

2023 Open Class Exhibits

St. Joseph County Fair

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Notice: This booklet changes each year. Please be sure to read the rules, regulations and class information.

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General Rules

1. Open Class participants must be 18 years or older by January 1, 2023 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. Entries must be made/prepared within the **last 3 years** by the exhibitor and entered in his/her own name. All entries must have not been judged at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair.
4. You may enter two entries per class. NO EXCEPTIONS!
5. If there are more than 5 items of the same craft entered in the category of **Other Than Above**, they will be **judged as a new class**.
6. All food exhibitors must follow Food Safety Regulations and recipe requirements as stated under the Food Department rules.
7. Participants may cover their exhibit(s) appropriately.
8. The Fair Board and St. Joseph County Extension Homemakers will not be responsible for damage or theft of articles.
9. Each class will have placings from 1 through 4 only as merited. Best of Show will be awarded in EACH category.
10. Judging is not open to the public except as publicized.
11. St. Joseph County Extension Homemakers can enter up to 3 categories FREE.

Date and Time of Entry

1. Bring your items to the south end of the Esther Singer Building (annex) on Monday, June 26, 2023 from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
2. **Entry FEE is \$1.00 per entry**, paid at the time of entry. Each 10 entries entitle exhibitor to 1 daily fair pass with a maximum of 3 passes available. There are no fees for Little Hands.

3. No refunds will be made.

Exhibit Entry and 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 Sunday, July 9, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 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 4:00 p.m. on July 9, 2023. If you cannot pick up your own exhibit(s), you must give your designated person the release card you are given at the time of entry.

Little Hands

Pre-Kindergarten children who are 3 by fair time, but not yet in Kindergarten are eligible to exhibit. (There is no fee for Little Hands)

1. See general rules page one.
2. Little Hands participants may choose up to two exhibits, chosen by the child and labeled properly.
3. There will not be a fee collected for Little Hands participants. Project ideas are in the 4-H Fair website: <https://www.4hfair.com/little-hands>

American Heritage

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

1. See general rules page one.
2. Be prepared to share information with an approximate date and background information. Items must be 50 years old or older.
3. All 6 categories will be new each year.

Classes:

AH-1 - Rocking Chairs

AH-2 – Sewing Items

AH-3 – Depression Glass

AH-4 – Oil Cans

AH-5 – Wood Planers

AH-6 – Board Games

Best of Show

Baked Foods

Entries due: Sunday July 2, 2023 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. in the Esther Singer Annex.

1. See general rules page one.
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 ½” 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 4-H Fair with the right to use them for fair publicity.
4. All products should be displayed on disposable material. Pies should also be in a disposable 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. No home-canned fruits, vegetables or meats are permitted in products.
2. 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 exhibits for competition within 48 hours of recovering from any illness.
3. Whenever possible, baked products should be transported and stored in chilled coolers (41 degrees F).

Classes:

Cookies – Plate of 3

BF-1 – Chocolate Chip

BF-2 – Oatmeal

BF-3 – Peanut Butter

BF-4 – Sugar

BF-5 – Other Than Above

Single Layer Cake

Unfrosted

BF-6 – Angel Food

BF-7 – Chiffon

BF-8 – Coffee Cake

BF-9 – Other Than Above

Pies – No Cream Pies

BF-10 – Apple
 BF-11 – Berry
 BF-12 – Cherry
 BF-13 – Peach
 BF-14 – Pecan
 BF-15 – Other Than Above

Muffins (Plate of 3)(No Liners)

BF-16 – Fruit
 BF-17 – Vegetable
 BF-18 – Whole Grains
 BF-19 – Other Than Above

Quick Breads**(Standard Size Loaf)**

BF-20 – Banana
 BF-21 – Pumpkin
 BF-22 – Zucchini
 BF-23 – Other Than Above

Yeast Rolls (Plate of 3)

BF-24 – Crescent
 BF-25 – Whole Wheat
 BF-26 – Other Than Above

Best of Show**Canning (Food Preservation)**

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

1. See general rules page one.
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 a 8 ½” x 11” paper with the exhibit, including processing method, time and temperature according to USDA recommendations. Contact the County 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:**Jams**

FP-1 – Peach
 FP-2 – Raspberry (Red/Black)
 FP-3 – Strawberry
 FP-4 – Other Than Above

Jellies

FP-5 – Apple
 FP-6 – Grape
 FP-7 – Strawberry
 FP-8 – Other Than Above

Fruit Butters

FP-9 – Apple
 FP-10 – Peach
 FP-11 – Pear
 FP-12 – Other Than Above

Pickled Products

FP-13 – Beets, Pickled
 FP-14 – Bread/Butter Pickles
 FP-15 – Dill Pickles
 FP-16 – Last of Garden
 FP-17 – Sweet Pickles
 FP-18 – Other Than Above

Sauces/Relishes

FP-19 – Sauce
 (Chili, Taco, Salsa)
 FP-20 – Spaghetti
 FP-21 – Tomato Ketchup
 FP-22 – Other Than Above

Soups

FP-23 – Bean
 FP-24 – Tomato
 FP-25 – Vegetable and Meat
 FP-26 – Other Than Above

Vegetables

FP-27 – Beans(Green/Yellow)
 FP-28 – Beets, Red
 FP-29 – Carrots
 FP-30 – Corn

Juices

FP-33 – Apple
 FP-34 – Grape
 FP-35 – Tomato
 FP-36 – Other Than Above

Best of Show

Collections

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

1. See general rules page 1.
2. Include story about the collection.
3. Three to ten pieces in a collection.
4. Heirlooms should be 50 years old or older.

Classes:

CCC1 – Collections
CCH2 – Heirlooms

Best of Show

Fine Arts

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

1. See general rules page one.
2. Exhibit must be ready to hang; gallery wrapped canvas items are considered ready to hang/no kits allowed.

Classes:

FA-1 – Crayon/Colored Pencil Art (Any item)
FA-2 – Drawing Animal (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
FA-3 – Drawing Portrait (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
FA-4 – Drawing Landscape (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
FA-5 – Drawing Still Life (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
FA-6 – Animals (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
FA-7 – Portraits (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)

FA-8 – Landscape (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
FA-9 – Still Life (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
FA-10 – Abstracts
FA-11 – Saws – Painted
FA-12 – Wooden Items – Painted
FA-13 – Other Than Above

Best of Show

General Crafts

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

1. See general rules page one.
2. All items must be clean.

Classes:

Jewelry

GC-1 – Bracelet
GC-2 – Earrings
GC-3 – Necklace
GC-4 – Other Than Above

Artificial Flower

Arrangement

GC-8 – Artificial Floral Arr.
GC-9 – Other Than Above

Homemade Soap

GC-13 – Three Bars
GC-14 – Decorative Soap
GC-15 – Other Than Above

Cards & Paper Crafts

GC-5 – Cards & Paper Crafts
GC-6 – Quilling
GC-7 – Other Than Above

Stuffed Animals

GC-10 – Bear
GC-11 – Monkey
GC-12 – Other Than Above

Miscellaneous Crafts

GC-16 – Gourd
GC-17 – Stained Glass
GC-18 – Leather

Wonder Where It Goes

GC-19 – Not an existing category

Best of Show

Greenware

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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

Classes:

GW-1 Greenware

Best of Show

Holidays At The Fair

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

1. See general rules page one.
2. Items must have been made within the last 3 years.
3. Items must be clean.

Classes:

HF-1 – Tree Ornaments (Ready to hang)
HF-2 – Tree Skirt/Table Runner/Placemats

HF-3 – Stocking(s)

HF-4 – Wreath

HF-5 – Centerpiece

HF-6 – Creche or Manger

HF-7 – Figures (Limit 3 – 15” high) Free Standing

HF-8 – Patriotic Items – Table Decorations

HF-9 – Patriotic Items – Wall/Door/Wreath

HF-10 – Halloween Figures (Limit 3 – 15” high) Free Standing

HF-11 – Halloween Items – Table Decorations

HF-12 – Halloween Items – Wall/Door/Wreath

HF-13 – Other Than Above

Best of Show

Needlecraft

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

1. See general rules page one.
2. All items must be clean.
3. Wrap in clear plastic or Ziplock bag.

Classes:

Knitting

NCK-1 – Hats/Scarves/Socks

NCK-2 – Afghans

NCK-3 – Doll Clothes

NCK-4 – Sweaters/Vests

Crocheting

NCR-1 – Hats/Scarves/Socks

NCR-2 – Afghans

NCR-3 – Doll Clothes

NCR-4 – Sweater/Vests

Best of Show

Other

- NCO-1 – Hats/Scarves
- NCO-2 – Locker Hooking
- NCO-3 – Needle Punch
- NCO-4 – Tatting
- NCO-5 – Latch Hook
- NCO-6 – Plastic Canvas (1-6 pcs)
- NCO-7 – Other Than Above

Hand Embroidery

- NCO-8 – Pillowcases
- NCO-9 – Picture
- NCO-10 – Pillow
- NCO-11 – Tablecloth
- NCO-12 – Other Than Above

Rug

- NCO-13 – Braided
- NCO-14 – Crocheted
- NCO-15 – Woven
- NCO-16 – Other Than Above

Best of Show

should be mounted flat on the board; a matte frame is not required.

6. Prints must be covered in plastic. (Plastic sleeves will be available for purchase at check in for \$1.00).

Photography

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

1. See general rules page one.
2. All images are to be original images taken by the participant.
3. Nudes are not acceptable.
4. Print shall not be less than 8” x 10” and no larger than 11” x 14”.
5. The print should be mounted on a 11” x 14” board. The board can be foam core board or matte board, (exhibit should be sturdy enough for display purposes). Image

Classes:**Black & White or Toned**

PBW-1 – County Fair Theme

PBW-2 – Portrait

PBW-3 – Landscapes

PBW-4 – Animals/Insects

PBW-5 – Flowers

PBW-6 – Creative & Experimental (digitally manipulate)

Original photograph should be adhered to the back

of the exhibit.
PBW-7 – Human Interest
PBW-8 – Unclassified

Best of Show - Black & White or Toned

Color Photography

PC-1 – County Fair Theme
PC-2 – Portrait
PC-3 – Landscapes
PC-4 – Animal/Insects
PC-5 – Flowers
PC-6 – Creative & Experimental (digitally manipulate)
Original photograph should be adhered to the back
of the exhibit.
PC-7 – Human Interest
PC-8 – Unclassified

Best of Show - Color

Quilting

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

1. See general rules page one.
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 one person)

SQ-1 – Hand done entirely
SQ-2 – Machine done entirely
SQ-3 – Combination of hand and machine done

Small Quilts (Piece, applique, or embroidery – done entirely by more than one person)

SQMP-1 – Hand done entirely
SQMP-2 – Machine done entirely
SQMP-3 – Combination of hand and machine done

Large Quilts (Piece, applique, or embroidery – done entirely by one person)

LQ-1 – Hand done entirely
LQ-2 – Machine done entirely
LQ-3 – Combination of hand and machine done

Large Quilts (Piece, applique, or embroidery – done entirely by more than one person)

LQMP-1 – Hand done entirely
LQMP-2 – Machine done entirely
LQMP-3 – Combination of hand and machine done

Best of Show

Recycled Items

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

1. See general rules page one.
2. No size limitation.
3. Must include **BEFORE** pictures with your exhibit.

Classes:

R-1 – Recycled Item

Best of Show

Scarecrow

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

1. See general rules page one.
2. Build a scarecrow that can be used for a garden, field, or decorative purpose. Project should show individuals creativity and imagination. The scarecrow can be made of any material such as wood, metal, or plastic. Scarecrow must be able to stand on its own. A 2' x 2' base is recommended; however, cement buckets and other forms are accepted. SCARECROW SHOULD NOT EXCEED A HEIGHT OF 7; OR A WIDTH GREATER THAN 4' (BASE INCLUDED). Scarecrow is encouraged to have decorations that will be judged in the overall concept of the scarecrow and should be securely fastened. Scarecrow should be stuffed with material appropriate for what the intent is going to be

(i.e., a scarecrow for the field should have straw as the weather will not disintegrate the material if it gets wet).

Classes:

SC-1 – Scarecrow

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Sewing

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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

Classes:

Children's

S-1 – Dress
S-2 – Sleepwear
S-3 – Pants
S-4 – Costume
S-5 – Other Than Above

Men's

S-12 – Active Wear
S-13 – Necktie
S-14 – Shirt
S-15 – Other Than Above

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Women's

S-6 – Active Wear
S-7 – Coat/Jacket – Lined
S-8 – Coat/Jacket – Unlined
S-9 – Suit with Pants or Skirt
S-10 – Dress
S-11 – Other Than Above

Sewing Non-Wearables

S-16 – Doll Clothes
 S-17 – Purse or Bag (Any size)
 S-18 – Pillow
 S-19 – Other Than Above

Quilted Non-Wearables

S-20 – Purse or Bag (Any size)
 S-21 – Pillow
 S-22 – Table Runner/Topper
 S-23 – Other Than Above

Best of Show**Woodworking**

Entries due: Monday June 26, 2023 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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

Classes:

WW-1 – Toys or Figures
 WW-2 – Furniture
 WW-3 – Carvings
 WW-4 – Other Than Above

Best of Show**Donors For Best of Show Winners**

St. Joseph Co. 4-H Fair
 5117 S. Ironwood Drive
 South Bend, IN 46614

Michiana Farm Toy
 Collectors Club
 P.O. Box 157
 Wyatt, IN 46595

Richmond Masters Inc.
 4202 Technology Drive
 South Bend, IN 46628

Farm Bureau
 5032 Miami Street
 South Bend, IN 46614

J & M Quilts, Crafts & More
 66626 State Road 331
 Wyatt, IN 46595

Matthy's Farm Market
 57754 Crumstown Highway
 South Bend, IN 46619

Rosana Balmer
 Lakeville, IN 46536

Tom's Car Care Center
 3201 Sugar Maple Lane
 South Bend, IN 46628

Van Horne Jewelers
 7145 Heritage Square Dr.

Stitch In Time Fabrics
 2305 Miami Street
 South Bend, IN 46614

Thyme To Sew
 1365 N. Bendix Drive
 South Bend, IN 46628

A Wee Bit Warped-South Bend
 Farmer's Market
 1105 Northside Blvd.
 South Bend, IN 46615

Hilltop Farms
 13825 Dragoon Trail
 Mishawaka, IN 46544

The Kitchen Store
 330 Liberty Street
 Walkerton, IN 46574

Gleaner Life Insurance
 24449 Riley Road
 North Liberty, IN 46554

Meijer Inc,
 5020 Grape Road
 Mishawaka, IN 46545

St. Joseph County
 Extension Homemakers

Granger, IN 46530

At The Fair Contests

Cookie Contest Wednesday July 5, 2023

Made by adults, judged by the 4-H Fair Queen and Children. Held in conjunction with Kiddies Day at the Fair. Bring your cookies to the Open Class Department in the Esther Singer Building Annex (south end of building) from Noon until 2:00 p.m. Judging will take place at 2:00 p.m. as an open judging. Six cookies should be brought on a disposable container.

Prizes:

1st Place - \$20.00 2nd Place - \$15.00 3rd Place - \$10.00

Grill/Cook-Off

Entry due: Saturday July 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

1. You must bring 2 copies of your recipe used for the grill-off. Recipe should be on a 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper.
2. Each contestant is responsible for furnishing the meat, recipe, ingredients, utensils, and cooking source for the preparation of the entrée. Presentation is the responsibility of the exhibitor and must include 2 servings.

3. A minimum of 80% of the entrée preparation must be done at cook-off site.
4. Please enter Gate 2. Once your equipment is unloaded you will be given further instructions.
5. Contestants may enter one item in each category

Categories:

Cut: Any pure, lean cut with at least 3 oz. of meat per Serving.

Ground: Fresh ground, at least 80% lean.

Classes:

GO-1 Beef – Cut	GO-2 Beef – Ground
GO-3 Lamb – Cut	GO-4 Lamb – Ground
GO-5 Pork – Cut	GO-6 Pork – Ground

Judging:

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| 1. Cut Selection | 15 points |
| 2. Excellence of Preparation | 45 points |
| 3. Appearance & Presentation | 20 points |
| 4. Overall appeal | 20 points |

Prizes:

1st Place - \$25.00 2nd Place - \$15.00 3rd Place - \$10.00

