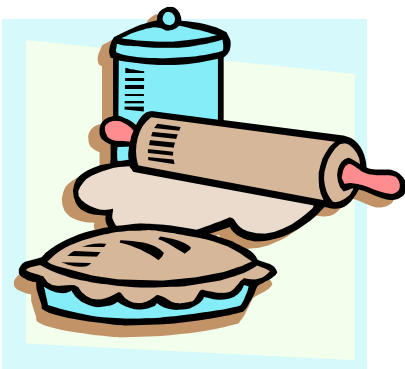


St. Joseph County Open Class Guidelines -- 2017



2017 Changes are in red.

General Rules

1. Open class participants must be 18 years or older by **January 1, 2017** and not eligible for 4-H.
2. Little Hands are for Pre-Kindergarten children, who are at least 3 years old by fair time and not yet in Kindergarten.
3. Items must be entered on Wednesday, **June 28th** from 2pm to 7pm in the south end of the Esther Singer Building (annex).
4. Entries must be brought in on time, NO late entries will be accepted.
5. Entries must be made/prepared within the last 3 years by the exhibitor and entered in his/her own name. All entries must not have been judged at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair.
6. No duplicate entries: You cannot enter the exact same item in more than one class – NO EXCEPTIONS!
7. All foods exhibitors must follow Food Safety Regulations and recipe requirements as stated under the Foods Department rules.
8. Participants may cover their exhibit(s) appropriately.
9. The Fair Board will not be responsible for damage or theft of articles.
10. Each class will have placings from 1 through 4 only as merited. Best of Show will be awarded in EACH Category.
11. **Judging is not open to the public.**

Date and Time of Entry

1. Bring your items to the south end of the Esther Singer Building (annex) on Wednesday, **June 28th** from 2 pm to 7pm. No pre-registration is required, but strongly appreciated. Late entries will NOT be accepted.
2. Entry FEE is \$1 per entry, paid at the time of entry. Each 10 entries entitles exhibitor to 1 daily fair pass with a maximum of 3 passes available.
3. No refunds will be made.

Entry Release

1. NO entry is to be removed before the hour of release established by the Board. Entries removed without permission will forfeit any special awards.
2. Articles will be released on **Saturday, July 8th from 8pm to 9pm and Sunday, July 9th from 1pm to 3pm**. If you are a 4-H family, you may pick up entries when you come to pick up 4-H entries. All participants will receive pick up information at entry.
3. **The committee is not responsible for items NOT claimed by 4pm on July 9th.**

Little Hands

Pre-Kindergarten children who are 3 by fair time, but not yet in Kindergarten are eligible to exhibit.

1. See general rules.
2. Entry at the 4-H Fair is only one activity chosen by the child and labeled properly.
3. There WILL NOT be a fee collected for Little Hands participants.
4. Project ideas are located in the 4-H Fair website: www.4hfair.com

American Heritage

1. See general rules.
2. Items will be different each year. Items must be 50+ years old.

Classes:

- AH1: Feed sacks (one per exhibitor)
- AH2: Men or Ladies watches (one entry per exhibitor and in a display box)
- AH3: Post cards (not more than 3)
- AH4: Salt and Pepper shaker (limit to 2 sets)
- AH5: School items (limit to 2 items per exhibitor)
- AH6: 4-H Fair item (limit to 2 items per exhibitor)

AH7: Best of show

Baked Foods

1. See general rules.
2. All foods judged on appearance, taste, and texture.
3. Recipes must be provided that show which ingredients were used in each part of the product. Recipes should be complete and typed or neatly written on one side of an 8 1/2” x 11” sheet of paper. Be sure to include your name, complete address, and phone number on the back side. These recipes will become the property of the St. Joseph County fair with the right to use them for fair publicity.
4. All products should be displayed on foil covered cardboard (avoid excessive decoration) that is disposable, no more than 1/2” larger than the product. **Pies must be in a disposable (either foil or glass) pan.**
5. Entries need to be covered in plastic wrap or placed into plastic bags as they may be sitting for a period of time until judging.
6. Bread entries need to be standard size loaves; muffins may be any size or shape.

Food and Safety Regulations

1. For food competitions: Filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling, and meringue, (whether cooked or uncooked) are not permitted to contain cream cheese, sour cream, heavy cream, or whipped cream as the nature of these products increases the moisture content and the water activity of the food. Foods with a higher moisture content and water activity can be ideal growing conditions for food borne pathogens. Additionally, raw milk, raw milk products or uncooked eggs/egg whites are not permitted. Eggs/egg whites that have been cooked to 160 degrees F (i.e. pasteurized or included as part of a batter and baked) are acceptable.
2. No home-canned fruits, vegetables, or meats are permitted in products.
3. Contestants should carefully wash their hands and make sure that their hands do not have any open cuts before preparing foods. Contestants should not be preparing food exhibits for competition within 48 hours of recovering from any illness.
4. Whenever possible, baked products should be transported and stored in chilled coolers (41 degrees F).

Classes:

- B1: Cookies (plate of 6)
- B2: Single layer Cake - frosted (any flavor)
- B3: Pie (regular size pan and NO cream pies)
- B4: Muffins (plate of 6 any size or shape)
- B5: Quick Breads (standard size loaf)
- B6: Yeast Rolls (plate of 6 - any shape)

B7: Best of Show

Canning (Food Preservation)

1. See general rules.

2. Must be in plain, standard jelly glasses or standard canning jars (no salad dressing or peanut butter jars, etc.) with new lids and rings.
3. Recipes must be submitted for all canning categories printed or typed on an 8½” x 11” paper with the exhibit, including processing method, time & temperature according to USDA recommendations. Contact the Extension Office for the current USDA canning regulations and head space.
4. Mark containers with the name of the item and the month and year of processing.
5. No frozen products will be accepted.

Classes:

- C1: Jams and Jellies
- C2: Pickled Products
- C3: Sauces/Relishes (e.g. taco or salsa sauces, tomato ketchup, etc.)
- C4: Soups
- C5: Vegetables
- C6: Fruits
- C7: Juices

C8: Best of Show

Christmas at the Fair

1. See general rules.
2. Items must be made within the last 3 years.

Classes:

- CF1: Tree ornaments (ready to hang)
- CF2: Tree skirt or table runner
- CF3: Christmas Sock
- CF4: Christmas Wreath

CF5: Best of show

Clothing Constructions

1. See general rules.
2. Wearables should be on hangers.
3. All projects should be covered in plastic.

Classes:

Adult wear:

- CC1: Active Wear
- CC2: Blouse of any kind
- CC3: Apron
- CC4: Skirt of any kind
- CC5: Separates (2 or more pieces)
- CC6: Dress
- CC7: Sleepwear
- CC8: Jacket or coat
- CC9: Miscellaneous (other than above)

Children’s wear (constructed by an adult):

- CC10: Active wear
- CC11: Dress
- CC12: Christening Dress
- CC13: Pants
- CC14: T-Shirt/Sweatshirt
- CC15: Jacket or coat
- CC16: Costume
- CC17: Miscellaneous (other than above)

Doll Clothes:

- CC18: Costume
- CC19: Dress
- CC20: Sleepwear
- CC21: Miscellaneous (other than above)

Non-Wearables:

- CC22: Purses or Bags

CC23: Best of Show

Collections

1. See general rules.
2. Include story about the collection.
3. Limit size to 5 items (e.g. milk bottles, match books, sewing items, advertising, etc.).
4. Space should not exceed 4' x 4' area.

Classes:

- CO1: Collections
- CO2: Heirlooms

CO3: Best of Show

Gardening

1. See general rules.

Classes:

- G1: Seasonal / Arrangement (in disposable containers, no larger than 24" x 24" x 36", flowers – minimum of 3 and maximum of 7).
- G2: One plate with 5 of the same vegetables (all one kind on plate - e.g. peas, rhubarb, radishes, etc.).
- G3: Mixed planter (3 or more of herbs or flowering plants, no larger than 18" x 18")

G4: Best of show

General Crafts

1. See general rules.
2. If there is more than 5 items of the same craft entered in the category of Miscellaneous, they will be judged as a new class.
3. No exhibit should be any larger than 24" x 24" x 24".
4. All items MUST be clean.

Classes:

- GC1: Fine Arts (must be ready to hang / no kits allowed)
- GC2: Jewelry (in display box)
- GC3: Cards and paper crafts
- GC4: Ceramics
- GC5: Greenware
- GC6: Artificial Floral Arrangement
- GC7: Miscellaneous (other than above)

GC8: Best of show

Needlecraft

1. See general rules.
2. All items MUST be clean.

Classes:

Knitting:

- K1: Hats, scarves, socks
- K2: Afghans (any size)
- K3: Children’s apparel
- K4: Doll clothes
- K5: Miscellaneous (other than above)

Crocheting:

- CR1: Hats, scarves, socks
- CR2: Afghans (any size)
- CR3: Children’s apparel
- CR4: Doll clothes
- CR5: Miscellaneous (other than above)

Other (needlepoint, counted cross stitch, embroidery, latch hook, etc.):

- N1: Hats, scarves
- N2: Picture
- N3: Pillow
- N4: Rug
- N5: Miscellaneous (other than above)

KCRN6: Best of Show

Photography

1. See general rules.
2. All images are to be original images taken by the entrant.
3. Nudes are not acceptable.
4. Print shall not be less than 8”x10” and no larger than 11”x14”.
5. The print must be mounted on a standard 16”x20” salon print board and board **displayed vertically**.
6. Prints must be covered in plastic. (Plastic sleeves will be available for purchase at check-in for \$1.)

Classes:

Black and White/Sepia Tone:

- PC1: County Fair Theme
- PC2: Portrait
- PC3: Landscapes
- PC4: Animals
- PC5: Flowers

PC6: Creative and Experimental (digitally manipulated). Original photograph should be adhered to the back of the exhibit.

Color:

PC11: County Fair Theme

PC12: Portrait

PC13: Landscapes

PC14: Animals

PC15: Flowers

PC16: Creative and Experimental (digitally manipulated). Original photograph should be adhered to the back of the exhibit.

PC17: Best of Show

Quilting

1. See general rules.
2. **Small quilts are under 60”, while large quilts are over 60” and up to 110”.**
3. Must be quilted, clean, and in good condition. This refers to all quilts, including infants. Please have quilts folded right side out, ready for judging.

Classes:

Small Quilts (piece, applique or embroidery – done entirely by the same person):

Q1: Hand done entirely

Q2: Machine done entirely

Q3: Combination of hand and machine done

Small Quilts (piece, applique or embroidery – done by more than one person):

Q4: Hand done entirely

Q5: Machine done entirely

Q6: Combination of hand and machine done

Large Quilts (piece, applique or embroidery – done entirely by the same person):

Q7: Hand done entirely

Q8: Machine done entirely

Q9: Combination of hand and machine done

Large Quilts (piece, applique or embroidery – done by more than one person):

Q10: Hand done entirely

Q11: Machine done entirely

Q12: Combination of hand and machine done

Miscellaneous Quilted Items:

Q13: Purse or bag (any size)

Q14: Pillows

Q15: Table runner / topper

Q16: Jacket

Q17: Best of show

Recycled Items

1. See general rules.
2. Entries to be no larger than 3' x 3'.

Classes:

- RI1: Christmas Theme
- RI2: Miscellaneous (other than above)

RI3: Best of show

Woodworking

1. See general rules.
2. All projects should be complete with an appropriate finish.

Classes:

- W1: Recycle / repurpose (keeps original finish, e.g. barn siding, weathered finish. Not to exceed 20" in height.
- W2: Restore / refinish item (e.g. dresser, chair, stool, etc.)
- W3: Toys or figures
- W4: Furniture
- W5: Miscellaneous (other than above)

W6: Best of show

Contests:

Blueberry Bake Off:

1. Enter on Sunday, July 2nd at 2pm in the annex of the Esther Singer Building.
2. Judging will begin at 3pm.
3. Any baked item that contains Blueberries. Must include an 8" x 11" recipe with the name on the back side of the recipe. Recipes will become property of the Fair Board.
4. Must meet the Food Safety Requirements at the front of the booklet.
5. Open judging.

Creative ways of using a Box Cake Mix

1. Enter on Wednesday, July 5th at 2pm in the annex of the Esther Singer Building.
2. Judging will begin at 3pm.
3. Any baked product using a boxed cake mix as one of the ingredients. Must include an 8" x 11" recipe with the name on the back side of recipe. Recipes will become property of the Fair Board.
4. Must meet the Food Safety Requirements at the front of the booklet.
5. Open judging.