

General Information

FAIRGROUND INFORMATION AND RULES

GUEST RELATIONS

An information booth will be located near the Dorton Exhibit Hall (area 5 and 6 on fairgrounds map) and will be maintained during opening hours of the fair. First aid stations, ambulance services and restrooms are conveniently located on the fairgrounds.

ADMISSION TO GROUNDS

Children ages 5 years old and under, and individuals in a wheelchair and the person pushing the wheelchair will be admitted free.

PARKING

Free parking is available on parking lots owned/operated by the fair on Kemper Road and Ferris Wheel Road. Handicapped parking is available near Gate 14 on Ferris Wheel Road. Free trolley rides from Kemper Road parking to Gate 14.

PATRONS

Patrons are requested to report any discourtesies from any Cleveland County Fair employee to our management located in the fair office (area 5 on fairgrounds map). Also, we welcome any constructive criticism or helpful suggestions toward bettering any part of our fair. If for any reason there is a misunderstanding concerning admission to the gates, passes, etc., please pay the gate man/ticket seller the regular admission requested and bring your receipt directly to the manager's office (area 5 on the fairgrounds map). This will save you time and avoid any unnecessary blocking of the traffic gates as well.

RELEASE OF COMPETITIVE ENTRIES AND DISPLAYS

■ All competitive exhibits and displays will be released 2-7 p.m. Monday after the closing of the fair. Any article(s) not picked up within two weeks after the closing of the fair will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of by the fair management.

■ All exhibits are under the direct supervision of the directors in charge and are on exhibition as part of the fair's attractions. It is agreed by the exhibitors in making their entries that they will comply with the rules and regulations of the Cleveland County Fair or forfeit any premiums.

RULES GOVERNING ENTRIES, EXHIBITS AND AWARDS – GENERAL

**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR WEAPONS
ARE PERMITTED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS**

PREMIUM CHECKS FOR DORTON HALL EXHIBITORS

Premium checks will be available for pickup starting Oct. 5, 2024 up to 60 days of Fair Closing Date (10/07/2024)

Exhibits must remain on display until Monday after closing of the fair to avoid forfeiting premium checks.

The following rules and regulations become a part of the contract of each exhibitor, licensee, concessionaire and every other person having contractual relations with the fair.

- The management of the Cleveland County Fair reserves the right to rule on all questions not covered by these rules.
- In the event of conflict between the general rules and special rules governing any department, special rules will take precedence.
- Disregard of any rules or misrepresentation by exhibitor or concessionaire forfeits all premiums, rights and privileges without recourse.
- The management will use diligence to insure the safety of live-stock and articles entered for exhibit or display after their arrival on the fairgrounds. Under no circumstances, however, will the fair or its management be responsible for any loss, injury, theft or damage by fire, lightning, wind or any other agency, to such livestock or articles on exhibition or display.
- Promiscuous advertising is strictly prohibited. Exhibitors may advertise and distribute from their places of exhibit ONLY. Posting of signs on buildings or concessions is prohibited.
- No peddling, hawking or selling of any kind will be allowed in the buildings or on the grounds except by special license obtained from the fair manager.
- Drunkenness, quarreling or the use of profane or obscene language will not be permitted on the grounds.
- The fair will use every possible means to protect property, BUT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARS OR PARTS OF CARS OR ARTICLES LEFT IN CARS.
- No begging will be permitted on the fairgrounds.
- No article or animal will be entitled to space until proper entry is made. After an article has been entered for a premium, it cannot be removed until the time designated for release of that department. If any person removes an article or animal prior to that time, they forfeit all claims to premiums even if same shall have been awarded.
- Each department will be under the special charge of its director. The directors will oversee the arrangements of all articles offered for exhibition in their departments, have control of space assigned to them and deliver the articles on presentation of receipt at the close of the fair.
- Articles entered under wrong classes may be reclassified at the discretion of the judges and the directors.

ENTRIES

- Competition is open to counties indicated in rules governing each department. Cleveland County is defined as all residents and those individuals living outside the county who participate in educational programs of N.C. Extension, schools and colleges in Cleveland County.
- Entries in livestock departments must be made online at cleveland.fairwire.com or directly through the link on the Cleveland County Fair website (www.clevelandcountyfair.com).
- Exhibitors should study the premium list carefully and when decision has been made as to which class to enter, they should fill out the entry blank with the class number, premium list number and name as they appear in the premium book. Livestock entries may ONLY be made online. No faxed copies will be accepted. No forms will be accepted by IM, Email, Text or Social Media.
- All livestock on exhibition must be cared for by the exhibitor. All stalls and pens will have a cedar bedding base provided by the Cleveland County Fair.
- All articles and livestock must be delivered to the grounds. No charge for transportation, express or drayage will be paid by the fair.

EXHIBITS

- The same article cannot compete for more than one premium except sweepstakes.
- All entries must be numbered and recorded in the books of the proper department and class. Corresponding tags will be issued, which must be attached to the exhibit before it can be placed on exhibition.
- No person will be allowed to see the entries or have access to the entry book until after the awards have been made.
- Exhibitors must see to the delivery of any articles or livestock on the grounds and to the proper care of the latter, as no charge for transportation or drayage will be paid by the fair.
- All exhibits (except as noted under Entries) must be installed by Tuesday (before the Thursday Fair opening) to receive attention from the awarding judges.

Exhibitors may have the use of halls and grounds for any reasonable number of days before opening day. This allows sufficient time without any delays for the arranging and placing of their exhibits.

General Information

EXHIBITS (CONT.)

■ Exhibitors should familiarize themselves with the premium list and regulations.

■ The original entry card must in all cases be attached to the exhibit, except in the case of animals when the cards can be conspicuously displayed on the stall or pen.

■ Entries made in wrong classes may be reclassified at the request of the judges, provided the reclassification is approved by the director of the department.

■ Where there is only one entry in a class, the judge will determine the proper placing for premium, unless otherwise stated in the department rules.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

■ Directors are not permitted to employ any help without written permission from the management. An invoice for all supplies or materials must be obtained at the time of delivery by the department head and approved by them.

■ Directors will receive all property entered for exhibition and see that tags are securely attached. They will arrange such property in a suitable and attractive manner.

■ Directors will also see that the property is not removed before time specified under release. They will ensure that tags are matched on property upon removal as a means of preventing fraud and mistakes.

■ **DIRECTORS ARE POSITIVELY FORBIDDEN TO MAKE SUGGESTION OR INTERFERE WITH THE JUDGING IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER.**

■ Competition is open to Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford counties unless otherwise noted in department headings.

JUDGES

■ The judges, when ready for duty, shall be furnished a list of all entries in their respective departments and books in which their placements of all exhibits are to be recorded. **

■ Judges are especially instructed not to award premiums to

any animal or articles because of its presence. It must be individually worthy. It is not the policy of this fair to encourage indifferent production of any kind or to distribute premiums equally among exhibitors. No premiums shall be awarded to any animal or article that does not possess high intrinsic merit.

■ The director in charge shall be with the judges when making the examinations in their respective department. When professional workers have assisted clubs, groups or individuals in preparing exhibits for any department, the professional worker shall not accompany the judges while they are judging the exhibits of these clubs, groups or individuals. As the awards are made, the director will attach the ribbon indicating the award.

■ **The decision of the judges will be considered final.** No appeal will be considered except in the case of protest in writing, with strong evidence of fraud or violation of the rules of the fair, which must be filed with the management of the fair before the premiums have been presented.

■ Reports must be signed by each judge in his own handwriting. However, judges cannot award premiums to articles not in the regular premium list.

■ With the agreement of the director, the judges may have wrong entries re-classed.

■ Judges may award premiums to single exhibits where specifically worthy when authorized by management through the director.

*** Entries added to the books during judging must be validated by entry personnel before any premiums will be awarded. If entries were not made and received by Cleveland County Fair on a valid entry form prior to the printing of the books, the entries will not be eligible for competition and will not be awarded any premiums.*

Judges may not re-class entries in direct conflict with the rules of the Cleveland County Fairbook. Judges may not add classes not printed in the Cleveland County Fairbook unless approved in advance by the Cleveland County Fair Office.

General Departments

2024 EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Competition is open to the residents and agencies in the counties indicated in the rules governing each department.

Cleveland County is defined as all residents and those individuals living outside the county who participate in educational programs of N.C. Extension, schools and colleges in Cleveland County.

Competitive Entries will be accepted in all departments on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., with the exception of display booths and second cut flower departments

REMOVAL TIMES FOR ALL EDUCATION, FFA, CTE, FARM, ECA, SCOUTS AND DORTON HALL COMMERCIAL AND NONPROFIT BOOTHS WILL BE

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, 2024

COMPETITIVE ENTRIES WILL BE RELEASED

Between 2 p.m.-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, 2024

Premium checks for clubs/schools/farm booths will not be released until the booths have been removed and cleaned. Any club/organization that has not removed/cleaned its booth by stated date and time will forfeit any premiums earned.

Premium checks will be available for pickup starting Oct. 7, 2024 up to 60 days of Fair Closing Date (10/07/2024)

EDUCATION, FFA, CTE, FARM, ECA, SCOUTS, AND DORTON HALL COMMERCIAL AND NONPROFIT BOOTHS

Installed no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, 2024.
Call fair office to schedule special time if needed for setup.

■ **Second Cut Flower Department entries** will be accepted:
Monday, Sept. 30, 2024, 9 a.m.-noon.

BOOTH ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE DEPARTMENTS BELOW AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

Installed no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, 2024.

Call fair office to obtain special scheduled operating hours.

- Commercial and Nonprofit Groups
- Education Department, FFA, CTE
- Family and Consumer Sciences
 - Extension and Community Association Clubs (ECA)
- Farm
- Scouts (Boys and Girls)
- 4-H Clubs

General Departments

DORTON EXHIBIT HALL DEPARTMENTS

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

■ Directors will receive all competitive entries, supervise attaching exhibitor tags, and arrange entries in a suitable, attractive manner for public display.

■ Directors will see that entries are not removed before release date and will ensure that exhibitor tags are matched properly to entrant on removal day.

■ Directors are not allowed to make suggestions or interfere with judging except to assist in locating and presenting items for judges review.

DEPARTMENTS

G	Wine
GG	Beer
H and HH	Horticulture and Field Crops
I	ECA Clubs
II	Canned/Dried Foods
J	Baked Food/Candies
JJ	Pie Baking Contest
K	Apparel/Home Décor Sewing
L	Art
LA	Photography
M	Flowers
MH MM	Herbs
MN	2nd Cut Flower Show
N	Master Gardeners
O	Needlecraft
P	Hobbies and Crafts
	Very Special Arts
QH,QK,QL,QLA,QN,QQ,QJ,QII, QO	Youth
QCE	Creative Expression – Youth
Q4H	4-H – Youth
QQ	Participation – Youth
R	Education – School Booths
RCT	Education – CTE Booths
RF	Education – FFA Booths
S	Farm Booths
T	Scouts – Boys and Girls
U	Decorated Hay Bales
F	Egg Show

General Departments

WINE PRODUCERS COMPETITION — DEPARTMENT G

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tues. Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Mon. Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

1. Promote agriculture by recognizing the wine industry as a vital agricultural commodity in our region.

2. Offer meaningful competition between winemakers to encourage high quality practices in both amateur and commercial wine production.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$593

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 21 and older may enter in this department.
2. Only wines made from at least 75 percent N.C. fruit are eligible for competition.
3. Fruits/juices must be home prepared. Wines from concentrates or kits are ineligible
4. Wines should be in 750 ml or 350 ml corked or capped bottles.
5. All bottles must be corked properly using a commercial corking device. The Cleveland County Cooperative Extension office has a commercial bottle corker which may be used free of charge.
6. Grape or fruit variety must be listed on entry form.
7. Only one entry per class per entrant is allowed.
8. Wine bottles labels are not judged. You must, however, have a label with the type of wine on the bottle.
9. Vinifera refers to type of grape (ex: Chardonnay, Cabernet, Franc and Merlot).
10. Additional information available at Cleveland County Cooperative Extension – 704 482 4365
11. All entries must be produced by the individual or business entering the item(s).

COMMERCIAL CLASS

Premiums: 1st - \$15 2nd - \$12 3rd - \$10

Dept-Division-Class

G-1-1	Vinifera	White
G-1-2	Vinifera	Red
G-1-3	Vinifera	Blush
G-1-4	Muscadine	White
G-1-5	Muscadine	Red
G-1-6	Muscadine	Blush
G-1-7	Fruit	Blackberry
G-1-8	Fruit	Blueberry
G-1-9	Fruit	Other

AMATEUR CLASS

Premiums: 1st - \$12 2nd - \$10 3rd - \$8

Dept-Division-Class

G-2-10	Vinifera	Red, White or Blush
G-2-11	Muscadine	White
G-2-12	Muscadine	Red
G-2-13	Muscadine	Blush
G-2-14	Fruit	Blackberry
G-2-15	Fruit	Blueberry
G-2-16	Fruit	Other

12. Each division may have one Best of Show award which includes a Rosette and \$25 premium.

13. Judges evaluate wine on color, clarity, bouquet, flavor and overall presentation.

General Departments

BEER COMPETITION — DEPARTMENT GG

OPEN TO ALLEGHANY, WILKES, IREDELL, MECKLENBURG COUNTIES AND ALL NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES TO THE WEST

Entry Day: Tues. Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Mon. Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

■ To promote the art and industry of craft beer in the state of North Carolina.

■ To offer meaningful competition between brewers to encourage high quality practices in both amateur and commercial beer production.

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 21 and older may enter in this department.
2. Must be in a 12 oz. bottle or can
3. Must be labeled by style/type, including category number.
4. Do not put your name on bottle/can
5. Participants may enter up to 3 entries per category.
6. Beers not consumed during judging may not be reclaimed.
7. All entries must be produced by the individual or business entering the item(s).
8. Each division may have one Best of Show award, which includes a Rosette and \$25 premium.

COMMERCIAL CLASS

Premiums: 1st - \$15 2nd - \$12 3rd - \$10

Dept-Division-Class

GG-1-1	Lagers
GG-1-2	Light Ales
GG-1-3	Amber Ales
GG-1-4	Dark Ales
GG-1-5	Cider
GG-1-6	Mead

AMATEUR CLASS

Premiums: 1st - \$12 2nd - \$10 3rd - \$8

Dept-Division-Class

GG-2-7	Lagers
GG-2-8	Light Ales
GG-2-9	Amber Ales
GG-2-10	Dark Ales
GG-2-11	Cider
GG-2-12	Mead

General Departments

HORTICULTURE AND FIELD CROPS — DEPARTMENTS H AND HH

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tues. Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Mon. Oct 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

Encourage home agricultural food production by showcasing the variety of fruits, vegetables and field crops produced by families in our region.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$1,095

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 19 and older may enter in this department.
2. Entries must be produced by the individual exhibitor during the most recent growing season.
3. Fruit, vegetable or field crop specimens must meet the following specifications:

- Have stems attached
- Be a specimen of the variety in which produce is entered
- Contain no cuts or bruises
- Contain no insect or disease blemishes

4. Entries which do not meet specifications will be ineligible for competition.

Display containers for fruits and vegetables provided by the Cleveland County Fair. Exhibitor must provide jars.

5. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
6. Management may, as necessary, remove produce which begins to rot/decay.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for fruits, vegetables and field crops will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Form — appropriate for produce	20
Size — appropriate for marketing	10
Color — fresh and colorful	10
Uniformity — consistent in size and appearance	40
Condition — no visible damage to produce	20

Total: 100

Unless Otherwise Stated

Premiums: 1st - \$6 2nd - \$5 3rd - \$4



SWEET POTATOES

Dept-Division-Class

H-1-1	Carolina Rose	(5 specimens – uniform size)
H-1-2	Centennial	(5 specimens – uniform size)
H-1-3	Jewel	(5 specimens – uniform size)
H-1-4	Other variety not listed <i>(must list name – 5 specimens – uniform size)</i>	

IRISH POTATOES

H-2-11	Irish Cobbler	(8 specimens – uniform size)
H-2-12	Kennebec	(8 specimens – uniform size)
H-2-13	Pontiac	(8 specimens – uniform size)
H-2-14	Other variety not listed <i>(must list name – 8 specimens – uniform size)</i>	

MISCELLANEOUS

H-3-15	Bean, Bunch (10 specimens)	
H-3-16	Beans, Lima (10 specimens-unshelled)	
H-3-17	Beans, October (10 specimens)	
H-3-18	Beans, Pole (10 specimens)	
H-3-19	Beets (5 specimens)	
H-3-20	Citron	
H-3-21	Corn, Ornamental (5 ears)	
H-3-22	Cucumbers (2 specimens)	
H-3-23	Egg Plant (1 specimen)	
H-3-24	Garlic — any variety (5 cloves)	
H-3-25	Gourd — small or ornamental (3 same type)	
H-3-26	Gourd — large handle variety (1 specimen)	
H-3-27	Gourd, any other	
H-3-28	Okra, pods (10 pods)	
H-3-29	Okra, pods — red (10 pods)	
H-3-30	Onion sets (12 specimens)	
H-3-31	Peas, Crowder (10 specimens)	
H-3-32	Peas, Field (unshelled — 10 specimens)	
H-3-33	Peppers, Banana (5 specimens)	
H-3-34	Peppers, Green Bell (5 specimens)	
H-3-35	Peppers, Green Hot (5 specimens)	
H-3-36	Peppers, Hot (any other variety — 5 specimens)	
H-3-37	Peppers, Red Bell (5 specimens)	
H-3-38	Peppers, Red Hot (5 specimens)	
H-3-39	Peppers, Red Pimento (5 specimens)	

General Departments — DEPT. H continued

MISCELLANEOUS (CONT.)

Dept-Division-Class

H-3-40	Peppers, Sweet (any other) (5 specimens)
H-3-41	Peppers, Tray (4 varieties, any size or color — 3 specimens per variety)
H-3-42	Popcorn (5 ears)
H-3-43	Popcorn, Ornamental (5 ears)
H-3-44	Pumpkin (Miniature)
H-3-45	Pumpkin (Standard)
H-3-46	Radishes (10 specimens)
H-3-47	Rhubarb (5 stalks in a bunch)
H-3-48	Seed, Collection (7 types in a tray)
H-3-49	Squash, Acorn (2 specimens)
H-3-50	Squash, Butternut (2 specimens)
H-3-51	Squash, Summer (2 specimens)
H-3-52	Squash, Winter (any other — 2 specimens)
H-3-53	Sunflower Head
H-3-54	Tomatoes - any variety, pear shape, 5 specimens
H-3-55	Tomatoes — any variety, slicing, 5 specimens
H-3-56	Tomatoes — Grape (5 specimens)
H-3-57	Tomatoes — Salad (5 specimens)
H-3-58	Turnips (5 specimens)
H-3-59	Vegetable, arrangement (5 different vegetables in basket no larger than 14")
H-3-60	Vegetable, Most Unusual
H-3-61	Watermelon (Best)

APPLES

Best of any apple variety listed below.

Five apples per Cleveland County Fair provided container.

	1st	2nd	3rd	
H-4-62	Peck, Single (any variety)	\$15	\$12	\$10
H-4-63	Tray, Single (any variety)	\$15	\$12	\$10
H-4-64	Trays, Three (1 each of 3 varieties)	\$25	\$20	\$15
H-4-65	Arkansas Black			
H-4-66	Crabapple (edible)			
H-4-67	Fuji			
H-4-68	Gala			
H-4-69	Gold Rush			
H-4-70	Golden Delicious			
H-4-71	Granny Smith			
H-4-72	Mutsuz			
H-4-73	Pink Lady			
H-4-74	Red Delicious			
H-4-75	Stamen Winesap			
H-4-76	Winesap			
H-4-77	Apple, any other variety (identify)			
H-4-78	Apple, largest			

GRAPES

one (1) pint quantity

Dept-Division-Class

H-5-79	Black, small fruit (ex: Nobel)
H-5-80	Black, large fruit (ex: Nesbit, Jumbo)
H-5-81	Bronze, small fruit (ex: Carlos, Magnolia, Scuppernong)
H-5-82	Bronze, large fruit (ex: Frye, Higgins, Triumph)
H-5-83	Grapes, wine
H-5-84	Muscadines, wild

FRUITS

H-6-86	Fruit, most unusual (identify)
H-6-87	Pears, Kieffer (5 specimens)
H-6-88	Pears, Bartlett (5 specimens)
H-6-89	Persimmon, American (5 specimens)

NUTS

Exhibitors should bring nuts in containers as specified below.

H-6-91	Chestnuts (1 quart jar w/lid)
H-6-92	Hickory (1 quart jar w/lid)
H-6-93	Peanuts, Spanish in shell (1 quart jar w/lid)
H-6-94	Peanuts, Virginia in shell (1 quart jar w/lid)
H-6-95	Pecans, Papershell (1 quart jar w/lid)
H-6-96	Pecans, Stuart (1 quart jar w/lid)
H-6-97	Walnuts, Black Hulled (1 quart jar w/lid)

HONEY & MOLASSES

*Exhibitors should bring Honey/Molasses
in clear quart jar, sealed.*

H-7-100	Honey, comb
H-7-101	Honey, dark (extracted or crushed and strained)
H-7-102	Honey, light amber (extracted or crushed and strained)
H-7-103	Honey, white (extracted or crushed and strained)
H-7-104	Molasses

General Departments

FIELD CROPS — HH

COTTON

Dept-Division-Class

- HH-1-1 Bolls (12" zip-lock bag)
- HH-1-2 Lint (1 lb. in zip-lock bag)
- HH-1-3 Stalks, three — with bolls and roots

CORN

5 ears, uniform size

- HH-2-4 Hybrid, white any variety — identify
- HH-2-5 Hybrid, Yellow any variety — identify
- HH-2-6 Open Pollinated — any variety — identify

GRAIN/SORGHUM

- HH-3-7 Milo — any variety (3 heads)

SOYBEANS

- HH-4-8 Beans only, any variety (quart jar)
- HH-4-9 Stalks, three — any variety — identify

SMALL GRAINS

Bring 1 quart jar of grain

Dept-Division-Class

- HH-5-10 Barley, any variety
- HH-5-11 Oats, any variety
- HH-5-12 Rye, any variety
- HH-5-13 Wheat, any variety

HAY

Note instructions below

- HH-6-14 Alfalfa
- HH-6-15 Fescue
- HH-6-16 Hay, any other
- HH-6-17 Hybrid Bermuda
- HH-6-18 Lespedeza
- HH-6-19 Oat
- HH-6-20 Orchard Grass
- HH-6-21 Soybean

Hay exhibit consist of hay removed from the center of the bale — 12 inches in thickness tied with baler twine.

General Departments

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES — DEPARTMENT I

EXTENSION AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CLUBS (ECA) | OPEN TO CLEVELAND COUNTY ECA CLUBS ONLY

DIRECTOR: Nancy Abasiekong

Final Entry Date: Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, 5 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Purpose

Showcase programs that support families; extend homemaking skills and promote consumer education and public service.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$510

Guidelines and rules

1. Exhibits must not exceed the height and width of the booth. Booth size is approximately 8' square with slanting side panels and backdrop approximately 5' high. Exhibits that exceed booth dimensions will receive penalty points and may be ineligible for competition.

2. Groups should measure assigned booth(s) to acquire exact dimensions before installing exhibits.

Note: Display items may not exceed the height of the slanting sides separating each display

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for ECA Clubs will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
1. Educational Value (teaches a lesson)	40
2. Relevance (includes features interesting to public)	25
3. Attractiveness & Arrangement (visually appealing)	25
4. Adheres to dimension guidelines/rules	10
Total:	100

Premiums: 1st - \$150 2nd - \$135 3rd - \$125

All Other Creditable Booths — \$100

*To be eligible for a premium booth/display
must acquire at least 70 points*

Dept-Division-Class

I-1-1 ECA Club Booth

Cleveland County has an ECA County Council and three ECA Clubs: Belwood ECA,, Boiling Springs ECA, and Lawndale ECA. To learn how to establish an ECA Club in your community or to join an existing club contact Cleveland County Cooperative Extension,130 S. Post Road, Suite 1, Shelby, N.C. 704-482-4365

General Departments

CANNED AND DRIED FOODS — DEPARTMENT II

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

To support and encourage home food preservation as a safe, healthy lifestyle for individuals and families in the twenty-first century

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$1,215

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 19 and older may enter in this department.
2. All entries must have been prepared by the individual exhibitor since the (most recent) previous fair.
3. Personal name or name of item should NOT be placed on jar or lid.
4. Exhibits must be sealed in standard canning jars of specified size using two-piece lids.
5. All products must be processed according to recognized safe methods found in the current edition of the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning (available online), Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving, So Easy to Preserve- Cooperative Extension The University of Georgia, or the National Center for Home Food Preservation (nchfp). Here's the link for the nchfp online reference: https://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html.
6. All canned foods (exception: dried) *must have a processing label attached that identifies processing information. *See Sample Processing Label. Processing labels are available at the Cleveland County Fair Office (704-487-0651) or at , available at the Cleveland County Fair (704-487-0651) or Co-operative Extension (704-482-4365). ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF NOT LABELED.
7. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
8. Jars may be opened by judges.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for canned foods will be awarded according to the following:

	Points	
Processing/Packing — USDA Standards	50	
Quality of Product — color, texture, uniformity	40	
Container — clear, standard, appropriate size	10	
Total: 100		
Premiums: 1st - \$6	2nd - \$5	3rd - \$4

Sample processing label:

Entry Number: _____ Date Processed: _____

Contents (Food): _____

Processing Method (check one and list additional information)

Pressure Canner/# of Pounds ____ Processing Time: __Min

Boiling Water Canner Processing Time: __Min

***Dried foods should be placed in jars with fitting lids.
Label with contents and drying method used.**

General Departments — DEPT. II continued

CANNED FRUITS

Pint or Quart Jar

Dept – Division - Class

- II-3-11 Apples
- II-3-12 Applesauce
- II-3-13 Blackberries
- II-3-14 Blueberries
- II-3-15 Cherries
- II-3-16 Figs
- II-3-17 Grapes
- II-3-18 Peaches
- II-3-19 Pears
- II-3-20 Any other fruit (identify)

CANNED VEGETABLES

Pint or Quart Jar

- II-4-21 Beans, Green
- II-4-22 Beans, Lima
- II-4-23 Beets, Baby
- II-4-24 Carrots - whole or cut
- II-4-25 Corn (pints only)
- II-4-26 Greens (turnip or other)
- II-4-27 Kraut
- II-4-28 Okra
- II-4-29 Peas, English (green)
- II-4-30 Peas, Field
- II-4-31 Potatoes, Sweet (cubed)
- II-4-32 Soup, Vegetable - single or mixed vegetable
- II-4-33 Tomatoes (red)
- II-4-34 Tomatoes (yellow)
- II-4-35 Tomatoes (green)

PRESERVES

Half Pint or Pint Jars

Preserves contain whole fruit or fruit pieces that retain their shape and are clear, shiny and plump. Fruits should be suspended in clear syrup that is the consistency of honey or soft jelly filled to within ¼ inch of the top of a standard canning jar and must be processed in a boiling water bath for airtight seal (no paraffin).

Dept – Division - Class

- II-5-37 Apple
- II-5-38 Cherry
- II-5-39 Fig
- II-5-40 Peach
- II-5-41 Pear
- II-5-42 Strawberry
- II-5-43 Any other preserve (identify)

JAMS AND FRUIT BUTTERS

Half Pint or Pint Jars

Jams are made from crushed fruits, cooked to a smooth consistency that will mound up on a spoon, but not as firm as jelly. Butters are pureed fruit cooked to a smooth consistency. These products should be filled to 1/4 inch of the top of a standard canning jar and must be processed in a boiling water bath for airtight seal (No paraffin).

- II-6-45 Butter, Apple
- II-6-46 Butter, Peach
- II-6-47 Butter, Pear
- II-6-48 Jam, Blackberry
- II-6-49 Jam, Blueberry
- II-6-50 Jam, Fig
- II-6-51 Jam, Grape
- II-6-52 Jam, Peach
- II-6-53 Jam, Pear
- II-6-54 Jam, Plum
- II-6-55 Jam, Strawberry
- II-6-56 Jam, any other (identify)

JELLY

Half Pint or Pint Jars

Jelly is made from home-prepared fruit juice and sugar cooked to a thick, spreading consistency. These products should be filled to ¼ inch of the top of a standard canning jar and must be processed in a boiling water bath for airtight seal (no paraffin).

- II-7-58 Apple
- II-7-59 Apple, Crab
- II-7-60 Blackberry or Dewberry
- II-7-61 Blueberry
- II-7-62 Grape, Concord
- II-7-63 Muscadine
- II-7-64 Pepper
- II-7-65 Plum
- II-7-66 Scuppernong
- II-7-67 Jelly, any other — identify

General Departments – DEPT. II continued

PICKLES AND RELISH

Pint or Quart Jars

Dept – Division – Class

II-8-70 Pickles, Beet
II-8-71 Pickles, Bread and Butter
II-8-72 Pickles, Cucumber – Sour
II-8-73 Pickles, Cucumber – Sweet
II-8-74 Pickles, Dill
II-8-75 Pickles, Green Tomato
II-8-76 Pickles, Hot Peppers
II-8-77 Pickles, Okra
II-8-78 Relish, Chow-Chow
II-8-79 Relish, Cucumber
II-8-80 Relish, Green Tomato
II-8-81 Relish, Pear
II-8-82 Relish, Pepper
II-8-83 Relish, Squash
II-8-84 Salsa
II-8-85 Pickles (any other)

JUICES

Pint or Quart Jars

Dept – Division – Class

II-9-90 Apples
II-9-91 Blackberry
II-9-92 Grape
II-9-93 Muscadine
II-9-94 Scuppernong
II-9-95 Tomato

DRIED FOODS

Half Pint or Pint Jars

Fruits, vegetables, and herbs may be dried by any method. They should be placed only in half pint or pint jars with tight fitting lids. Must label with contents and method used for drying.

II-11-104 Apples
II-11-105 Blueberries
II-11-106 Figs
II-11-107 Herbs, Culinary
II-11-108 Peppers
II-11-109 Tomatoes

General Departments

BAKED FOODS AND CANDIES — DEPARTMENT J

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

Showcase the baking skills of individuals in our region and promote 'made-from-scratch' cooking.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$1,068

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 19 and older may enter in this department.
2. All entries in this department must be made from scratch, except in 'boxed mix makeover' category.
3. All entries must have been prepared by the individual exhibitor; consequently, a product may not be divided and entered by more than one person.
4. Products which need refrigeration will not be accepted.
5. Eggs used in icing must be cooked.
6. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
7. Management may, as necessary, remove items which begin to decay.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Baked Food and Candies will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Appearance	40
Taste	40
Texture	20
Total:	100

BREADS

Premiums: 1st - \$5 2nd - \$4 3rd - \$3

Place bread items on 6" disposable plate in large reclosable plastic bag

Dept – Division – Class

J-1-1 Biscuits, Traditional or Plain (4)

J-1-2 Biscuits, Any Other (4)

J-1-3 Bread, Banana (1/2 loaf)

J-1-4 Bread, French Yeast (1/2 loaf)

J-1-5 Bread, Sour Dough (1/2 loaf)

J-1-6 Bread, Whole Wheat (1/2 loaf)

J-1-7 Bread, Yeast (1/2 loaf)

J-1-8 Bread, Quick (1/2 loaf)

J-1-9 Buns, Cinnamon (4)

J-1-10 Cake, Coffee (1/2 loaf)

J-1-11 Cheese Straws or Wafers (6)

J-1-12 Muffins, Bran (4)

J-1-13 Muffins, Cornmeal (4)

J-1-14 Muffins, Fruit (4)

J-1-15 Muffins, Any Other – identify (4)

J-1-16 Rolls, Whole Wheat (4)

J-1-17 Rolls, Yeast (4)

TWO LAYER CAKES (ICED)

Premiums: 1st - \$10 2nd - \$9 3rd - \$8

Enter ½ cake on half-moon cardboard circle

covered with foil in reclosable plastic bag

J-2-18 Caramel Filling – yellow or white layers

J-2-19 Carrot

J-2-20 Chocolate Filling – yellow or white layers

J-2-21 Coconut filling – yellow or white layers

J-2-22 Devil's Food

J-2-23 German Chocolate

J-2-24 Prune

J-2-25 Red Velvet

J-2-26 Spice

J-2-27 Layer – any other kind (identify)

General Departments — DEPT. J continued

DECORATED CAKES

Premiums: 1st - \$12 2nd - \$11 3rd - \$10

Use cake form * Entry may not exceed 12" in height or diameter.

Decorated cakes are judged on decorations only and must be made by the exhibitor Cover cake securely with clear plastic wrap.

Dept – Division – Class

J-3-29 Birthday Cake

J-3-30 Holiday Cake (ex: Christmas, Easter)

DECORATED CUPCAKES

Premiums: 1st - \$6 2nd - \$5 3rd - \$4

J-3-40 Decorator's Choice — 4 items on half moon cardboard circle — Judged on decorations only

CAKES — POUND OR LOAF

Premiums: 1st - \$10 2nd - \$9 3rd - \$8

Enter ½ cake on half-moon cardboard circle covered with foil in reclosable plastic bag

J-4-30 Angel Food

J-4-31 Applesauce

J-4-32 Chiffon or Sponge

J-4-33 Pound, Chocolate

J-4-35 Pound, Plain

J-4-36 Pound, Any Other — identify

J-4-37 Spice

CAKES — BOXED MIX MAKEOVER

Premiums: 1st - \$6 2nd - \$5 3rd - \$4

Enter ½ cake on half-moon cardboard circle covered with foil in reclosable plastic bag.

Statement on index card indicating 'makeover of mix' is required with entry.

J-5-40 Chocolate

J-5-41 Lemon

J-5-42 Spice

J-5-43 White

J-5-44 Any Other — identify

BROWNIES/COOKIES/CUPCAKES

Premiums: 1st - \$5 2nd - \$4 3rd - \$3

Each entry consist of four items on 6" paper plate in reclosable bag

All cookies must be oven-baked — boiled or unbaked cookies will not be accepted

Dept – Division – Class

J-6-45 Brownies, Plain (No added ingredients)

J-6-46 Brownies, With additional ingredients (nuts, chips, etc)

J-6-47 Cookies, Bar (Not brownies)

J-6-48 Cookies, Chocolate Chip/Chocolate Chunk

J-6-49 Cookies, Gingersnaps

J-6-50 Cookies, Macaroons

J-6-51 Cookies, Oatmeal

J-6-52 Cookies, Peanut Butter

J-6-53 Cookies, Pressed or Molded

J-6-54 Cookies, Refrigerator Dough, baked

J-6-55 Cookies, Rolled

J-6-56 Cookies, Sugar

J-6-57 Cookies, Any Other (identify)

J-6-58 Cupcakes, Any Variety (identify, iced or un-iced) (4)

CANDIES

Premiums: 1st - \$5 2nd - \$4 3rd - \$3

Each entry consist of four pieces on 6" paper plate in reclosable bag

J-7-62 Candies, Variety of Four (4)

J-7-63 Candy, Dipped

J-7-64 Candy, Any Other

J-7-65 Fudge, Chocolate

J-7-66 Fudge, Peanut Butter

J-7-67 Fudge, Any Other

J-7-68 Peanut Brittle

HEALTHY LIVING RECIPES

Package according to other category instructions as appropriate

Premiums: 1st - \$6 2nd - \$5 3rd - \$4

J-8-61 Sugar-free Cookies (4)

J-8-62 Sugar-free Candy (4)

J-8-63 Sugar-free Cake (1/2)

J-8-64 Gluten-free Muffin or Bread

J-8-65 Gluten-free Dessert (any)

General Departments

APPAREL AND HOME DÉCOR SEWING — DEPARTMENT K

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

Promote the value of sewing for self-sufficiency and creativity for home and personal needs

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$600

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 19 and older may enter in this department.
2. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
3. All entries must be produced by the individual entering the item(s) since the most recent (prior) fair.
4. All articles/entries must be clean and suitable for display. Clothing must be entered on a hanger.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Apparel & Home Décor Sewing will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Workmanship (quality of work)	40
General appearance	30
Suitability of fabric to pattern/item	15
Degree of difficulty	15

Total: 100

Premiums: 1st - \$6 2nd - \$5 3rd - \$4



ADULT CLOTHING

Dept – Division – Class

K-1-1	Articles, Appliquéd or Decorated
K-1-2	Apron
K-1-3	Blouse
K-1-4	Dress
K-1-5	Dress (semi-formal or party)
K-1-6	Jacket or Blazer
K-1-7	Jumper/umpsuit
K-1-8	Pants
K-1-9	Shirt
K-1-10	Shorts
K-1-11	Skirt
K-1-12	Suit

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

K-2-15	Dress
K-2-16	Pajamas
K-2-17	Robe
K-2-18	Shorts
K-2-19	Skirt
K-2-20	Costume (child size)

PERSONAL AND HOME DÉCOR

K-3-25	Article, clothing, machine embroidered
K-3-26	Article, any other, machine embroidered
K-3-27	Article, latchhook
K-3-28	Article, woven
K-3-29	Diaper bag
K-3-30	Handbag or purse, machine sewn
K-3-31	Picture, machine embroidered
K-3-32	Pillow, pieced or quilted
K-3-33	Pillow, quilted on printed design
K-3-34	Pillow, any other
K-3-35	Pillowcase, machine embroidered
K-3-36	Placemats
K-3-40	Quilt, appliquéd
K-3-41	Quilt, hand quilted
K-3-42	Quilt, machine quilted
K-3-43	Quilt, pieced
K-3-44	Quilted, wall hanging
K-3-45	Quilted, other article
K-3-46	Quilt or coverlet, baby
K-3-47	Quilt or coverlet, embroidered
K-3-48	Quilted purse, tote or backpack
K-3-49	Table runner
K-3-50	Wall hanging
K-3-51	Any other sewing item
K-3-52	Family themed quilted item

General Departments

ART — DEPARTMENT L

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

Showcase the artistic talents of local amateur and professional artist

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$864

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 19 and older may enter in this department.
2. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed and limited to three entries total.
3. Entries must be the original work of the exhibitor and appropriate for public audiences of all ages.
4. Entries must have been prepared by the individual exhibitor since the (most recent) previous fair.
5. Size may not exceed 20" x 26" (including frame) and ready to hang using wire attached to frame.
6. Amateur is defined as one who does not advertise, teach, sell, trade or work with art as a livelihood.
7. Professional is defined as one who advertises, teaches, sells, trades or works with art as a livelihood.
8. Awards will be made on quality of workmanship and originality of design.

AMATEUR ONLY

Premiums: 1st - \$10

2nd - \$9

3rd - \$8

Dept – Division – Class

L-1-1	Acrylic
L-1-2	Acrylic, Cleveland County Scene
L-1-3	Acrylic, Still Life
L-1-4	Charcoal, any subject
L-1-5	Collage
L-1-6	Graphics
L-1-7	Media, mixed
L-1-8	Media, other
L-1-9	Painting, oil
L-1-10	Painting, oil — Cleveland County Scene
L-1-11	Painting, oil — Still Life
L-1-12	Pastel
L-1-13	Portrait, any media
L-1-14	Portrait, oil
L-1-15	Portrait, Pastel
L-1-16	Portrait, pencil
L-1-17	Sketch, pen and ink
L-1-18	Sketch, pencil
L-1-19	Watercolor
L-1-20	Watercolor, Cleveland County Scene
L-1-21	Watercolor, portrait
L-1-22	Watercolor, Still Life

PROFESSIONAL ONLY

Premiums: 1st - \$10

2nd - \$9

3rd - \$8

L-2-30	Acrylic
L-2-31	Collage
L-2-32	Cleveland County Scene, any media
L-2-33	Graphics
L-2-34	Media, other
L-2-35	Painting, oil
L-2-36	Portrait, any media
L-2-37	Sketch, pen and ink
L-2-38	Sketch, pencil
L-2-39	Watercolor

General Departments

PHOTOGRAPHY — DEPARTMENT LA

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

Showcase the skills of non-professional photographers in our region.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$555

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 19 and older may enter in this department.
2. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed and limited to three entries total in this department.
3. All entries must be photographed by the individual entering the item/s since most recent (previous) fair.
4. Photographs must be a minimum of 5" x 7" and must be framed. Frame, including photograph, may not exceed 12" x 14". Pictures mounted on cardboard or construction paper will not be accepted.
5. Tinted or hand-colored photographs will not be accepted.
6. This department is open to non-professional photographers only. Professional photographers and their employees are not eligible to participate in this department.
7. Cleveland County Fair will demonstrate responsible behavior regarding protection and display of items in this department, however, the fair cannot accept responsibility for broken or damaged frames.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for adult Photography will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Technique (focus, exposure, lighting, depth of field)	40
Contrast (camera angle, framing, background, foreground)	30
Enlargement quality (clarity, sharpness, print condition)	30

Total: 100

Premiums: 1st - \$6 2nd - \$5 3rd - \$4

PORTRAITS

Dept – Division – Class

LA-1-1	Single Adult, black and white
LA-1-2	Single Adult, color
LA-1-3	Single Child, black and white
LA-1-4	Single Child, color
LA-1-5	Single Animal, black and white
LA-1-6	Single Animal, color
LA-1-7	Two or More People, black and white
LA-1-8	Two or More People, color
LA-1-9	Two or More Animals, black and white
LA-1-10	Two or More Animals, color

PICTORIAL SUBJECT

LA-2-14	Abstract/computer enhanced
LA-2-15	Architecture (buildings) black and white
LA-2-16	Architecture (buildings) color
LA-2-17	Fireworks, aerial
LA-2-18	Flowers, black and white
LA-2-19	Flowers, color
LA-2-20	Insects
LA-2-21	Landscape, black and white
LA-2-22	Landscape, color
LA-2-23	Nature (sunset, sunrise, clouds) black and white
LA-2-24	Nature (sunset, sunrise, clouds) color
LA-2-25	Picture, Cleveland County Fair
LA-2-26	Scene, black and white
LA-2-27	Scene, color
LA-2-28	Seascapes (ocean) black and white
LA-2-29	Seascapes (ocean) color
LA-2-30	Miscellaneous, black and white
LA-2-31	Miscellaneous, color

PERSONALITY OR HUMOROUS

LA-4-33	Animal (antics or express) black and white
LA-4-34	Animal (antics or express) color
LA-4-35	Group (two or more) black and white
LA-4-36	Group (two or more) color
LA-4-37	Humorous, Adult, black and white
LA-4-38	Humorous, Adult, color
LA-4-39	Humorous Child, black and white
LA-4-40	Humorous, Child, color

SEPIA

LA-5-45	Sepia, miscellaneous
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General Departments

FLOWERS AND HERBS — DEPARTMENT M

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Entry Day 2: Monday, Sept. 30, 2024,
9 a.m. – noon for Second Cut Flower Competition

Purpose

Recognize the “green thumb” residents in our region and showcase the beauty they produce.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$1,605

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 19 and older may enter in this department.
2. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
3. Commercial growers, florist and their employees, are not eligible to compete for premiums.
4. No pots may be over 10 inches except where specified.
5. All flowering plants must be in bloom.
6. Banquet size arrangements are not accepted.
7. Vases will be provided by Cleveland County Fair for cut flowers.
8. Fair employees may, as necessary, remove flowers which begin to wilt and lose attractiveness.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Potted Plants/Flowers will be awarded according to the following:

	Points	
Condition and Distinctiveness of Plant/Flower	30	
Color and Markings of Plant/Flower	30	
Size of Plant/Flower	15	
Foliage	15	
Plant/Flower entered in appropriate class	10	
Total:	100	
Premiums: 1st - \$6	2nd - \$5	3rd - \$4

POTTED PLANTS

Plants must be potted at least three months before the Fair

Dept – Division – Class

- M-1-1 Begonia, Angel Wing
- M-1-2 Begonia, Double
- M-1-3 Begonia, Rex
- M-1-4 Begonia, Single
- M-1-5 Bonsai
- M-1-6 Cacti
- M-1-7 Dish Garden (no bedding plants)
- M-1-8 Fern, Asparagus
- M-1-9 Fern, Boston
- M-1-10 Fern, any other
- M-1-11 Flower (no annuals)
- M-1-12 Foliage
- M-1-13 Geranium
- M-1-14 Hanging Basket, Asparagus Fern
- M-1-15 Hanging Basket, combination 2 or more flowers
- M-1-16 Hanging Basket, Flowering Begonia (10" pot)
- M-1-17 Hanging Basket, Flowering Impatient (10" pot)
- M-1-18 Hanging Basket, Rabbit Foot Fern
- M-1-19 Impatien, Double
- M-1-20 Impatien, Single
- M-1-21 Jade
- M-1-22 Ornamental
- M-1-23 Planter, combination (12", 2 or more plants)
- M-1-24 Prayer
- M-1-25 Succulent, Aloe
- M-1-26 Succulent, any other
- M-1-27 Terrarium (growing)
- M-1-28 Tropical (no pot over 10")
- M-1-29 Violet, Pink African – Single
- M-1-30 Violet, Purple African – Single
- M-1-31 Violet, any color not listed – Single
- M-1-32 Violet, Variegated African
- M-1-33 Violet, any color – Double
- M-1-34 Potted Plant, any other not listed
- M-1-35 Topiary and plant, non-herb

General Departments – DEPT. M continued

FIRST CUT FLOWER SHOW

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Dept – Division – Class

M-2-41	Arrangement, White Flower
M-2-42	Arrangement, Artistic Autumn
M-2-43	Arrangement, Home Dried Materials (in frame or tray)
M-2-44	Arrangement, Home Dried Materials
M-2-45	Arrangement, Floral (for serving tray)
M-2-46	Basket (6 - 10")
M-2-47	Centerpiece, Floral (10" container)
M-2-48	Centerpiece, Floral (large dining table - 12 people)
M-2-49	Centerpiece, Floral (small dining table - 6 people)
M-2-50	Chrysanthemums, 3 any variety
M-2-51	Dahlias, collection (1 bloom each, 5 varieties in one container)
M-2-52	Dahlias, collection, miniature (1 bloom each, 5 varieties in one container)
M-2-53	Dainty (2-4")
M-2-54	Fall, specimen of 12 different kinds
M-2-55	Gourds & related cucurbits, collection (not to exceed 14" square)
M-2-56	Home Dried Materials, best collection 12 or more
M-2-57	Marigolds, miniature (3 same color)
M-2-58	Marigolds, 3 of same color
M-2-59	Perennials, fall - best collection
M-2-60	Roses, collection - 1 bloom (6 varieties in one container)
M-2-61	Roses, miniature collection - 1 bloom (6 varieties in one container)
M-2-62	Wreath, home dried materials
M-2-63	Zinnias, miniature (3 of same color)
M-2-64	Zinnias, 3 of same color
M-2-65	Celosia, Cocks Comb (1 specimen)
M-2-66	Celosia, Plumosa Plume (1 specimen)
M-2-67	Dahlias, any variety (1 specimen)
M-2-68	Daisy, Gerbera (1 specimen)
M-2-69	Daisy, Shasta (1 specimen)
M-2-70	Rose, coral (1 specimen)
M-2-71	Rose, pink (1 specimen)
M-2-72	Rose, red (1 specimen)
M-2-73	Rose, white (1 specimen)
M-2-74	Rose, yellow (1 specimen)
M-2-75	Rose, variegated (1 specimen)
M-2-76	Rose, any other color (1 specimen)
M-2-77	Rose, miniature (1 specimen)
M-2-78	Sedum (1 stem)
M-2-79	Specimen, any other flower, identify
M-2-80	Sunflower (1 specimen)

SECOND CUT FLOWER SHOW

Entry Day: Monday, Sept. 30, 2024, 9 a.m.–noon

Dept – Division – Class

MM-3-1	Arrangement, White Flowers
MM-3-2	Arrangement, Artistic Autumn
MM-3-3	Arrangement, Floral (in serving tray)
MM-3-4	Basket (6 - 10")
MM-3-5	Centerpiece, Floral (10" container) (large dining table - 12 people)
MM-3-6	Centerpiece, Floral (small dining table - 6 people)
MM-3-7	Chrysanthemums, 3 any variety
MM-3-8	Dahlias, collection (1 bloom each, 5 varieties in one container)
MM-3-9	Dahlias, collection, miniature (1 bloom each, 5 varieties in one container)
MM-3-10	Dainty (2-4")
MM-3-11	Fall, specimen of 12 different kinds
MM-3-12	Marigolds, miniature (3 same color)
MM-3-13	Marigolds, 3 of the same color
MM-3-14	Perennials, fall - best collection
MM-3-15	Roses, collection - 1 bloom each (6 varieties in one container)
MM-3-16	Roses, miniature collection, 1 bloom each (6 varieties in one container)
MM-3-17	Zinnias, miniature (3 of same color)
MM-3-18	Zinnias, 3 of same color
MM-3-19	Celosia, Cocks Comb (1 specimen)
MM-3-20	Celosia, Plumose Plume (1 specimen)
MM-3-21	Dahlias, any variety (1 specimen)
MM-3-22	Daisy, Gerbera (1 specimen)
MM-3-23	Daisy, Shasta (1 specimen)
MM-3-24	Rose, coral (1 specimen)
MM-3-25	Rose, pink (1 specimen)
MM-3-26	Rose, red (1 specimen)
MM-3-27	Rose, white (1 specimen)
MM-3-28	Rose, yellow (1 specimen)
MM-3-29	Rose, variegated (1 specimen)
MM-3-30	Rose, miniature (1 specimen)
MM-3-31	Rose, any other color (1 specimen)
MM-3-32	Sedum (1 stem)
MM-3-33	Specimen, any other flower, identify
MM-3-34	Sunflower (1 specimen)

General Departments

HERBS — DEPARTMENT MH

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

Showcase the beauty of herbs and the importance of herbs in our foods and to our health.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$450

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 19 and older may enter in this department.
2. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
3. Plant must be grown by the exhibitor.
4. Commercial growers and their employees are not eligible to compete for premiums.
5. No pots may be over 10 inches except where specified.
6. Potted herbs must be potted at least two months before the Cleveland County Fair.
7. One plant per pot except in Kitchen Garden class.
8. If there is a class for the plant, you cannot enter the plant as any other flower or herb.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Herbs will be awarded according to the following:

	Points	
Plant condition (free from damage)	40	
Size according to variety	25	
Plant quality (form, foliage, substance)	25	
Herb entered in appropriate class	10	
	Total: 100	
Premiums: 1st - \$6	2nd - \$5	3rd - \$4

Dept – Division – Class

MH-1-1	Basil, Sweet
MH-1-2	Basil, any other
MH-1-3	Bay (Lauris nobilis)
MH-1-4	Chives, Garlic
MH-1-5	Chives, Onion
MH-1-6	Geranium, Scented
MH-1-7	Ginger, plant
MH-1-8	Herbs, Kitchen Garden (display maximum 8"x10")
MH-1-9	Lamb's Ear
MH-1-10	Lavender, English
MH-1-11	Lavender, Any other
MH-1-12	Lemon Balm
MH-1-13	Medicinal Herb
MH-1-14	Mint
MH-1-15	Monardo (Bee Balm)
MH-1-16	Oregano, Greek
MH-1-17	Oregano, any other
MH-1-18	Parsley (Crispum)
MH-1-19	Parsley, Italian
MH-1-20	Rosemary (Romaris officinalis)
MH-1-21	Rosemary (R. officinalis, Prostratus)
MH-1-22	Sage, Garden
MH-1-23	Sage, Pineapple
MH-1-24	Tarragon (not Mexican)
MH-1-25	Thyme
MH-1-26	Topiary, herb
MH-1-27	Herb, any other not listed in 3" – 5" pot
MH-1-28	Herb, any other not listed in 6" – 10" pot
MH-1-29	Herb, any 3 stems same variety not listed
MH-1-30	Dried Herb Bundle, decorative

To learn about herbs, contact Cleveland County Cooperative Extension (704-482-4365)
or the Foothills Herb Society at Foothillsherbsociety@yahoo.com.

EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER

EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER IS A VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM OFFERED BY NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION.

Final Entry Date: Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, 5 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**THE DISPLAY IS LOCATED AT THE REVOLVING WHEEL
IN THE CENTER OF DORTON EXHIBIT HALL.**

Purpose

1. Provide recognition for the Cleveland County Extension Master Gardener program and volunteers.
2. Provide the public access to experts trained to answer questions about gardening and horticulture.

Guidelines and rules

1. All booth work prepared by Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.
2. Containers, floral arrangements, plants and accessories be appropriate size for designated space and may not exceed the booth dimensions (approximate size backdrop: 30 inch length: 71 inch front width: 74 inch back width: 23 inch).
3. Signage should include common name of plants for the educational benefit of the public.
4. To maintain a high quality display exhibitors should replace specimens as needed.
5. Cleveland County Fair reserves the right to remove wilted items as necessary.

General Departments

NEEDLECRAFT — DEPARTMENT N

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

Showcase the beauty of needle crafted items and the skill required to produce fine home arts.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$1005

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 19 and older may enter in this department.
2. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
3. All entries must be produced by the individual entering the item/s since the most recent (prior) Cleveland County Fair.
4. All articles/entries must be clean and suitable for display. Garments should be entered on a hanger.
5. Knitted, crocheted and stitchery articles must be completely hand-made. Entries using a machine or loom in the production will not be accepted.
6. Entries — such a pictures, wall hangings or bell pulls — should have wire hanger or similar attachment to allow for appropriate display of the item.
7. Premiums will not be awarded when entries do not meet score card criteria.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Needlecraft will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Workmanship (Quality of Work Product)	30
General Appearance and Cleanliness	30
Suitability of Finished Product to Materials Used	15
Complexity/Degree of Difficulty	25

Total: 100

Premiums: 1st - \$6 2nd - \$5 3rd - \$4

KNITTING

Dept – Division – Class

N-1-1	Afghan
N-1-2	Afghan, Baby
N-1-3	Article, Knitted (small)
N-1-4	Article, Knitted (original design)
N-1-5	Baby Set
N-1-6	Coat, Cape or Poncho
N-1-7	Dress or Suit
N-1-8	Hat, knitted
N-1-9	Hat, felted
N-1-10	Scarf
N-1-11	Shawl or Stole
N-1-12	Shawl, Prayer
N-1-13	Sweater or Dress (Baby or Child size)
N-1-14	Sweater, Cardigan or Pullover (1 color)
N-1-15	Sweater, Decorative (2 or more colors)
N-1-16	Any other knitted item

NEEDLEPOINT

N-2-16	Bell Pull or Wall Hanging (not framed picture)
N-2-17	Embroidery, Machine
N-2-18	Needlepoint, article using decorative stitches
N-2-19	Needlepoint, article, small
N-2-20	Needlepoint, article, medium (Handbag, etc.)
N-2-21	Any other needlepoint item
N-2-22	Needlepoint, article large (chair, footstool, etc)
N-2-23	Needlepoint, original (novelty plastic canvas)
N-2-24	Needlepoint, original, any article
N-2-25	Pattern (novelty plastic canvas)
N-2-26	Picture with frame (from pattern or chart)
N-2-27	Pillow, fully assembled (from pattern or chart)

CREATIVE STITCHERY

Articles entered as Creative Stitchery may be on any fabric using thread or yarn (or combination of both) and must consist entirely of handmade stitches.

N-3-30	Creative Stitchery, original (no pattern)
N-3-31	Creative Stitchery, Picture or Wall Item
N-3-32	Creative Stitchery, Pillow
N-3-33	Creative Crewel Embroidery, original design
N-3-34	Embroidery (Huck—Swedish Embroidery)
N-3-35	Embroidery, Crewel, any article
N-3-36	Tatting

General Departments — DEPT. N continued**CROCHET****Dept – Division – Class**

N-4-40	Afghan, Creative
N-4-41	Afghan, one color
N-4-42	Afghan, two colors
N-4-43	Afghan, three or more colors
N-4-44	Afghan, decorative (cross stitched or worked-in)
N-4-45	Afghan, variegated yarn
N-4-46	Afghan or Lap Robe, Baby (one color)
N-4-47	Afghan or Lap Robe, Baby (two or more colors)
N-4-48	Article, large (tablecloth, etc)
N-4-49	Article, medium
N-4-50	Article, novelty
N-4-51	Article, small
N-4-52	Baby Set
N-4-53	Bedspread or Coverlet (60 x 60" and over)
N-4-54	Cape or Stole
N-4-55	Hat (not made with Looper Clips)
N-4-56	Pillow
N-4-57	Scarf
N-4-58	Shawl, Prayer
N-4-59	Sweater or Jacket, adult
N-4-60	Sweater or Jacket, child
N-4-61	Any other crocheted article

CROSS STITCH**Dept – Division – Class**

N-5-70	Article, any original design
N-5-71	Article, large, chart design
N-5-72	Article, medium
N-5-73	Article, small (ex: pocketbook, etc.)
N-5-74	Article (design stamped on fabric)
N-5-75	Picture (design stamped on fabric)
N-5-76	Picture (design area up to 8 x 10")
N-5-77	Picture (chart design, 8" x 10" to 16 x 20")
N-5-78	Picture (chart design, larger than 16 x 20")
N-5-79	Pictorials (two or more from chart group)
N-5-80	Pillow (chart group)
N-5-81	Sampler (design stamped on fabric)
N-5-82	Sampler (chart design)
N-5-83	Any other cross stitch item
N-5-84	Tatting

General Departments

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS — DEPARTMENT O

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

Showcase the artisanship talents of the citizens in our region.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$990

Guidelines and rules

1. Only ages 19 and older may enter in this department.
2. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
3. All entries must be produced by the individual entering the item/s since the most recent (prior) fair.
4. Items must be clean and free of blemishes.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Needlecraft will be awarded according to the following:

	Points	
Creativity and Originality	45	
Craftsmanship	35	
Functionality and/or Appearance	25	
Total:	100	
Premiums: 1st - \$6	2nd - \$5	3rd - \$4

CELEBRATION CRAFTS

Creatively Wrapped Gift

Dept – Division – Class

0-1-1 Gift Wrap, any occasion

Table Decoration (not to exceed 20" high)

0-1-3 Centerpiece, any occasion

CERAMICS

0-2-1 Animals or Birds

0-2-2 Baby Item

0-2-3 Bowl

0-2-4 Figurine

0-2-5 Holiday, Single

0-2-6 Holiday, Set (3 or less pieces)

0-2-7 Tray or Plate

0-2-8 Vase

0-2-9 Ceramic, any other, identify

CHINA

Dept – Division – Class

0-3-6 China, paint

DOLLS

0-4-1 Animals, dressed

0-4-2 Doll, Creative

0-4-3 Doll, Porcelain

0-4-4 Doll, Rag

0-4-5 Doll, Any Other

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

0-5-1 Christmas Decoration (not ceramic or sewn)

0-5-2 Christmas Ornament (6" or less)

0-5-3 Wreath, (may not exceed 24" completed)

JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES

0-6-5 Jewelry Set, 2 pieces

0-6-8 Accessory, handmade

0-6-9 Jewelry, handmade: necklace, earrings, bracelet, ring

LEATHER WORK

0-12-1 Bag, Handbag

0-12-2 Belt

0-12-3 Wallet or Coin Purse

0-12-4 Leather Work, any other, identify

METAL WORK

0-13-1 Tin Punch

0-13-2 Original Design

0-13-3 Tooling

0-13-4 Metal, any other, identify

General Departments – DEPT. O continued

MISCELLANEOUS

Dept – Division – Class

- 0-14-1 Basket, small (10" or less)
- 0-14-2 Basket, medium (11-17")
- 0-14-3 Basket, large (18" - 24")
- 0-14-4 Cane or Walking Stick
- 0-14-5 Candles, handmade
- 0-14-6 Decoupage
- 0-14-9 Gourd, painted
- 0-14-10 Macrame
- 0-14-11 Soap (Handmade)
- 0-14-12 Shell or Beadwork (not jewelry)
- 0-14-13 Stained Glass, Sun Catchers – 12" or less
- 0-14-14 Stained Glass, any other 24" or less
- 0-14-15 Any other craft, identify

POTTERY

- 0-15-1 Container, Hand-Formed
- 0-15-2 Wall Piece, Hand-Formed
- 0-15-3 Hand-Formed, any other
- 0-15-4 Container, Wheel Thrown
- 0-15-5 Wall Piece, Wheel Throw
- 0-15-6 Wheel Thrown, any other, identify

SCRAPBOOKING (1 OR 2 PAGES IN PROTECTORS)

Dept – Division – Class

- 0-16-1 Holiday
- 0-16-2 Special Occasions
- 0-16-3 Vacations
- 0-16-4 Scrapbooking, any other, identify

WOOD CRAFT/WHITTLING

- 0-17-1 Animals
- 0-17-2 Birds
- 0-17-3 Household item – 12" or less
- 0-17-4 Household item – 13"- 24"
- 0-17-5 Signs (24" or less)
- 0-17-6 Toys (20" or less)
- 0-17-7 Whittling, miscellaneous
- 0-17-8 Wood Burning
- 0-17-9 Wood Carving
- 0-17-10 Woodwork, any other, identify

MODEL CARS

- 0-18-1 Stock - standard, antique, trucks, racers
- 0-18-2 Custom - standard, antique, trucks, racers

General Departments

VERY SPECIAL ARTS — DEPARTMENT P

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9a.m.-7p.m.
Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2p.m.-7 p.m.

Purpose

1. Showcase the craftsmanship talents of our citizens with disabilities or special needs.
2. Recognize that a disability does not mean an inability.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$195

Guidelines and rules

1. Competition is limited to individuals with disabilities or special needs, ages 5 and older, in our region.
2. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
3. All entries must be produced by the individual entering the item/s since the most recent (prior) fair.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Very Special Arts will be awarded according to the following:

	Points	
Creativity and Originality	45	
Craftsmanship	35	
Functionality and Appearance	25	
Total: 100		
Premiums: 1st - \$6	2nd - \$5	3rd - \$4

ART

Artwork may not exceed 18" x 24" and must be framed or mounted on cardboard and covered with clear plastic.

Dept – Division – Class

- P-1-1 Artwork, abstract, any media
- P-1-2 Artwork, animal or bird, any media
- P-1-3 Artwork, original, any media
- P-1-4 Artwork, portrait, any media
- P-1-5 Artwork, any other

BAKED GOODS

- P-2-1 Candy, any variety (4 pieces)
- P-2-2 Cupcakes, Decorated (4 on plate)
- P-2-3 Baked Good, any other (identify)

BREAKFAST ART

- P-3-1 Milk Jug Art — use quart or ½ gallon milk jug, create an original design 15" or less in height and 12" or less in width using any media. Must stand alone.
- P-3-2 Oatmeal Box Art — use 18 ounce oatmeal container, create an original design 15" or less in height and 12" or less in width using any media. Must stand alone.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

- P-4-1 Beadwork (any creation using beads)
- P-4-2 Buttonwork (any creation using buttons)
- P-4-3 Creator's Choice (Original Design)
- P-4-4 Woodwork (any design using wood)
- P-4-5 Any Other Craft

General Departments

YOUTH COMPETITION — DEPARTMENT Q

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY YOUTH

NEEDLECRAFT — YOUTH DEPT QN

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose:

Showcase the various talents and skills of the youth in our region.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$3348

Guidelines and rules:

1. Open to ages 9 to 18 years old only.
2. All entries must be produced by the individual entering the item(s) since the most recent (previous) fair.
3. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
4. Entries must also meet standards established for specific division(s) and class(es).

Premiums: 1st - \$5 2nd - \$4 3rd - \$3
Premiums are for all youth divisions
unless noted otherwise

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Needlecraft – Youth will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Workmanship (Quality of Work Product)	30
General Appearance and Cleanliness	30
Suitability of Finished Product to Materials Used	15
Complexity/Degree of Difficulty	25
Total:	100

NEEDLECRAFT

Ages 9–12

Dept – Division – Class

QN-6-84 Creative Stitchery, Kit or Pattern

QN-6-85 Creative Stitchery, original piece

QN-6-86 Crewel Embroidery piece

QN-6-87 Crocheted piece

QN-6-88 Cross Stitch (design stamped on fabric)

QN-6-89 Cross Stitch (worked from chart)

QN-6-90 Needlepoint (from pattern or chart)

QN-6-91 Needlepoint, original design

QN-6-92 Knitted item

N- - 3 Tatting

NEEDLECRAFT

Ages 13–18

QN-7-94 Creative Stitchery, Kit or Pattern

QN-7-95 Creative Stitchery, original piece

QN-7-96 Crewel Embroidery piece

QN-7-97 Crocheted piece

QN-7-98 Cross Stitch (design stamped on fabric)

QN-7-99 Cross Stitch (worked from chart)

QN-7-100 Needlepoint (from pattern or chart)

QN-7-101 Needlepoint, original design

QN-7-102 Knitted item

N- - 03 Tatting

General Departments — DEPT. Q continued**APPAREL AND HOME DÉCOR SEWING — YOUTH DEPT QK****CLOTHING - GIRLS/BOYS**

Ages 9-12

Dept – Division – Class

QK-4-10	Apron
QK-4-11	Blouse or Shirt
QK-4-12	Costume
QK-4-13	Dress
QK-4-14	Dress, Evening or Party
QK-4-15	Garment, Decorated
QK-4-16	Handbag or Sewn Accessories
QK-4-17	Jacket or Blazer
QK-4-18	Pajamas or Gown
QK-4-19	Shorts or Skorts
QK-4-20	Skirt
QK-4-21	Slacks or Pants
QK-4-22	Vest
QK-4-23	Garment, any other

HOME DECOR — GIRLS/BOYS

Ages 9-12

QK-4-28	Bag, Tote
QK-4-29	Cap or Hat, Decorated
QK-4-30	Cap or Hat, Original Design, Sewn
QK-4-31	Tablecloth
QK-4-32	Embroidered Article — Machine
QK-4-33	Embroidered Article — Any Other
QK-4-34	Knitted or Crocheted Item, Large
QK-4-35	Knitted or Crocheted Item, Small
QK-4-36	Napkin (1)
QK-4-37	Needlework
QK-4-38	Pillow, Miscellaneous
QK-4-39	Pillow, Quilted
QK-4-40	Placemat (1)
QK-4-41	Quilt, Hand Quilted
QK-4-42	Quilt, Machine Quilted
QK-4-43	Pillow Case
QK-4-44	Any Other

CLOTHING - GIRLS/BOYS

Ages 13-18

Dept – Division – Class

QK-5-51	Apron
QK-5-52	Blouse or Shirt
QK-5-53	Costume
QK-5-54	Dress
QK-5-55	Dress, Evening or Party
QK-5-56	Garment, Decorated
QK-5-57	Handbag or Sewn Accessories
QK-5-58	Jacket or Blazer
QK-5-59	Pajamas or Gown
QK-5-60	Shorts or Skorts
QK-5-61	Skirt
QK-5-62	Slacks or Pants
QK-5-63	Vest
QK-5-64	Garment, any other

HOME DECOR — GIRLS/BOYS

Ages 13-18

QK-5-70	Bag, Tote
QK-5-71	Cap or Hat, Decorated
QK-5-72	Cap or Hat, Original Design, Sewn
QK-5-73	Cover, Bread Roll
QK-5-74	Embroidered Article — Machine
QK-5-75	Embroidered Article — Any Other
QK-5-76	Knitted or Crocheted Item, Large
QK-5-77	Knitted or Crocheted Item, Small
QK-5-78	Napkin (1)
QK-5-79	Needlework
QK-5-80	Pillow, Miscellaneous
QK-5-81	Pillow, Quilted
QK-5-82	Placemat (1)
QK-5-83	Quilt, Hand Quilted
QK-5-84	Quilt, Machine Quilted
QK-5-85	Pillow Case
QK-5-86	Any Other

General Departments — DEPT. Q continued

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY — YOUTH DEPT QL AND QLA

Guidelines and rules: Art — Youth

1. Open to ages 9 to 18 years old only.
2. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
3. Entries must be the original work of the exhibitor and appropriate for public audiences of all ages.
4. Entries must have been prepared by the individual exhibitor since the (most recent) prior fair.
5. Must be ready to hang using wire attached to frame.
6. All youth artwork must be framed (ready to hang) OR mounted on cardboard covered with clear plastic or laminated (ready to hang). Tape does not hold hooks adequately.
7. Premium awards will be made on quality of workmanship and originality of design.

ART PRODUCED BY GIRLS/BOYS

Ages 9–12

Dept – Division – Class

QL-3-40	Collage
QL-3-41	Crayon
QL-3-42	Digital Illustration
QL-3-43	Magic Marker
QL-3-44	Media, Mixed
QL-3-45	Pastel
QL-3-46	Pen and Ink
QL-3-47	Pencil, Color
QL-3-48	Portrait, Any Media
QL-3-49	Sketch, Pencil
QL-3-50	Tempra Paint
QL-3-51	Watercolor
QL-3-52	Miscellaneous Artwork

ART PRODUCED BY GIRLS/BOYS

Ages 13–18

QL-4-60	Acrylic
QL-4-61	Charcoal
QL-4-62	Digital Illustration
QL-4-63	Graphics
QL-4-64	Media, Mixed
QL-4-65	Painting, Oil
QL-4-66	Pastel
QL-4-67	Pen and Ink
QL-4-68	Pencil, Color
QL-4-69	Portrait, any media
QL-4-70	Sketch, Pencil
QL-4-71	Tempra Paint
QL-4-72	Watercolor
QL-4-73	Miscellaneous Artwork

Guidelines and rules: Photography — Youth

1. Open to ages 9 to 18 years old only.
2. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
3. Entries must be the original work of the exhibitor and appropriate for public audiences of all ages.
4. Entries must have been photographed by the individual exhibitor since the (most recent) prior fair.
5. Photographs may be 5 x 7 or 8 x 10. Photos must be framed and no larger than 12 x 14 (including frame).
6. Premium awards will be based on exposure, lighting, composition, depth of field and focus.

PHOTOGRAPHY — COLOR

Dept – Division – Class

QLA-8-1	Macro (anything up close)
QLA-8-2	Portrait
QLA-8-3	Selfie
QLA-8-4	Landscape
QLA-8-5	Favorite Pet
QLA-8-6	Awesome Weather
QLA-8-7	Photo Bomb
QLA-8-8	Life of a Farmer
QLA-8-9	Sports / Action
QLA-8-10	Miscellaneous

PHOTOGRAPHY — BLACK AND WHITE

QLA-9-1	Macro (anything up close)
QLA-9-2	Portrait
QLA-9-3	Selfie
QLA-9-4	Landscape
QLA-9-5	Favorite Pet
QLA-9-6	Awesome Weather
QLA-9-7	Photo Bomb
QLA-9-8	Life of a Farmer
QLA-9-9	Sports / Action
QLA-9-10	Miscellaneous

General Departments — DEPT. Q continued

BAKED FOOD AND CANDIES — YOUTH DEPT QJ

Guidelines and rules

1. Open to ages 9 to 18 years old only.
2. All entries in this department must be made from scratch, no mixes.
3. All entries must be prepared by the individual exhibitor; consequently, a product may not be divided and entered by more than one person.
4. Products which need refrigeration will not be accepted.
5. Eggs used in icing must be cooked.
6. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
7. Fair personnel may, as necessary, remove items which begin to decay.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

**Premiums for Baked Food and Candies — Youth
will be awarded according to the following:**

	Points
Appearance (uniform shape, level, attractive)	40
Taste (ingredients produce flavorful taste)	40
Texture appropriate for item	20
Total:	100

Premiums for Breads, Candies and Cookies

1st: \$5 2nd: \$4 3rd: \$3

Premiums for Cakes

1st: \$5 2nd: \$4 3rd: \$3

BREADS

Display on plate in recloseable plastic bag.

Dept – Division – Class

QJ-14-100	Biscuits (four on plate)
QJ-14-101	Bread, Yeast, ½ loaf
QJ-14-102	Bread, Any Other Variety, ½ loaf (identify)
QJ-14-103	Cheese Straws or Wafers (6)
QJ-14-104	Muffins, Cornmeal (4)
QJ-14-105	Muffins, Any Other (4) (identify)

CAKES

Display ½ cake on half-moon cardboard circle covered with foil in recloseable plastic bag. No refrigerated cakes accepted.

QJ-15-111	Angel Food, No Icing
QJ-15-112	German Chocolate
QJ-15-113	Layer, Any Variety (identify)
QJ-15-114	Pound, Chocolate
QJ-15-115	Pound, Plain
QJ-15-116	Pound, Any Other (identify)
QJ-15-117	Cake, Any Other
QJ-15-118	Cupcakes, Decorated, Fall Theme (3)
QJ-15-119	Cupcakes, Decorated, any occasion (3)
QJ-15-120	Cupcakes, Iced (3)

CANDIES

Display pieces on 6" plate in recloseable plastic bag.

Dept – Division – Class

QJ-16-125	Chocolate, Dipped or Molded
QJ-16-126	Fudge, Chocolate
QJ-16-127	Fudge, Peanut Butter
QJ-16-128	Mints, Pressed
QJ-16-129	Peanut Brittle
QJ-16-130	Candy, Any Other (identify)

COOKIES

Display 4 cookies on 6" plate in recloseable bag. Cookies must be oven baked. Boiled or unbaked cookies not accepted.

QJ-17-135	Brownies, Any Variety (identify)
QJ-17-136	Cookies, Chocolate Chip
QJ-17-137	Cookies, Drop, any variety (identify)
QJ-17-138	Cookies, Oatmeal
QJ-17-139	Cookies, Peanut Butter
QJ-17-140	Cookies, Sugar
QJ-17-141	Cookies, any other (identify)

General Departments — DEPT. Q continued

CANNED FOODS — YOUTH DEPT QII

Guidelines and rules

1. Open to ages 9 to 18 years old only.
2. All entries must have been prepared by the individual exhibitor since the (most recent) previous fair.
3. Personal name or name of item should **NOT** be placed on jar or lid.
4. Exhibits must be sealed in standard canning jars of specified size using two-piece canning lids.
5. All products must be processed according to recognized safe methods found in the current edition of the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning (available online) or Ball Blue Book.
6. All canned foods must have a processing label attached, available at the Cleveland County Fair (704-487-0651) or Cooperative Extension (704-482-4365), identifying the processing procedure.
7. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Canned Foods — Youth will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Processing/Packing (according to USDA or Ball Blue Book Standards)	50
Quality of Product — color, texture, uniformity	40
Container — clear, standard, appropriate size	10
Total: 100	
Premiums: 1st - \$5	2nd - \$4
	3rd - \$3

FRUITS

(Pint or Quart Jars Only)

Dept – Division – Class

QII-6-1	Applesauce
QII-6-2	Blackberries
QII-6-3	Peaches
QII-6-4	Pears
QII-6-5	Fruit, Any Other (identify)

VEGETABLES

(Pint or Quart Jars Only)

Dept – Division – Class

QII-7-15	Beets, Baby (sliced or whole)
QII-7-16	Beans, Green
QII-7-17	Corn
QII-7-18	Peas, Any Variety (identify)
QII-7-19	Soup, Vegetable
QII-7-26	Tomatoes
QII-7-27	Vegetable, Any Other (identify)

General Departments – DEPT. Q continued

PICKLES AND RELISH

(Pint or Quart Jars Only)

Dept – Division – Class

QII-8-29 Pickles, Beet
QII-8-30 Pickles, Bread and Butter
QII-8-31 Pickles, Cucumber, Sour
QII-8-32 Pickles, Cucumber, Sweet
QII-8-33 Pickle, Dill
QII-8-34 Relish, Any Variety (identify)
QII-8-41 Salsa

PRESERVES

(Half Pint or Pint Jars Only)

QII-9-45 Apple
QII-9-46 Berry, Any Variety (identify)
QII-9-47 Peach
QII-9-48 Pear
QII-9-49 Preserve, Any Other (identify)

Sample processing label:

Entry Number: _____ Date Processed: _____

Contents (Food): _____

Processing Method (check one and list additional information) []

Pressure Canner/# of Pounds ____ Processing Time: __Min []

Boiling Water Canner Processing Time: __Min

JAMS AND MARMALADES

(Pint Jars Only)

Dept – Division – Class

QII-10-55 Apple Butter
QII-10-56 Jam, Berry, Any Variety (identify)
QII-10-57 Jam, Fig
QII-10-58 Jam, Any Other Variety (identify)
QII-10-59 Marmalade, Any Variety (identify)

JELLY

(Half Pint or Pint Jars Only)

QII-11-65 Apple
QII-11-66 Berry, Any Variety (identify)
QII-11-67 Grape
QII-11-68 Muscadine
QII-11-69 Scuppernong
QII-11-70 Jelly, Any Other (identify)

JUICES

(Pint or Quart Jars Only)

QII-12-78 Apple
QII-12-79 Blackberry
QII-12-80 Grape
QII-12-81 Muscadine
QII-12-82 Scuppernong
QII-12-83 Tomato

General Departments — DEPT. Q continued**HOBBY CRAFTS — YOUTH DEPT QO****Guidelines and rules**

1. Open to ages 9 to 18 years old only.

Premiums: 1st - \$5 2nd - \$4 3rd - \$3
(unless noted otherwise)

HOBBY CRAFT

Ages 9–12

Dept – Division – Class

QO-13-1	Article, Woven
QO-13-2	Basket, Handmade
QO-13-3	Beadwork
QO-13-4	Birdhouse, Original Design
QO-13-5	Ceramic, Glazed
QO-13-6	Ceramic, Stained
QO-13-7	Decoration, Any Other Holiday
QO-13-8	Decoration, Christmas
QO-13-9	Decoration, Christmas Ornament
QO-13-10	Dioramas, 12" Square or Smaller Only
QO-13-11	Jewelry, Handmade
QO-13-12	Leatherwork
QO-13-13	Metal Craft, Original Design
QO-13-14	Pottery
QO-13-15	Scrapbooking, One Page Only
QO-13-16	Sculpture, Free Form
QO-13-17	Wood Craft
QO-13-18	Any Other Craft

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Hobby Crafts — Youth
will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Workmanship (quality of work)	40
Creativity and Originality	30
Level of Difficulty	15
Items Clean and Display Ready	15
	Total: 100

HOBBY CRAFT

Ages 13–18

Dept – Division – Class

QO-14-40	Article, Woven
QO-14-41	Basket, Handmade
QO-14-42	Beadwork
QO-14-43	Birdhouse, Original Design
QO-14-44	Ceramic, Glazed
QO-14-45	Ceramic, Stained
QO-14-46	Decoration, Any Other Holiday
QO-14-47	Decoration, Christmas
QO-14-48	Decoration, Christmas Ornament
QO-14-49	Dioramas, 12" Square or Smaller
QO-14-50	Jewelry, Handmade
QO-14-51	Leatherwork
QO-14-52	Metal Craft, Original Design
QO-14-53	Pottery
QO-14-54	Scrapbooking, Two Pages
QO-14-55	Sculpture, Free Form
QO-14-56	Wood Craft
QO-14-57	Any Other Craft

General Departments — DEPT. Q continued

HORTICULTURE — YOUTH DEPT QH

Guidelines and rules

1. Open to ages 9 to 18 years old only.
2. Entries must be produced by the individual exhibitor during the most recent growing season.
3. Fruit, vegetable or field crop specimens must meet the following specifications:
 - Have stems attached
 - Be a specimen of the variety in which produce is entered
 - Contain no cuts or bruises
 - Contain no insect or disease blemishes
4. Entries which do not meet specifications will be ineligible for competition.
5. Display containers for fruits, vegetables will be provided by the Cleveland County Fair. Exhibitor must provide jars.
6. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
7. Management may, as necessary, remove produce which begins to rot/decay.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD	
<i>(Judge's decisions are final)</i>	
Premiums for Very Special Arts will be awarded according to the following:	
	Points
Form — appropriate for produce	20
Size — appropriate for marketing	10
Color — fresh and colorful	10
Uniformity — consistent in size and appearance	40
Condition — no visible damage to produce	20
Total: 100	
Premiums: 1st - \$5 2nd - \$4 3rd - \$3	

SWEET POTATOES

3 of uniform size on a disposable plate

Dept – Division – Class

- QH-19-147 Sweet Potato, White (identify)
- QH-19-148 Sweet Potato, Yellow (Yam) (identify)
- QH-19-149 Sweet Potato, Any Other (identify)

IRISH POTATOES

5 of uniform size on a disposable plate

Dept – Division – Class

- QH-20-151 Irish, White, Any Variety (identify)
- QH-20-152 Irish, Red, Any Variety (identify)
- QH-20-153 Irish, Any Other (identify)

General Departments

VEGETABLES

Select uniform specimens in quantities noted for display.

Plate provided by Cleveland County Fair.

Dept – Division – Class

QH-21-1	Beets (5)
QH-21-2	Beans, Bunch (10)
QH-21-3	Beans, Lima (10 unshelled)
QH-21-4	Beans, Pole (10)
QH-21-5	Citron
QH-21-6	Corn, Field
QH-21-7	Corn, Ornamental (5)
QH-21-8	Cucumber – must be edible
QH-21-9	Egg Plant (1)
QH-21-10	Gourd, Long Handle Variety (1)
QH-21-11	Gourd, Small or Ornamental (3 same variety)
QH-21-12	Okra, Pods (10)
QH-21-13	Peas, Field (10)
QH-21-14	Pepper, Green Bell (5)
QH-21-15	Pepper, Red Bell
QH-21-18	Pepper, Green Hot
QH-21-19	Peppers, Red Hot (5)
QH-21-20	Popcorn, 5 ears
QH-21-21	Pumpkin, Miniature
QH-21-22	Pumpkin, Standard
QH-21-23	Squash, Acorn (2)
QH-21-24	Squash, Butternut (2)
QH-21-25	Squash, Summer (5)
QH-21-26	Sunflower Head (largest)
QH-21-27	Tomatoes, Grape (5)
QH-21-28	Tomatoes, Roma (5)
QH-21-29	Tomatoes, Slicing (5)
QH-21-30	Tomatoes, Any Other Variety (5) (identify)
QH-21-31	Turnips (5)
QH-21-32	Watermelon (1)
QH-21-33	Watermelon, largest

GRAPES

15 of uniform size on a disposable plate

Dept – Division – Class

QH-22-41	Grapes, Bunch
QH-22-42	Grapes, Wine (identify variety)
QH-22-43	Fruit, Black Muscadine, Any Variety
QH-22-44	Fruit, Bronze Muscadine, Any Variety
QH-22-45	Miscellaneous Grape (identify)

NUTS

Display in quart jar with lid

QH-23-50	Chestnuts
QH-23-51	Hickory Nuts
QH-23-52	Peanuts, Spanish
QH-23-53	Peanuts, Virginia
QH-23-54	Pecans, Papershell
QH-23-55	Pecans, Stuart
QH-23-56	Walnuts, Black
QH-23-57	Any Other Nut, Identify (Not Acorn)

FRUITS

5 of uniform size on a disposable plate

QH-24-65	Apples, Red (identify variety)
QH-24-66	Apples, Yellow (identify variety)
QH-24-67	Pears
QH-24-68	Persimmons, American
QH-24-69	Miscellaneous Fruit (identify)

General Departments

PARTICIPATION TRAINING CLASS — DEPARTMENT QQ

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY YOUTHS AGES 5-8

Purpose

Introduce children to non-competitive entry experience at an agricultural fair.

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Guidelines and Rules

1. Open to youth ages 5-8.
2. All entries must be produced by the individual entering the item(s) since the most recent (previous) fair.
3. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed.
4. Entries must also meet standards established for specific division(s) and class(es).

PREMIUM: Each exhibitor will receive a participation ribbon and \$1 for each entry (not to exceed three entries).

PHOTOGRAPHY

Dept – Division – Class

- QQ-1-1 Animals
- QQ-1-2 Fun on the Farm
- QQ-1-3 Fun in the Sun
- QQ-1-4 Plants and Flowers
- QQ-1-5 People and Portraits
- QQ-1-6 Sports/Action

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

- QQ-2-6 Beadwork
- QQ-2-7 Christmas Ornament
- QQ-2-8 Design, Clay
- QQ-2-9 Design, Felt
- QQ-2-10 Design, Sand
- QQ-2-11 Leatherwork
- QQ-2-12 Metalwork
- QQ-2-13 Original Creation
- QQ-2-14 Pottery or Ceramic
- QQ-2-15 Scrapbooking, One Page Only
- QQ-2-16 Woodwork
- QQ-2-17 Any Other Craft Not Listed

ART *

- QQ-4-26 Crayon
- QQ-4-27 Magic Marker
- QQ-4-28 Painting, Oil
- QQ-4-29 Pen and/or Ink
- QQ-4-30 Pencil (colored)
- QQ-4-31 Tempra
- QQ-4-32 Watercolor
- QQ-4-33 Any Other Art Not Listed

BAKED FOODS AND CANDIES

Dept – Division – Class

- QQ-5-35 Candies, (any type, 3 on 6" plate)
- QQ-5-36 Cookies (any type, 3 on 6" plate)
- QQ-5-37 Cupcakes (any type, 3 on 6" plate)
- QQ-5-38 Muffins (any type, 3 on 6" plate)
- QQ-5-39 Gingerbread House

HORTICULTURE

- QQ-7-41 Fruit, Large
- QQ-7-42 Fruit, Small
- QQ-7-43 Vegetable, Green
- QQ-7-44 Vegetable, Yellow
- QQ-7-45 Vegetable, Any Other
- QQ-7-46 Miscellaneous Horticulture Product
- QQ-7-47 "Wonky Fruit or Vegetable"
(any fruit or vegetable that "looks like ...")

SEWING AND NEEDLECRAFT

- QQ-10-52 Accessory, Clothing
- QQ-10-53 Clothing (made by boy)
- QQ-10-54 Clothing (made by girl)
- QQ-10-55 Clothing Item, Decorated
- QQ-10-56 Pillow
- QQ-10-58 Tote Bag, Purse or Backpack
- QQ-10-59 Needlecraft, Any Type
- QQ-10-60 Miscellaneous Sewn/Craft Item

CANNED FOODS

- QQ-9-48 Jams, Jellies, Marmalades (1/2 or 1 Pint Jar)

* Artwork must be mounted on construction paper, poster paper or cardboard covered in plastic wrap to protect against moisture.

General Departments

CREATIVE EXPRESSION — DEPARTMENT QCE

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY YOUTHS

Entry Day: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 2-7 p.m.

Purpose

Showcase the creativity of youths in our region.

Guidelines and Rules

1. Open to youth ages 5-18 in the fair region.
2. All entries must be produced by the individual entering the item(s) since the most recent (previous) fair.
3. Only one entry per category per entrant is allowed AND only three total entries for this department.
4. Entries must also meet standards established for specific division(s) and class(es).

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Creative Expression will be awarded according to the following:

	Points	
Originality and Creativity	50	
Craftsmanship	30	
Neatness	10	
Adheres to all guidelines/rules	10	
Total:	100	
Premiums: 1st - \$5	2nd - \$4	3rd - \$3

	Ages 5-8	Ages 9-12	Ages 13-18
String Art Kit or original design (Max Size: 24" x 36")	QCE-1-1	QCE-2-1	QCE-3-1
Rock Your Rocks Painted Rocks	QCE-1-2	QCE-2-2	QCE-3-2
Upcycled/Repurposed Take an old thing and repurpose it for a different use.	QCE-1-3	QCE-2-3	QCE-3-3

LEGO BRICKS AND K'NEX

Use your Lego bricks/K'Nex to create a design no larger than 20" in any directions. Parts must be anchored securely and creation may be enclosed in plastic see-through box if necessary to maintain stability.

	Ages 5-8	Ages 9-12	Ages 13-18
County Fair or Fair Ride	QCE-10-1	QCE-11-1	QCE-12-1
Under The Sea	QCE-10-2	QCE-11-2	QCE-12-2
Creator's Choice — create any item of your choice not listed	QCE-10-3	QCE-11-3	QCE-12-3

General Departments

EDUCATION/SCHOOL EXHIBITS — DEPARTMENT R

OPEN TO CLEVELAND COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS ONLY

Final Entry Day: Monday, Sept. 23, 2024 5 p.m.

Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Purpose

Recognize the innovative and progressive educational options in Cleveland County Schools.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$1,400

Guidelines and rules

1. Open to Cleveland County district schools only.
2. Exhibits must not exceed the height and width of the booth. Booth size is approximately 8' square with slanting side panels. Backdrop is approximately 5' high. Exhibits which exceed booth dimensions will

receive penalty points and may be ineligible for competition.

3. Groups should measure assigned booth(s) to acquire exact dimensions before installing exhibits.

Note: Display items may not exceed the height of the slanting sides separating each school display.

4. Copyrighted characters or patented materials are not acceptable unless directly related to theme. Copyrighted/patented materials must be labeled and cited according to copyright laws.

5. Exhibits must represent the designated theme for the education department.

6. 2019 Education Exhibit Theme: "We Believe In..." must be visible.

7. Participating schools and booth assignments will be determined by the department directors annually.

Schools should contact department directors for more information.

8. This department showcases student work with support from teachers or other school employees.

9. School principals serve as the liaison between schools and department directors.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Education Exhibits will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Exhibit informative and attractively displayed using designated education theme	30
Contents (exhibit has public appeal and educational value)	25
Range of student contributions visible in the display	25
Grammatically correct signage with no misspelled words	10
Adheres to the guidelines/rules and dimensions for education exhibits	10

Total: 100

Premiums: 1st - \$150 2nd - \$135 3rd - \$125 Creditable Booths: \$100

(To be eligible for a premium, booth/display must acquire at least 70 points)

Dept – Division – Class

R-1-1 Booths representing elementary education work/activities (Grade K-5 or any elementary grade combination)

R-1-2 Booths representing middle grade education work/activities (Grade 6-8 or any middle grade combination)

R-1-3 Booths representing high school education work/activities (any high school grade combination)

General Departments

EDUCATION/SCHOOL FFA EXHIBITS — DEPARTMENT RF

OPEN TO FFA CHAPTERS IN CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS ONLY

Final Entry Day: Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, 5 p.m.
Removal Day: Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Purpose

Recognize the leadership and educational opportunities afforded students who participate in FFA chapters at local high schools.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$510

Guidelines and rules

1. Open to FFA programs in Cleveland County schools only.
2. Exhibits must not exceed the height and width of the booth. Booth size is approximately 8' square with slanting side panels. Backdrop is

approximately 5' high. Exhibits which exceed booth dimensions will receive penalty points and may be ineligible for competition.

3. Groups should measure assigned booth/s to acquire exact dimensions before installing exhibits.

Note: Display items may not exceed the height of the slanting sides separating each school display.

4. Copyrighted characters or patented materials are not acceptable unless directly related to theme. Copyrighted/patented materials must be labeled and cited according to copyright laws.

5. Booth assignments will be determined by the department directors annually. FFA's should contact department directors for more information.

6. This department showcases student work with support from teachers or other school employees.

7. Department Directors serve as the liaison between principals, schools and FFA programs.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for FFA Exhibits will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Exhibit informative and attractively displayed using designated education theme	30
Contents (exhibit has public appeal and educational value)	25
Range of student contributions visible in the display	25
Grammatically correct signage with no misspelled words	10
Adheres to the guidelines/rules and dimensions for education exhibits	10

Total: 100

Premiums: 1st - \$150 2nd - \$135 3rd - \$125 Creditable Booths: \$100
(To be eligible for a premium, booth/display must acquire at least 70 points)

Dept – Division - Class

RF-1-1 Booth for FFA Chapter

The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



General Departments

EDUCATION/SCHOOL CTE EXHIBITS — DEPARTMENT RCT

OPEN TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS ONLY

Final Entry Day

Monday, Sept. 23, 2024 5 p.m.

Removal Day

Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Purpose

Recognize that Career and Technical Education is vital training for the future workforce.

Theme

TBA at later date

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$600

Guidelines and rules

1. Open to CTE programs in Cleveland County schools only.
2. Exhibits must not exceed the height and width of the booth. Booth size is approximately 8' square with slanting side panels. Backdrop is approximately 5' high. Exhibits which exceed booth dimensions will receive penalty points and may be ineligible for competition. Groups should measure assigned booth/s to acquire exact dimensions before installing exhibits.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for CTE Exhibits will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Exhibit informative and attractively displayed using designated theme	30
Contents (exhibit has public appeal and educational value)	25
Range of student contributions visible in the display	25
Grammatically correct signage with no misspelled words	10
Adheres to the guidelines/rules and dimensions for exhibit space	10
Total: 100	
\$150.00 per CTE program (not to exceed 4) as determined by department directors.	

Note: Display items may not exceed the height of the slanting sides separating each school display.

3. Copyrighted characters or patented materials are not acceptable unless directly related to theme. Copyrighted/patented materials must be labeled and cited according to copyright laws.

4. Exhibits must represent the designated theme for the CTE department.

5. 2019 CTE Exhibit Theme: "We Believe In..."

6. Participating CTE program booth assignments will be determined by the department directors annually.

Schools should contact department directors for more information.

7. This department showcases student work with support from teachers or other school employees.

8. Department Directors serve as the liaison between principals, schools and CTE programs.

Dept – Division – Class

RCT-1-1 Booths representing CTE programs

General Departments

FARM BOOTHS — DEPARTMENT S

OPEN TO CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY FARM FAMILIES

Final Entry Day

Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, 5 p.m.

Removal Day

Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Purpose

Showcase the diversity of family farms and agriculture production activities in our region.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$1,110

Guidelines and rules

1. Open to farm family operations in the region.

2. Exhibits must not exceed the height and width of the booth. Booth size is approximately 8' square with slanting side panels. Backdrop is approximately 5' high. Exhibits which exceed booth dimensions will receive penalty points and may be ineligible for competition. Persons should measure assigned booth(s) to acquire exact dimensions before installing exhibits.

Note: Display items may not exceed the

height of the slanting sides separating each display.

3. Name of the farm/family should be on signage that is not visible until judging is complete.

4. Booths may focus on the commercial aspect of the farm but should also reflect how the family and home contribute to the total operation of a balanced family farm.

5. Booths may include business cards or flyers but should not distract from the purpose or focus of display.

6. Only ten farm booths will be available and are assigned on first come/first serve basis. Contact Cleveland County Fair office for more information — 704-487-0651.

7. Questions regarding rules and installation of booth should be directed to the exhibit hall director.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Farm Booths will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Exhibit informative, colorful and attractively displayed	25
Contents — exhibit has public appeal and focuses on overall farm operation	25
Clearly displays commercial activities on the farm	20
Clearly displays home/family activities on the farm (ex: gardening)	20
Adheres to the guidelines/rules and dimensions for farm booths	10
Total:	100
Premiums: 1st - \$150 2nd - \$135 3rd - \$125 Creditable Booths: \$100	
(To be eligible for a premium, booth/display must acquire at least 70 points)	

Dept – Division – Class

S-1-2 Individual Farm Booth

General Departments

SCOUTS (BOY AND GIRL) — DEPARTMENT T

OPEN TO BOY AND GIRL SCOUT GROUPS IN CLEVELAND COUNTY

Final Entry Day

Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, 5 p.m.

Removal Day

Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Purpose

Showcase the role of Scouts in the development of youth through leadership opportunities, exposure to lifelong values, application of practical skills and a focus on community service.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$300

Guidelines and rules

1. Exhibits must not exceed the height and width of the booth. Booth size is approximately 8' square with slanting side panels. Backdrop is approximately 5' high. Exhibits which exceed booth dimensions will receive penalty points and may be ineligible for premium. Groups should measure assigned

booth(s) to acquire exact dimensions before installing exhibits.

Note: Display items may not exceed the height of the slanting sides separating each display.

3. Directors will work with Cleveland County Scout troops of all levels to develop a booth that is informative, attractive and appeals to the public. Booth should include information regarding the value of Scouting and leadership opportunities.

4. Directors should work with troops to man the booth on high traffic days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

5. Activities and demonstrations in the booth increase public interest and interaction, and showcase the value of Scouting.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORE CARD

(Judge's decisions are final)

Premiums for Scouting Exhibits will be awarded according to the following:

	Points
Exhibit informative and attractively displayed using designated education theme	30
Contents (exhibit has public appeal and educational value)	25
Range of youth contributions visible in the display	25
Grammatically correct signage with no misspelled words	10
Adheres to the guidelines/rules and dimensions for exhibits	10

Total: 100

Scout Booths needs to acquire 70 or more points to receive a \$150 premium.

Dept – Division – Class

T-1-1 Boy Scout Booth Exhibit

T-2-1 Girl Scout Booth Exhibit



GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts Carolina
Peaks to Piedmont

250 South New Hope Road
Gastonia, NC 28054

DIRECTOR: Crystal Johnson
Service Unit Specialist



BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scouts of America
Piedmont Council
1222 East Franklin Blvd
Gastonia, NC 28054

DIRECTOR: Jeremy
Falkenau and Matthew Taylor
District Executive

General Departments

DECORATED HAY BALE CONTEST – DEPARTMENT U

OPEN TO ANY YOUTH ORGANIZATION IN CLEVELAND COUNTY

DIRECTOR: Lacey McNeilly

Entry Day
Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Removal Day
Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Purpose

To recognize progressive youth programs in Cleveland County and to encourage their creativity in showcasing agriculture and beautifying the Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

PREMIUMS ALLOTTED: \$225

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U-1-1 Decorated Hay Bale Display

Guidelines and rules

1. The Contest is open to all youth-serving programs/organizations in Cleveland County, but competition will be limited to the first 6 exhibitors who call the Cleveland County Fair at 704-487-0651 to reserve their bale. Deadline for entry is September 12, 2024 All entries must be produced by the youth members of the

sponsoring organization. Adult representatives may only supervise and assist youth in the performance of work.

3. The Cleveland County Fair will provide one round bale for each participating organization to decorate. The bales will be placed in various locations around the fairgrounds, and must be decorated on-site. Some bales will be located on grass, while others may be located on pavement. No paint may be applied to pavement.

4. Decorated hay bales must be agriculture themed (farm animals, crops, produce, barn, equipment, etc.). Bales can be decorated lying on their side or standing on end, and may be painted or decorated in line with the theme. Paint and applied decorations must be rain/wind proof. Additional items may be displayed around the bale, permitting they are weatherproof, contribute to the overall theme, and do not extend more than 3 feet from the base of the round bale.

5. Bales must be accompanied by an attractive weatherproof sign identifying the sponsoring organization (this sign will be obscured during judging).

6. Entries will be judged on eye appeal, construction, use of materials and creativity. Decisions of judges are final.

7. No commercial or political party signs or copyrighted materials of any kind are allowed in conjunction with the display.

8. Any decorations, signs, etc. remaining after posted removal day are subject to disposal.

Premiums: 1st-\$150 2nd-\$75



CHEERLEADER PERFORMANCES

DIRECTOR: TERRE BULLOCK

The cheerleading performances are open to all middle and high school cheerleading groups. This event is strictly a performance opportunity, with no judging involved. Good sportsmanship is expected from both participants and the audience.

2 coaches per squad & cheerleaders in uniform will be allowed in the gate free on the day of their performance.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 • 7 p.m.
and 8 p.m.**

WEATHERS ARENA

RULES

1. Coaches must enter squads and furnish a list of performers no later than Sept. 16, 2024.
2. Open to Cleveland, Lincoln, Gaston and Rutherford Co. high school cheer-leading squads.
3. Cheer squad must consist of at least 5 members.
4. Presentation may include chants, cheers, dance, pompom routines, and stunts. Coaches are expected to follow rules and guidelines established by their individual school systems, and by the state of NC to ensure the safety and well-being of each cheerleader. With regard to stunts, Fair Management asks that the NFHS Spirit Rule Book (which most high schools already use) be the guide to determine which stunts may be safely presented.
5. Presentation should last no longer than 15 min. Fair management reserves the right to stop the performance of any group using distasteful or vulgar music or dance moves.
6. Waiver form must be signed by parent and cheerleader before the cheerleader may perform.
7. Cleveland County Fair management reserves the right to determine the order of performance.
8. Each participant will receive an item of recognition and a gate ticket to return to the fair. A \$25 check will be given to each school entering a squad to be used for their cheer-leading programs.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Monday, Sept. 30, 2024 • 7

p.m. WEATHERS ARENA

RULES

1. Coaches must enter squads and furnish a list of performers no later than Sept. 16, 2023.
2. Open to Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, and Rutherford Co. middle school cheerleading squads.
3. Cheer squads must consist of at least 5 members.
4. Presentation may include chants, cheers, dance, and pompom routines. The use of stunts in routines is governed by individual county school system rules. Coaches are expected to follow rules and guidelines established by their individual school systems, and by the state of NC, to ensure the safety and well being of each cheerleader.
5. Presentation should last no longer than 15 min. Fair management reserves the right to stop the performance of any group using distasteful or vulgar music or dance moves.
6. Waiver form must be signed by parent and cheerleader before the cheerleader may perform.
7. Cleveland County Fair management reserves the right to determine the order of performance.
8. Each participant will receive an item of recognition and a gate ticket to return to the fair. A \$25 check will be given to each school entering a squad to be used for their cheerleading program.

Events and Entertainment

EGG SHOW

Entries must be made Tuesday,
September 24th, 2024, 9am-7pm.
Horticulture Section in Exhibit Hall

Time of Judging: Thursday, September 26th, 2024
Release: Monday October 7th, 2024, 3pm-7pm. If eggs are not
picked up by 7pm, they will be disposed of.

Entry Information

1. Make your entries early using the online entry form at
www.ClevelandCountyFair.com. The right is reserved to rejected entries
received after all available space is taken.

Rules and Regulations

1. Use a separate form for entries in other departments. Please be sure to fill in the application completely and legibly to include your name, address, phone number and county of residence.
2. All eggs entered must have been produced on the exhibitor's farm.
3. Each Exhibitor may enter two dozen eggs in each competitive class. For example:
 - a. You may enter two dozen large and two dozen medium size white or brown shell eggs.
 - b. Or you may enter both white and brown shell eggs.
 - c. The eggs shall be fresh, shell natural.
4. All eggs are to be placed small end down in cartons.
5. Helpful Hints:
 - a. All eggs in the carton should be similar in color and size.
 - b. If possible, candle eggs prior to entering eggs.
 - c. Weigh your eggs in order to know which class to enter them in.

EGG EXHIBITS

1st - \$6 2nd - \$5 3rd - \$4 4th - \$3

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F-9-50	Eggs, brown shelled, dozen - extra large size (27-29 oz.) per dozen
F-9-51	Eggs, brown shelled, dozen - large size (24-26 oz.) per dozen
F-9-52	Eggs, brown shelled, dozen - medium size (21-23 oz.) per dozen
F-9-53	Eggs, brown shelled, dozen - small size (18-20 oz.) per dozen
F-9-54	Eggs, white shelled, dozen - extra large size (27-29 oz.) per dozen
F-9-55	Eggs, white shelled, dozen - large size (24-26 oz.) per dozen
F-9-56	Eggs, white shelled, dozen - medium size (21-23 oz.) per dozen
F-9-57	Eggs, white shelled, dozen - small size (18-20 oz.) per dozen
F-9-58	Eggs, all other class, dozen - extra large size (27-29 oz.) per dozen
F-9-59	Eggs, all other class, dozen - large size (24-26 oz.) per dozen
F-9-60	Eggs, all other class, dozen - medium size (21-23 oz.) per dozen
F-9-61	Eggs, all other class, dozen - small size (18-20 oz.) per dozen

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

F-10-62	Eggs, white shelled, dozen - in all classes (extra large-small) - ribbon
F-10-63	Eggs, brown shelled, dozen - in all classes (extra large-small) - ribbon
F-10-64	Eggs, best dozen - in all classes - ribbon



Fair use Only

Exhibitor # _____

CLEVELAND COUNTY FAIR
1751 E Marion St, Shelby NC 28152

Date: _____, 20__

Exhibitor Name: _____ County: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ SS#: _____

SS# required for persons receiving premiums of \$600 or more.**

Youth Exhibitors are ages 18 & under – Age _____

ENTRY DAY: 9 A.M.-7 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Removal time for Education, FFA, CTE, Farm, ECA, Scouts and Dorton Hall Commerical and non-profit booths will be **10 A.M.-2 P.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024**

COMPETITIVE ENTRIES WILL BE RELEASED **BETWEEN 2-7 P.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024**

Enter as individual person – not as a business or farm.

Premium checks for clubs/schools/farm booths will not be released until the booths have been removed and cleaned. Any club/organization that has not removed/cleaned its booth by stated date and time will forfeit any premiums earned.

PREMIUM CHECKS WILL BE available for **WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE LAST DAY OF FAIR.** (Fair closing date 9/10/2024).

The Cleveland County Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to stock or other exhibits from any cause and upon this condition only are entries received. The exhibitor agrees to hold the Cleveland County Fair harmless for all liabilities and agrees that articles exhibited cannot be removed before Monday following the fair.

THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN AFTER ALL ENTRIES ARE MADE.

Please note example below – **** Department, Section and Class Numbers are a must. ****

No.	Dept.	Sect.	Class	Description of Articles (Use Exact Language of Premium List)
	H	1	2	Example: Best Tray, Centennial
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I certify that these entries were made or produced since the last fair and represent my participation in producing the final product.

Signature _____ Date _____, 20__

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Exhibitor # _____

Exhibitor Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

No.	Dept.	Sect.	Class	Description of Articles (Use Exact Language of Premium List)
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Signature _____ Date _____, 20__