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FAIR INFORMATION

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ADMISSION

Daily Car Parking \$3.00

Season Car Parking \$10.00

Gate Admission: Free

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Hamilton County Fair is a cooperative effort of the business and professional people in Hamilton County. Representatives from Blairsburg, Ellsworth, Jewell, Kamrar, Randall, Stanhope, Stratford, Webster City, and Williams take pleasure in announcing the dates of July 21-26, 2026, for these countywide presentations. The program is both entertaining and educational and provides for participation from rural and urban areas for all ages.

NOTICE

The fair office on the fairgrounds will be open the week prior to the fair from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pre-Registration is highly recommended for all Open Classes, but entries will be accepted on judging day (see department rules for times.) No pre-registration is required for either flower show. **It is important to read the rules for each department before exhibiting at the fair.**

CLAIMS FOR INJURY

No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Hamilton County Fair Association, its officers, or their agents, by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on the Fairgrounds or to occupy space thereon. If any damage, loss, or injury to person or property shall be approximately caused by reason of neglect or willful act of any person firm or corporation, their agents, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said Fairgrounds or occupying space thereon, the Hamilton County Fair Association shall in no manner be responsible therefore, and in case it be subjected to any expense or liability, all persons causing same or liable therefore shall indemnify the Hamilton County Fair Association.

HAMILTON COUNTY FAIR RULES/EXPECTATIONS

1. The Rules and Regulations should be carefully read by each exhibitor to avoid misunderstandings and especially the rules in each department entered.
2. All articles exhibited must be owned by the person entering the same; and to entitle any article other than horses to a cash premium, it must have been manufactured, produced, or grown by the person entering it.
3. Should any person enter an article or an animal in a name other than that of the bona-fide owner, the person making such entry shall not be allowed a premium should one be awarded.
4. No animal or article deemed unworthy shall be awarded a premium, nor any barren animal shown in the breeding classes.
5. The Hamilton County Fair Association will use all diligence to secure the safety of the stock and articles after arrival and arrangement on the grounds but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. It is particularly desired that exhibitors give their personal attention to their property and at the close take charge of it.
6. No articles shall be exhibited in more than one class except in the case of some livestock and limited 4-H exhibits as specified.
7. No articles or animals shall be removed from the Exposition before the specified release time. If removed before that time without the consent of the Superintendent, they shall forfeit any premium that may have been awarded, stripped of any titles and suspended from showing at the fair for one year.
8. Any non-exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judging, questioning judges' decisions, or exhibiting rude or disrespectful behavior towards a judge may be removed from the immediate show area by the superintendent of the show.
9. There will be no soliciting/advertising of any kind that is not pre-approved by the Hamilton County Fair Board. No material will be handed out on grounds without prior approval of the Board.
10. Any and all protests on the Hamilton County Fairgrounds are required to take place from 8:00 am -9:00 am on the infield of the Hamilton County Racetrack. These protests are to be done peacefully and should not jeopardize the general public's safety.
11. Credentials are needed for any publications/press to be on the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. Credentials can be obtained during regular business hours.

GENERAL RULES

1. Judges shall report to the Superintendent any exhibitors who interfere with the judging. In cases of any interference the Superintendent may demand a proper apology and/or withhold any premium previously awarded and exclude any further entries by such exhibitors in classes yet to be judged.
2. Judges may withhold first place premium if in their judgement the best exhibit in the class is not worthy of the prize. It is the object of the Association to further improvement and the judge may at his/her discretion award first, second, or third or withhold premiums as he/she may deem proper. This rule will be adhered to even where there is competition.
3. Judges and Superintendents should see that the awards are properly recorded before turning the books over to the Secretary.
4. Any animal or article must have won first in its class in order to be eligible for champion.
5. It is the duty of the superintendent to be on the grounds early in the morning of the first and each succeeding day of the Exposition.
6. Each Superintendent will give instructions to the awarding judge before the latter enters upon his/her duties.
7. The Superintendent will assist in locating stalls and pens.

JUDGES

1. No person shall act as judge in any class in which he or she may be an exhibitor. An open class superintendent is allowed to show in their department.
2. Should any doubt arise as to the irregularity of an entry, or any important matter that a judge feels incompetent to decide, they must at once report the same to the Superintendent of the proper department.
3. Great care should be taken by the Superintendents in recording the awards judge's books, furnished them by the Secretary or Extension Office, in order that no mistakes occur.
4. When the awards in any class are made and entered on the Judge's Book the report shall be recorded by each judge or clerks and the books returned to the Superintendent of the Department.
5. The Association will not be liable for any errors of committees or clerks in placing premiums. ALL PERSONS WILL BE PAID AS SHOWN BY THE JUDGES' BOOK.
6. The Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or connected with or incident to the fair.

PLEASE READ ALL RULES UNDER EACH DEPARTMENT BEFORE BRINGING YOUR EXHIBIT

OPEN CLASS DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT D: FIELD & GARDEN

Superintendent: Yvonne McCormick

Judging: Wednesday of the Fair at 3:00 pm

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per judged entry, to be deducted from premium check.

Rules:

1. Registration: July 13-17, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Pre-registration is highly recommended but entries will be accepted during check-in time.
2. **All exhibits can be brought in between 8:00 am-12:00 pm, Wednesday of the Fair.**
3. Entries must be grown since August of the previous year.
4. No exhibitor may make more than six entries in any lot, but they may enter a lot open to them.
5. All exhibits in this department must remain in place until release Sunday of the Fair at 2:00 pm.
6. The management will use all diligence to ensure the safety of all entries after their arrival and arrangement, but in no case will be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
7. Superintendents have the option to close judging to the public.
8. Judge will decide when ribbons are to be awarded. More than one ribbon may be awarded (except for rosettes and special awards.)
9. No articles may be entered which has been exhibited in any previous year.
10. Juniors (15 & under) may enter any class and must use pink entry tags.

Special Awards

Best Junior Entry in Class 1, 2 and 3: \$3.00; Best Overall Entry, Class 1: \$5.00; Best Overall Entry, Class 2 or 3: \$5.00

CLASS 1: AGRICULTURAL

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: Ribbon

Lot Numbers:

1. Oats-1 peck
2. Corn-best single specimen
3. Corn-largest single specimen
4. Corn-3 yellow ears
5. Popcorn-3 ears
6. Indian Corn-3 ears (with husk)
7. Indian Popcorn-3 ears (with husk)
8. Strawberry Corn-3 ears
9. Shelled Corn-1 peck
10. Soybean Plant
11. Soybeans-1 peck
12. Stalks of Grain-3 inch diameter bundle-barley, wheat or rye
13. Bundle of Hay-3 inch diameter-alfalfa, red clover, orchard grass or brome
14. 1 Section from Square Bale of Hay-alfalfa mix
15. Tall Corn Stalk
16. Other Than Named

CLASS 2: FRUITS

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: Ribbon

Lot Numbers:

1. Single plate early apples (3 specimens)
2. Cherries, any variety (5 specimens)
3. Strawberries, any variety (5 specimens)
4. Berries, any kind, same variety (5 specimens)
5. Any other fruit not listed

CLASS 3: VEGETABLES

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: Ribbon

Lot Numbers:

1. Onions, 3 specimens: 1a: yellow; 1b: white; 1c: red
2. Table Beets, 3 of any variety
3. Carrots, 3 of any variety
4. Turnips, 3 of any variety
5. Parsnips, 3 of any variety
6. Garlic, 3 specimens
7. Tomatoes. 3 of any variety: 7a red; 7b pink; 7c yellow/orange; 7d heirloom; 7e small red (display 5); 7f small yellow (display 5)
8. Peppers, 3 specimens: 8a green; 8b red; 8c hot; 8d yellow; 8e any other
9. Eggplant, 1 specimen
10. Cabbage, 1 head
11. Cabbage, red, 1 head
12. Cabbage, stone head, 1 head
13. Cauliflower, 1 head
14. Cucumbers (slicing quality) 3 specimens
15. Cucumbers, pickling (3 to 5in) 5 specimens
16. Snap beans, edible stage, (6): 16a green; 16b yellow
17. Lima beans, edible stage, 6 pods
18. Summer squash, 2 specimens
19. Okra, 3 specimens
20. Kohlrabi, 3 specimens
21. Sweet corn, 3 ears (in husk)
22. Broccoli, 1 head
23. Potatoes, 3 specimens: 23a red; 23b white; 23c any other
24. Brussel sprouts, 5 head
25. Gourds: 25a. 3 small; 25b. 2 large
26. Any other vegetables not listed

CLASS 4: HERBS

Fresh, clean proper harvest stage for use. Exhibits 1 sprig, 4 to 6 inches long per bottle.

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: Ribbon

Lot Numbers:

1. Dill, 1 seed head with 10" to 12" stem (exhibit on paper plate)
2. Parsley
3. Oregano
4. Rosemary
5. Sage
6. Thyme
7. Any other herb not listed

CLASS 5: MISCELLANEOUS

Premiums: 1st: \$4.00 2nd: \$3.00 3rd: \$2.00 4th: Ribbon

Lot Numbers:

1. Novelty Artistic Figure: Made from fruits and/or vegetables grown by exhibitor. Accessories allowed.
2. Garden Basket: 5 different kinds of vegetables (may use more than 1 specimen of each kind) contained in a basket, moveable.

CLASS 6: HONEY & APIARY PRODUCTS

Premiums: 1st: \$5.00 2nd: \$4.00 3rd: \$3.00 4th: \$2.00

Lot Numbers:

1. Honey, one jar container
2. Honey, one bear container
3. Beeswax Art (candles, etc.)
4. Products made with wax and/or honey (lotions, balms, etc.)
5. Any other

DEPARTMENT F PRODUCTS OF THE KITCHEN

Superintendent: Gail Johnson

Associate Superintendent: Gina Monroe

Judging: Wednesday of the Fair at 3:00 pm

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per judged entry, to be deducted from premium check.

Rules:

1. Registration: July 13-17, 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Pre-registration is highly recommended but entries will be accepted during check-in time.
2. **Articles for exhibit must be in place by Wednesday of the Fair at 1:00 pm.**
3. Entries in this department are open to the public.
4. No exhibitor may make more than six entries in any lot.
5. Prize winning baked goods must remain in place until released Sunday of the Fair at 2:00pm (Cakes, breads, and pies may leave 1 slice-decorated.
6. Cookies and candy should be placed on double or rigid 6 to 8 inch paper plates. Cakes and breads should be on heavy corrugated cardboard covered with plain white paper. The cardboard should not extend more than ½ inch from the edge of the product. All products must have entry tag securely tied to the plate or cardboard.
7. Entries in cake classes should be 8 or 9- inch cakes.
8. Judging will be based upon appearance, texture, and taste. Judge will decide which ribbons are to be awarded. In case of ties more than one ribbon may be awarded (except for rosettes & special awards)
9. Entries should be displayed in clear plastic bags or plastic wrap, except for frosted items.
10. The management will use all diligence to ensure the safety of all entries after their arrival and arrangement. but in no case will be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
11. Superintendents have the option to close judging to the public.
12. **Junior Division:** Exhibits prepared by boys or girls 15 and under may be entered in any class in this department. These entries must use the pink entry tags.
13. **Special Needs:** Exhibits prepared by individuals in the Friends Forever, Nursing Home or Special Education Classes. These entries must use the blue entry tags.

CLASS 1: BREAD

Premiums: 1st: \$4.00 2nd: \$3.00 3rd: \$2.00

Rule: All rolls on 6-8 inch paper plate

Lot Numbers: Loaf yeast bread (white)

1. Loaf yeast bread (whole grain or graham)
2. Bread Machine loaf, any type, named
3. Cloverleaf rolls, three whole wheat
4. Butterhorn rolls, three
5. Cinnamon rolls, three unfrosted
6. Coffee cake, quick (9x9 or 8x8)
7. Quick bread with vegetables
8. Quick bread with fruit
9. Cornbread
10. Scones, three
11. Muffins, three
12. Biscuits, three
13. Any other bread

CLASS 2: CAKES

Premiums: 1st: \$4.00 2nd: \$3.00 3rd: \$2.00

Lot Numbers:

1. Angel food, not frosted
2. Bundt cake, not frosted
3. Dark layer, chocolate icing
4. White layer, white icing
5. Applesauce, not frosted
6. Carrot cake
7. Rhubarb cake, not frosted
8. Gluten-free cake, any type (not frosted)
9. Cupcakes, plate of 3 (not frosted)
10. Cake using a box mix, any type (not frosted)
11. Any other cake
- 12.

CLASS 3: COOKIES & BARS (6-8 inch plate)

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: Ribbon

Lot Numbers:

1. Chocolate Chip, 3 cookies
 - a. Plain
 - b. Other (with nuts, fruit, etc.)
2. Molasses, 3 cookies
3. Oatmeal, 3 cookies
 - a. Plain
 - b. Other (with nuts, fruit, etc.)
4. Kringla, 3 cookies
5. Ice Box, 3 cookies (not frosted)
6. Chocolate Drop Cookies, 3 cookies (not frosted)
7. Sugar cookies, 3 cookies
8. No-Bake cookies, 3 cookies
9. Snickerdoodles, 3 cookies
10. Any other cookies, 3 cookies
11. Chocolate Chip Bars, 3 bars
 - a. Plain
 - b. Other (with nuts, fruit, etc.)
12. Chocolate Brownies, 3 bars (not frosted)
13. Oatmeal Bars, 3 bars
 - a. Plain
 - b. Other (with nuts, fruit, etc.)
14. No-Bake bars, 3 bars
15. Any other bars, 3 bars

CLASS 4: CANDY

Premiums: 1st: \$4.00 2nd: \$3.00 3rd: \$2.00

Lot Numbers:

1. Chocolate fudge, 3 pieces
2. Truffles, 3 pieces
3. Divinity, 3 pieces
4. Mints, 3 pieces
5. Any other candy, 3 pieces

CLASS 5: PIES (must be in aluminum pie tin 8" or 9" in diameter)

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: Ribbon

Entries must be marked.

Lot Numbers:

1. Apple
2. Peach
3. Strawberry Rhubarb
4. Cherry
5. Any other pie (no custard pies of any type)

CLASS 6: DECORATED CAKES & COOKIES

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: Ribbons

Note: Anyone who does not teach decorating classes or does not regularly sell decorated products for profit is eligible for this class. Entries will be judged on originality and beauty of decoration only. Cupcakes should be placed on paper plates of appropriate size.

Lot Numbers:

1. Decorated Cake (can be on a form)
2. Plate of 3 cupcakes (assorted, do not show in paper cups)
3. Assorted decorated cookies, 3 cookies

CLASS 7: SNACK CREATIONS

Lot Numbers:

1. Popcorn Treats
 - a. Popcorn balls
 - b. Caramel Corn
 - c. Other
2. Party Mix/Trail Mix
 - a. Sweet
 - b. Salty
 - c. Other

CLASS 8: SPECIAL JUNIOR ONLY

Note: This class is for Juniors only (age 10 and under)

Lot Number:

1. Ugly Cakes (Decorations used should be edible, although they will not be tasted. Include age and title of exhibit on entry tag.)
 - a. Ages 3 and under
 - b. 4-5 years
 - c. 6-7 years
 - d. 8-10 years

CANNED GOODS

Note: Canned goods will not be opened!

Rules:

1. Junior exhibits prepared by youth 15 and under may be entered in any class in this department. These entries must use the pink entry tags.
2. Jars must be clean on the outside and plainly labeled as to contents. Standard size pint canning jars should be used.
3. **Entry Tags must be securely attached before delivery to the Superintendent.**
4. Only the usual canning process may be used. Articles canned in water in order to make a good appearance will not be considered.
5. Screw bands only-no paraffin seals, product 1/2" from top of jar.
6. On entry tag note method of preservation, including processing time; pressure, date processed; source of recipe.
7. Judging will be based on current USDA approved processing methods; headspace, pack, uniformity of pieces, appearance of product, liquid and cleanliness of the jar and band. Guidelines vary for each product.

CLASS 10: BALANCED MEAL

Premiums: 1st: \$5.00 2nd: \$4.00 3rd: \$3.00

Lot Number:

1. Balanced Meal Display: Display to consist of five standard jars, (pints or quarts) to serve as the basis of a complete balanced meal. (Menu may include food not canned for competition.) Write menu neatly on a small card for display with the exhibit.

INDIVIDUAL JAR EXHIBITS

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: Ribbon

CLASS 11: FRUITS

Lot Numbers:

1. Apples
2. Peaches
3. Pears
4. Raspberries (black)
5. Raspberries (red)
6. Cherries, homegrown, red
7. Cherries, sweet
8. Strawberries
9. Plums
10. Apricots
11. Mixed fruits for salads
12. Italian prunes
13. Other Fruit

CLASS 12: JELLIES

Lot Numbers:

1. Apple
2. Currant
3. Grape
4. Plum
5. Gooseberry
6. Raspberry (red)
7. Raspberry (black)
8. Elderberry
9. Cherry
10. Strawberry
11. Rhubarb
12. Other Jelly

CLASS 13: JAMS & PRESERVES

Lot Numbers:

1. Apricot
2. Gooseberry
3. Grape
4. Peach
5. Pineapple
6. Strawberry
7. Red Raspberry
8. Black Raspberry

9. Tomato
10. Cherry
11. Rhubarb
12. Rhubarb-Strawberry
13. Plum
14. Mulberry
15. Other type jam/preserve

CLASS 14: BUTTERS

Lot Numbers:

1. Apple
2. Peach
3. Plum
4. Pear
5. Grape
6. Apricot
7. Other Butter

CLASS 15: VEGETABLES

Lot Numbers:

1. Peas
2. String Beans
3. Corn
4. Tomatoes
5. Tomato Juice
6. Beets
7. Sauerkraut
8. Carrots
9. Mixed Vegetables for Soup
10. Other Vegetables

CLASS 16: MEATS

Lot Numbers:

1. Beef
2. Pork
3. Sausage
4. Chicken
5. Other Meat not listed

CLASS 17: PICKLES

Lot Numbers:

1. Dill
2. Sweet Green Cucumber
3. Ripe Cucumber
4. Watermelon Rind
5. Beet
6. Apple
7. Peach
8. Bread and Butter

9. Mixed Pickles
10. Lime
11. Pickled Beans
12. Asparagus
13. Peppers
14. Other pickle not listed

CLASS 18: RELISHES

Lot Numbers:

1. Corn Relish
2. Beet Relish
3. Pickle Lily (Piccalilli)
4. Catsup
5. Chili Sauce
6. Pepper Relish
7. Salsa
8. Zucchini
9. Other relish not listed

DEPARTMENT G: HOBBY CRAFT

Superintendent: Sandra Greufe

Judging: Tuesday following Textile

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per judged entry, to be deducted from premium check.

Rules:

1. Registration: July 13-17 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is highly recommended, but entries will be accepted during check-in time
2. **All articles must be in place by 2:00 pm on Monday of the Fair.**
3. Entries in this department are limited to amateurs only. Anyone who acts as a judge or teaches crafts is not eligible.
4. No more than 6 entries per exhibitor in each lot.
5. All articles must have been completed within the last 3 years and not exhibited more than 2 years.
6. Former first prize winning articles shall not be eligible for any exhibits succeeding Hamilton County Fair.
7. Judge will consider color, style or design, material, workmanship, and appropriateness or fitness of entries. Judge will decide which ribbons are to be awarded. In Lots not having competition, the judge may not award all the premiums unless he/she feels the exhibit is worthy of one. In case of ties, more than one ribbon may be awarded (except for rosettes and special awards)
8. All entries to remain in place until released on Sunday of the Fair at 2:00pm. Early removal means loss of premium.
9. All entry tags must be securely fastened to the exhibit.
10. The management will use all diligence to ensure the safety of all entries after their arrival and arrangement, but in no case will be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
11. Superintendents have the option to close judging to the public.
12. Special Needs: Exhibits prepared by individuals in the Friends Forever, Nursing Home or Special Education Class. These entries must use the blue entry tags
13. **Each exhibitor must make a list of all articles entered with the exhibitor's name, class, and number of each article entered, to be given to the Superintendent on entering their items.**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best Jr Award **\$5.00** Best Christmas Article **\$5.00** Best-Counted Cross Stitch **\$5.00**

CLASS 1

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: \$1.00

Lot Numbers:

1. Christmas or novelties or gifts
 - a. Table decoration
 - b. Christmas tree ornament
 - c. Christmas tree skirt
 - d. Christmas tablecloth
 - e. Christmas sock or boot
 - f. Christmas wall hanging
 - g. Miscellaneous
2. Embroidery
 - a. Floss
 - b. Ribbon
3. Needlepoint article
4. Dolls for decoration
5. Dolls to play with
6. Stuffed animals
7. Miniature needlecraft
8. Cross Stitch
 - a. Pictures
 - b. Clothing
 - c. Other

9. Counted Cross Stitch
 - a. Pictures
 - b. Clothing
 - c. Other
10. Jewelry
11. Stenciling
12. Misc. Needlework (original design)
13. Child's fabric book
14. Applique fabric picture (framed)
15. Holiday table decoration (other than Christmas)
16. Any other table decoration
17. Woven basket
18. Holiday tablecloth (other than Christmas)
19. Greeting Cards
 - a. Stitched
 - b. Scrapbook style
 - c. Stamped
20. Miscellaneous

CLASS 2

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: \$1.00

Lot Numbers:

1. Metal work
2. Wall plaques
3. Articles made form unusual materials
4. Candles
5. Rosemaling
6. China painting
7. Bead craft
8. Glass craft
9. Anything made of wood
 - a. Large
 - b. Small
10. Leather
11. Ceramics
12. Tolle painting
13. Articles made from a kit
 - a. Wood
 - b. Diamond Painting
 - c. Other
14. Paining done on unusual items
15. Mobile
16. Metal punch
17. Porcelain dolls
18. Recycled materials
19. Plastic canvas
20. Miscellaneous

CLASS 3

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: \$1.00

Age Categories: Adult (white tag), Junior (pink tag), Special Needs (blue tag)

Explanation of Lots:

Mosaic: photo or photos that are cut into small pieces then pieced back together with space between. This can also be done using pieces from multiple photos, then creating your own picture. A mosaic can also be done with stickers, die cuts, etc.

Mixed Media: Wire, brads, eyelets, fibers, wood, fabric, etc. Anything that isn't paper, sticker or die cuts. **Quilt:** layout completed using quilt patterns.

Paper Piecing: using different patterned and/or textured papers to create embellishments, i.e.: animals, people, flowers, plants, vehicles, tools, furniture, etc.

Journaling: who, what, where when & why. Any or all of these to describe photo(s). A scrapbook can also tell a story with journaling when there are no photos. In this case, there should be something to help to illustrate the story,

i.e; die cuts, paper piecing, stickers, etc.

Lot Numbers:

1. Complete Albums: Albums must have a "title page", a minimum of 15 pages, journaling included on pages, two-page layout.
 - a. Mosaic
 - b. Mixed Media
 - c. Quilt
 - d. Paper Piecing
 - e. Journaling
 - f. Digitally Designed Photo Books (Must be digitally designed and printed)
 - a. Journaling
 - b. No Journaling
2. One Page Layout
 - a. Mosaic
 - b. Mixed Media
 - c. Quilt
 - d. Paper Piecing
 - e. Journaling
 - f. Digitally Designed Pages
 - a. Journaling
 - b. No Journaling

DEPARTMENT H: TEXTILE

Superintendent: Sandra Greufe

Associate Superintendent:

Judging: 9:30 am, Tuesday of the Fair

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per judged entry, to be deducted from premium check.

Premiums: 1st: \$3.00 2nd: \$2.00 3rd: \$1.00

Rules:

1. Registration: July 13-17, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is highly recommended, but entries will be accepted during check-in time
2. **All entries must be in place by 2:00 pm Monday of the Fair**
3. Entries are limited to amateurs only. Anyone who teaches, judges, or sells sewing for profit is considered a professional and must enter the professional class. Entries in the professional class must be designated with "P" immediately following the exhibitor number on the entry tag.
4. Juniors 15 and under must use pink entry tag.
5. Special Needs: Exhibits prepared by individuals in the Friends Forever, Nursing Home or Special Education Classes must use the blue entry tags.
6. All articles must be entered in the name of the maker and all work must be the work of same.
7. No premium will be awarded on articles purchased or borrowed.
8. Do not place name or other identification mark of any kind on any article competing for premium.
9. When in doubt as to what class to enter articles, consult the Superintendent; no premiums will be awarded on articles entered in the wrong class.
10. All articles must have been completed within the last 3 years and not exhibited more than 2 years.
11. Former first prize winning articles in any lot shall not be eligible for any exhibit in any succeeding Hamilton County Fair.
12. Judge will consider color, style or design, material, workmanship, and appropriateness or fitness of entries. Judge will decide which ribbons are to be awarded. In case of ties, more than one ribbon may be awarded (except for rosettes and special awards)
13. Premiums will not be paid on articles not listed in this premium list.
14. All entry tags must be securely fastened to exhibit.
15. The following named articles must come within the prescribed limits:
16. Luncheon Cloth- from 30 to 54 inches in diameter; Tablecloth-over 54 inches in diameter
17. Exhibits must be freshly laundered, new, or cleaned or they will not be judged.
18. No exhibitor may make more than **four** entries in any lot.
19. The management will use all diligence to ensure the safety of all entries after their arrival and arrangement, but in no case will be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
20. Superintendents have the option to close judging to the public.
21. **Each exhibitor must make a list of all articles entered with the exhibitor's name, class, and number of each article entered, to be given to the Superintendent on entering their items.**

Special Awards

Best Overall in Garments- Senior \$5.00- Sponsored by Hamilton County Fair

Best Overall- Junior \$5.00-Sponsored by Hamilton County Fair

Best Overall Item-\$5.00- Sponsored by Hamilton County Fair

Quilts-Best of Show-All Categories \$15.00- Sponsored by Hamilton County Fair- **Must be a minimum of five (5) qualifying quilts in each category to receive a prize.**

Best Machine Quilt by non-professional \$15.00-Sponsored by Hamilton County Fair

Best of Show-Hand Quilt by Individual- All Categories \$15.00- Sponsored by Hamilton County Fair. Larger than 36x40

CLASS 1: GARMENTS-AMATEUR

Lot Numbers:

1. Ladies Garments
2. Men's Garments
3. Children's Garments

CLASS 2: STRETCH SEWING

Lot Numbers:

1. Lingerie
2. Sweaters
3. Other Garments
4. T-Shirt
5. Polo Shirt
6. Miscellaneous

CLASS 3: DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK-HANDWORK

Lot Numbers:

1. Aprons
 - a. Fancy
 - b. Work
2. Pair of pillowslips
 - a. Crochet, tatted, or knitted trim
 - b. Applique or Italian cutwork
 - c. Embroider or cross-stitch
 - d. Liquid embroidery
3. Miscellaneous

CLASS 4: DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK-MACHINE DONE

Lot Numbers:

1. Aprons
 - a. Fancy
 - b. Work
2. Pair of pillowslip
 - a. Crochet, tatted, or knitted trim
 - b. Applique or Italian cutwork
 - c. Embroider or cross-stitch
 - d. Liquid embroidery

CLASS 5: DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK-HANDWORK

Lot Numbers:

1. Tablecloth (over 54 inches in diameter)
 - a. Cross-stitch or embroidery
 - b. Crochet
2. Luncheon Cloth (30 in. to 54 in. in diameter)
 - a. Cross-stitch
3. Bedspread
 - a. Cross-stitch or embroidery
 - b. Crochet

4. Any tatted article
5. Comforter
6. Clothing
7. Throw pillows-all categories

CLASS 6: DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK-MACHINE DONE

Lot Numbers:

1. Tablecloth (over 54 inches in diameter)
 - a. Cross-stitch or embroidery
 - b. Crochet
2. Luncheon Cloth (30 in. to 54 in. in diameter)
 - a. Cross-stitch
3. Bedspread
 - a. Cross-stitch or embroidery
 - b. Crochet
4. Any tatted article
5. Comforter
6. Clothing
7. Throw pillows-all categories
8. Miscellaneous

CLASS 7: QUILTS

Definition: A quilt is a fabric sandwich held together with hand or machine quilting stitches. Quilts done by 1 person. The quilt top and the quilting (machine or hand) is done by the same person.

Lot Numbers:

1. Bed Quilt (1 side measures 70" or more)
 - a. Pieced
 - b. Appliqué
 - c. Mixed technique (any combination of piecing and appliqué)
 - d. Other (embroidered, puff quilt, whole cloth, tied)
2. Wall Quilt
 - a. Pieced
 - b. Appliqué
 - c. Mixed technique (any combination of piecing and appliqué)
 - d. Other (embroidered, puff quilt, whole cloth, tied)
3. Small, Miniature or Doll Quilt (small or doll quilts are less than 30" on the side; a miniature quilt looks like a full-size quilt in proportion but is reproduced in a small scale, less than 20" per side)
 - a. Pieced
 - b. Appliqué
 - c. Mixed technique (any combination of piecing and appliqué)
 - d. Other (embroidered, puff quilt, whole cloth, tied)
4. Other quilted items
 - a. bag, purse, or tote
 - b. Christmas Tree Skirt
 - c. Dress
 - d. Jacket
 - e. Placemat
 - f. Table Runner
 - g. Table Topper
 - h. Pre-printed panel quilt
 - i. Other household items

CLASS 8: TEAM OR GROUP QUILTS

Blocks or pieces of the quilt were made by a team or group, or the top is made by 1 person and a professional does the machine quilting or hand quilted.

Lot Numbers:

5. Bed Quilt (1 side measures 70" or more)
 - a. Pieced
 - b. Appliqué
 - c. Mixed technique (any combination of piecing and appliqué)
 - d. Other (embroidered, puff quilt, whole cloth, tied)
6. Wall Quilt
 - e. Pieced
 - f. Appliqué
 - g. Mixed technique (any combination of piecing and appliqué)
 - h. Other (embroidered, puff quilt, whole cloth, tied)
7. Small, Miniature or Doll Quilt (small or doll quilts are less than 30" on the side, a miniature quilt looks like a full-size quilt in proportion but is reproduced in a small scale, less than 20" per side)
 - i. Pieced
 - j. Appliqué
 - k. Mixed technique (any combination of piecing and appliqué)
 - l. Other (embroidered, puff quilt, whole cloth, tied)
8. Other quilted items
 - m. bag, purse, or tote
 - n. Christmas Tree Skirt
 - o. Dress
 - p. Jacket
 - q. Placemat
 - r. Table Runner
 - s. Table Topper
 - t. Pre-printed panel quilt
 - u. Other household items

CLASS 9: CROCHETED

Lot Numbers:

1. Outerwear
2. Any article not listed using yarn
3. Any article not listed using crocheted thread
4. Afghan
5. Outfits
6. Baby Afghan
7. Purse

CLASS 10: KNITTED

Lot Numbers:

1. Outerwear
2. Sweater
3. Slippers
4. Afghan
5. Any other knitted item not listed
6. Baby Afghan

CLASS 11: DOLL CLOTHES

Lot Numbers:

1. Doll's Dresses
2. Complete wardrobe (at least 5 outfits)
3. Barbie Clothes
4. Barbie complete wardrobe (at least 5 outfits)
5. American Girl Doll

CLASS 12: MISCELLANEOUS DECORATIVE & HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES

Lot Numbers:

1. Pillows, complete
 - a. Sofa pillow, fancy
 - b. Sofa pillow, practical
 - c. Novelty pillow
2. Tea Towels, set of three only
3. Potholders
4. Handmade lace, 36" to 46" long
5. Wall Hangings
 - a. Hooked
 - b. Looms
 - c. Crocheted
 - d. Misc.
6. Accessories for baby nursery
7. Miscellaneous

CLASS 13: RUGS

Lot Numbers:

1. Loomed or woven
2. Hooked
3. Crocheted
4. Knitted

CLASS 14: INTERMEDIATE (AGES 16-20)

Lot Numbers:

1. Clothing
2. Crocheted Article
3. Knitted Article
4. Embroidered Article
5. Pillow Case(s)
6. Throw Pillow
7. Blanket (any type)
8. Quilt

CLASS 15: JUNIOR (AGES 15 AND UNDER)

Lot Numbers:

1. Clothing
2. Crocheted Article
3. Knitted Article
4. Embroidered Article
5. Pillow Case(s)
6. Throw Pillow
7. Blanket (any type)
8. Quilt

DEPARTMENT I: FINE ARTS

Superintendent: Brenda Cousins-Cormaney

Staffed By: Boone River Area Art Guild

Facebook Page: @HamiltonCoFairFineArtsPhoto

Judging: 10:00 am, Tuesday of the Fair

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per judged entry to be deducted from premium check.

Rules:

1. Registration: July 13-17, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Pre-registration is highly recommended, but entries will be accepted during the check-in time. Forms can be found on the department's Facebook page or picked up at the fair office. They can be submitted at the fair office or via email to brenda4cy@gmail.com
2. **Check-in: Artwork must be brought to the Fine Arts area by 2:00pm Monday of the Fair. Any work brought after that time will not be displayed.**
3. Former first prize winning pictures or articles in any lot in these divisions will only be allowed in the class indicated, class 7.
4. Work must be completed within the last 3 years.
5. Work must be original. No copies of other person's work, photograph, or patterns. No work using reference from published (printed) material.
6. Framed pictures must not be more than 42" by 30". This rule will be strictly adhered to. All work must be hard framed and securely wired ready to hang.
7. Each artist will be allowed 3 entries in each sub-category
8. Only dry paintings will be accepted
9. Sculpture must not be too fragile to handle
10. Judge will decide which ribbons are to be awarded. In case of ties, more than one ribbon may be awarded at the judge's discretion
11. Entry may be made in one class only. See explanation of categories
12. The superintendent has the right to remove any exhibit or part thereof that is considered inappropriate for our atmosphere
13. All entries must remain in place until released on Sunday at 2pm. Early removal of exhibits will result in loss of premiums earned.
14. The management will use all diligence to ensure the safety of all entries after their arrival and arrangement, but in no case will be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
15. Superintendents have the option to close judging to the public

Explanation of Categories

- Advanced: Art Teacher, Art Degree or having more than \$500 in sales per year.
- Amateur: Anyone who exhibits as a recreational hobby or who sells less than \$500 per year
- Student: As listed (The class you will be entering in the fall)
- Children: As listed
- Special Needs: Class 2-6, also includes Nursing Home and Assisted Living residents

Awards

- Best of Show donated by the Hamilton County Fair: \$50 plus Rosette
- People's Choice Award- Adult: \$10 plus Rosette
- People's Choice Award – Student: \$10 plus Rosette
- Best Adult Oil Painting: \$50 plus Rosette
- Best Junior Entry donated by the Hamilton County Fair: \$50 plus Rosette
- Robert J. Cousins Special Needs Award-Sponsored by the family of the late Robert J. Cousins: \$25 plus Rosette

Prizes for All Classes:

Blue \$3.00 Red \$2.00 White Ribbon

CLASSES

1. Advanced Adult
2. Amateur Adult
3. Special Needs Amateur Adult
4. Students Grade 9-12
5. Students Grade 7-8
6. Students Grade 5-6
7. Students Grade 1-4
8. Students Preschool-Kindergarten
9. Students Special Needs

LOT NUMBERS & SUBCATEGORIES FOR ABOVE CLASSES

1. Oil Painting
 - a. Landscape
 - b. Seascape
 - c. Birds or Animals
 - d. People or Group
 - e. Portraits
 - f. Miniature-25 sq include frame
 - g. Floral
 - h. Miscellaneous (still life, abstract, etc.)
2. Water Based Media
 - a. Landscape
 - b. Seascape
 - c. Birds or Animals
 - d. People or Group
 - e. Portraits
 - f. Miniature-25 sq include frame
 - g. Floral
 - h. Miscellaneous (still life, abstract, etc.)
3. Drawing
 - a. Landscape
 - b. Seascape
 - c. Birds or Animals
 - d. People or Group
 - e. Portraits
 - f. Miniature-25 sq include frame
 - g. Floral
 - h. Miscellaneous (still life, abstract, etc.)
4. Mixed Media
 - a. Landscape
 - b. Seascape
 - c. Birds or Animals
 - d. People or Group
 - e. Portraits
 - f. Miniature-25 sq include frame
 - g. Floral
 - h. Miscellaneous (still life, abstract, etc.)
5. Seen in Hamilton County (any 2-dimensional art)
 - a. Landscape
 - b. Seascape
 - c. Birds or Animals

- d. People or Group
 - e. Portraits
 - f. Miniature-25 sq include frame
 - g. Floral
 - h. Miscellaneous (still life, abstract, etc.)
6. Miscellaneous
- a. Printmaking-woodblock, linocut, lithograph, etching, etc.
 - b. Ceramics-any clay object or any glazed clay object
 - c. Sculpture-wood carvings or any material other than clay
 - d. Fiber
 - e. Jewelry
 - f. Other
 - g. Artwork Portfolio-Portfolio featuring photos of the artists artwork or the actual artwork
 - i. Must have a minimum of 10 pages/works or art
 - ii. Must be presented in a nice, neat and organized manner
 - iii. Label must be present on the work and include
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Title
 - 3. Medium
 - 4. Year Created
 - h. Computer Generated Artwork-use of programs like Photoshop, Illustrator, etc.
7. Previous Hamilton County Fair (any 2-dimensional art). Original artwork from previous county fairs. Limit 2 per lot.
8. Theme Class
- “Where Traditions Shine” is the theme for the 2026 Hamilton County Fair. Use your imagination to discover what this means through fine arts. This includes the history and traditions of the Hamilton County Fair.

DEPARTMENT J: FIRST FLOWER SHOW

Sponsored by the Hamilton County Fair and The Town & Country Garden Club

Superintendent: Yvonne McCormick

Assistant Superintendents: Town & Country Garden Club Committee

Judging: 1:00 pm, Wednesday of the Fair

Check In: All exhibits must be in place by Noon, Wednesday of the Fair

Release: All exhibits will be released Friday of the Fair at 6:00 pm

Note: No pre-registration. Tags may be picked up at the office.

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per judged entry, to be deducted from premium check.

Rules:

1. Entries are open to the public
2. Each exhibitor may make more than one entry in each lot, but each entry must be a different cultivar.
3. No exhibit used in collections will be considered singly.
4. No awards will be made to inferior exhibits even if there is no competition.
5. Please use clear glass containers. Marbles, stones, etc. may be added to stabilize weight.
6. Treated or painted material permitted where designated. Fresh plant material is **NEVER** painted. **NO ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, FRUIT, OR FOLIAGE PERMITTED.**
7. Award of Horticulture Excellence ribbons will be given for the most outstanding entry in each of the First and Second Show Senior Horticulture Division.
8. Sweepstakes Awards will be given for the most points in each of the First and Second Show Senior Horticulture Classes and for the most points in the First and Second Design Classes.
9. Creativity Award ribbon will be awarded to most outstanding exhibits in the Sr Artistic Division in 1st and 2nd Show.
10. Blue ribbons count 3 points. In case of a tie, red ribbons count 2 and white ribbons 1 point.
11. Junior exhibits prepared by youth 15 and under may be entered in any class in this department. These entries must be clearly marked "Junior."
12. Entries not conforming to the schedule will not be judged.
13. Plant material used in arrangements only do not need to be grown by the exhibitor, but plant material is required in all classes.
14. Constructed flowers or plant forms or recognizable plant materials are permitted.
15. Horticulture exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor and NAMED as to the variety where possible. Correct botanical labeling will increase the educational value of the show and may be the determining factor if all other aspects are equal. Potted plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 3 months.
16. In an effort to educate the public, plant material used in design classes must be listed on a separate card. (Botanical and/or common names acceptable.)
17. The Superintendent has the right to remove from the hall any exhibit or part thereof which is unsightly.
18. Flags are not allowed in designs, but may be displayed above or in front of any design.
19. The judges will refuse to place designs containing primary or secondary noxious weeds. Judges will decide which ribbons are to be awarded. In articles having no competition, judges will not award a top premium unless they feel exhibit is worthy of one. In case of ties, more than one ribbon may be awarded (except for rosettes/special awards)
20. **Your schedule is the law of the show. Read it carefully.**
21. If foliage is grown with flowers, it should be shown.
22. In Horticulture Show, in categories that call for more than one specimen, all stems should be the same length. Specimens of uniform size, color and peak of maturity are preferred, unless otherwise indicated in schedule.
23. Top awards in both Horticulture and Design Divisions may be awarded only to exhibits scoring above 95 or above.
24. Landscapes or scenes are not permitted in the Design Division.
25. The following are not permitted in flower shows: natural bird's nest, stuffed bird, butterflies, or other insects, fish, birds, or animals, or cut fruit or vegetables. Also, wild bird feathers except those for which there is a hunting season in Iowa are not permitted.
26. The management will use all diligence to assure the safety of all entries after their arrival and arrangement, but in no case will be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

27. Superintendents have the option to close judging to the public.

28. **ALL HORTICULTURE MUST BE GROWN BY THE EXHIBITOR**

Primary Noxious Weeds

Buckhorn-Rhamnus sp. L. except R. Frangula
Bull Thistle- *Cirsium Vulgare* (Savi) Tenora
Canada Thistle- *Cirsium Arvense* (L.) Scop
Field Bindweed-*Convolvulus arvensis* L. creeping jennie or pea vine
Hoary Cress-*Cardaria draba* (L.) Desv. Whitetop or perennial pepper grass
Horsenettle- *Solanum carolinense* L. bull nettle
Leafy Spurge- *Euphorbia Esula* L.
Musk Thistle- *Carduus Nutans* L.
Perennial Sowthistle- *Sonchus arvensis* L.
Quackgrass-*Agropyron repens* (L.) Veauv.
Russian Knapweed- *Centaurea repens* L.
Tall Thistle- *Cirsium altissimum* (L.) Spring-field Thistle

Secondary Noxious Weeds

Buckhorn Plantain - *Plantago lanceolata* L. - rib grass
Cocklebur - *Xanthium Strumarium* L.
Wild Sunflower - *Helianthus annuus* L. - common sunflower
Curly dock - *Rumex crispus* L. - sour dock, yellow dock
Poison hemlock - *Conium maculatum* L. - deadly hemlock
Puncturevine - *Tribulus terrestris* L. - caltrop, burnut, tackweed
Red sorrel - *Rumex acetosella* L. sheep sorrel
Smooth dock - *Rumex altissimum* Wood - pale dock
Teasel - *Dipsacus* sp.
Velvetleaf - *Abutilon theophrasti* Medic - button weed, Indian mallow
Wild carrot - *Brassica Kaber* (DC.) L. C. Wheeler var - Queen Anne's Lace
Wild mustard - *Pinnatifida* (Stokes) L. C. Wheeler

Awards

Design that Best Depicts Theme of Show \$5.00
Design Creativity Award \$3.00
Best Color Collection \$5.00
Award of Horticulture Excellence \$5.00
Sweepstakes Award (Design) \$5.00
Sweepstakes Award (Horticulture) \$5.00

National Council Accredited Flower Show Judges will do the judging. The "Standard System of Award" will be used as set forth in the "Handbook for Flower Shows," 2017 Edition and authorized revisions. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Premiums: \$4.00 \$3.00 \$1.00

Section A – Annuals "Growing Traditions"

Award of Merit offered. Exhibited with foliage.

Class 1. *Ageratum* (2 sprays)
Class 2. *Amaranthus tricolor*, Summer Poinsettia (1 stalk)
Class 3. *Amaranthus*, any other variety (1 stalk)
Class 4. *Aster*, *Callistephus chinensis*, single (3 blooms)
Class 5. *Aster*, double (3 blooms)
Class 6. *Aster*, pompom (1 spray)
Class 7. Bachelor Button, *Centaurea cyanus* (3 stems)
Class.8. *Balsam Impatiens balsamina* (2 stalks)

Class 9. Bells of Ireland *Moluccella laevis* (2 stalks) Class 10. Calibrachoa, Million (3 sprays)

Class 11. Calendul *Calendula Officinalis* (3 blooms)

Class 12. Celosia, crested *Celosia cristata* (1 bloom)

Class 13. Celosia, plumed *celosia argentea* (1 bloom)

Class 14. Cleome (1 spray)

Class 15. Coleus (3 stems)

Class 16. Cosmos (3 stems)

Class 17. Dianthus *Dianthus chinensis* (3 Stems)

Class 18. Impatien *Impatiens walleriana* (1 spray)

Class 19. Marigold *Tagetes*, small-under 2 inches (2 sprays)

Class 20. Marigold, medium, 2to 4 inches (3 stems)

Class 21. Marigold, large-over 4 inches (3 stems)

Class 22. Nasturtium *Tropaeolum majus* (3 blooms)

Class 23. Nicotiana (1 stem)

Class 24. Pansy *Viola Cornuta* (3 blooms)

Class 25. Petunia, single *Petunia x hybrida* (1spray)

a. pink b. purple c. red d. white e. yellow f. bi-color pink g. bi-color purple

Class 26. Petunia, double *Petunia x hybrida* (1 spray)

A. pink b. purple c. red d. white e. yellow f. bi-color pink g. bi- color purple

Class 27. Petunia, any other not listed (1 spray)

Class 28. Salvia *Salvia farinacea* (3 spikes)

Class 29. Snapdragon *Antirrhinum* (3 stalks)

Class 30. Strawflower *Helichrysum* (3 stems)

Class 31. Stock *Matthiola incana* (2 stems)

Class 32. Sunflower *Helianthus* (1 stem, stem not over 15 inches)

Class 33. Sweet pea, annual *Lathyrus odoratus* (3 stems)

Class 34. Verbena (3 sprays)

Class 35. Viola tricolor, Johnny Jump Up (3 blooms)

Class 36. Zinia, small-under 2 inches (3 blooms)

Class 37. Zinnia, medium – 2 to 4 inches (3 blooms)

Class 38. Zinnia, large-over 4 inches (3 blooms)

Class 39. Zinnia, ruffled or quilled (3 blooms)

Class 40. Any other Annual, not listed, named (1 stem, stalk, or bloom)

Section B. Perennials “Award-winning through the Years”

Award of Merit offered. Exhibited with foliage.

Class. 41 Balloon Flower *Platycodon* (1 stem)

Class 42. Coreopsis (3 stems)

Class 43. Daisy Gloriosa *Rudbeckia* (3 stems)

a. Single b. double

Class 44. Daisy Shasta *Leucanthemum* (3 stems)

a. single b. double

- Class 45. Delphinium (1 spike)
 - Class 46. Gaillardia (3stems)
 - Class 47. Helenium (3 stems)
 - Class 48. Hibiscus (1 bloom in shallow dish)
 - Class 49. Salvia, perennial Salvia officinalis (3 spikes)
 - Class 50. Scabiosa (3 stems)
 - Class 51. Sweet Pea, perennial, not listed, named (1 stem, stalk, or bloom)
 - Class 52. Any Other Perennial, not listed, named (1 stem, stalk, or bloom)
- Exception-** No hosta, daylilies, roses, or other listed in 2nd Flower Show

Section C. Bulbous Plants “Our Best Bloomers”

Award of Merit offered. (Includes bulbs, tubers, rhizomes, and corms)

- Class 53. Allium (1 stem)
- Class 54. Begonia tuberosa (1 bloom with 1 leaf floating in shallow dish)
- Class 55. Calla lily Zantedechia aethiopica (1scape)
- Class 56. Lily, tiger Liliium lancifolium (1 stem)
- Class 57. Lily, Asiatic hybrid Liliium spp. (1 stem)
- Class 58. Lily, Trumpet hybrid Liliium longiflorum (1 stem)
- Class 59. Lily, Oriental hybrid Liliium orientalis (1 stem)
- Class 60. Lily, Orientpet-OT Liliium Interdivisonal hybrid (1 stem)
- Class 61. Lily, any other true lily (1 stem)
- Class 62. Any other bulb, corm, tuber, or rhizome not listed (1 stem or stalk)

Exception- No gladious, dahlia, or other listed in 2nd Flower Show

Section D. Trees and Shrubs “Top-Notch and Terrific”

Arboreal Award offered.

Specimens should be no longer than 24". Must have several nodes and an apical tip. Exhibit evergreens on paper plates.

- Class 63. Any conifer, named (1 branch)
- Class 64. Any deciduous tree, named (1 branch)
 - a. blooming b. non-blooming c. fruited
- Class 65. Any shrub, named (1 branch 12"-24" in length)
 - a. blooming b. non-blooming c. fruited

Section E. Collections “Our Choice Acquisitions”

Collector’s Showcase Award offered.

At least 5 different specimens are required. Each specimen must be exhibited in a seperate container and individually labeled and named.

- Class 66. Annuals
- Class 67. Bulbs, tuber, rhizomes, corms
- Class 68. Perennials
- Class 69. Shrubs
- Class 70. Trees
- Class 71. Any other not listed

Division II, Design “Traditions”

Premiums: Purple: \$5 Blue: \$4 Red: \$ 3 White: \$2

Each design must have a separate card listing all plant material used included with entry tag. Plant material used in designs does not need to have been grown by the exhibitor.

Section A. Table Artistry “Happy Days”

Table Artistry Award offered.

A functional table. Staged in a space 24” wide with tablecloth overhang of 12”. Place setting for one with no flatware. Design to fit a full-sized table.

Class 1. “Thanksgiving Feast”

Class 2. “Candlelight Dinner”

Class 3. “Good Morning Sunshine” (a breakfast tray for one)

Class 4. “Dinner for Dolly” (using a petite design. Miniature place setting for one, staged on a cloth napkin.)

Section B. Designer’s Choice “Prizewinning Perfection”

Designer’s Choice Award offered. Using your choice of plants & materials.

Class 5. “Steal the Show”

Class 6. “Fireworks”

Class 7. “Reflections”

Section C. Distinction “Time Honored Traditions”

Award of Distinction offered. All dried plant materials. May use accessories.

Class 8. “Old-Time Religion” (may use religious symbol in design)

Class 9. “Shine on Harvest Moon”

Class 10. “Grandfather’s Barn” (may use a tool)

Section D. Tricolor “Fresh Faces”

Tricolor Award offered. All plant material must be fresh. May use accessories.

Class 11. “Moon River” (may use an expanse of water)

Class 12. “Grandma’s Garden” (may use fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s) in design)

Class 13. “Brilliant Bloomers”

Section E. Petite Design “Shiny Brite”

Petite Award offered. Designer’s choice of plant material.

Class 14. “Twinkle Toes”- design not more than 5” in any direction.

Class 15. “Fairy Tale”-design not more than 5” in any direction.

Class 16. “A Gleam in Your Eye”- design not more than 8” in any direction.

Section F. Novice Designs :”Beautiful Dreams”

New Exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon. All green design in green container.

Class 17. “Beginner’s Luck”

DEPARTMENT K: SECOND FLOWER SHOW

Sponsored by Hamilton County Fair

Superintendent: Yvonne McCormick

Assistant Superintendents: Town & Country Garden Club Committee

Judging: 1:00 pm Saturday of the Fair

Check In: All exhibits must be in place by 12:00 noon, Saturday of the Fair.

Release: All exhibits will be released Sunday of the Fair at 2:00p.m.

Note: No pre-registration- Tags may be picked up at the office.

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per judged entry, to be deducted from premium check.

Rules: SAME RULES AS FIRST FLOWER SHOW. ALL HORTICULTURE MUST BE GROWN BY THE EXHIBITOR

GLADIOLUS

Specimens will be judged on:

Color: 20%

Form: 10%

Number Florets: 10%

Placement: 10%

Pose: 10%

Size: 5%

Stem and Stalk: 25%

Substance & Texture: 10%

Gladiolus Size

Miniature: under 2-1/2 inches

Medium: 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 inches

Large: 3-1/2 to 4 inches

Giant: over 4 inches

In measuring Gladiolus, measure lowest floret at widest point.

ROSE

Specimens will be judged on:

Color: 25%

Form: 25%

Foliage: 10%

Size: 10%

Stem and Stalk: 10%

Substance & Texture: 20%

DAHLIAS

Specimens will be judged on:

Color: 20%

Depth: 5%

Distinction: 5%

Foliage: 10%

Form: 20%

Pose: 5%

Size: 10%

Stem and Stalk: 10%

Substance & Texture: 15%

Awards

Design that Best Depicts Theme of the Show — \$5.00

Design Creativity Award \$3.00
Best Overall Dahlia — \$5.00
Best Overall Gladiola – \$3.00
Best Overall Rose - \$5.00
Best Overall Daylily — \$3.00
Best Overall Houseplant – \$3.00
Best Overall Combination Planter- \$3.00
Jim & Barbara Sylvester Award (best overall Junior exhibit) - \$10.00
Betty Nail Award (best miniature design) - \$10.00
Award of Horticulture Excellence - \$5.00
Sweepstakes Award (Design) - \$5.00
Sweepstakes Award (Horticulture) - \$5.00

Division 1. HORTICULTURE (SECOND SHOW)

Premiums \$3.00 \$2.00 Ribbon

Section A. Glads Gladiolus:

Measure width of lowest floret to determine size.

Class Numbers:

1. Gladiolus, true miniature (up to 2-1/2 inches)
2. Gladiolus, medium (2-1/2 to 3-1/2 inches)
3. Gladiolus, large (3-1/2 to 4-1/2 inches)
4. Gladiolus, giant (over 4-1/2 inches)
5. Gladiolus, collection, 5 mixed colors

All Gladiolus classes will be subdivided by color as follows:

- a. Red, 1 spike
- b. White, 1 spike
- c. Yellow, gold or orange, 1 spike
- d. Purple, lavender, or blue, 1 spike
- e. Green, 1 spike
- f. Pink, 1 spike
- g. Black or wine, 1 spike
- h. Bi-color, 1 spike

Section B. Dahlias Dahlia

Class Numbers:

6. Decorative Dahlias- A size (8" or bigger)
7. Decorative Dahlias- B (6-8") & BB Size (4-6")
8. Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlias A size (8" or bigger)
9. Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlias B size (4-6")
10. Dahlias, pompom- up to 2"
11. Dahlias, miniature- over 2-1/2" to 3-1/2"
12. Dahlias, balls- over 3-1/2"
13. Any other Dahlia not listed above

All Dahlia classes will be subdivided by color as follows:

- a. White
- b. Yellow
- c. Orange or flame
- d. Bronze
- e. Light or dark pink

- f. Lavender or purple
- g. Red
- h. Dark Red
- i. Light Blend
- j. Dark Blend
- k. Bi-color
- l. Variegated

Section C. Roses Rosa

Class Numbers:

- 14. Rose, Hybrid Tea, 1 specimen bloom, without side buds, named
- 15. Rose, Floribunda, 1 bloom or spray shown as naturally grown, named
- 16. Rose, Grandiflora, 1 specimen bloom or spray, named
- 17. Rose, Climbing, 1 bloom or spray shown as naturally grown, named
- 18. Rose, Miniature, 1 specimen bloom, named
- 19. Rose, Miniature, spray, naturally grown with more than 1 bloom or bud, named
- 20. Rose, Mini-Flora, 1 bloom or spray, named
- 21. Rose, Shrub, 1 bloom or spray
- 22. Polyantha Rose, 1 bloom or spray
- 23. Miscellaneous Roses
 - a. Rose Collection, 5 mixed colors
 - b. Rose, new for this year named variety, 1 stem
 - c. Rose Cycle of Bloom, same variety 1 bud (color must show); 1 exhibition state, 1 full-blown (stamens must show)

All Rose classes 14 through 22 will be subdivided by color as follows:

- a. White & near white
- b. Light Yellow
- c. Medium Yellow
- d. Deep Yellow
- e. Yellow Blend
- f. Apricot & apricot blend
- g. Orange & orange blend
- h. Orange-pink & orange-pink blend
- i. Orange-red & orange-red blend
- j. Light pink
- k. Medium pink
- l. Deep Pink
- m. Pink Blend
- n. Medium Red
- o. Dark Red
- p. Red Blend
- q. Mauve
- r. Russet

Section D. Daylily Hemerocallis

Class Numbers:

- 24. Daylily, Miniature, (flower under 3 inches), 1 scape
- 25. Daylily, Miniature, double, (flowers under 3 inches), 1 scape
- 26. Daylily, Small (flowers 3 to 4 ½ inches), 1 scape
- 27. Daylily, Small, double, (flowers 3 to 4 ½ inches), 1 scape
- 28. Daylily, Large (flowers 4 ½ inches and over), 1 scape
- 29. Daylily, Large, double, (flowers 4 ½ inches and over), 1 scape

30. Daylily Spider, 1 scape
31. Daylily Collection, 5 different specimens (exhibited in separate containers, labeled/named individually, but kept together)

All Daylily classes will be subdivided by color as follows. Class bi-color daylily to predominant color

- a. Yellow
- b. Orange
- c. Red
- d. Pink
- e. Purple
- f. Any other color

Section E. Hosta Hosta

Note: All Hosta classes (exception: collections) exhibits shall be leaves of the same cultivar. Measure the width of the leaf of a mature sized plant for the variety.

Class Numbers:

32. Hosta, Miniature (up to 2 inches), 2 leaves
33. Hosta, Small (2 to 4 inches), 3 leaves
34. Hosta, Medium (4" up to 6 inches) 3 leaves
35. Hosta, Large (6" up to 8 inches) 3 leaves
36. Hosta, Ex-Large (over 8 inches), 2 leaves
37. Hosta Collection, 5 different specimens

(Exhibited in separate containers, labeled/ named individually, but kept together in some manner.)

Section F. Perennials

Class Numbers:

38. Coneflower (Echinacea) 3 stems
39. Coral Bells (Heuchera), 3 leaves
40. Sedum, 1 stem
41. Yarrow, (Achillea) 3 stems
42. Clematis, (at least 6 inches) 1 stem
43. Lamb's Ear (Stachys) 3 leaves
44. Russian Sage, (Perovskia atriplicifolia) 1 specimen
45. Ornamental grass, 3 specimens
46. Grass Collection, 5 different specimens, named
47. Any Other Perennials not listed

Section G. Houseplants (SECOND SHOW)

Premiums \$3.00 \$2.00 Ribbon

Class Numbers:

1. African Violets (blooming plants) single crown

a. Single White	e. Single Bi-color	i. Double Bi-color
b. Single Pink	f. Double Pink	j. Miniature, any color
c. Single Purple	g. Double Purple	k. Double White
d. Single Red	h. Double Red	l. Any other color
2. Fibrous Begonia, single flowered
3. Fibrous Begonia, double bloom
4. Fibrous Begonia, angel wing
5. Any other Begonias not listed
6. Cactus, 1 only, named
7. Cactus, at least 3 different varieties in one container, named
8. Succulent, 1 only, named

9. Succulent, at least 3 different varieties in one container, named
10. Cactus and succulents, at least 3 different varieties in one container, named
11. Geranium plant, single or double flowered
12. Fern
13. Baby Tears
14. Ivy
15. Philodendron
16. Pothos
17. Spider (Airplane)
18. Swedish Ivy
19. Any other potted plant, named
 - a. Foliage
 - b. Flowering

Section H. Outdoor Containers

Classes 20 through 23 will be exhibitor's choice of plants and number. Include name of plants on tag.

20. Planter created in an unusual container
21. Urn type Combination Planter
 - a. Small (not over 12" in diameter)
 - b. Large (Over 12" and over)
22. Window Box
23. Miniature (Fairy) Gardens (A miniature landscape. Accessories permitted.)
 - a. Small (not over 12" in diameter)
 - b. Large (12" and over)

Division 2. Design "Where Traditions Shine" (Second Show)

Current Year's Fair Theme

Premiums Purple: \$5.00 Blue: \$4.00 Red: \$3.00 White: \$2.00

Section A. Designer's Choice "Time Honored Traditions"

May use any combination of plant materials unless otherwise specified. Accessories permitted. Include a card listing plant materials used along with entry tag.

Class Numbers:

1. "A Box of Sunshine" design staged in a provided niche 16"x20"x9 1/2" deep (limited to 4 entries)
2. "Razzle Dazzle" to be staged on a pedestal
3. "My Inspiration" (an underwater design)
4. "Old School"
5. "Good Old Days" (May use an antique)
6. "Secret Family Recipe" (may use kitchen utensil(s) in design)
7. "Party Line"
8. "Ferris Wheel"
9. "Season Tickets" (your favorite team)
10. "Easter Parade"
11. "Century Farmhouse" (design suitable to hang on a door. Designer choice of material)
12. "Star Shine" (design not more than 5" any direction)
13. "A Little Bit of Bling" (design not more than 5" any direction)
14. "Time Capsules" (design not more than 8" in any direction)

DEPARTMENT L: PHOTOGRAPHY

Superintendent: Brenda Cousins-Cormaney

Facebook Page: @HamiltonCoFairFineArtsPhoto

Judging: 9:00 am Tuesday of Fair

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per judged entry, to be deducted from premium check. All entries will receive a ribbon and premium

Rules:

1. Registration: July 13-17, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Pre-registration is highly recommended, but entries will be accepted during the check-in time. Forms can be found on the departments Facebook page or picked up at the fair office. They can be submitted at the fair office or via email to brenda4cy@gmail.com
2. **All entries must be in place by 2:00pm Monday of Fair**
3. All photographs must be mounted and unframed. There should be no hooks or wires attached. Do NOT cover photos with acetate or glass. Maximum size is 16"x20" (including matting). NOTE: The ideal sizes for the Iowa State Photo display are those which are 11"x14" (including matting).
4. Attach entry tag to the lower left corner of photo as it faces you
5. Do not need to know if Digital is disposable
6. Description is important. Example: "Mountain View" not just "Color Landscape"
7. No work previously exhibited in Hamilton County Fair Open Class will be accepted. Work must be original and the work of the photographer. Amateur work only
8. Up to 2 works per photographer per lot for Adults; 3 for Students
9. Judge will decide which ribbons are to be awarded. In articles having no competition judge will not award top premium unless he/she feels the exhibit is worthy of one. In case of ties, more than one ribbon may be awarded (except for rosettes and special awards)
10. The management will use all diligence to ensure the safety of all entries after their arrival and arrangement, but in no case will be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
11. Superintendents have the option to close judging to the public

Special Awards

- Best of Show Overall in Color Class: \$25 and Rosette
- Best of Show Overall in Black and White: \$25 and Rosette
- Best Advanced Photo: \$25 and Rosette
- Best Amateur Photo: \$25 and Rosette
- Best Junior Entry: \$25 and Rosette
- Robert J Cousins Best Special Needs Photo. Sponsors: Family of the late Robert J. Cousins: \$25 and Rosette

Explanation of Categories

- Advanced: Includes individuals who have taken photography classes/seminars, participates in a photography club
- Amateur: Anyone who exhibits as a recreational hobby
- Student: As listed (The class you will be entering in the fall)
- Children: As listed
- Special Needs: Includes Friends Forever, Nursing Homes and Assisted Living residents or Special Ed Classes

Premiums:

Blue \$3.00 Red \$2.00 White Ribbon

Classes:

1. Advanced Adult
2. Amateur Adult
3. Special Needs Amateur Adult
4. Students Grades 9-12
5. Students Grades 7-8
6. Students Grades 5-6
7. Students Grades 1-4
8. Students Preschool-Kindergarten
9. Students Special Needs

Lot Numbers:

1. Color
 - a. Landscape
 - b. People
 - c. Animal, Bird, etc (any live creature)
 - d. Things
 - e. Plants
2. Black and White
 - a. Landscape
 - b. People
 - c. Animal, bird, etc (any live creature)
 - d. Things
 - e. Plants
3. Other
 - a. Special Occasions – Holidays, birthdays, weddings, etc
 - b. Before and After
 - c. Previous Hamilton County Fairs – Limit 2 in each Lot
 - d. Photos taken with a disposable camera or the like
 - e. Sports action – black & white or color
 - f. Miscellaneous – includes dark room work or photos that don't fit in other Lots.
4. Anything Goes
 - a. Anything goes! Tones, solarized, tinted, computer enhances, etc. Must be done on photographic paper and involve a photographic process at some point in the creation. May include pinhole camera photography, solargrams. Process must be listed on the back of the photo.
5. Theme Class

“Where Traditions Shine” is the theme for the 2026 Hamilton County Fair. Use your imagination to discover what this means through photography. This includes the history and traditions of the Hamilton County Fair.