11. **Exhibitors may pick up exhibits on Sunday, but they must be picked up by 9:30 a.m. Monday. Premium payments will be announced upon completion of judging.**

Culinary Arts Department

1. Refer to General Rules for Home Arts Section.
2. Exhibits must be entered on a sturdy paper plate or covered cardboard cut to fit and must be placed in a re-closeable plastic bag.
3. Since baked products are perishable, after judging, 1 piece or 2 cookies from each entry will be displayed. **The remainder may donated and sold on a donation style bake sale or may be taken home as the exhibitor wishes except as specifically noted in the division description.**
4. No commercial mixes may be used, except in Junior baking classes or as specifically noted in the class description.
5. **The recipe or a list of ingredients must** be attached to each article exhibited.
6. A number in parentheses after a class name indicates the number of items to be included in the exhibit. For example, Bar cookies (6) indicate that 6 cookies from that recipe should be displayed on the plate.
7. See the included information about foods inappropriate for the fair. Such items will not be judged and will not be displayed.

Division CA1 – Cakes

Classes:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Angel Food (not iced) | 5. White cake |
| 2. Bundt cake | 6. Diabetic cake |
| 3. Chocolate cake | 7. Gluten-free cake |
| 4. Spice cake | 8. Other than named. |

Division CA2 – Decorated Cakes – These exhibits will be kept and displayed so that all may see the decorated cakes. Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and possibly 9 may use a commercial cake mix.

Classes:

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| 1. Cupcakes (3) | 7. Diabetic cake |
| 2. Layer cake | 8. Gluten-free cake |
| 3. Sheet cake (9 x 13) | 9. Bars |
| 4. Holiday cake | 10. Other than named. |
| 5. Novelty cake | |
| 6. Gingerbread House | |

Division CA3 – Yeast Breads

Classes:

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. White | 6. Raised doughnuts (6) |
| 2. Wheat | 7. Diabetic |
| 3. Rye | 8. Gluten-free |
| 4. Pan rolls (6) | 9. Other than named. |
| 5. Sweet Rolls (6) | |

Division CA4 – Quick Breads (No Yeast)

Classes:

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| 1. Cake doughnuts (6) | 6. Coffee Cake |
| 2. Cornbread | 7. Bread with vegetables |
| 3. Any fruit bread (banana, date, etc) | 8. Diabetic |
| 4. Nut bread | 9. Gluten-free |
| 5. Muffins (6) | 10. Other than named. |

Division CA5 – Bread Machine Breads

Classes:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. White bread | 6. Breads with spices |
| 2. Wheat bread | 7. Breads with herbs |
| 3. Sweet bread | 8. Diabetic |
| 4. Breads with fruit | 9. Gluten-free |
| 5. Breads with vegetables | 10. Other than named. |

Division CA6 – Cookies

Classes:

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| 1. Bar cookies (6) | 5. No bake cookies (6) |
| 2. Brownies (6) | 6. Rolled cookies (6) |
| 3. Drop cookies (6) | 7. Peanut butter cookies (6) |
| 4. Filled cookies (6) | 8. Ginger cookies (6) |

9. Oatmeal cookies (6)
10. Cereal cookies, unbaked (6)
11. Assorted cookies (3 each of 3 kinds, total 9)

12. Diabetic cookies (6)
13. Gluten-free cookies (6)
14. Other than named (6)

Division CA7 – Pies: Two Crust

Classes:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apple 2. Berry 3. Cherry 4. Peach 5. Raisin | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Mixed fruits 7. Diabetic 8. Gluten-free 9. Other than named. |
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Division CA8 – Candy

Classes:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chocolate fudge 2. Divinity 3. Peanut brittle 4. Mints 5. Chop suey or cereal | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Peanut butter fudge 7. Molded candy 8. Dipped candy 9. Diabetic candy 10. Other than named. |
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Division CA9 – Junior Bakers (under age 16)

Classes:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yeast bread, rolls, cinnamon rolls, etc. 2. Loaf of Nut Bread, muffins, biscuits, etc. 3. Bar Cookies (6) 4. Drop Cookies (6) 5. Rolled Cookies (6) 6. Cereal cookies (6) 7. No-bake cookies (6) 8. Cookies from a Mix (6) 9. Bundt Cake 10. White cake from scratch 11. Chocolate cake from scratch | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Cake from a mix 13. Frosted cake 14. Decorated Holiday cake (entire cake will be kept for display) 15. Cupcakes (6) 16. Pie 17. Candy (6) 18. Diabetic entry 19. Gluten-free entry 20. Other than named |
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Division CA10 – Fiction book recipes (Some fiction books include recipes. Enter an exhibit made from a recipe you find in a fiction book. For example, enter Corn Cookies from Joanne Fluke's book Fudge Cupcake Murder. **Include with your exhibit a 3 x 5 or 4 x 6 notecard with a paragraph about the book.)

Classes:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cake 2. Cookies (6) 3. Coffee cake 4. Candy (6) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Bars (6) 6. Cupcakes (6) 7. Bread 8. Other than named. |
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Division CA11 – Start with a Mix (Start with a boxed mix and, with your recipe, turn it into a different class of baked goods. For example, start with a boxed cake mix and turn it into cookies.)

Classes:

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|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. Cake | 5. Cupcakes (6) |
| 2. Cookies (6) | 6. Bread |
| 3. Candy (6) | 7. Other than named. |
| 4. Bars (6) | |

Canned Goods Department

1. Refer to General Rules for Home Arts Section.
2. Canned products must be displayed in regulation pint or quart jars. Jellies, jams, preserves, butters, marmalades, etc, must be in sealed regulation half-pint or pint jars.
3. **All products must be canned and processed by the latest methods recommended in USDA or Iowa State University bulletins.**
4. Exhibitors should place a gummed label containing the name of product and processing method (with time) used 1 inch from the bottom of the jar.
5. No mayonnaise jars, no paraffin, no rings.
6. All entries are limited to **residents of Monroe County and parents/guardians of active 4-H/FFA members in Monroe County.**

Division CG1 – Fruits

Classes:

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| 1. Apples | 6. Pears |
| 2. Apricots | 7. Plums |
| 3. Berries | 8. Mixed fruits |
| 4. Cherries | 9. Other than named. |
| 5. Peaches | |

Division CG2 – Vegetables

Classes:

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| 1. Beets | 5. Peas (pint) |
| 2. Carrots (pint) | 6. Tomatoes |
| 3. Corn (pint) | 7. Mixed vegetables for soup |
| 4. Green beans | 8. Other than named. |

Division CG3 – Pickles and Catsup

Classes:

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| 1. Beet | 5. Tomato Catsup |
| 2. Bread and Butter Pickles | 6. Relish |
| 3. Dill (cucumber) | 7. Salsa (see rules for appropriate recipes) |
| 4. Sweet Pickles (cucumber) | 8. Other than named. |

Division CG4 – Meat (pint jars only)

Classes:

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| 1. Beef | 5. Venison |
| 2. Poultry | 6. Lamb |
| 3. Pork | 7. Other than named |
| 4. Fish | |

Division CG5 – Jelly (may be opened and tasted during judging)

Classes:

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| 1. Apple | 5. Fruit syrup |
| 2. Berry | 6. Diabetic |
| 3. Grape | 7. Other than named. |
| 4. Plum | |

Division CG6 – Jams and Preserves (may be opened and tasted during judging)

Classes:

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| 1. Apple butter | 6. Strawberry |
| 2. Cherry | 7. Apricot |
| 3. Grape | 8. Mixed fruits |
| 4. Raspberry | 9. Diabetic |
| 5. Rhubarb | 10. Other than named |

Division CG7 – Junior Canners (under age 16) (may be opened and tasted during judging)

Classes:

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| 1. Butters made with fruit | 6. Fruits |
| 2. Jelly | 7. Vegetables |
| 3. Preserves and jam. | 8. Meats |
| 4. Pickles, catsup, and sauce | 9. Diabetic |
| 5. Juice | 10. Other than named. |

Textiles Department

1. Refer to General Rules for Home Arts Section.
2. All articles must have been made within the past five years. Items exhibited must not have been exhibited in past years. Unfinished, soiled, or worn articles may not be entered.
3. Articles in the Textile Division can be exhibited only by the maker.
4. These exhibits are limited to **residents of Monroe County and parents/guardians of active 4-H/FFA members in Monroe County.**
5. All entries must be identified by name on the entry tag.

Division T1 – Hand Applique

Classes:

1. Any garment
2. Home furnishing item (pillowcases, wall hangings, lunch cloth, etc.)
3. My firsthand applique project
4. Other than named.

Division T2 – Machine Applique

Classes:

1. Any garment
2. Home furnishing items (pillows, hangings, etc.)
3. My first machine applique project
4. Other than named.

Division T3 – Crocheting

Classes:

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| 1. Bedspread | 8. Fashion accessory |
| 2. Tablecloth | 9. Outerwear accessory (hat, mittens, etc.) |
| 3. Afghan | 10. Jewelry |
| 4. Hair pin lace article | 11. Purse or tote bag |
| 5. Other home furnishing item | 12. My first crocheting project |
| 6. Infant/Child clothing item | 13. Other than named |
| 7. Adult clothing item | |

Division T4 – Knitting

Classes:

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. Bedspread | 8. Fashion accessory |
| 2. Tablecloth | 9. Outerwear accessory (hat, mittens, etc.) |
| 3. Afghan | 10. Jewelry |
| 4. Hair pin lace article | 11. Purse or tote bag |
| 5. Other home furnishing item | 12. My first knitting project |
| 6. Infant/Child clothing item | 13. Other than named |
| 7. Adult clothing item | |

Division T5 – Hand Embroidery (including blackwork, candlewicking, canvas work, chicken scratch, counted-thread, crewel, cutwork, darning, drawn thread work, free embroidery, goldwork, Hardanger, quillwork, smocking, stumpwork, trianglepoint, whitework, and others. If entries warrant, superintendents/judge may divide classes into different styles)

Classes:

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| 1. Decorated garment | 4. Other home furnishing items |
| 2. Fashion accessory | 5. My firsthand embroidery project |
| 3. Wall hanging | 6. Other than named. |

Division T6 – Machine Embroidery

Classes:

1. Decorated garment
2. Fashion accessory
3. Wall hanging
4. Other home furnishing items
5. My first machine embroidery project
6. Other than named.

Division T7 – Quilts and Other Quilted Items

Classes:

1. Appliqued quilt
2. Embroidered quilt
3. Pieced quilt
4. Hand-pieced quilt
5. Hand-quilted quilt
6. Hand-quilted garment
7. Machine-quilted garment
8. Hand-quilted home furnishing item
9. Machine-quilted home furnishing item
10. Quilted purse or tote bag
11. My first machine quilt (quilted by exhibitor)
12. My firsthand-sewn quilt (quilted by exhibitor)
13. My first miscellaneous quilting project
14. Other than named.

Division T8 – “Team” Quilts – pieced by exhibitor, quilted by another

Classes:

1. Appliqued quilt
2. Embroidered quilt
3. Pieced quilt
4. Hand-pieced quilt
5. Machine-quilted home furnishing item
6. My first machine quilt (NOT quilted by exhibitor)
7. My firsthand-sewn quilt (NOT quilted by exhibitor)
8. Other than named.

Division T9– Sewn Clothing and Other Items for the Home

Classes:

1. Infant/Child garment
2. Adult garment
3. Tote or Utility Bag
4. Fashion Accessory
5. Home Furnishing Item
6. My first clothing project
7. My first sewn item for the home
8. Other than named.

Division T10 –Cross Stitch (Counted and Stamped)

Classes:

1. Counted cross-stitch decorated garment.
2. Counted cross-stitch fashion accessory.
3. Counted cross-stitch wall hanging.
4. Counted cross-stitch home furnishing items.
5. Framed & mounted picture (counted cross-stitch)
6. Stamped cross-stitch decorated garment.
7. Stamped cross-stitch fashion accessory.
8. Stamped cross-stitch wall hanging.
9. Stamped cross-stitch home furnishing item.
10. Framed & mounted picture (stamped cross-stitch)
11. My first counted cross-stitch project
12. My first stamped cross-stitch project
13. Other than named.

Division T11 – Needlepoint

Classes:

1. Decorated garment
2. Fashion accessory
3. Wall hanging
4. Other home furnishing items
5. Any plastic canvas needlepoint item
6. My first needlepoint project
7. Other than named.

Division T12 – Dolls and Toys

Classes:

1. Soft body doll
2. Crochet doll
3. Crochet toy
4. Knit doll
5. Knit toy
6. Doll clothing
7. Animal
8. Other toy
9. My first doll project
10. My first toy project
11. Other than named.

Division T13 – Rugs

Classes:

1. Braided
2. Crochet
3. Latch hook
4. Woven
5. Toothbrush rug
6. My first rug project
7. Other than named.

Division T14 – Other needlework (including tatting, braiding, tassel making, lucent, simple needlework, and others)

Classes:

1. Garment
2. Accessory
3. Home furnishing item
4. My first attempt
5. Other than named.

Division T15 – Wet felting and Needle felting

Classes:

1. Fashion Accessory
2. Purse or tote
3. Flowers (3)
4. Jewelry
5. My first wet felting project
6. My first needle felting project
7. Other than named.

Division T16 – Spun yarn

Classes:

1. Skein of lace yarn
2. Skein of worsted weight yarn
3. Skein of funky yarn
4. My first spinning project

Division T17 – Mixed media – items that have a sizable number of different techniques used.

Classes:

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Purse or tote bag | 4. Home furnishing item |
| 2. Clothing item | 5. My first mixed media project |
| 3. Fashion Accessory | 6. Other than named. |

Division T18 – Creative wearables (duct tape, toilet paper, gum wrappers, etc)

Classes:

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|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. Hat or cap | 5. Costume |
| 2. Footwear | 6. Holiday wear |
| 3. Jacket | 7. Other than named. |
| 4. Dress | |

Division T19 – Youth (under age 16)

Classes:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Any type of garment | 4. Any type of crocheting |
| 2. Any type of needlework | 5. Any type of quilting |
| 3. Any type of knitting | 6. Other than named. |

Division T20 – Article made by person over 65

Classes:

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. Quilt | 6. Cross stitch item |
| 2. Rug | 7. Needlecraft |
| 3. Crochet item | 8. Textile painting |
| 4. Knit item | 9. Other than named. |
| 5. Latch hook | |

Fine Arts Department

1. Refer to General Rules for Home Arts Section.
2. All work submitted must be original and completed within the last five years.
3. Work designed for hanging on walls must be framed and ready to hang.
4. **Exhibitors are welcome to pick up exhibits on Sunday but must be picked up by 9:30 a.m. on Monday.**
5. Exhibits are limited to residents of Monroe County and parents/guardians of active 4-H/FFA members in Monroe County.

Division FA1 –Beginner Exhibitor (2-Dimensional Media)

Classes:

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|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. Oil Paints | 6. Pastel and Chalk |
| 2. Watercolor | 7. Ink |
| 3. Acrylics | 8. Tempera |
| 4. Charcoal | 9. Other than named. |
| 5. Pencil | |

Division FA2 – Advanced Exhibitor (2-Dimensional Media)

Classes:

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|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. Oil Paints | 6. Pastel and Chalk |
| 2. Watercolor | 7. Ink |
| 3. Acrylics | 8. Tempera |
| 4. Charcoal | 9. Other than named. |
| 5. Pencil | |

Division FA3 – Woodworking

Classes:

- | | |
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| 1. Small household accessory (shelf, clock, etc) | 6. Jewelry |
| 2. Furniture item | 7. Hand caning |
| 3. Furniture with drawer | 8. Scroll saw item |
| 4. Wood toy | 9. My first woodworking project |
| 5. Wood inlay | 10. Other than named. |

Division FA4 – 3-Dimensional Art

Classes:

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Sculpture | 4. My first dimensional art project |
| 2. Collage | 5. Other than named |
| 3. Ceramics | |

Division FA5 – Woodcarving

Classes:

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Human figure | 6. Relief carving |
| 2. Domestic animal | 7. Complete set |
| 3. Wild fowl | 8. Holiday carving |
| 4. Wild animal | 9. My first woodcarving project |
| 5. Religious item | 10. Other than named. |

Division FA6 – Basketry

Classes:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Basket smaller than 8 inches | 3. My first basketry project |
| 2. Basket 8 inches or larger | |

Division FA7 – China and Glass Painting

Classes:

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Small decorator piece (cup, bell, plate, etc.) | 5. Christmas ornament |
| 2. Lamp | 6. My first China painting project |
| 3. Doll or figurine | 7. Other than named. |
| 4. Holiday item | |

Division FA8 – Junior (under age 16)

Classes:

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. 2-Dimensional Art – oils, watercolor, acrylics, batik, charcoal, pencil, pastel & chalk, ink | |
| 2. 3-D art – ceramics, sculpture, collage | 3. Other than named. |

Hobby and Crafts Department

1. Refer to General Rules for Home Arts Section.
2. Competition is for amateurs only.
3. Exhibits are limited to **residents of Monroe County and parents/guardians of active 4-H/FFA members in Monroe County only.**
4. **Exhibitors are welcome to pick up exhibits on Sunday but must be picked up by 9:30 a.m. on Monday.**

Division HC1 – Beading

Class

1. Bracelet on elastic
2. Bracelet on wire with clasp
3. Simple earrings
4. Earrings with advanced technique
5. Pendant
6. Necklace
7. Set of at least 2 items (example: necklace and bracelet)
8. Purse charms, lanyards, fan pulls, bookmarks, key chains.
9. Plant embellishment
10. Christmas ornament
11. Holiday ornament
12. My first beading item
13. Other than named

Division HC2 – Recycled. The exhibit will have started as an object but will have been transformed into another useful item of.

Class

1. Clothing item
2. Fashion accessory
3. Kitchen item
4. Home decorative item
5. Furniture item
6. Yard or garden item
7. Farm item
8. Other than named.

Division HC3 – Crafts

Classes:

1. Leather Tooling
2. Handmade Jewelry other than wood
3. Metalwork (tapping, tooling, casting)
4. Refrigerator ornament
5. Stained glass
6. Holiday decorations other than Christmas
7. Christmas holiday decorations
8. Quilling
9. Stenciling
10. Calligraphy
11. Decorated T-shirt or sweatshirt
12. Hand decorated stationery
13. Small painted wood cutout
14. Large painted wood article
15. Unpainted article (stained or varnished)
16. Set of 3 wood items
17. Yard ornament
18. Paper cutting
19. Scrapbooking
20. Wreath
21. My first craft project
22. Other than named.

Division HC4 – Junior Crafters (under the age of 16)

Classes:

1. Craft made from a kit
2. Craft made from scratch.
3. My first craft project
4. Other than named

Photography

1. Enter exhibits Thursday July 24th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2. Entry tags should be picked up from the Monroe County Fair Board Office before the date of the fair. They should be filled out and attached to the exhibit before being presented at the fair.
3. There are two divisions – Color and Black and White. A Best of Show Award will be given to the Top Color Photograph and the Top Black & White Photograph chosen by the Judge in all age divisions.
4. Pictures may range in size (actual photo) from 5 x 7 inches or larger. All pictures must be mounted and it is suggested they are covered in plastic to help protect them during the exhibition.
5. Awards will be made on the basis of the judge's decision.
6. Exhibits are limited to residents of Monroe County and parents/guardians of active 4-H/FFA members in Monroe County.
7. Exhibitors are welcome to pick up exhibits on Sunday but must be picked up by 9:30 a.m. on Monday.

Division P1 – Color

Classes:

1. Pictorial
2. Landscape and Scenic
3. Portraits
4. Pets
5. Still Life
6. Nature
7. Wildlife
8. Special Effects
9. Sports or Action
10. Sunrise and Sunsets
11. Candid's
12. Computer Enhanced (beyond traditional darkroom techniques)
13. Unclassified

Division P2 – Black and White

Classes:

- A. Pictorial
- B. Landscape and Scenic
- C. Portraits
- D. Pets
- E. Still Life
- F. Nature
- G. Wildlife
- H. Special Effects
- I. Sports or Action
- J. Sunrise and Sunsets
- K. Candid's
- L. Computer Enhanced (beyond traditional darkroom techniques)
- M. Unclassified

Flower Show

Those in charge of the Flower Show are Monroe County Garden Club members and others.

Please read the following rules carefully as they must be followed.

1. Entry is Thursday, July 30th 8:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Judging will follow. The building will be closed.**
2. Entry tags should be picked up from the Monroe County Fair Board Office before the date of the fair. They should be filled out and attached to the exhibit before entering.
3. Awards will be made on the basis of the judge's decision.
4. All entries in the Horticulture Division must be grown by the exhibitors. Flowers and Plants should be correctly labeled with the plant name and cultivar, if available; for example, Dahlia 'LilacTime'.
5. Flower holders will be available for larger flowers (sunflowers, hostas, lilies, glads, hydrangea, hollyhocks, etc.). Exhibitors will furnish their own small glass containers with narrow necks for small flowers (petunias, marigolds, dianthus, snapdragons, yarrow, daisy, etc.). Rhubarb chunks, celery, cotton balls, etc. may be used to firmly hold plant material upright in container. For best display, flowers should be 1 ½ to 2 times the height of the container.
6. Only foliage on the blossom stems should be included (no added leaves). No leaves should be below the water level.
7. Flowers should be groomed (cleaned) for the show by removing dirt, debris, insects, webs, etc. Faded blooms, petals, or ragged leaves may be removed but lower ratings may result if stubs or wounds are visible.
8. No artificial or contrived plant material may be used in the Artistic Division unless allowed by a specific class in the schedule.
9. Noxious weeds or flowers cannot be used. A noxious weed reference book is available at the Extension Office or at the website <http://www.invasive.org/species/list.cfm?id=70>.
10. More than (1) entry per class may be made by an exhibitor provided each is of a different cultivator, type, or color. The exception is Class R, in Division FS11 Miscellaneous, where there is a limit of 3 entries per exhibitor.
11. Entries are limited to residents of Monroe County and parents/guardians of active 4-H/FFA members in Monroe County.
12. No responsibility will be taken for loss or breakage.
13. The Monroe County Garden Club will give a \$20 award each to the "Best of Show" winners in the Horticulture Division and Artistic Design Division.
14. Exhibitors are welcome to pick up exhibits on Sunday evening but must be picked up by 9:30 a.m. on Monday.

Horticulture Department

Division FS1 – Roses (label as Rose 'name of rose' i.e.: Rose 'Queen Elizabeth')

Classes:

- A. Hybrid tea
- B. Floribunda
- C. Miniatures
- D. Other than named.

Division FS2 – Gladiolus

Classes:

- A. Large flowered over 2½ inches
- B. Small flowered 2½ inches or smaller

Division FS3 – Zinnias

Classes:

- A. Large Regular – 1 bloom over 3 inches
- B. Large Cactus or spoon type – 1 bloom over 3 inches
- C. Medium – 3 blooms, each 2-3in. in diameter
- D. Miniature – 3 blooms, each smaller than 2 in. in diameter

Division FS4 – Marigolds

Classes:

- A. Large Reg 1 bloom over 3 inches
- B. Medium – 3 blooms smaller than 3 inches in diameter
- C. Small – 1 spray
 - 1. Single Blooms smaller than 2 inches
 - 2. Double blooms smaller than 2 inches

Division FS5 – Dahlias

Classes:

- A. Large Dinnerplate – 1 bloom over 7 inches
- B. Large informal decorative – 1 bloom over 5 inches
- C. Large Cactus/Spoon-1 bloom over 3 inches
- D. Small formal (water lily) 2 blooms
- E. Small formal (pompon or ball) – 2 blooms
- F. Small informal (anemone or collarette) 2 blooms
- G. Single/Mignon – 3 blooms
- H. Other than named.

Division FS6 – Celosia

Classes:

- A. Plume – 1 stem
- B. Crested – 1 stem

Division FS7 – Petunias

Classes:

- A. Single – 2 sprays (stems)
- B. Double – 2 sprays (stems)

Division FS8 – True Lilies

Classes:

- A. Asiatic-1 stem
- B. Trumpet-1 stem
- C. Tiger Lily - 1 stem
- D. Oriental – 1 stem
- E. Orienpet – 1 stem
- F. Other – 1 stem

Division FS9 – Day Lilies

Classes:

- A. Large – 1 stem
- B. Spider – 1 stem

Division FS10 – Coneflowers

- A. Heritage

Division FS11- Sunflowers

Classes:

- A. Large – 1 bloom over 6 inches
- B. Medium – 1 bloom 4 to 6 inches

Division FS12 – Hostas

Classes:

- A. 1 Flower Stem and 1 leaf
- B. 3 Leaves of one variety

Division FS13 Miscellaneous

Classes:

- A. Asters – 3 stems
- B. Bachelor buttons – 3 stems
- C. Blazing Star (Liatris) – 2 sprays
- D. Butterfly bush – 1 stem
- E. Canna – 1 stem
- F. Chrysanthemums – 1 spray
- G. Cosmos – 2 sprays
- H. Daisy – 1 stem
- I. Dianthus – 1 spray
- J. Hibiscus – 1 flower

- C. Dwarf – 1 stem

- B. Other – 1 stem

- C. Small – 1 bloom less than 4 inches

- C. 3 Leaves of 3 different varieties

- K. Hollyhock – 1 stem (single or double)
- L. Hydrangea – 1 stem
- M. Phlox – 1 stem
- N. Rudbeckia – 1 stem
- O. Salvia – 3 stems
- P. Snapdragons – 3 stems
- Q. Yarrow – 3 stems
- R. Other than named (limited to 3 entries/person)

Artistic Department

All arrangements must be made by the exhibitor. Plant material does not need to be grown by the exhibitor. Container should not be more than 1/3 of the arrangement. Artistic entries must be judged as displayed by the exhibitor.

Classes:

- A. **Our Nation's 250th Birthday** – A patriotic arrangement using fresh flowers.
- B. **Old Fashioned** - An arrangement of cottage garden (Grandma's garden) flowers in an old fashioned vase or container.
- C. **Afterglow**. A table arrangement using candles and fresh flowers.
- D. **On The Rocks** – An arrangement using rocks, weathered, wood, or other natural materials. Flowers may be fresh or dried but not artificial.
- E. **Silkies** – An arrangement using silk flowers.
- F. **Mini Magic** – A small arrangement using fresh flowers. Accessories permitted.
 - 1. Arrangement smaller than 6 inches in all directions.
 - 2. Arrangement 6 to 9 inches in all directions.
- G. **My Very First Flower Arrangement** – Designer's choice of fresh flowers and design.