

2024 EXTENSION HOMEMAKER OPEN CLASS GUIDELINES



RIBBONS AND AWARDS

- ~Blue and red awards will be granted based on the merit of each exhibit.
- ~If a judge finds a deserving exhibit, one champion per class may be given.
- ~A judge may also select a Best of Show for the Adult and Youth division she/he is judging.
- ~Open Class exhibits do not go to State Fair.

DECISIONS

Decisions made by judges and/or Exhibit Committee are final.

DISCLAIMER

Precautions will be taken to insure the safety of articles entered. The Pulaski County 4-H & Community Fair Association, Pulaski County Extension Homemakers Association and Purdue Extension of Pulaski County **does not** accept responsibility for the loss or damage of any exhibit.

EXHIBIT ENTRY TIME

Exhibits are to be brought to the Community Building on **Friday, June 28, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**. Judging will begin at 1:00 PM, ET. All Judging will be closed to the public except for Foods Judging with limited seating.

EXHIBIT RELEASE TIME

*Projects will be released on **Wednesday, July 3, 3:30-5:00 PM**.* If you are unable to pick up your exhibit(s) at this time, please try to make arrangements with someone who can. Exhibits not picked up will be taken to the Extension Office within reason. **We request not to have early releases.**

All foods left from the foods judging (except for a sample piece that will be on display) may be taken home immediately following the judging or they will be donated or disposed of.

WHO MAY ENTER/CATEGORIES

Anyone may enter an exhibit in Open Class. You do not need to be a resident of Pulaski County to enter exhibits. *There are three categories for open class exhibition: Adults, Professionals, Youth*

Youth Categories are separated by age:

A. Ages 5 and below B. Ages 6-9 C. Ages 10-14 D. Ages 14-16

Professional Category A person who has made \$1200 or more in their specialty project (i.e.- photography, woodworking, etc.) or, if you sew for money, you are considered a professional.

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

The Peoples Choice Award will be awarded again this year. This will be determined by the public, who will be allowed to vote for their favorite project at the hostess table. Watch for signs at the Open Class.

LIST OF EXHIBITS

A list of Divisions with class numbers and section letters are available to guide you as you prepare and enter your exhibit at the beginning of this handout.

HOW MANY EXHIBITS TO ENTER -

NO LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT AN EXHIBITOR CAN ENTER!

Also, If an exhibitor wishes, an item may be set up for display only, not to be judged. i.e.— you may bring 10 quilts that all fall in the same category—2 would be picked to be judged and others marked for “display only”. This should be written on the label.

OPEN CLASS GUIDELINES CONTINUED



EXHIBITS THAT QUALIFY

Items that reasonably fit the list of Divisions and Class Numbers are eligible for competition, with the following exceptions.

- ~Any item previously exhibited at the Pulaski County Fair is ineligible for competition.
- ~Articles must have been made and finished within the last year, except comforters, tablecloths, quilts and afghans, which may have been made within the last five years.

DISPLAY STANDARDS

~Your exhibit must be labeled on the standard label provided by the Extension Office. You may fill it out before the fair or upon entering your exhibit.

~Articles must be brought in ready to display, cleaned and pressed. Any exhibit requiring hanging must be ready with appropriate mounting materials. You may place your displays in a plastic bag in order to keep clean.

~An item that is pre-cut or partially pre-cut must be designated as a kit. Exhibits made from kits should be labeled as such. Quilts should be labeled as to which part of the process was the exhibitor's work.

~Photographs and other items mounted on poster board should use a standard size (22"x 28") with stiff backing. (Foam backing and plastic covering is available at the Extension Office for a minimal fee.)

~We may not be able to fully protect Collectibles. Please place your exhibit in a glass case if it is valuable.

~Please limit the overall size of your display. We are abiding by 4-H rules for most of the projects but keep in mind our display spaces are limited. If you are unsure about your exhibit size being acceptable please contact the Extension Office at 574-946-3412.

~We will accommodate electrical needs of your exhibits only when possible and practical.

~Showcase space is limited and the open class committee will utilize them to protect exhibits as best possible. Requests to have exhibit in cases will be considered and honored if possible.

~Exhibitor is responsible for watering plants throughout the week of fair—Committee is not responsible.

CANNING CLASSES

Canning items must be labeled with name of product, date canned, processing method and length of processing time.

FOODS CLASSES

Recipes must be provided with the foods classes, and displayed on a standard index card. Food items must be displayed on a disposable plate or stiff cardboard. The only exception is for pies. Pies may be exhibited in a non-disposable pan, but entrant is responsible for picking up the pan after all judging is complete.

A piece of each food exhibit will be kept for display after judging. When you bring in your exhibit, if the food type allows, display your food using a clear, closed plastic bag. This makes a better presentation for the judge.

FOODBORNE ILLNESS RULES

*For baked product competitions: Filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling and meringue whether uncooked or cooked **are not permitted** to contain cream cheese, whipped cream, unpasteurized milk or eggs/egg whites. (Pasteurized eggs or eggs cooked to 160 degrees F may be used.) Home-canned fruits, vegetables or meats **are not permitted** in products. Recipes must be provided that show which ingredients were used in each part of the product.*

Contestants should carefully wash their hands and make sure that their hands do not have any open cuts before preparing foods. Whenever possible, baked products should be transported and stored in chilled coolers (41 degrees F).

Judges and individuals who will consume products from county and state competitions should be informed that they are at risk for food borne illness since the established policy cannot guarantee that an entry which is a "potentially hazardous food" has been properly prepared or handled before, during or following the competition.