

MARKHAM FAIR



October 1, 2, 3, 4

2026 Prize Book

Markham & East York Agricultural Society

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Markham and East York Agricultural Society

Vision

To be a vibrant community partner in the celebration and promotion of agriculture, rural living, and sustainability.

Mission Statement

To grow Markham Fair, to maintain and enhance our property, and to honour our traditions for decades to come.

Core Values

Integrity, Compassion, and Community Co-operation

President's Message

On behalf of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society, I have the honour of welcoming you to the 2026 Markham Fair. Markham Fair has built a rich agricultural history since the society began in 1844. We continue to honour our heritage and strive to grow new traditions in an ever-changing world.

The theme for the Fair this year is Harvest Time. Harvest has always been a time for the community to come together, reflect on the year, and reap the benefits of all the hard work and dedication. This perfectly describes Markham Fair. Each year, over 800 volunteers come together to put on this amazing event. It takes a community of people of all ages, backgrounds, and skill sets to grow the Fair into what it is today. Part of our vision as a society is to celebrate and promote agriculture and rural living, which is why we dedicate so much time and effort each year to bringing the Fair to the community.

The Fair is forever grateful to all of our exhibitors and their displays that bring life to our buildings and barns. Whether you are bringing horses for the horse pull, the biggest pumpkin you've ever grown, or banana bread from your secret family recipe, each entry contributes to the Fair experience. You should all be proud of what you have to display at Markham Fair as we gather to celebrate agriculture, rural living, and harvest time.

A special thank you goes out to everyone who helps in the success of the Fair: our Markham Fair staff, our local municipalities (the City of Markham and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville), our service clubs, sponsors, and local businesses.

I would like to invite you all to come and enjoy everything that the 182nd Markham Fair has to offer. Join us in celebrating the sights and the sounds of Canada's largest 4-day fall fair.

Sincerely,



Devin King
2026 Markham Fair President



Directors and Officers

Past President: Dylan Armstrong
President for 2026: Devin King
1st Vice President: Kristen Miller
2nd Vice President: Wendy Harris
Director at Large: Gord Appleton
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3 Year Term

Anikka Bolender, Brett Cosburn, Brandon Harrington, Wendy Harris, Rachel Moore, Leanne Tummon

2 Year Term

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Deanna Cheriton, Liz English, Kaitlin Francis, Amanda King, Carter King, Blair Seeley

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Caitlin Hollands, Chase Little, Wyatt Little, Emily Paisley, Brian Seeley, Laura Seeley

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Past President: Alison Lyon
President for 2026: Emily Boag
1st Vice President: Erin Dougan
2nd Vice President: Heather Dougan
Secretary: Christine Beer

General Manager: Bruce MacKenzie



Back Row – Brandon Harrington, Kevin Hollands, Chase Little, Brian Seeley

Fourth Row – Brett Cosburn, Caitlin Hollands, Laura Seely, Blair Seeley, Wyatt Little

Third Row – Carter King, Amanda King, Rachel Moore, Shelby Reesor, Anikka Bolender

Second Row – Kaitlin Francis, Liz English, Blake Purcell

Front Row – Bruce MacKenzie, Dylan Armstrong, Kristen Miller, Devin King, Wendy Harris, Emily Boag, Gord Appleton

Absent from photo: Deanna Cheriton, Emily Paisley, Leanne Tummon

Homecraft President's Message

It is an honour to serve as Homecraft President for the 2026 Markham Fair. The Fair has always been a special part of our community, celebrating agriculture, creativity, and the traditions that bring people together each year.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the many committee volunteers whose time, energy, and passion make the Homecraft Division so successful. From organizing entries to preparing displays and welcoming exhibitors, your efforts truly keep this long-standing tradition thriving.

I would also like to recognize the Homecraft Executive for their commitment and teamwork throughout the year. Your guidance, planning, and countless hours of work ensure that our Division continues to grow and inspire participants of all ages. Thanks also to the Markham Fair staff and Fair Board for their support and dedication in bringing the entire Fair together.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my family for their encouragement and support over the years. The Markham Fair has long been a part of my family's story, and it is especially meaningful knowing that my Father served as Fair President in 1999. Following in the footsteps of those who have contributed to the Fair before me is both humbling and inspiring.

With our theme, "Harvest Time," this year, we are excited to welcome everyone to another wonderful Markham Fair. Browse this Prize Book or visit our website to find a section that inspires you, and enter your projects in the 2026 Fair. Join us in celebrating the fall season with the vibrant community that makes the Markham Fair so special.

See you at the Fair!

Sincerely,



Emily Boag
2026 Homecraft President



2025 Ambassador's Message

I would like to thank the Ambassador committee, as well as all the committees and the Markham East York Agricultural Society, for guiding, supporting, and letting me be me. I would also like to thank our Junior Ambassador, Michelle Sun. I had so much fun walking on this journey with her and I can't wait to see where her dreams take her!

Throughout my journey of becoming and being an Ambassador, as a black woman, I've faced bittersweet moments at banquets, conventions, parades, and our local Markham Fair. Knowing that I am supported through the difficult times has helped me a lot.

During the Markham Fair, I had the opportunity to speak with many people, guests, volunteers, and entertainers. I heard countless stories. Some were sad, some heartwarming, and many more were exciting and inspiring! It is amazing to hear how our Fair was created and continues to create a community where all these different stories contribute to a bigger story. It is a heartbeat that passes down through generations, keeping our Fair thriving. If we take the time to listen long enough, we may hear and feel our Fair's heartbeat.

Exciting and surprising changes are coming! Our community is growing both in size and in the many cultures represented. I look forward to seeing how we can add these amazing stories to our local fall Fair. In order for guests to feel comfortable and accepted, we must be willing to bend a little and explore how we can make our Fair their Fair too.

Thank you,

Rosie-Maquilene Inrig
2025 Markham Fair Ambassador



Markham Mayor's Message

On behalf of the Members of Council and the City of Markham, I am pleased to extend a warm greeting to everyone attending the 2026 Markham Fair. For more than 180 years, the Markham and East York Agricultural Society has played an important role in bringing our community together while celebrating the proud agricultural roots that helped shape our city. What began in 1844 as a gathering of farmers sharing knowledge and showcasing their harvests has grown into one of Canada's oldest and most beloved country fairs.

Today, the Markham Fair continues that tradition by providing a vibrant forum where residents and visitors alike can experience the best of rural life, community spirit, and friendly competition. From the impressive exhibits and livestock shows to the exciting midway rides, tractor and horse pulls, and family entertainment, the Fair offers something for everyone. Each display and activity reflects the hard work, creativity, and dedication of thousands of exhibitors and volunteers who make this annual celebration possible.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Markham and East York Agricultural Society, its Board of Directors, and the more than 750 volunteers who contribute their time and energy across dozens of committees to organize this remarkable event. Their commitment ensures that the Markham Fair remains not only a celebration of agriculture and rural traditions, but also a cherished gathering place where neighbours, families, and friends come together.

Once again, thank you to everyone who helps make the Markham Fair such a special part of our community. I wish you a wonderful fair filled with fun, discovery, and lasting memories.

Sincerely,



Frank Scarpitti
Mayor



Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor's Message

On behalf of the Town of Stouffville, it is my genuine pleasure to extend a sincere welcome to all attendees and participants of the 182nd Markham Fair. This prestigious event has been a cornerstone of our community, showcasing our vibrant agricultural heritage and fostering a spirit of camaraderie and celebration among the residents of Markham, Stouffville, and beyond.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to the organizing committees for dedicating countless hours to ensuring the success of this Fair. Your meticulous planning and unwavering commitment have brought together an event that reflects the true essence of our community. To the volunteers, whose selfless efforts and enthusiasm have been the backbone of this Fair, your contributions are invaluable and greatly appreciated.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the winners of the many contests held during the Fair. Your achievements are a testament to your skill, hard work, and dedication. Whether in livestock, horticulture, crafts, or culinary arts, your excellence serves as an inspiration to all.

Best wishes to all on the 182nd Markham Fair! May this event continue to thrive and bring joy, pride, and unity to our community for many years to come.

Sincerely,



Iain Lovatt
Mayor



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Parking/Security: Blair Seeley (416-991-9400), Brett Cosburn (416-896-2359), James Drake (647-885-2637), Brian Seeley (416-993-7960), Laura Seeley (647-881-2277), Charlie Cosburn, Andrew Diong, Stephanie Drake, Paula Gosetto, Stephen Green, Devin Hollands, Pamela Hollands, Bryant Hulshof, Michelle Marquis, Andrew Morrison, Scott Paisley, Benjamin Russo, Kevin Rydzik, Jenn Seeley, Morgan Seeley, Casey Todd

Photographers: Natalie Little (416-832-7727), Cathie Davies, Lori Emmerson, Don Hobson, Caroline Moor, Natalie O'Toole, Addison Powell, Michael Powell, Senia Smith, Dana St. Louis, Douglas van Wolde

Photography: Bradley Derynck (905-294-2753), Michelle Wannop (647-297-7167), Cole Brown, Colleen Brown, Jeff Brown, Jessica Brown, Victoria Brown, Barbara Consaul, Bruce Consaul, Andrew Dalrymple, Cindy Derynck, Joanna Derynck, Matthew Derynck, Steven Derynck, Susan Gibson, Baily Lewis-Fish, Mary Mann, Kristy Nairn, Chase Ormston, Dakota Ormston, Kelly Ormston, Alexander Wannop, Andrew Wannop, Hallie Wannop, Jacqueline Wannop, Laura Wannop, Nicole Wannop, Alison Wannop-Holyome, Whitney Zhang

Potatoes: Rachel Hendy-Carnakie (905-442-5825), Joshua Carnakie, Mark Hendy, Susie Khan, Janice Simpson

Poultry & Small Livestock: Meghan Kortis (905-960-9416), Shelby Gibbons (647-458-3853), Laura Anderson, Cory Geissberger, Lily Geissberger, Maddie Howard, Melodie Howard, Lisa Kortis, Christine Maly, Steve Mowder, Chris O'Toole, Natalie O'Toole, Jen Rennie, Debbie Slater, Sean Slater

Prize Book: Anikka Bolender, Kim Empringham, (prizebook@markhamfair.ca), Emily Boag, Myra Boag, Debra Conrad-Knight, Alison Lyon, Linda Patterson, Robyn Scott, Hope Shier, Leanne Tummon, Kelly Winnitoy

Prize Ribbons: Kelly Winnitoy (416-528-9309)

Reconciliation: Shae-Lynn Seeley-Reesor (416-518-3127), Anikka Bolender, Alyssa Franzisi, Amanda King, Rachel Moore, Shelby Reesor, Mary-Lynn Seeley-Warr, Hope Shier

Rentals (Tents/Trailers/P.A./Radios/etc.): Gord Appleton (416-505-7296), Darren Little (416-709-2851), Dylan Armstrong, James Fleming, Devin King, Mitchell King, Todd Little, Daniel O'Brien, John O'Brien, Chris O'Toole, Blair Seeley, Brian Tavares, Corey Tufford

Retired: Kelly Winnitoy (416-528-9309), Pauline Davis, Clarence DeGeer, Trevor Hurley, Doris Williams

Roots & Vegetables: Vickie Risebrough (905-252-1684), Phyllis Rich (416-994-8685), Don Howard, Murray Norton, Carley Rennie, Janice Rich, Matthew Risebrough, Doug Scott, Tara Scott, Jim Tindall, Bev Tooley, Dan Tooley, Stevan Vicentic, Andrew Wannop

Safety: Carrie Purcell (416-543-7388), Paul Reesor (905-294-1485), Todd Little, Blair Seeley

School Children: Emily Boag, Jennifer Davidson, Tina Smith, Daniel Wyzynski Leonard (schoolchildrens@markhamfair.ca), Anne Archer, Ashley Barry, Myra Boag, Betty Brown, Murray Brown, Nadia Bucci, Shanyn Burnett, Hayden Burt, Sofia Cameron, Sarah Carter, Brian Crouse, Laura Crouse, Sam Davidson, Jodi Folkes, Heather Graham, Muriel Hoover, Jim Koteles, Sandy Koteles, Linda Kruuk, Colleen McCarthy, Brian Murphy, Marg Murphy, Naomi Norman, Mike Ogston, Judy Resch, Brenda Reusch, Heidi Riley, Krista Royce, Emma Saunders, Kathy Saunders, Alicia Tan, Suzanne Teoli

Seniors: Phyllis Tyrie (416-994-1008), Debra Conrad-Knight (905-294-6469), Debbie Batzakis, Beverly Bent, Bonnie Bristow, Debbie Burton, Jeffrey Butler, Patricia Campbell, Maria Castle, Erica Chao, Gracelyn Dottin, Wendy Dottin, Donald Garland, Donald Hawley, Beverley Heilbron, Patricia Hinds, Patrick Knight, Linell Marriott, Joyce McDowell, Tanya-Kay Melbourne, Krista Ng Roxanne Phillips, Julie Robinson, Sarah Rose, Anne Saftich, Joy Senior, Nancy Shim, Nicola Skinner, Elizabeth Smallwood, Gloria Smith, Sandy Sommer, Debbie Spray, Pam Tandy, Brian Tyrie, Michelle Tyrie, Rush Tyrie, Ken Waddington, Margaret Waddington, Deborah Warga, Hope Warga, Reginald Waterman, Pauline Wells, Michael Worrell

Sheep: Doug Savage (705-440-6072), Charlotte Frisby

(416-818-4503), Jordan Bell, Kevin Brock, Leanne Brock, Wayne Brock, Laura Dereski-Brock, Murray Emke, Colby Frisby, Alicia Gallone, Bryant Hulshof, Kevin Kellington, Barry Little, Caroline Moor, Diane Ward

Special Attractions: Cathy Lee (416-802-2944), Bryant Hulshof (416-717-1819), Devin King (416-949-9277), Janice Lee (416-931-4310), Gord Appleton, Alex Armstrong, Bryan Armstrong, Dylan Armstrong, Adam Brown, Gillian Brown, Raymond Brown, Wendy Brown, Hailey Colvin, Jack English, Lesley English, Lizzy English, Madeline Fintelman, Gisele Grover, Darryl Hamilton, Caitlin Hollands, Devin Hollands, Kevin Hollands, Pamela Hollands, Shannon Hollands, Tyler Hulshof, Stan Kerswill, Susan Kerswill, Carter King, Heather King, Jan King, Mitchell King, Gail Laughlin, Darren Little, Todd Little, John O'Brien, Laura Lee O'Brien, Blair Purcell, Blake Purcell, Jamie Redshaw, Alana Tufford, Corey Tufford, Marilyn Tufford, Leanne Tummon, Kelly Winnitoy

Special Displays: Don Miller (905-640-3707), Millie Amos, Dan Arnott, Adam Bain, Andy Bain, Dennis Bolender, Linda Draper, Paul Draper, Jim Ferguson, Ken Ferguson, Wayne Ham, Kevin Hamilton, Joyce Horner, Pat Lameront, Harry Lewis, Reese Lewis, Barry Little, Murray Painter, Tom Patterson, Ashton Reesor, Carol Smith, Don Smith, Lorne Smith, Brent Watson, Laura Watson

Special Needs: Shanyn Burnett, Heather Graham, Sandra Wilson (specialneeds@markhamfair.ca), Nora Chapman, Jadeyn Creelman, Linda Draper, Jodi Folkes, Anna-Lynne Franzisi, Elizabeth Funk, Josephine Housden, Patrick Housden, Liam McIntyre, Hilary Morkus, Alexander Ogston, Alyssa Ogston, Katie Van Dusen

Sponsorship: Cathy Lee (416-802-2944), Alana Tufford (416-271-1556), Raymond Brown, Kevin Hollands, Bryant Hulshof, Jan King, Blair Purcell, Scott Redshaw, Marilyn Tufford

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Tractor Pull: Darryl Hamilton (416-788-1415), Jason Brown, Josh Brown, Raymond Brown, Scott Brown, Timothy Conner, Richard Dare, David Hamilton, Ryan Hamilton, Kevin Kellington, Devin King, Mitch Millard, Cameron Mount, Gary Mount, David Paisley, Blake Purcell, Robert Ramer

Youth: Judy Bell (365-608-1449), Kimberly Bell (905-852-4677), Sarah Harder (416-906-4604), Mary Webster (905-294-6629), David Anderson, Victor Anderson, Andrew Bailey, Brian Bailey, Lindsay Bailey, Marie Bailey, Robin Bailey, John Bell, Brennan Birtch, Maggie Birtch, Caydence Board, Dian Cairns, Belinda Cruz, Janice Fockler, John Harder, Mim Harder, Bethany Ann Henshall, Lisa Henshall, Carolinda Jones, Grace Jones, Patricia Marshall, Alex Mountford, Elizabeth Mountford, Steve Mowder, Teresa Mowder, Jessica Naumoff,

Austin Ryan, Emma Ryan, Logan Ryan, Chad Scott, Kimberley Scott, Lynda Szalay, Carolyn Webster, Christine Webster, Hannah Webster, James Webster, John Webster, Marilyn Webster

exhibitor will be solely responsible for any article exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify the Society against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.

Photographs

Markham Fair Committee Members will be photographing various events during Markham Fair. The images captured may be used by Markham Fair for record-keeping, advertising, and promotion of Markham Fair. By entering a competition at Markham Fair, you consent to the use of your photograph solely by Markham Fair.

Closing Date For Entry Forms

The closing date for entry forms is **Thursday, September 17th, 2026** by 8:00 pm except where otherwise noted for a specific Section. This date will be strictly enforced. Entry forms will be accepted from **Saturday, August 1st, 2026 to Thursday, September 17th, 2026.**

Making Entries

All entries must be made through the Markham Fair **AssistExpo** website (<https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair>) or on official paper entry forms and in accordance with instructions on same, or in the Prize Book, giving all information requested. Each exhibitor must have his/her own entry form. We recommend you complete your entries through the online Markham Fair AssistExpo website. If you prefer to use paper forms, they may be downloaded from the Markham Fair website at www.markhamfair.ca or obtained from the Markham Fair Office. Each entry form must be signed by the exhibitor online or forwarded to the Markham Fair Office (unless otherwise stated) so as to be received **on or by September 17th, 2026, 8:00 pm (Entry tags should be ready for pick-up by the following Thursday). After September 17th, 2026, no additional entries or changes to entries can be accepted.**

Exhibitor Entry Fee

All exhibitors are required to pay a \$5.00 exhibitor fee. All exhibitors will pay 25 cents per entry (unless otherwise stated). This money must accompany your entry form. Please make cheques payable to Markham Fair. Visa, MasterCard accepted for \$10.00 or more.

NOTE: All entry fees are returned as prize money.

Payment Of Prize Money

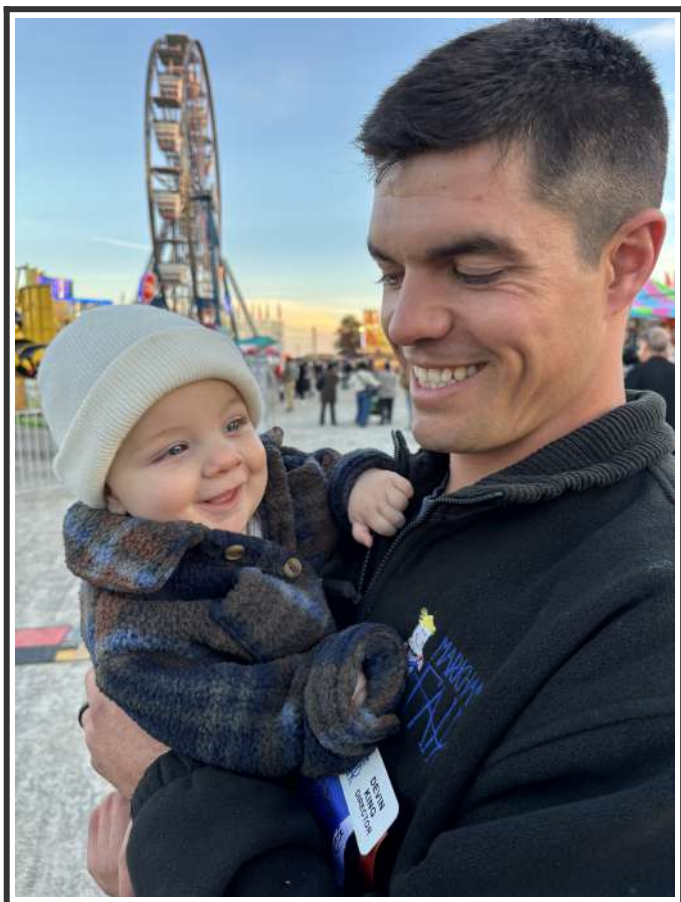
Prize money will be paid by cheque and mailed within 60 days after the close of the Markham Fair. No payment of prize money will be made at Fair time.

Applying For Prize Money

Exhibitors who do not receive their prize money by December 1st, 2026 should apply in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer, Markham Fair Office, on or before December 10th, 2026.

Erroneous Entries

The Society reserves the right to refuse any entry fee paid without being liable for compensation. If an exhibit has been



General Rules & Regulations

The following rules and regulations apply to all sections in this Prize Book. Additional rules and regulations applicable to a specific section or group of sections are noted as required elsewhere in this book.

Violation Of Rules

Any exhibitor who violates any of the following rules or any rules printed in any of the sections of the Prize Book shall be liable, upon the decision of the Executive Committee, to the forfeiture of any and all prizes, prize money, and awards which may have been awarded to the exhibitor as well as any entry fees that may have been paid, whether for any entry shown before or after such violation and such exhibitor may be barred from showing at the Markham Fair for such period as the Executive may determine.

Liability

All exhibits shall be under the control and direction of the Society but solely at the risk of the exhibitor. The Society will not be responsible for damage, injury, loss, or theft of any exhibit, regardless of the cause of such damage, injury or theft. Each

entered in an improper Class of a Section, the Committee Chairperson may transfer the exhibit to the proper Class previous to judging.

Protests

Any exhibitor lodging a protest must make it in writing. This protest must be received by the Markham Fair Office before 6:00 pm on the date in which the entry concerned was shown, or no later than the last day of the Fair. It must be accompanied by a deposit of \$5.00 which will be forfeited to the Society if the said protest is not sustained. (The deposit will be \$25.00 for all horse, cattle, sheep, and goat Sections.)

Arrival Of Exhibits

All exhibits must be in place, with all non-relevant material cleared away, at the times stated for that particular Section or group of Sections. These exhibits must remain in place until the time authorized for their removal. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all premiums earned by the exhibitor. Late arrivals will not be permitted to take part in the competition.

Offensive Or Dangerous Exhibits

Under no circumstances will an article, which is offensive by reason of odour or appearance or which is dangerous by reason of combustible or explosive character, be accepted or admitted.

Judging

Committee Chairpersons are responsible for making sure that their Judges are familiar with all Rules and Regulations pertaining to Markham Fair in general and to their Section in particular.

Unworthy Exhibits

Judges must not award prizes to unworthy exhibits. It is the intention of the Markham Fair to give no distinction or premium of any kind to an article that is not deserving of such awards.

Competition

In the absence of any competition in a Class for reason of number of exhibits or inferior quality, the Judge will exercise his/her discretion as to whether a 1st, 2nd or any premium will be awarded. **No ties will be allowed.**

Decision Of Judges/Committee

No exhibitor shall interfere with the judges, Committee Members, or judging process in any way, nor shall said exhibitor permit any agent or anyone working on his behalf to show disrespect to any Judge. The decision of the Judge shall be final in all cases, except where fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion is proven. In such cases, the Executive Committee shall make the final decision.

Exhibitor Passes

Two passes per exhibitor will only be available at the same time that exhibits are brought into the appropriate building location. A committee member will stamp the stub of the entry tag which the exhibitor will then take to the link between Buildings 1 and 2

in order to retrieve the passes.

Prize Ribbons

Prize ribbons shall be awarded accordingly: **1st** - red, **2nd** - blue, **3rd** - white, **4th** - yellow, **5th** - green, **6th** - pink.

Weather

In the event of bad weather, with a consequent loss in gate receipts, the Society reserves the right to pay a percentage of the prize money.

Pets

No pets are allowed on the Fair Grounds, except pets taking part in a Fair event, which must be leashed; and leashed working animals required to assist people with disabilities.

Errors

The Society will not be responsible for any errors, printing or otherwise, in this Prize Book.

Privacy

The Markham & East York Agricultural Society ("Markham Fair") is committed to maintaining the accuracy, security and privacy of personal information. Please visit our website for complete Privacy Policy details.

<https://www.markhamfair.ca/about/privacy>

Lead By Example

As Exhibitors and Volunteers, we are all in a position to set a good example for all visitors to our Fair Grounds. Please pass along this message when needed.



Homecraft Sections

Questions? Contact us by email at homecraft@markhamfair.ca

Additional Rules For Homecraft Sections 1 - 12

All general rules of Markham Fair apply as well as the following:

- A. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor.
- B. The judges are authorized to award prizes to new entries only. Soiled, defective or old entries will be eliminated from the competition by the Judge and/or Committee Chairperson.
- C. Only one entry per person per Class is permitted.
- D. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry or entries.
- E. Exhibits must be brought to either the Homecraft Building or the General Exhibits Building, Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 8:30 pm, except for Sections 9, 10 and 12. See individual Sections/Classes for entry dates and times.
- F. No exhibits are to be removed from the Homecraft Building or the General Exhibits Building before 6:30 pm Sunday, October 4th, 2026. The buildings will reopen from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm only, by which time **all items must be picked up**.
- G. Exhibitors' stubs (bottom portion of entry tags) must be presented to collect exhibits.
- H. **Exhibits will NOT be kept after October 8th.** On October 9th all remaining exhibits will be respectively donated or recycled. (Those progressing to District 5 competition in their category will be contacted.)

Section 1: Antiques

Chairpersons: Betty Burkholder (647-225-4212), Judi Francis (416-801-8635)

Before entering this section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** and **Additional Rules for Homecraft** as well as the following:

- * **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or in Fair Office).
- * **Entries Close:** Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 8:00 pm.
- * **Drop-off:** Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 - bring exhibits to the Homecraft Building from 12:00 - 8:30 pm.
- * **Pick-up:** Sunday, October 4th, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Additional Rules:

- A. Exhibits are judged on condition and age - only Antiques 80 years or older and collectibles circa 1946-1976 will be eligible for judging.
- B. No article will be entered for more than one year.
- C. Entry tag must be securely attached to item being exhibited.
- D. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged for each entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.

Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

Classes #1-30 (Antique Articles 80 years or older)

1. Antique Buttons (One Pair)
2. Beer Stein
3. Cameo Brooch
4. Canadian Folkart (14" max)
5. Car Radiator Ornament
6. China Salt and Pepper Shakers (One Pair)
7. Chintz Teapot
8. Claw Hammer
9. Coffee Grinder
10. Curling Iron (For Hair)
11. Dinky Toy
12. Dinner Bell
13. Family Portrait (14" max)
14. Flat Finger Lamp (14" max)
15. Hat Pin
16. Hearse Finial
17. Kitchen Apron
18. Ladies Vintage Gloves (One Pair)
19. Milking Stool (16" max)
20. Nursery Rhyme Book
21. Pressed Glass Water Jug (12" max)
22. Royal Coronation Spoon
23. Ruler (12" Advertising)
24. Shoe Brush
25. Small Candy Tin (10" max)
26. Stoneware Whiskey Jug (14" max)
27. Stuffed Toy (14" max)
28. Tea Caddy
29. Thermometer (Outdoor)
30. WWI Identification Necklace

Classes #31-33 (Collectible Articles circa 1946-1976)

31. Apollo 11 Memorabilia
32. Church Recipe Book
33. Mattel Doll Skipper (Barbie's Sister)

Special Awards Generously Sponsored By:

Clarkson Auctions, Stouffville:

- #1 Antique Buttons (One Pair) - \$10
- #5 Car Radiator Ornament - \$25
- #30 WWI Identification Necklace - \$15

Betty Devenport Memorial Award

- #2 Beer Stein - \$15
- #6 China Salt and Pepper Shakers (One Pair) - \$15
- #22 Royal Coronation Spoon - \$20

Reesor Family in Canada:

- #19 Milking Stool (16" max) - \$20

Section 2: Art

Chairpersons: Chantelle Kelly-Rae (416-770-1717), Alison Lyon (416-508-4261)

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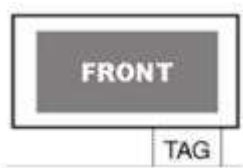
* **Drop-off:** Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 - bring exhibits to the Homecraft Building from 12:00 - 8:30 pm.

* **Pick-up:** Sunday, October 4th, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Additional Rules for all Art Divisions:

Any artwork that does not comply with the rules will not be accepted.

A. Please secure entry tag to the back of the artwork, **bottom right**. If artwork is signed, cover the name with a removable cover.



B. Wet artwork will not be accepted.

C. Flat artwork only.

D. Standing photo frames are not accepted.

E. Exhibits entered in the wrong class will be hung but not judged.

F. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged for each entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.

Adult Art Division

Additional Rules to this Division:

A. No former prize-winning works of art will be accepted.

B. Artwork must be properly **framed or on stretch canvas**.

C. Artwork must be wired from side to side for hanging; **sawtooth hangers not accepted**.

D. Pictures including frames must be no longer than **36" (91 cm)** on the longest side however **glass or plexiglass** size shall not exceed **24" (61 cm)** on the longest side, not including frame, in any category.

E. All artwork is to be **original - no copies** or paint by numbers. A copy is defined as a drawing or painting taken (or partially taken) from another artist's work.

CLASSES #1-12

Prizes: 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5, 4th: \$4

1. Land/Seascape, any medium
2. Mixed Media, more than one medium
3. Any subject, any medium

4. Floral, any medium
5. People, any medium
6. Buildings, one or more, any medium
7. Animals, including fish, fowl & reptiles, any medium
8. Transparent watercolour, any subject
9. Oil or acrylic, any subject
10. Charcoal, pencil, coloured pencil or conte, any subject
11. Abstract, any medium
12. Computer generated

Awards:

Markham Group of Artists Sponsors:

- **Best in Show Adult** Prize: \$25
- **Best Watercolour Adult** Prize: \$20
- **Best Oil or Acrylic Adult** Prize: \$25
- **Judge's Choice Adult** Prize: \$25

Varley Art Gallery Sponsors:

- **Best Floral, Any Medium Adult** Prize: Gift Package

Intermediate Art Division

Additional Rules to this Division:

A. No former prize-winning works of art will be accepted.

B. **Entrants must be 18 years or under as of December 31, 2026.**

C. Artwork **must be sturdily matted, on stretch canvas or framed**.

D. Artwork must be wired from side to side for hanging; **sawtooth hangers not accepted**.

E. Pictures must be no longer than 24" (61 cm) on the longest side, including frame.

F. There is only one class in which a copy may be entered. A copy is defined as a drawing or painting taken (or partially taken) from another artist's work.

G. **Intermediate artists may enter the Adult Division but are subject to Adult Rules.**



CLASSES #13-21

Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4, 4th: \$3

13. Transparent watercolour, any subject. No copies
14. Oil, Acrylic, Tempera, Gouache - any subject. No copies
15. Pastels, any subject. No copies

16. Any subject, any medium. No copies. Must be 14 years of age or under
17. Theme: "**Harvest Time**". No copies. Must be 16 years of age or under
18. Pen and ink, any subject. No copies
19. Pencil, charcoal or conte, no colour, any subject. No copies
20. Computer generated
21. A copy of your favourite artist's drawing or painting, any medium

Awards: (Excluding Class #21)

Markham Group of Artists Sponsors:

- **Best in Show Intermediate** Prize: \$25
- **Best Oil, Acrylic, Tempera Gouache Intermediate** Prize: \$25

Varley Art Gallery Sponsors:

- **Judge's Choice Intermediate** Prize: Gift Package

Michael Bonnycastle Memorial Award

- **Judge's Choice Intermediate** Prize: \$25

Carolyn Sutton Memorial Award

- **Best Pen & Ink Intermediate** Prize: \$25

Junior Art Division

Additional Rules to this Division:

A. **Entrants must be 13 years or under as of December 31, 2026.**

B. Pictures must be:

- i. Mounted on Bristol Board or sturdy matting,
- ii. No longer than 18" (46 cm) on the longest side,
- iii. No thicker than 1" (due to display case depth restrictions),
- iv. No Frames.

C. There is only one class in which a copy may be entered. A copy is defined as a drawing or painting taken (or partially taken) from another artist's work.

D. **Junior Artists may enter the Intermediate Division but are subject to Intermediate Rules.**

CLASSES #22-31

Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4, 4th: \$3

22. A copy of your favourite artist's drawing or painting, any medium
23. Oil, acrylic or watercolour, any subject. No copies
24. Cartoons, your own original caricature or cartoon situation, any medium
25. Felt pen or pen and ink, any subject. No copies
26. Theme: "**Harvest Time**", any medium. No copies
27. Lead pencil or charcoal, any subject. No colour. No copies
28. More than one medium, any subject. No copies. (For example: watercolour, ink, crayon)

Please note age restrictions for #29, #30 & #31

(Children 9 years or under may also enter in any of the above classes.)

Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4, 4th: \$3

29. Any subject, any medium. No copies. 9 years or under as of Dec. 31st, 2026
30. Any subject, any medium. No copies. 7 years or under as of Dec. 31st, 2026
31. Any subject, any medium. No copies. 5 years or under as of Dec. 31st, 2026

Awards: (Excluding Class #22)

Markham Group of Artists Sponsors:

- **Best in Show Junior** Prize: \$25
- **Judge's Choice Junior A** Prize: \$25
- **Judge's Choice Junior B** Prize: \$25

Varley Art Gallery Sponsors:

- **Best Cartoon Junior** Prize: Gift Package

Section 2A: International Arts and Crafts

Chairperson: Kim Galloway (647-390-4256)

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* **Entries Close:** Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 8:00 pm.

Please take special note:

* **NEW THIS YEAR * Drop-off: International Arts exhibits are to be brought to the General Exhibits Building on**

TUESDAY, September 29th, 2026 from 12:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

* **Pick-up:** Sunday, October 4th, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Additional Rules:

A. All items must be securely assembled for display purposes with entry tag affixed.

B. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged for each entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.

Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

Open Division

101. Chinese Lantern - handmade and ready for hanging - no computer cutting - not to exceed 14"
102. Origami Creation - animal - not to exceed 6"
103. Origami Creation - other than animal - not to exceed 6"
104. First Nations Inukshuk - build an Inukshuk - any medium - not to exceed 12"
105. Indian Diya - handmade - not to exceed 8"
106. Mandela - hand drawn - coloured - not to exceed 10"
107. Mandela - hand drawn - black & white - not to exceed 10"

108. African Painting - celebrating African culture or landscape
- not to exceed 18" x 24"

Junior Division

(12 years or under as of December 31, 2026)

109. Chinese Lantern - handmade and ready for hanging - no computer cutting - not to exceed 14"
110. Origami Creation - not to exceed 6"
111. Painting of a Flag - precise or creative interpretation of a flag - country or culture to be named on tag - on 11" x 17" paper
112. Traditional Costume - draw/paint a person in traditional costume - name the country or culture
113. First Nations Inukshuk - build an Inukshuk - any medium - not to exceed 12"
114. Henna Design - drawing of a hand with a henna design on it - not to exceed 12"
115. Mandela - hand drawn - coloured - not to exceed 10"
116. Handcrafted Item (not named above) - celebrating a tradition or holiday from anywhere in the world - named - not to exceed 10"



Section 3: Christmas Collections

Chairpersons: Erin Dougan, Heather Dougan, Steven Cline, Sandra Wilson

Email questions to: christmascollections@markhamfair.ca

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Additional Rules:

A. Christmas themes only.

- B. All items must be securely assembled for display purposes with entry tag affixed.
- C. No marshmallow icing or Fluff on edible items.
- D. No poisonous embellishments, i.e., Holly, Privet, Dolls Eye, Berries, etc.
- E. Work must not be older than 2 years. Soiled or defective items will not be accepted or judged.
- F. No article may be entered for more than one year.
- G. We are not responsible for damage done to any items due to humidity or dust in the buildings.
- H. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged for each entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.

Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4, 4th: \$3

ADULT - Classes #1-36

1. Christmas Gnome. Not to exceed 12" in height
2. Christmas Wreath, any medium. Not to exceed 24" in diameter
3. Christmas Hanging Door/Wall Decoration other than a wreath. Not to exceed 24" x 36"
4. Christmas Tree Ornament - needlepoint, cross stitch, counted cross stitch, embroidered
5. Christmas Tree Ornament - knitted, crocheted
6. Christmas Tree Ornament, ball shaped
7. Christmas Tree Ornament, any method not mentioned above
8. Christmas Stocking, suitable for filling. No kits or preprinted panels
9. Christmas Apron, any size
10. Christmas Themed Wine Bottle Cover including empty wine bottle
11. Christmas Table Topper, any medium. Not to exceed 36" x 36"
12. Christmas Quilted Table Runner
13. Christmas Table Placemat
14. Christmas Tree Skirt, no kits
15. Christmas Fabric Mug Rug or Coaster
16. Homemade Christmas Snowman, any medium. Not to exceed 12" in height **NEW**
17. Advent Calendar. Ready to hang and suitable for filling. Not to exceed 30" x 36"
18. Christmas Jewellery Item
19. Christmas Centrepiece. Not to exceed 15" x 18"
20. Creatively Wrapped and Decorated Christmas Gift Box. Not to exceed 12" in diameter
21. Christmas Greeting Card - Computer Generated Only. No electronic cutting machine. Only two dimensional. No envelope. Not to exceed 6" x 9"
22. Handmade Christmas Greeting Card, using Scrapbooking items. No electronic cutting machine. Only two dimensional. No envelope. Not to exceed 6" x 9"
23. Christmas Greeting Card, any method not mentioned above. No envelope. Not to exceed 6" x 9"

24. Hand Decorated Christmas Paper Gift Bag. Not to exceed 11"L x 6"W x 14"H including handle
25. Christmas Article Using All Recycled Material. Not to exceed 18"L x 18"W x 14"H
26. Christmas Themed Scrapbook Page. Not to exceed 14" x 14"
27. Christmas Decorated Cupcake, 100% edible. Must be on small paper plate
28. Christmas Gingerbread House, building & decorations 100% edible. Display area not to exceed 18"L x 18"W x 21"H
29. Christmas Gingerbread Person Cookie, Decorated, 100% edible. Not to exceed 8". Must be on paper plate. Judged on decoration only **NEW**
30. Christmas Themed Cookie Creatively Decorated - cookie & decorations 100% edible. Not to exceed 6". Must be on small paper plate
31. Christmas Clothes Peg Decoration
32. Christmas Themed Painting or Drawing, any medium. Ready to hang. Not to exceed 12" x 16"
33. Christmas Decorated Canning Jar - e.g. Mason jar
34. Christmas Decorated Mug or Wineglass
35. Christmas Snow Globe **NEW**
36. Almost Done! One item from any above classes - 2/3 complete

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CORNER - Classes #37-60

37. Christmas Tree Ornament (Ages 5 & Under)
38. Christmas Tree Ornament (Ages 6-7)
39. Christmas Tree Ornament (Ages 8-9)
40. Christmas Tree Ornament (Ages 10-12)
41. Christmas Tree Ornament (Ages 13-14)
42. Christmas Wreath. Base not to exceed 14" (Ages 6-7)
43. Christmas Wreath. Base not to exceed 14" (Ages 8-9)
44. Christmas Wreath. Base not to exceed 14" (Ages 10-12)
45. Christmas Wreath. Base not to exceed 14" (Ages 13-14)
46. Christmas Bookmark (Ages 6-7)
47. Christmas Snow Globe in a jar (Ages 6-8)
48. Christmas Snow Globe in a jar (Ages 9-11)
49. Christmas Snow Globe in a jar (Ages 12-14)
50. Christmas Hanging Door/Wall Decoration other than a wreath. Not to exceed 12" x 24"
51. Biodegradable Christmas Garland Length 1' to 3'
52. Christmas Cupcake. Judged on decoration only. Must be on small paper plate (Ages 6-14) **NEW**
53. Christmas Gingerbread Person Cookie, Decorated, 100% edible. Not to exceed 6". Must be on small paper plate. (Ages 6-14) **NEW**
54. Christmas Graham Cracker Cookie House, 100% edible including decorations. Display area not to exceed 10" in any direction (Ages 6-9)
55. Christmas Graham Cracker Cookie House, 100% edible including decorations. Display area not to exceed 10" in any direction (Ages 10-14)
56. Christmas Themed Painting or Drawing, any medium. Ready to hang. Not to exceed 12" x 16" (Ages 6-9)
57. Christmas Themed Painting or Drawing, any medium. Ready to hang. Not to exceed 12" x 16" (Ages 10-14)

58. Christmas Article Using All Recycled Material. Not to exceed 18"L x 18"W x 14"H (Ages 6-14)
59. Christmas Greeting Card. No envelope. Not to exceed 6" x 9" (Ages 6-9)
60. Christmas Greeting Card. No envelope. Not to exceed 6" x 9" (Ages 10-14)

Special Awards:

All awards are gift certificates unless otherwise stated.

Robert Smith Financial - Best in Show - Committee's Choice - Adult Section \$50

Robert Smith Financial - Best in Show - Committee's Choice - Children Section \$50

MGS Print-Web-Design - Best Edible Creation - Adult Section \$25

Edward Jones Financial, Unionville - Best Christmas Ornament - Adult Section \$25

Sheridan Nurseries - Aurora - Best Christmas Centrepiece - All Sections \$25

Controtech Valves - Best Wall Hanging or Wall Decoration - Adult Section \$25

Quattro Renovations - Best Christmas Ornament - Children's Section \$25

Comtech Trading Company - Best Christmas Wreath - Children's Section \$25

Twist Dance Academy - Best Edible Creation - Children's Section \$25

Gen Stampin' 4 Fun - Best Christmas Greeting Card - Adult Section (21-23)

Section 4: Crafts

Chairpersons: Darlene Marcellus (905-294-0319), Ann Bourgeois and Rebecca Bourgeois (905-640-8653)

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Additional Rules:

- A. **Adult entries only 19 years and over.**
- B. **No Christmas-themed items will be accepted.**
- C. No work shall be repeatedly entered from year to year.
- D. Work must not be older than 2 years and must be in good condition
- E. Pictures must be framed and ready for hanging. **No Sawtooth Hangers.**
- F. All work **must** be done by entrant.
- G. No article shall be made with anything edible.
- H. Entrants must be amateurs and **must not** earn an income from their craft.

1. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged for each entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.

Exhibits not meeting the requirements above or below will be turned away at take-in.

Should an exhibit not meeting the requirements make it past take-in, it will be displayed, **but not judged**

Prizes: 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4, 4th: \$3

Woodworking

1. One article Wood in the style of Relief Carving (not to exceed 24" in any direction)
2. One or two Decorative Birds on a single base, hand-carved in wood
3. One hand carved wood Walking Stick (not to exceed 48" in length)
4. One handcrafted Wood Article (not to exceed 24"L x 24"W x 18"H)
5. One handcrafted wooden toy (not to exceed 24" in any direction)
6. One hand carved wooden caricature (not to exceed 18" in any direction) **NEW!**



Beading/Jewellery

7. One Beaded Necklace
8. One Beaded Bracelet (must be the 2026 Fair Colours - **Forest Green and Gold** combined)
9. One piece of Pendant Jewellery using resin technique **NEW!**
10. A handcrafted Pair of Earrings - any medium

Hanging/Signage

All Entries Must be Ready for Hanging ***No Sawtooth Hangers***

11. One Fall Harvest Themed Paper Wreath (not to exceed 24" diameter) **NEW!**
12. One handcraft article in String Art (not to exceed 18" in any direction)
13. One Fall Harvest Themed Door Decoration (not to exceed 24" in any direction)
14. One handcrafted Farmhouse Sign (not to exceed 24" x 36")

Paper

15. One handcrafted blank verse "Congratulations" Greeting Card (not to exceed 6" x 8") No Computer Work, Interactive Elements, Watercolour, or Fun Folds
16. One handcrafted blank verse "Congratulations" Greeting Card using Paper Cutters (not to exceed 6" x 8") No Computer Work, Interactive Elements, Watercolour, or Fun Folds
17. One handcrafted blank verse Fun Fold "Congratulations" Greeting Card with a minimum of 2 folds (not to exceed 6" x 8") No Computer Work, Interactive Elements, or Watercolour
18. One handcrafted blank verse Hand-Stamped "Congratulations" Greeting Card, any medium (not to exceed 6" x 8") No Computer Work, Interactive Elements, or Fun Folds **NEW!**
19. One handcrafted Bookmark made from Paper (not to exceed 3" x 10") **NEW!**
20. One handcrafted Journaled Memory Book Page (page must not exceed 12" x 12")
21. Two handcrafted Journaled Memory Book Pages - must contain a minimum of 5 photos (each page must not exceed 12" x 12")
22. One handcrafted Paper Lantern (not to exceed a 6" base and 8" in height)
23. One handcrafted Paper Gift Card Holder (not to exceed 4" x 6")
24. One handcrafted Paper Banner - maximum 5 panels - panels can be any shape (each panel not to exceed 6" x 8")
25. One handcrafted Paper Gift Tag (not to exceed 4" x 6")
26. One Bouquet of 3 handmade Flowers on Stems - PAPER ONLY (not to exceed 10" in any direction) **NEW!**

Soft Medium

(i.e. Needlework, Crochet, Cross-Stitch, etc.)

27. One article in Counted Cross-Stitch, 11-18 count Aida cloth - Must be framed (not to exceed 24" x 36") **No Sawtooth Hangers**
28. One article in Counted Cross-Stitch, 11-18 count Aida cloth - Must be framed (not larger than 8" x 10") **No Sawtooth Hangers**
29. One Article in Counted Cross-Stitch or Needlepoint - Completed But Not Meant to be Framed (not to exceed 12" x 24")
30. One article in Stitchery not mentioned above - No Knitting, Crocheting, Tatting or Sewing - Name the Technique (not to exceed 24" x 36") If needed, article must come ready for hanging - **No Sawtooth Hangers**
31. One handcrafted Animal - Soft Medium - No Sets/Kits and No Granny Squares (not to exceed 6" in any direction) **NEW!**
32. One handcrafted Animal - Soft Medium - No Sets/Kits and No Granny Squares (7" and over, not to exceed 12" in any direction) **NEW!**
33. One handcrafted Stuffed Toy - Knitted or Crocheted - No Sets/Kits (not to exceed 6" in any direction) **NEW!**

Section 5: Culinary Arts

Chairpersons: Heather Kennedy, Christine Beer, Jill Shaw
Email questions to: culinaryarts@markhamfair.ca

****Ongoing Sustainability Initiative**** Since 2024, the Culinary Arts Committee has reduced food waste by implementing smaller submission sizes. Please check jar, cake, pie, and loaf requirements carefully when exhibiting items in Section 5.

Before entering this section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** and **Additional Rules for Homecraft** as well as the following:

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Additional Rules & Information

Please ensure your exhibit meets all size requirements (i.e., jar, loaf, plate size, etc.). Items not meeting size requirements may be disqualified at the judges' discretion.

A. No ready mixes or commercial fillings will be allowed unless otherwise stated.

B. No sale of food from Section 5 will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.

C. The committee will remove any baked products that are not suitable for display during the Fair.

D. The committee will not be responsible for any accidental damage or breakage of baking or display containers.

E. Section 5 is open to all ages and is intended for **non-professionals and amateurs only**. Individuals who own or operate a culinary business, work primarily in producing baking or preserved products, or produce items that could be packaged and sold commercially, are not eligible to compete.

F. Personal advertising, or decorating of entry tags of any kind is prohibited.

G. Brackets next to each entry item indicate the number of pieces to be entered (i.e., Chocolate Chip Cookie (3) means 3 cookies are to be submitted).

H. "Named" next to certain entries require entrants to provide the ingredient of choice in writing on their entry tag (i.e., Fruit Jam - named = Fruit Jam - "Pineapple").

I. Decision of Judges: No exhibitor/committee member shall interfere with the judges. The decision of the judges shall be final, and the judges can exercise their discretion as to whether a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th or any premium be awarded in any given category and to any given item. No ties are allowed.

J. **Absolutely no cannabis, cannabis products or alcohol are to be used in any entries.**

K. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged for each entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.

Culinary Arts Submission Requirements:

34. One handcrafted Stuffed Toy - Knitted or Crocheted - No Sets/Kits (7" and over, not to exceed 12" in any direction) **NEW!**
35. One handcrafted Pumpkin - Soft Medium (not to exceed 12" in any direction)

Any Medium/Other

36. One handcrafted Fall Gnome - Any Medium (not to exceed 24" in any direction)
37. One decorated Mason Jar (not to exceed 7" in any direction)
38. One handcrafted Pumpkin - Any Medium - No Knitting, Crocheting, Tatting, Quilting, or Sewing (not to exceed 12" in any direction)
39. One decorated Clay Flowerpot (not to exceed 8" in any direction)
40. One article in a technique not mentioned above - No Needlework - Name the Technique (not to exceed 24" x 36")
If needed, article must come ready for hanging - **No Sawtooth Hangers**
41. One handmade Fridge Magnet - Any Medium (not to exceed 4" in any direction)
42. One Bouquet of 3 handmade Flowers on Stems - Any Medium - NO PAPER (not to exceed 10" in any direction) **NEW!**
43. One handmade Bookmark - Any Medium - NO PAPER (not to exceed 3" x 10")
44. One handcrafted Sock Toy (not to exceed 12" in any direction)
45. One handcrafted Bowl made from recycled materials (not to exceed 8" in any direction) **NEW!**
46. One pair of handcrafted Coasters (not to exceed 4" in any direction)
47. One article of Pottery in the style of hand building - no wheel technique (not to exceed 10" in any direction)
48. One handmade Coffee Cup Sleeve - Any Medium (not to exceed a medium Tims coffee size)
49. One Pin Cushion article - No Kits (not to exceed 4" in any direction)
50. One handcrafted Basket with Handles (not to exceed 8" x 10" in any direction - not including the handle)
51. Charity Toy! One handcrafted Charity Toy - Any Medium - Note: These toys will not be returned to the entrant, but will be **DONATED** to the Salvation Army of Markham.

Special Awards:

Best in Show - Markham Guild of Village Crafts - \$50

Markham Home Hardware - \$25 Gift Certificate - #6

Oda Pritzker Award - \$25 - #27

Markham Fair Award - \$10 each - #31, #33

Midas/Drml - \$25 - #48

The Nailady & Aesthetics - Gift Certificate for One Manicure - #49

Adam Ivkovich Wealth Management - \$25 each - #8, #9, #11, #18, #24, #39, #45, #51

Harry James Enterprises - \$25 each - #5, #13, #14, #17, #21, #30, #38, #42

1. Please ensure Entry Tags are securely fastened to the outside edge of a dessert-sized (6.75") plain white paper plate (Chinet accepted), foil-covered base, jar or baking dish.
2. Exhibits must be covered with a CLEAR plastic bag or plastic wrap.
3. Entrant's name should be on the bottom of all returnable containers.

Awards: Best Bread in Show; Best Decorated Cake in Show; Best Edible Cake in Show; Best Jam/Jelly in Show; Best Plain Butter Tart in Show; Best Pie in Show; Reesor Family in Canada; Fair President; Legacy Recipe.

Specials: There will be a special prize awarded to all 1st and 2nd place winners in the "Specials" categories only. The Culinary Arts Committee thanks all our Sponsors for their generous donations including: Aroma Grill & Bar, Casa Massimo Salon, Crafty Goodies and Gifts, Crayola Canada, Firehouse Subs - Markham and Stouffville, Joy's Fish and Chips, Kristin Slute - Pampered Chef Independent Consultant, Markham Mower, Markham Museum, My Sister's Gift House, Newmarket Mower, Packall Packaging, Timber Creek Golf.

Cookies and Bars

Rules: Cookies and Bars must be exhibited on a dessert-sized (approx. 6.75") white paper plate.

Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

1. Chocolate Chip Cookies (3)
2. Confection Squares - aka Peanut Butter Confetti Squares (3)
3. Nanaimo Bars (3)
4. **Specials:** One Decorated "Forest Green and Gold" Sugar Cookie - not to exceed 5" - judged on decoration only
5. Shortbread Cookies - not whipped (3)
6. Gingerbread Cookies - decorated (3)
7. Plain Rice Krispie Squares (3)

Breads, Rolls and Muffins

Rules: Breads must be exhibited on foil-covered cardboard, cut to the approximate size of the loaf. Muffins, rolls and tea biscuits must be exhibited on a dessert-sized (approx. 6.75") white paper plate. Please do not use paper baking cups on muffins or biscuits. No bread maker machine products are to be exhibited unless otherwise specified.

Prizes: 1st: \$6.00, 2nd: \$5.25, 3rd: \$4.50, 4th: \$3.25

8. White Bread Loaf - made with bread maker - exhibit ½ of loaf
9. White Bread Loaf - handmade - exhibit ½ of loaf
10. Braided Egg Bread - exhibit whole loaf
11. Sourdough Bread - exhibit ½ of loaf
12. Beer Bread - exhibit ½ of loaf
13. **Specials:** Focaccia - named - maximum size 8"
14. Any Other Homemade Rolls - named (3)
15. Cinnamon Buns - iced (3)
16. Plain Banana Loaf, no nuts - exhibit ½ of loaf *Fair President Award*

17. Glazed Lemon Loaf - exhibit ½ of loaf
18. Chocolate Zucchini Loaf, no nuts - exhibit ½ of loaf
19. Tea Biscuits with Cheese (3)
20. Pumpkin Spice Muffins (3)

Sweet and Savoury Snacks

Rules: Snacks must be exhibited on a dessert-sized (approx. 6.75") white paper plate, unless otherwise stated.

Prizes: 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5, 4th: \$4

21. **Specials:** Decorated Caramel Apple - named - **NEW**
22. Flavoured Popcorn - named - 250ml regular mouth sized mason jar
23. Fudge - named (3)
24. Chocolate Bark - named (3)
25. Nuts and Bolts Snacks - 250ml regular mouth sized mason jar
26. Granola Bar - named (3)
27. Pickled Eggs - 500ml regular mouth sized mason jar
28. Refrigerated Garnished 4" Cheeseball, not hot - named
29. Refrigerated Butternut Squash Hummus - ½ cup portion in small glass container
30. Brownies - named (3)
31. **Specials:** Maple Syrup (liquid) - 250ml jar of choice *1st place winner will go on to District 5 competition* **NEW**
32. **Specials:** Pure White Honey (liquid) - 250ml jar of choice *1st place winner will go on to District 5 competition* **NEW**



Decorated Cakes

Rules: Cakes in Classes 33-37 will be judged on decoration only. Decoration must be 80% edible and the use of a styrofoam form is allowed. Cake bases must not exceed 12" x 12" and the total height must not exceed 8" high.

Prizes: 1st: \$15, 2nd: \$10, 3rd: \$8, 4th: \$6

33. Birthday Cake - buttercream
34. **Specials:** "Harvest Time" Themed Cake - judged on decoration only
35. "Harvest Time" Themed Decorated Cupcakes (3 on a plate)
36. Cornucopia Themed Cake - buttercream with fondant pieces

37. **Specials:** Crayola® Themed Cake - buttercream with fondant pieces *Crayola Canada Special*

Edible Cakes

Rules: Edible cakes to have no icing unless otherwise stated. Edible cakes must be exhibited on foil-covered cardboard, cut to the approximate size of the cake. Exhibit ½ of an 8" square or round, single-layered cake unless otherwise stated.

Prizes: 1st: \$6.00, 2nd: \$5.25, 3rd: \$4.50, 4th: \$3.25

38. Chocolate Cake with icing - exhibit ½ of cake
 39. Apple Cake - exhibit ½ of cake
 40. **Specials:** Black Forest Cake - exhibit ½ of cake **NEW**
 41. Lemon Pound Cake with icing - exhibit ½ of cake
 42. Carrot Cake, single layer with cream cheese icing - exhibit ½ of cake, no bundt
 43. Coffee Cake - exhibit whole cake, bundt or tube
 44. Gluten Free Vanilla Cake with icing - exhibit ½ of cake

Preserved Fruits and Vegetables

Rules: Preserves must be exhibited in a pint-sized mason jar (250 or 500ml) with 2-piece metal sealing lids unless otherwise stated. Please attach the entry tag to the neck of the mason jar with an elastic band. Jars must be sealed; unsealed jars will automatically be disqualified.

Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

45. Preserved Peaches
 46. Any Other Preserved Fruit - named
 47. Fruit Chutney - named
 48. Applesauce
 49. Cranberry Sauce
 50. Salsa - mild
 51. Chili Sauce - using ripe tomatoes
 52. Spaghetti Sauce - no meat
 53. **Specials:** Signature BBQ Sauce - not hot
 54. Relish - not hot, named
 55. Dill Pickles - Cucumber
 56. Bread and Butter Pickles
 57. Pickled Beets
 58. Any Other Pickle - named, variety not mentioned above

Jams and Jellies

Rules: Jams must be exhibited in a 250ml jam jar, with 2-piece metal sealing lids. Please attach the entry tag to the neck of the jam jar with an elastic band. Jars must be sealed; unsealed jars will automatically be disqualified (except for Freezer Jams).

Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

59. Strawberry Jam
 60. Raspberry Jam
 61. Blueberry Jam
 62. Mixed Fruit Jam - named
 63. Peach Jam
 64. Rhubarb and Strawberry Jam
 65. Any Other Jelly - named
 66. Red Pepper Jelly - not hot

67. Peach Freezer Jam
 68. Strawberry Freezer Jam
 69. **Specials:** Diabetic Freezer Jam - named, variety not mentioned above
 70. Any Other Freezer Jam - named, variety not mentioned above

Tarts, Pies and Refrigerated Cakes

Rules: Pies can be prepared in a pie plate or dish of choice (any size). Please use pastry pie crust, unless otherwise specified.

Prizes: 1st: \$6.00, 2nd: \$5.25, 3rd: \$4.50, 4th: \$3.25

71. Butter Tarts - plain (3) *1st place winner will go on to District 5 competition*
 72. Pecan Tassies (3)
 73. Apple Pie - double crust *Reesor Family in Canada Award*
 74. Cherry Pie - topped with hand woven lattice
 75. Pecan Pie
 76. Strawberry Rhubarb Pie
 77. Pumpkin Pie - no topping
 78. Pineapple Upside-Down Cake - muffin tin size (3)
 79. Any Other Pie - named
 80. Baked Pie Shell
 81. Ester Lewis Chocolate Pie - see below for recipe *Legacy Recipe Award* **NEW**



** NEW for 2026** Legacy Recipe

In celebration of our long-standing members and their remarkable contributions to Markham Fair, we are proud to introduce the **Legacy Recipe Award**. This special category honours the dedication of our members and the treasured recipes that continue to enrich our Fair's culinary traditions. Each year, a featured Legacy Recipe will be showcased, with a **Special Award** presented to the top winner who carries forward this legacy of excellence.

Esther Lewis

For over 40 years, Esther Lewis has been a devoted member of the Markham Fair family, having worn many hats and served in multiple capacities. After the Fair moved near her family home in 1977, she joined the Domestic Science Committee - now the

Culinary Arts Committee - where she has served ever since. Esther has supported multiple areas of the Fair, including being the Domestic Science Committee Chair in 1988, and Homecraft President in 1991, but baking has always been her passion. Known for her friendly pie competitions and her beloved chocolate pie, she remains committed because of the community, tradition and innovation within the Culinary Arts team. Esther is the first member featured with a Legacy Recipe in the Prize Book.

Chocolate Pie Recipe

Ingredients:

- ½ cup Hershey® or Fry's Cocoa®
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup cornstarch
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 3 cups milk
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1½ tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 baked pastry pie shell
- whipped cream

Recipe:

- Combine cocoa, sugar, salt and cornstarch in a medium saucepan
- Blend milk into dry ingredients, stirring until smooth
- Cook saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly until you reach a boil
- Boil for 1 minute and then remove from heat
- Blend in butter and vanilla
- Pour into baked pie shell and cool in fridge
- When cool, add whipped cream

Section 6: Flowers and Plants

Chairpersons:

Marion Norton (905-621-1550) **Flowers/Plants Classes 1-62**

Lori Hulshof (905-506-3492) **Arrangements Classes 63-83**

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Additional Rules:

A. Flowers & Plants are judged in accordance with the "Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design" (Publication 34/2003) which is printed and distributed by the Ontario Horticulture Association and the Garden Clubs of Ontario. To obtain a copy please contact

<http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/judging.php>

B. Recognized growers are not permitted to enter in a class.

C. All cultural exhibits for competition must have been grown by the exhibitor. Self-foliage to be included unless specified. Classes 1-62.

D. Where a definite number or quantity of specimens is specified in the class, neither more nor less than that number shall be exhibited. A bud showing colour must be considered a bloom.

E. Potted plants and planters must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 3 months prior to Markham Fair.

F. All house plants and planters to be grown in suitable containers. Not freshly potted.

G. Hanging plants must have their own hangers.

H. No plant shine is to be used on plants.

I. All exhibits must be in suitable containers to prevent tipping when handled by the judges and committee members.

J. Leaves should be removed below water level.

K. Classes 36, 37, 38, 53, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61 & 62 **must be properly named or exhibit will be disqualified (printed on front of entry tag).**

L. Plant material for arrangements Classes 63-80 and Classes 82-83 need not be homegrown and can be obtained from any source.

M. No artificial plant material to be used in fresh flower arrangement Classes 64-77, 81-83.

N. Accessories are permitted in arrangement classes.

O. Natural materials such as foliage, twigs, driftwood, moss, evergreens, rocks, grasses, etc. may be used in flower arrangements.

P. After judging day, specimens and arrangements can be replaced with fresh flowers.

Q. The committee has the right to disqualify any exhibit with insect infestation.

R. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged for each entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.

Tips For Exhibitors:

- Specimens should stand erect.
- Do not use wide-mouthed containers.
- Flowers show best in a clear container.
- Flowers should be free of disease, insect damage, and insects.
- Flowers should have good colour, be fresh, not wilted, uniform in size with strong, straight stems.

Annual: A herbaceous plant which normally completes its cycle of seed in one year. To include tender perennials such as pansies & snapdragons, that are plants called "Annuals" grown as such in this region.

Biennial: A herbaceous plant which requires two growing seasons to complete its normal growth e.g. from seed to seed - foxglove, sweet william, forget-me-not, canterbury bells, etc.

Perennial: A herbaceous plant that lives more than two years. The stem dies to the ground each fall. For example, phlox, delphiniums, peonies, etc.

Spike: An upright stem carrying several flowers, usually with short pedicels, such as gladiolus and snapdragon.

Stem Or Stalk: A plant structure carrying one or more flowers and buds. It may be branched e.g. sweet peas, primulas, and irises.

Spray: A branch of plant with a number of flowers, e.g. chrysanthemum, climbing and floribunda roses, petunias, etc. All exhibits should have a good stem length.

NAS: not according to schedule.

CUT SPECIMEN CLASSES

(self-foliage to be attached)

Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

1. Amaranthus - 3 stems Not to exceed 30" (76.2cm) - no foliage
2. Aster - 3 stems - Annual
3. Aster - Perennial (e.g. Michaelmas Daisy) - 3 stems
4. Begonia - 1 bloom floating in a clear bowl of water, no leaves
5. Calendula - 3 stems
6. Celosia - 3 stems
7. Chrysanthemums - Single - 3 sprays. Must Be Outdoor Garden Variety
8. Chrysanthemums - Semi-Double or Double - 3 sprays. Must Be Outdoor Garden Variety
9. Feverfew (Chrysanthemums) - 3 sprays. Must Be Outdoor Garden Variety
10. Cosmos - 5 stems
11. Dahlia - 1 bloom - over 6" (15.24cm) **See **Specials** for Dahlias
12. Dahlia - ball type - 1 bloom - 4" to 6" (10.16cm to 15.24cm)
13. Dahlia - any other type - 1 bloom - 4" to 6" (10.16cm to 15.24cm)
14. Dahlia - ball type - 3 blooms - under 4" (10.16cm) (miniature)
15. Dahlia - any other type - 3 blooms - under 4" (10.16cm) (miniature)
16. Dahlia - 1 bloom floating in a clear bowl of water, no leaves **NEW**
17. Geranium - 1 stem with self-foliage attached **See **Specials**
18. Gladiolus - 1 spike - any colour
19. Hosta - 3 varieties - 1 leaf of each variety
20. Hydrangea - 3 blooms - stems NOT to exceed 24" (60.96cm)
21. Lavatera - 3 stems
22. Marigold - 5 blooms - 2" (5.08cm) and over **NEW**
23. Marigold - one colour - 5 blooms - under 2" (5.08cm) **NEW**
24. Marigold - bi-colour - 5 blooms - under 2" (5.08cm) **NEW**
25. Nasturtium - Bouquet with self-foliage
26. Petunia - 3 sprays
27. Rudbeckia or Gloriosa - 3 stems
28. Salvia - 3 stems
29. Sedum - 3 stems
30. Snapdragon - 3 stems
31. Strawflower - 3 blooms - wired
32. Sunflower - 1 bloom not to exceed 8" (20.32cm), stem not to exceed 12" (30.48cm). **Must be in a vase**
33. Sweet Peas - Bouquet with self-foliage

34. Zinnia - Large type - 3 stems - 2" (5.08cm) and over
35. Zinnia - Small type - 5 stems - under 2" (5.08cm)
36. Any Other Variety Annual - 3 stems or 3 sprays - **Must Be Properly Named on Front of Entry Tag**
37. Any Other Variety Perennial or Biennial - 3 stems or 3 sprays - **Must Be Properly Named on Front of Entry Tag**
38. Any Other Flowering Stem or Branch - 3 stems or 3 sprays - **Must Be Properly Named on Front of Entry Tag**

Classes #39-41

Prizes: 1st: \$5.50, 2nd: \$4.50, 3rd: \$3.50, 4th: \$2.50

39. Vase of Mixed Annuals - minimum of 6 varieties
40. Basket of Dahlias
41. A Collection of Garden Flowers - all round arrangement

Roses

Note: Must be 1/2 to 3/4 open for judging.

Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

42. Rose - HT - 1 bloom - any colour - named if possible
43. Rose - Polyantha or Shrub (not Mini) - 1 spray - named if possible
44. Rose - Mini (not Polyantha or Shrub) - 1 spray - named if possible
45. Rose - Floribunda - 1 Stem - named if possible
46. Rose - Full Blown - 1 bloom floating in a clear bowl of water, no leaves - any colour - any variety - named if possible

POTTED PLANT CLASSES

Flowering Plants in Bloom

(Container not to exceed 12" (30.48cm) - inside measurement. No hanging plants)

Prizes: 1st: \$5.50, 2nd: \$4.50, 3rd: \$3.50, 4th: \$2.50

47. African Violet - standard - single bloom, single crown
48. African Violet - standard - semi-double or double bloom, single crown
49. Begonia(s) - Tuberous in bloom
50. Begonia(s) - Fibrous (e.g. Bizzy Lizzy, Reiger Type, etc.) in bloom
51. Impatiens - **NEW**
52. Geranium(s)
53. Any Other Flowering Plant in Bloom - **Must Be Properly Named on Front of Entry Tag**

Plants Grown Principally for Foliage

(Container not to exceed 12" (30.48cm) - inside measurement. No hanging plants)

Prizes: 1st: \$5.50, 2nd: \$4.50, 3rd: \$3.50, 4th: \$2.50

54. Coleus - 1 cultivar
55. Any Other Foliage Plant Not in Bloom - **Must Be Properly Named on Front of Entry Tag**



Planters

(Container not to exceed 16" (40.64cm) - inside measurement)

Prizes: 1st: \$5.50, 2nd: \$4.50, 3rd: \$3.50, 4th: \$2.50

- 56. Mixed Succulent and or Cactus Garden
- 57. Mixed Outdoor Planter - 3 or more different varieties - **Must Be Properly Named on Front of Entry Tag**
- 58. Mixed Herb Planter - 3 or more different varieties - **Must Be Properly Named on Front of Entry Tag**

Hanging Plants

(must be hanging - please provide your own hanger)

Prizes: 1st: \$5.50, 2nd: \$4.50, 3rd: \$3.50, 4th: \$2.50

- 59. Mixed Hanging Planter - minimum of 2 varieties - **Must Be Properly Named on Front of Entry Tag**
- 60. Any Hanging Plant - 1 variety - Plant Grown Principally for Foliage - **Must Be Properly Named on Front of Entry Tag**
- 61. Any Hanging Plant - 1 variety - Plant Grown Principally for Bloom - **Must Be Properly Named on Front of Entry Tag**

Window Boxes

- 62. Outdoor Window Box - **Must Be Properly Named on Front of Entry Tag. **See Specials**

ARRANGEMENTS

Classes #63-83 Helpful Hints:

Please refer to Rules L through O at beginning of Section 6.

- Fresh Flowers **MUST** have a container to hold water.
- Use proper type of oasis for the flowers you are working with (wet oasis for fresh flowers and dry oasis for silk and dried flowers).

Miniatures

Prizes: 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5, 4th: \$4

- 63. "In a Seashell" - dried arrangement - under 5" - (12.7cm)
- 64. "Merry Christmas" - using fresh flowers - under 5" (12.7cm)
- 65. "Hot Rod" - in a miniature toy car - using fresh flowers - under 5" (12.7cm)

Small Designs

- 66. "Morning Break" - an arrangement in an espresso cup or mug - using fresh flowers - 5 1/2" to 10" (13.97cm to 25.4cm) **Prizes:** 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5, 4th: \$4

Fresh Flower Arrangements

Please refer to Rule O at beginning of Section 6 (No artificial material or miniatures)

Prizes: 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5, 4th: \$4

- 67. "Holiday Magic" - using evergreens
- 68. "Happy Halloween" - in a pumpkin
- 69. "Arrangement In a Child's Toy"
- 70. "Fair Food" - a fair food inspired arrangement
- 71. "A Toast to Markham Fair" - using a wine glass
- 72. "For the Teacher's Desk" - basket arrangement including apples
- 73. "Arrangement in a Cup and Saucer"
- 74. "Fabulous Foliage" - foliage only arrangement
- 75. "We Remember" - celebrating Royal Canadian Legion 100th Anniversary
- 76. "Pot of Gold" - an arrangement using shades of yellow flowers
- 77. "People Put Flowers in the Strangest Things" - an arrangement in an unusual container

Dried Flower Arrangements

(No artificial flowers or miniatures)

Prizes: 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5, 4th: \$4

- 78. "Celebrating 150th Anniversary of the First Phone Call" - an arrangement using a phone
- 79. "Rustic Charm" - an arrangement using a preserving jar

Combination Arrangement

(Artificial plant material and accessories permitted)

- 80. A Fairy Garden. Base not to exceed 8"x10" or 20cm x 25.5cm **Prizes:** 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5, 4th: \$4

SPECIALS - Fresh Flower Arrangements

- 81. "Pollinator Party" - a bee and butterfly friendly arrangement - flowers to be home grown ****See Specials**
- 82. Arrangement using Native Flowers such as goldenrod, aster, ironweed, anise hyssop and obedient - fresh flowers ****See Specials**
- 83. "**Harvest Time**" - Markham Fair Theme - Using fresh flowers ****See Specials**
- 84. Geranium - 1 stem with self-foliage attached (copy) ****See Specials Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

***Specials:

Vera Clarkson Memorial - Largest first prize Dahlia in Classes 11-13 - \$25

Class #17 - Lloyd Seebeck Memorial - 1st Place Geranium - \$25

Class #62 - Otter Greenhouses Ltd., 315 Medd Rd, Port Perry
- Gift Certificates: 1st \$30; 2nd \$20; 3rd \$10

Class #81 - Reesor Family in Canada - 1st - \$20

Class #82 - Bounty from the Boonies, 18 Brock St. W.,
Uxbridge - Gift Certificates 1st \$20; 2nd \$15

Class #83 - Markham Fair Special - 1st - \$10; 2nd - \$5

Markham Fair Awards and Rosettes:

Judge's Choice – Best Potted Plant - \$10

Judge's Choice – Best Specimen - \$5

Judge's Choice – Best Entry in classes #39-41 - \$5

Judge's Choice – Best Arrangement - \$10

2026 Homecraft President, Emily Boag - Favourite Entry -
Rosette

Richters Herbs, 357 Highway 47, Goodwood

Top Point Winner Classes 1-61 - Gift Certificate - \$30

2nd Point Winner Classes 1-61 - Gift Certificate - \$20

**Tree Valley Garden Centre Ltd., 4431 Stouffville Road,
Stouffville**

Top Point Winner Classes 63-80 - Gift Certificate - \$30

2nd Point Winner Classes 63-80 - Gift Certificate - \$25

Section 7: Needlecraft

Chairperson: Deanna Cheriton (437-246-3204)

Before entering this section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** and **Additional Rules for Homecraft** as well as the following:

* **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or in Fair Office).

* **Entries Close:** Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 8:00 pm.

* **Drop-off:** Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 - bring exhibits to the Homecraft Building from 12:00 - 8:30 pm.

* **Pick-up:** Sunday, October 4th, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Additional Rules:

A. Be sure you have read ALL the rules about the Needlecraft Section before you bring your exhibit to the Fair for competition.

B. ***Sample fabrics, yarns or flosses must be visibly attached to every exhibit. Fabric samples must be approximately 1" x 1" (2.5 cm x 2.5 cm). Cutting of samples off seam allowances is NOT allowed.**

C. Eighteen and under are eligible to enter any class.

D. All quilting must be done by hand, except where noted to be a machine quilting class or in the sewing classes.

E. Pin sets together so that they stay together.

F. No machine knitting.

G. Articles must be new and unused. Items must NOT be used or worn.

H. No loose ends on any articles.

I. No liquid embroidery to be used.

J. Size of Afghans does not include fringe.

K. The judges are authorized to award prizes to new exhibits only. Soiled, defective, with offensive odours or old exhibits will be eliminated from the competition by the Judge and/or Committee Chairperson.

L. No work is to be entered more than **one year**.

M. No professional may enter any classes of the Needlecraft Section except class 126, as this section is intended for amateurs only. Professionals are those who derive more than 55% of their income from their craft.

N. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged for each entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.

This year our Fair Theme is '**Harvest Time**' and the colours are **Forest Green and Gold**. Please be aware that the following classes reflect this theme: #26 & #120.

Classes #1-24

Sample Yarns To Be Attached To Each Item Articles to be knit only. No ribbons or cords on any baby items, well-secured buttons are acceptable. Articles must be **new and unused**.

Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6, 4th: \$5

1. Knit Baby Afghan - maximum 210" perimeter excluding fringe
2. Knit Child's Cardigan
3. Knit Child's Pullover - size 2-6
4. Knit Child's Hat and Mitt Set
5. Knit Ribbed Hat - Adult **NEW**
6. Knit Mittens for Mitten Tree - any size - to be **DONATED** to charity
7. Knit Mittens with a Knitted Design
8. Knit Thrummed Mittens **NEW**
9. Knit Lady/Teen Shawl
10. Knit Pair of Fingerless Gloves/Mitts - any size
11. Knit Adult Pullover - no Fair Isle - with short or long sleeves only
12. Knit Fair Isle Pullover Sweater
13. Knit Adult Cardigan
14. Knit Adult Vest - pullover - no sleeves
15. Knit Slouchy Hat **NEW**
16. Knit Adult Hat and Scarf Set
17. Knit Infinity Scarf - with or without a twist, two or more times around neck
18. Knit Cowl - only goes around neck once
19. Knit Adult Dress Socks - pinned, not tied together
20. Knit Heavy Socks - pinned, not tied together
21. Knit Pair of Slippers
22. Knit Chemo Cap - cotton yarn only - **NO SEAMS** - to be **DONATED** to Markham Stouffville Hospital
23. Knit Preemie Hat - to fit size of grapefruit (size 36) - **NO SEAMS** - to be **DONATED** to Markham Stouffville Hospital
24. Knit Shopping Bag - cotton yarn

Knit Afghan Class #25

Sample Yarns To Be Attached To Each Item

25. Knit Afghan - maximum 216" perimeter **Prizes:** 1st: \$12, 2nd: \$11, 3rd: \$10, 4th: \$9

Special FAIR THEME 2026 Class #26

Sample Yarns To Be Attached To Each Item

26. Knit or Crochet Item - using Fair Theme "Harvest Time" -
Forest Green and Gold Prizes: 1st: \$12, 2nd: \$11,
3rd: \$10, 4th: \$9

Youth Classes #27-31 (18 & under ONLY)

Sample Yarns To Be Attached To Each Item

Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6, 4th: \$5

27. Article of Arm Knitting
28. Knit Hat and Scarf - age 12 & under
29. Knit Hat and Scarf - ages 13-18
30. Any other article of Knitting with added embellishments
31. Knit Fingerless Gloves/Mittens - any size **NEW**

CROCHET CLASSES #32-58

Classes #32-52

Sample Yarns To Be Attached To Each Item No ribbons or cords on any baby items, well-secured buttons are acceptable. Articles must be **new and unused**.

Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6, 4th: \$5

32. Crochet Baby Sweater
33. Crochet Baby Afghan - maximum 210" perimeter
34. Crochet Child's Dress - size 1-4
35. Crochet Child's Hat
36. Crochet Baby Blanket Lovey
37. Crochet Sweater - soft yarn
38. Crochet Poncho
39. Crochet Pair of Slippers
40. Crochet Child's Purse with Closure
41. Crochet Top - Pullover with Sleeves - any size **NEW**
42. Crochet Vegetables, 3 different types, at least 6" - must be accompanied by can of veggies for local Food Bank
43. Crochet Pair of Pot Holders
44. Crochet Granny Square Bag - any type of yarn
45. Crochet Shawl
46. Crochet Infinity Scarf - with or without twist - two or more times around neck
47. Crochet Cowl - only goes around neck once
48. Crochet Hooded Cowl
49. Crochet Pair of Fingerless Gloves/Mitts - any size
50. Crochet Chemo Cap - soft cotton yarn only - no seams - to be **DONATED** to Markham Stouffville Hospital
51. Crochet Shopping Bag - use cotton yarn
52. Crochet any item made with Tunisian Crochet

Crochet Afghan Classes #53-54

Sample Yarns To Be Attached To Each Item Articles must be **new and unused**.

Prizes: 1st: \$12, 2nd: \$11, 3rd: \$10, 4th: \$9

53. Crochet Lap Afghan - maximum 216" perimeter

54. Crochet Afghan - Any Other Design - minimum 216" perimeter

Youth Classes #55-58 (18 and under ONLY)

Sample Yarns To Be Attached To Each Item Articles must be **new and unused**.

Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6, 4th: \$5

55. Crochet Scarf - age 12 & under
56. Crochet Hat and Scarf - ages 13-18
57. Crochet Dice Bag - for Tabletop Gaming **NEW**
58. Crochet Set of Four Coasters **NEW**



TATTING CLASS #59

Sample Yarns To Be Attached To Each Item Articles must be **new and unused**.

59. Article of Tatting **Prizes:** 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6, 4th: \$5

SEWING CLASSES #60-91

Classes #60-84

Sample Fabrics To Be Attached To Each Item Articles must be **new and unused**.

Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6, 4th: \$5

60. Article of Boy's Clothing - size 6 & under - no sets
61. Girl's Dress - size 12 & under - attach sample floss if it's a smocked dress
62. Jacket - any size
63. Pyjamas
64. Ladies/Teens Dress
65. Upcycled Article of Clothing - e.g. turn jeans into a skirt, etc. **NEW**
66. Fancy Pin Cushion
67. Lady's Purse - must have a closure
68. Tote Bag
69. Multi-sectional Project Bag **NEW**
70. Other Bag - Laptop bag, backpack, etc. **NEW**
71. Pair of Pillow Cases
72. One Pair Quilted Pot Holders - hand or machine quilted

73. Fabric Bowl
74. Set of 2 Place Mats
75. Tea Cozy with Tea Pot
76. Table Topper
77. Kitchen Apron - practical
78. Hostess Apron - fancy
79. Patchwork Jacket
80. Quilted Table Runner - machine quilted - NO LONG ARM
81. Cushion - 48" - 72" perimeter before any ruffle - must have pillow form or stuffing
82. Any Item Made of Selvages
83. Any Item of Pet Apparel
84. One Complete Doll Outfit - NO DOLL

Youth Classes #85-91 (18 & under ONLY)

Sample Fabrics To Be Attached To Each Item Articles must be **new and unused**.

Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6, 4th: \$5

85. Upcycle/Recycle an article of Denim
86. Pillowcase - 100% cotton only - to be **DONATED** to Centre for Children at Markham Stouffville Hospital
87. Pajama Pants
88. Stuffed Pillow
89. Any article of Sewing - age 12 & under
90. Any article of Sewing - ages 13-18
91. Laundry Bag with Drawstring - any usable size **NEW**

EMBROIDERY CLASSES #92-96

Embroidery Classes #92-94

Sample Floss/Ribbon To Be Attached To Each Item Articles must be **new and unused**.

Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6, 4th: \$5

92. Any Article of Hand Embroidered Clothing - embellishments allowed with embroidery
93. Any Article of Hand Embroidery - no clothing - no frames
94. Any Article of Machine Embroidery - no frames

Youth Classes # 95-96 (18 & under ONLY)

Sample Floss To Be Attached To Each Item Articles must be **new and unused**.

Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6, 4th: \$5

95. Any article of Hand Embroidery - no framing - age 12 & under
96. Any article of Hand Embroidery - no framing - ages 13-18

QUILTING CLASSES #97-132

Classes #97-99

Sample Fabrics - And Floss If Embroidery Is Used - To Be Attached To Each Item Write quilt pattern name and approximate number of hours to complete on the back of your entry tag. Articles must be **new and unused**.

Prizes: 1st: \$9, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$7, 4th: \$6

97. Cushion - one traditional quilt block - 12"-18" before any ruffle
98. Quilt Top Only - twin bed or smaller size
99. Quilt Top Only - double bed or larger size

Classes #100-126

Sample Fabrics - And Floss If Embroidery Is Used - To Be Attached To Each Item Write quilt pattern name and approximate number of hours to complete on the back of your entry tag. Articles must be **new and unused**.

Prizes: 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$15, 4th: \$13

100. Quilt - 26" x 34" - to be **DONATED** to Markham Stouffville Hospital NICU
101. Hand Quilted Crib Quilt - no preprinted panels - maximum 200" perimeter
102. Hand Quilted Crib Size - preprinted panel - no stamped quilting - maximum 200" perimeter
103. Hand Quilted Miniature - less than 100" perimeter represent a full quilt, each block not to exceed 3". A single block is not a miniature quilt **NEW SIZE**
104. Hand Quilted Wall Hanging - greater than 100" perimeter, less than 288" perimeter - must have hanging sleeve **NEW SIZE**
105. Hand Quilt - done with slow stitching (large stitches) - greater than 150" - must have hanging sleeve **NEW**
106. Hand Quilted Twin Bed Quilt - greater than 240" perimeter, less than 324" perimeter
107. Hand Quilted Quilt - made by 2 or more people - list group or names on back of tag
108. Machine Quilted Crib Quilt - no preprinted panels - NO LONG ARM - maximum 200" perimeter
109. Machine Quilted Crib Quilt - preprinted panel - NO LONG ARM - maximum 200" perimeter
110. Machine Quilted - My First Quilt - any size - NO LONG ARM
111. Machine Quilted Miniature - less than 100" perimeter, to represent a full quilt, each block not to exceed 3". A single block is not a miniature quilt. NO LONG ARM, **NEW SIZE**
112. Machine Quilted Wall Hanging - greater than 100" perimeter, less than 288" perimeter - NO LONG ARM - must have hanging sleeve **NEW SIZE**
113. Machine Quilted Wall hanging Using Long Arm - greater than 100" perimeter, less than 288" perimeter - must have hanging sleeve
114. Machine Quilted Modern Quilt - greater than 80" perimeter, less than 160" perimeter - NO LONG ARM - must have hanging sleeve
115. Machine Quilted Memory Quilt - using t-shirts, ties, etc. - NO LONG ARM - must have hanging sleeve **NEW**

116. Machine Quilted Twin Bed Quilt - greater than 240" perimeter, less than 324" perimeter - NO LONG ARM
117. Rag Quilt - does not require middle layer
118. Wall Hanging - Mixed Technique - Art Quilt - MUST include embroidery - perimeter greater than 80", less than 288" - NO LONG ARM - must have hanging sleeve - can include different techniques such as hand quilting, machine quilting, piecing, applique, etc.
119. Wall Hanging - representing 'Truth and Reconciliation Day' - maximum 160" perimeter
120. Wall Hanging celebrating Fair Theme '**Harvest Time**'. Colours are **Forest Green and Gold** - attach a story describing how your wall hanging represents the theme to the back of the wall hanging
121. Machine Quilted Quilt - Traditional Quilt - any bed size - quilt & quilting to be done by 1 person using long arm quilting machine
122. Machine Quilted Quilt - done by 3 or more people - list group name on back of tag - NO LONG ARM
123. Traditional Quilt - top & binding made by 1 person and quilted by another - using computerized long arm
124. Modern Quilt - top & binding made by 1 person and quilted by another - using computerized long arm
125. Machine Quilted Modern Quilt - top, binding & quilting done by 1 person - using any long arm machine **NEW**
126. Special Class: PROFESSIONAL Computerized Long Arm Quilters only - quilt top and quilting to be judged. Refer to Rule M for definition of professional

Rules For O.A.A.S. Quilt Competition Classes #127-132

Please visit the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies' (OAAS) website at www.ontariofairs.com for a full list of rules. A copy is also available in the Fair Office.

General Conditions for both Hand Quilted and Machine Quilted Quilt Competitions.

1. Each local fair is entitled to send the grand champion quilt judged best in show for both sections to the district competition in October 2026. If the same quilt wins at more than one fair the exhibitor must consider the agricultural society closest to his/her home address as the one from which the quilt will be sent to the district meeting. If any entry wins grand champion or best of all classes at more than one fair, the other fairs at which this quilt was entered and won should enter their reserve grand champion quilt. If an exhibitor wins with different quilts at different fairs, all quilts are eligible to be entered.
2. Judging will occur at local fairs and district levels. A provincial grand champion quilt will be selected at the annual OAAS Convention.
3. The winner's name and pattern is to be displayed at the fair on a sign provided by OAAS.
4. Upon making an entry into the OAAS quilt competition the exhibitor agrees to participate in any promotional activities related to the competition.

5. The winning OAAS Champion Quilt will not be eligible to compete in any future district and/or Convention OAAS Competition. The winner receives a cash prize and retains ownership of quilt.

Hand Quilting Classes #127-130

Sample Fabrics To Be Attached Articles must be **new and unused**.

Specific Rules for OAAS Hand Quilting Competition:

- A. Entries must be solely made and hand quilted by the exhibitor.
- B. Entry quilts must be a minimum of 280" measured on the perimeter. Smaller quilts will not be eligible to proceed to the next level of competition.

Prizes: 1st: \$35, 2nd: \$30, 3rd: \$25, 4th: \$20

127. Quilt - Traditional Design Only - Pieced
128. Quilt - Traditional Design Only - Appliqued
129. Quilt - Mixed Technique - must include at least 3 different techniques
130. Quilt - Whole Cloth Quilt - one fabric on each side of the quilt - design made only by the hand quilting done on the quilt - no preprinted panels

Machine Quilting - Class #131-132

Articles must be **new and unused**.

Specific Rules for OAAS Machine Quilting Competition:

- A. Entries must be solely made and machine quilted by the exhibitor.
- B. Entry quilts must be a minimum of 280" measured on the perimeter.
- C. Entry must have visible machine quilting.

Prizes: 1st: \$35, 2nd: \$30, 3rd: \$25, 4th: \$20

131. Quilt - Any Design - Any Technique - domestic machine or long arm quilting
132. Whole Cloth Quilt - domestic or long arm quilting - no preprinted panels

Awards:

Barb's Custom Quilts Awards - 50% off of one quilt, done by Barb - each - Class #123 and Class #131

Committee's Choice Award – \$20

Coulson Award - \$30.00 – Class #104

Jean Beare Memorial Awards - \$25 each - Best in Classes #27-31 and Best in Classes #55-58

Ivy Miller Memorial Award - \$10 - Best of Classes #19 and #20

Katherine Kwan Awards - \$15.00 Class #14 and **\$25 each** Class #110 and #116

Markham Guild of Village Crafts - \$50 - Best of Classes #1-96

Reesor Family in Canada Award - \$25.00 – Best in Classes #129-132

Section 8: Seniors

N.B. Please Note That There Are Two Divisions For Seniors (Please Refer To Definition *)

Chairpersons: Phyllis Tyrie (416-994-1008), Debra Conrad-Knight (416-560-3851)

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Additional Rules:

- A. Minimal assistance by craft personnel is allowed.
- B. There are to be no more than three (3) articles in each Class from each residence.
- C. All prize money will be sent to the Residence but is to be the property of the winning resident.
- D. Residences must attach a list of exhibitors to their entry form so that the appropriate number of complimentary Fair passes can be provided when exhibits are brought in.
- E. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged for each entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.

DIVISION 1

Residents In A 24-Hour Nursing Care Facility OR Seniors in an Adult Day Program

Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

Christmas Collection Classes #1-6

1. A Christmas tree ornament
2. A Christmas table ornament
3. A Christmas card
4. A Christmas wreath 12" x 12" or less
5. Any Christmas Craft

Needlework Classes #6-12

6. Afghan - knit or crochet
7. Needlecraft any article
8. Knitted square 12" x 12" or less
9. Scarf - knit or crochet
10. Any craft article - knit or crochet
11. Tote Bag - any medium
12. Bassinet or carriage blanket - knit or crochet 25" x 25" or less

Crafts Classes #13-36

12" x 12" or Less

13. Refrigerator magnet
14. Greeting card - any occasion
15. Decorated gift bag
16. Decorated bird house
17. Craft using recycled materials 12" x 12" or less
18. Decorated candle holder
19. Decorated bookmark
20. Any craft article - i.e. Seasonal - 12" x 12" or less
21. Decorative wall hanging - not to exceed 12"
22. Any article made of podge
23. Decorated picture frame 12" x 12" or less
24. Decorated flower pot
25. Pumpkin - small/medium
26. Wrapped boxes - decorated 12" x 12" or less
27. Any article - group project 12" x 12" or less
28. Flower Arrangement
29. Any sketch - pencil
30. Key ring
31. Any article in woodworking no larger than 12"
32. Mandala adult colouring 12" x 12" or less
33. Abstract art 12" x 12" or less
34. Watercolour art 12" x 12" or less
35. Painting Acrylic, Oil 12" x 12" or less
36. Bottled Art



Photography Class #37

37. Single photo - "Something I Like" theme accompanied by a short description. Not to exceed 8" x 10"

Creative Writing Classes #38-43

38. Original poem on any theme
39. Favourite memory
40. Dictated story (can be hand-written or typed)
41. Favourite recipe
42. Calligraphy - any language

100 Years and Over Classes #43

43. Any craft article

Unique Craft Item #44

44. Unique Craft Item not listed in classes #1 - #43 - Not to exceed 12" x 12" or less

DIVISION 2

Seniors Must be 75 Years of Age or Older Living Independently OR Seniors in a Community-Based Program

Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, 4th: \$2

Christmas Collection #45

45. Christmas tree ornament - any other medium

Needlework Classes #46-60

- 46. Knitted socks
- 47. Carriage bassinet - knit or crochet - 25" x 25" or less
- 48. Carriage blanket - knit or crochet.
- 49. Child's sweater - knit or crochet
- 50. Afghan - knit or crochet
- 51. Doily - crochet 6" to 12"
- 52. Slippers - knit or crochet
- 53. One article - hand embroidered
- 54. Pair of pot holders
- 55. Scarf - knit or crochet
- 56. Shawl - knit or crochet
- 57. Hat & mittens - knit or crochet
- 58. Bag - any medium
- 59. Vest - any medium
- 60. Dish cloth - knit or crochet

Crafts Classes #61-63

- 61. Any article in plastic canvas
- 62. Pin cushion
- 63. Decorative wall hanging - not to exceed 12"

Creative Writing Classes #64

64. Favourite recipe

Photography Class #65

65. Single photo - Framed or Mounted - not to exceed 8" x 10"

Art Classes #66-68

- 66. Mandala adult colouring
- 67. Abstract painting, 12" x 12" or less
- 68. Painting - oil, acrylic, 12" x 12" or less

Unique Craft Item #69

69. Unique Craft Item not listed in classes #45 - #68 - Not to exceed 12" x 12" or less

Awards!

Grecian Place Hair Salon - Gift Certificate - Division 2
Committee's Choice - \$25 - Division 1
Committee's Choice - \$25 - Division 2

Section 9: Photography

Chairpersons: Michelle Wannop (647-297-7167), Brad Derynck (416-274-1209)

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Please take special note:

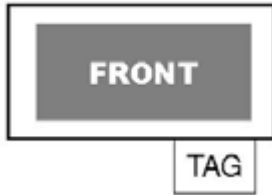
* **Drop-off: Photography exhibits are to be brought to the General Exhibits Building on Friday, September 25th, from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm OR Saturday, September 26th, 2026, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.** The judging will be done the next day. For this reason, **no entries will be accepted after 12:00 pm Saturday.** We regret that entries for other sections cannot be accepted at this time.

* **Pick-up:** Sunday, October 4th, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Markham Fair is not responsible for lost or damaged exhibits.

The Markham Fair Photography competition is **ALL PRINT!** You can still take your photos with a digital camera, however, the digital display categories have been removed. This competition is about your ability to capture that special image and present it in print form without obvious enhancements. This is a photography competition, not a Photoshop® Competition. *** Check out our website for more information.

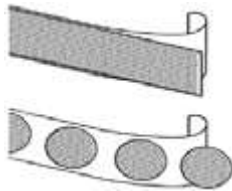
Additional Rules:

- A. Only one entry per person per class is permitted.
- B. Framed photos will not be accepted. No wooden mounts. No glass.
- C. Minimum print size is 5" x 7" unless otherwise stated.
- D. **Maximum mount size must not exceed 11" x 14" unless otherwise stated.**
- E. All photos must be mounted on stiff cardboard or photographic mounting board. To hang properly, use the hook portion Velcro® adhesive dots or strips on the back of your entries. Four dots or small strips of Velcro® should be sufficient to support each exhibit.
- F. All exhibits must be clearly labeled on the back with the exhibitor's name and entry number for identification. Exhibitor names must not appear on the front of the entry. Entry tag to be attached as shown below.



- G. The Photography Section is open to anyone except those who derive more than 25% of their income from photography.
- H. No former Markham Fair prize-winning photographs will be accepted.
- I. An entry fee of \$0.25 cents will be charged per entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.
- J. Print exhibits may be produced from traditional film media (slides or negatives) or digital sources.

So...just which portion is the hook and which portion is the loop?



The hook portion of Velcro® brand fasteners looks like an upside-down letter “J”. Hook is often described in different terms - the “rough” or the “bristly” portion. The hook portion engages into the loop component of our panels. The Photography Section panels are covered in the “soft”, “fuzzy” or “carpet” portion of the Velcro®. Please use the “hook / rough / sticky” portion of Velcro® on the back of the mount. ****Note: Exhibitors please supply your own Velcro®.****

Junior Division

(12 years or under as of December 31, 2026)

Additional Rules to this Division:

- A. All prints are to be mounted on stiff cardboard or photographic mounting board and shall be ready to hang with the hook portion Velcro® adhesive dots or strips on the back of the mount.
 - B. Print size should be no smaller than 3½” x 5”.
 - C. **Mount size should be no larger than 8” x 10” unless otherwise stated.**
- Participant ribbons will be awarded to all Junior entrants.

Junior Colour Classes #1-10

Prizes: 1st: \$4.00, 2nd: \$3.50, 3rd: \$3.00, 4th: \$2.50, 5th: \$2.00

1. Landscape
2. Water Activity
3. Pet
4. Flower or Plant
5. Collection of at least 3 colour photos (any size) on one subject, mounted on one rigid board not exceeding 11” x 14”. Photos may overlap
6. Member of your Family

7. Something Funny
8. Animal other than Pet
9. Insects
10. Photographer's Choice

Junior & Intermediate Division

(18 years or under as of December 31, 2026)

Additional Rules to this Division:

- A. Print size should be no smaller than 3½” x 5”.
 - B. Mount size must not exceed 11” x 14”.
- Participant ribbons will be awarded to all junior entrants.



Junior & Intermediate Black and White #11-12

Prizes: 1st: \$4.50, 2nd: \$4.00, 3rd: \$3.50, 4th: \$3.00, 5th: \$2.50

11. Your Community
12. Photographer's Choice

Intermediate Division

(13 to 18 years as of December 31, 2026)

Additional Rules to this Division:

- A. All prints are to be mounted on stiff cardboard or photographic mounting board and shall be ready to hang with the hook portion Velcro® adhesive dots or strips on the back of the mount.
- B. Print size shall be no smaller than 3½” x 5”.
- C. Mount size must not exceed 11” x 14”.

Intermediate Colour Classes #13-23

Prizes: 1st: \$4.50, 2nd: \$4.00, 3rd: \$3.50, 4th: \$3.00, 5th: \$2.50

13. Stormy Weather
14. Water Fun
15. Landscape or Seascape
16. Hay Bales
17. Selfie
18. Nature - Animal
19. Special Friend
20. Flower
21. Celebrations

22. Collection of at least 3 colour photos (any size) on one subject, mounted on one rigid board not exceeding 11" x 14". Photos may overlap
23. Photographer's Choice

Open Print Division (all ages)

Additional Rules to this Division:

- A. All prints must be mounted on stiff cardboard or photographic mounting board and must be ready to hang with the hook portion Velcro® adhesive dots or strips on the back of the mount.
- B. Framed photos will not be accepted.
- C. Print size must be no smaller than 5" x 7".
- D. Mount size must not exceed 11" x 14".
- E. At the judge's discretion, photographs that are unsuitable for family viewing, in violation of third-party rights, including copyrights, or that violate applicable laws or regulations, will be immediately disqualified.
- F. By submitting entries to this contest, exhibitors confirm that they hold the rights to the materials submitted, the photograph has been legally obtained and created, and any necessary model or property releases have been secured and can be provided upon request. Entering the competition constitutes permission for Markham Fair to publish winning photographs on the Markham Fair website and social media outlets or related promotional materials.
- G. No Photoshopping.

Open Black and White #24-29

Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4, 4th: \$3, 5th: \$2

24. "Lonely" Tree
25. Human Portrait (showing control of pose and lighting)
26. Shadow
27. Special Effect
28. "Relics of Yesteryear"
29. Photographer's Choice



Open Colour Classes #30-64

Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4, 4th: \$3, 5th: \$2

30. Child\Children
31. Farm Scene
32. Wild Bird(s)
33. Animal
34. Bell Tower(s)
35. Summer
36. Photo of Markham Fair
37. Close-up
38. Wood
39. Rural Landscape
40. Food Plate
41. Stained Glass
42. Flower
43. Reflection
44. Something Funny
45. Boat(s)
46. Sunrise or Sunset
47. Collection of at least 3 coloured photos (any size) on one subject, mounted on one rigid board not exceeding 11" x 14" in size. Photos may overlap
48. Panorama - Minimum print size 4" x 10", mount not to exceed 11" x 14" in size. One print only
49. Winter
50. Mirror
51. Water
52. Misty Morning
53. Festivals
54. Human Portrait (showing control of pose and lighting)
55. Insect(s)
56. Trees in Blossom
57. Door(s)
58. Technology
59. Old Days, New Ways
60. Relics of Yesteryear
61. Crops
62. Old Buildings
63. Photographer's Choice
64. Emotion

Senior Division 55 +

Additional Rules to this Division:

- A. All prints are to be mounted on stiff cardboard or photographic mounting board and shall be ready to hang with the hook portion Velcro® adhesive dots or strips on the back of the mount.
- B. Print size shall be no smaller than 4" x 6".
- C. Mount size must not exceed 11" x 14".
- D. Framed photos will not be accepted.
- E. All participants must be 55 years of age or older.

Senior Colour Classes #65-72

Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4, 4th: \$3, 5th: \$2

65. Child/Children
66. Animal
67. Flower
68. Life Celebrations
69. Foundations
70. Relics of Yesteryear
71. Collection of at least 3 coloured photos (any size) on one subject, mounted on one rigid board not exceeding 11" x 14". Photos may overlap
72. Photographer's Choice

Special Awards:

Jack Addison Memorial Award: Awarded for the "Best in Junior Division"

Dave Morrison Memorial Award: Awarded for the "Best in Intermediate Division"

Gilda Hurley Memorial Award: Awarded for the "Best Black & White Print"

Gail Van Wolde Award: Awarded for the "Best Colour Print in Open Class"

Marjorie Boorne Memorial Award: Awarded for the "Best in Senior Division"

Section 10: Special Needs

Chairpersons: Shanyyn Burnett, Heather Graham, Sandra Wilson (905-294-2997)

Email questions to: specialneeds@markhamfair.ca

Before entering this section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** and **Additional Rules for Homecraft** as well as the following:

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Please take special note:

* **Drop-off:** **Special Needs exhibits are to be brought to the General Exhibits Building on Friday, September 25th, 2026 from 2:00 - 5:30 pm or Saturday, September 26th, 2026 from 8:30 - 10:30 am.**

* **Pick-up:** Sunday, October 4th, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm (Exhibits cannot be held after this time)

All participants in the "Special Needs" Section do NOT pay an exhibitor fee or entry fee. People with disabilities receive free entry to Markham Fair at all times with one support person/friend/or family member.

Additional Rules:

A. This Section is open to **all ages** for people with disabilities.

B. There is no age limit for this Section.

C. All exhibits must be made since last year's Fair and must be the work of the exhibitor, except where otherwise stated (Hand Over Hand method).

D. One entry form per exhibitor except in Group Projects. Group projects require one separate entry form under a group name.

An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per Class.

E. Make inquiries through Chairperson above.

F. Please securely attach entry tag to **bottom right-hand corner** of your exhibit.

G. All classes will receive ribbons to 6th place.



H. The 2026 Fair theme is "**Harvest Time**". The colours are **Forest Green and Gold**. Incorporate where possible.

Prizes: 1st: \$4.00, 2nd: \$3.50, 3rd: \$3.00, 4th: \$2.50

Arts & Crafts (Not Hand Over Hand) Classes #1-45

1. Wreath - decorated for any holiday. Not to exceed 10" diameter
2. Fridge Magnet - theme, see rule H
3. Pencil or Pen Holder
4. Picture Frame - may be an embellished purchased frame. Not to exceed 6" x 6". Must be able to stand
5. Decorated Flowerpot. Mini 2" - 4"
6. Bracelet made with pattern of colour. See rule H
7. Jewelry, handmade (no bracelets) - any medium
8. Tissue Paper Creation - not to exceed 6" square. Colour, see rule H
9. Egg Carton Animal
10. Basket, 3 quart max - (Decorated)
11. Christmas tree decoration with loop for hanging
12. Duct tape creation. Not to exceed 8.5" x 11"
13. Rock for your garden, decorated and/or painted. See rule H
14. Invitation to Markham Fair - handmade **NEW**
15. Invitation to Markham Fair - computer made **NEW**
16. Painting, freehand - water colour/tempera - unframed. Not to exceed 12" x 18". Colour, see rule H
17. Painting, freehand oil or acrylic - unframed. Not to exceed 12" x 18"
18. Create a musical instrument. Max 12" any size
19. Leaf pictures or rubbing, medium of your choice. Not to exceed 12" x 18"
20. Paper Bag Puppet
21. Drawing, free hand. Not to exceed 8.5" x 11"
22. Finger Painting. Not to exceed 12" x 18". Colour, see rule H
23. Make or Decorate a Party Hat
24. Make a sensory bottle. Max, 2L bottle
25. Design on paper a cell phone case - Hand Made **NEW**
26. Design on paper a cell phone case - Computer Made **NEW**
27. Face Mask. Purchased and Decorated
28. Wind Chime, ready to hang. Not to exceed 12" x 18"
29. Woodworking article made by entrant. Not to exceed 12"
30. Woodworking article bought, then decorated by entrant. Not to exceed 12"

31. Ceramic pottery or clay article, purchased & decorated. Not to exceed 12"
32. Ceramic pottery, clay or any modelling medium; handmade. Not to exceed 12"
33. Metal Art, made by entrant. Not to exceed 12"
34. Spoon Person
35. String Art. Not to exceed 8.5" x 11" including Hanger
36. Craft or Article of choice. Not to exceed 12"
37. A collage of your favourite things displayed on paper or board hand drawn or cut and paste. Not to exceed 12" x 18"
38. Decorate a pumpkin. Not to exceed 10"
39. Lego Creation on a board. Not to exceed 15" x 15"
40. Halloween theme made with candy. Not to exceed 8.5" x 11"
41. Decorate a mason jar candleholder
42. Melt beads creation
43. Create a centrepiece. Not to exceed 10". See rule H
44. Colouring book picture. Not to exceed 11" x 11"
45. Tie Dyed Article **NEW**

Arts & Crafts (Hand Over Hand) - Classes #46-55

46. Collage not to exceed 12" x 18" - Canada theme
47. Painting, unframed. Not to exceed 12" x 18". Colour, see rule H
48. Sponge or vegetable print painting. Not to exceed 12" x 18"
49. Gift Bag, decorated (small)
50. Spoon person - Halloween theme
51. Craft or Article of choice. Not to exceed 12"
52. Tie Dyed Article **NEW**
53. Decorated mason jar candleholder
54. Create a centrepiece. Not to exceed 10" on any side. See rule H
55. Colouring book picture. Not to exceed 10" on any side

Creative Writing - Classes #56-57

56. Written piece about "A Markham Fair Memory" - written by hand or on computer by entrant. One page, One sided
57. Dictated Story - entrant tells story that is scribed by hand or computer by another person - One page, One sided, about "A Markham Fair Memory"

Photography - Classes #58-59

(Must be taken by entrant) Judged on photo, not mounting

58. Photograph, mounted. Not to exceed 8.5" x 11"
59. Collection of at least 2 photographs "My Family" theme - mounted display. Not to exceed 8.5" x 11"

Needlework - Classes #60-62

60. Article of choice, made from fabric
61. A crochet, knit or corking article
62. Rug hooking article

Community Support Entries - Classes #63-66

Note: All entries in Classes #65-66 are to be donated to a food bank or appropriate charity. (Gift basket items suggested by food bank: any packaged food or hygiene product, e.g. toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, etc. and gift cards)

63. Pop Can Tab Collection by group, by weight, not strung (to be donated to wheelchair charity)
64. Pop Can Tab by an individual, on a string, heaviest collection (to be donated to wheelchair charity)
65. Gift Basket - See through wrapping. By individual
66. Gift Basket - See through wrapping. Hand over Hand. By individual

Group Projects - Classes #67-70

67. Decorative mural, using theme "Markham Fair". Not to exceed 2' x 4'
68. Felt or fabric wall hanging, using theme "Markham Fair". Not to exceed 2' x 4'
69. Scarecrow. Must be self supported
70. Design a poster for World Down Syndrome Day, Autism Awareness, or other similar cause. Each poster must be mounted on a black art card with a 2" border. Poster size max. 12" x 18"

Special Merit Awards:

Seeley-Warr Family - \$40

Laura and Andrew Fidler - \$40

Sunready Landscaping - \$40

Eden Designscapes - \$40

York Dance Academy - \$40



Section 11: Youth (18 and under)

Chairpersons: Sarah Harder (416-906-4604), Kim Bell (647-453-6743)

Co-Chairpersons: Mary Webster (905-294-6629), Judy Bell (365-608-1449)

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Additional Rules:

A. This Section is open to anyone who is 18 years and under as of December 31, 2026.

B. No work shall be entered for more than one year.

C. Work must not be older than one year.

D. All entries must be the work of the Exhibitor.

E. Only one Exhibitor per entry form - **Please state the Exhibitor's age on the entry form.**

F. An Exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per Class.

G. Exhibitor stubs (bottom portion of entry tag) **MUST** be presented to collect exhibits.

H. All baking is to be put on disposable plates and then enclosed in a zip lock bag.

I. No mixes or prepared fillings are to be used.

J. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged for each entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.

MARKHAM FAIR'S PRESIDENT'S THEME IS "Harvest Time" and the chosen colours are Forest Green and Gold.

Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4, 4th: \$3

Open Class #1

O.A.A.S. is extending an Open Class to children between the ages of 10 and 15 years as of December 31, 2026. THE WINNER WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE COMPETITION AT DISTRICT 5 IN NOVEMBER. More details will be given to the winner.

1. Chocolate Chip Cookies 8 on a small disposable plate in a zip lock bag. Cookies must be no larger than 3" (6.75cm) and no smaller than 2" (5cm)



Preschool Group (5 years and under) - Classes #2-18

Please make sure that the work is done by the child with parents supervising only.

2. Make a card to celebrate the harvest. Not to exceed paper size of 8.5" x 11"
3. Draw a picture of your family at the fair
4. Make a marshmallow animal
5. Make a picture using pasta, using theme. Not to exceed paper size of 8.5" x 11". Must be covered in plastic wrap
6. Draw a picture of your favorite vegetable. Not to exceed paper size of 8.5" x 11"
7. Decorate a market bag
8. Decorate a picture frame, any medium
9. Create a potato print painting. Not to exceed 28 cm x 36 cm
10. Create a market stall, any medium. Not to exceed 30 cm x 30 cm
11. Make a bird feeder, any medium. Not to exceed 30 cm x 30 cm
12. Make a wooden spoon animal
13. Make a flower using pipe cleaners. Not to exceed 15 cm x 15 cm
14. Make a necklace for someone in your family, any medium
15. Decorate a rock as a bug. Not to exceed 15 cm x 15 cm
16. Create an autumn bouquet, any medium.
17. Make a finger painting of a field. Not to exceed paper size of 8.5" x 11"
18. Make a decoration for your bedroom door. Not to exceed a 30 cm x 30 cm piece of bristol board. Must be covered in plastic wrap

10 & Under Group - Classes #19-52

Please read directions carefully to avoid being disqualified.

19. Chocolate chip cookies. Must be 4 on a small disposable plate. Note: See Open - Class #1 if you would like to enter chocolate chip cookies to compete with other fairs at the District 5 Convention. You must win at Markham Fair to qualify
20. Rice Krispies squares, any shape. Must be 4 on a small disposable plate. Judged on taste only

21. Breakfast cookie. Must be 4 on a small disposable plate. Judged on taste only
22. ½ Chocolate cake, single layer, un-iced. Judged on taste only
23. Pumpkin muffins. Must be 4 on a small disposable plate. Judged on taste only
24. One cookie decorated as a pumpkin on a small disposable plate. Judged on decoration only
25. Decorate a cake using theme. Judged on decoration only. Styrofoam and other forms acceptable. Not to exceed 22.5 cm x 33 cm (9" x 13")
26. Decorate a rock to look like a woodland creature. Not to exceed 10 cm
27. Make a simple wooden tool. Not to exceed 15 cm x 15 cm. Must be securely constructed
28. Make a horn of plenty (cornucopia), any medium. Not to exceed 30 cm x 30 cm
29. Make a harvest basket out of duct tape (must be 80% duct tape). Not to exceed 30 cm
30. Create a bee hive using any medium. Not to exceed 30 cm
31. Make a wooden spoon figure dressed as a farmer
32. Make wind chimes using theme, any medium. Not to exceed 30 cm
33. Decorate a mason jar using theme, any medium
34. Make a bracelet using nature materials, any medium
35. Create an emoji, any medium. Not to exceed 15 cm x 15 cm
36. Make a wearable flower crown, any medium
37. Create a scarecrow using one pop bottle
38. Make a wearable baseball cap
39. Make a key chain using any medium
40. Weave a place mat, using repurposed fabric. Not to exceed 30 cm x 30 cm
41. Draw a picture of your family at a farmer's market. Not to exceed a 46 cm x 56 cm
42. Create a working mechanism. No kits
43. Create an outhouse using 80% Popsicle sticks. Not to exceed 30 cm
44. Create a farmer's market using Lego, no kits. Not to exceed 48 cm x 48 cm x 30 cm tall
45. Make a string art piece. Not to exceed 30 cm x 30 cm
46. Design and draw your own "harvest type" Pokemon on 8.5" x 11" paper. Include a short bio
47. Make an origami item
48. Make a sock puppet turkey accessorized with any medium
49. Make a board game, any medium. Not to exceed 30 cm x 30 cm
50. Make a garland using theme. Not to exceed 1 metre
51. Create an original comic strip on an 8.5" x 11" page
52. Make a Markham Fair pennant. Not to exceed ½ meter
53. Chocolate chip cookies. Must be 4 on a small disposable plate. Note: See Open - Class #1 if you would like to enter chocolate chip cookies to compete with other fairs at the District 5 Convention. You must win at Markham Fair to qualify.
54. Apple pie, mini size is acceptable (entries are eligible for the Reesor Family in Canada award)
55. Ginger cookies. Must be 4 on a small disposable plate. Judged on taste only
56. Peppermint bark. Must be 4 on a small disposable plate
57. ½ Chocolate cake, single layer, un-iced. Judged on taste only
58. Zucchini muffins. Must be 4 on a small disposable plate
59. Make homemade granola, presented in a 250 ml jar, judged on taste. Include your recipe card
60. Make a wooden sign using theme. Not to exceed 30 cm x 30 cm
61. Make a green roof, any medium. Not to exceed 30 cm
62. Make a diorama of a garden using a shoe box
63. Create a working mechanism, no kits
64. Make a soap carving. Not to exceed 15 cm
65. Make a usable wallet made with 80% duct tape
66. Create a wire art article. Not to exceed 15 cm
67. Make a piece of farm equipment from Lego, no kits. Not to exceed 48 cm x 48 cm x 30 cm tall
68. Make a wall hanging using macramé. Not to exceed 30 cm x 60 cm
69. Design string art. Not to exceed 30 cm x 30 cm
70. Create a clock, any medium. Not to exceed 15 cm
71. Create a stipple art design on an 8.5" x 11" paper
72. Create a homemade candle
73. Create a lake creature, any medium. Not to exceed 15 cm
74. Make an basket of vegetables using modelling clay, no kits. Must be self-supporting. Not to exceed 15 cm
75. Draw a skyline showing the transition of urban to rural landscapes
76. Make 1 felted leaf. Not to exceed 4" x 6"
77. Create a Minecraft character. Not to exceed 30 cm
78. Create a robot, any medium, no kits. Not to exceed 30 cm
79. Make an origami item, no kits. Not to exceed 30 cm
80. Create an original comic strip on an 8.5" x 11" page
81. Knit or crochet a toque
82. Create sand art in a bottle or jar
83. Paint a rock using harvest theme. Not to exceed 10 cm
84. Make an old fashioned toy. Not to exceed 30 cm
85. Make a piece of wood burning art. Not to exceed 30 cm
86. Design a family crest, any medium. Not to exceed 8.5" x 11"
87. Create an animal using paper towel rolls

Special Awards

- Best in Show - Preschool 5 Years and Under
- Best in Show - 10 Years and Under
- Best in Show - 11 Years and Over
- Reesor Family in Canada - \$10 - Class #54

11 & Over Group - Classes #53-87

Please read directions carefully to avoid being disqualified.

Section 12: School Children

Chairpersons: Emily Boag, Tina Smith, Jennifer Davidson,
Daniel Wyzynski Leonard
Email questions to: schoolchildrens@markhamfair.ca

Before entering this section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** and **Additional Rules for Homecraft** as well as the following:

* **Drop-off:** All categories are to be brought to the **General Exhibits Building on the Markham Fair Grounds (McCowan and Elgin Mills Road) on Friday, September 25, 2026, from 3:00 - 6:00 pm or on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 8:00 - 8:30 am sharp.**

* **Pick-up:** Schools must pick up exhibits on **Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 6:45 to 7:30 pm. Alternately, exhibits may be picked up on Monday, October 5, 2026 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm.** Exhibits will not be kept after October 8, 2026.

Additional Rules:

Entries Must Be Done By Students!

A. No entries or pre-registrations through the Fair Board Office. No entry fees are needed.

B. All entries must be substantial enough to be moved. Please note the required size, material, and mounting or entry will be disqualified.

C. Student or class name and school must be printed on the back of each entry. Please remember one entry per student per category.

D. Students must be in the grade designated for each category when the work is completed. As of July 1, students are considered to be in their new grade. Students in special education classes may compete in the grade level in which they are working.

E. No tracing or kits allowed.

F. **Each exhibit must have an entry tag with the school name, and the student's first name and last name or initial. Attach tag to the upper right-hand corner.** Tags available for pick-up at the Fair office 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday to Friday.

Two weeks before the fair, hours will be extended until 6:00 pm Contact the office at 905-642-FAIR or e-mail schoolchildrens@markhamfair.ca.

G. Work must be done by one student excluding Classes #10-15 and #103.

H. No more than six entries per class, per category.

I. **All categories may be completed at school or at home.**

Prize Money Program - Categories #1-107

The **Top 12 Schools** determined by the points earned on winning entries will be awarded as follows: **1st** - \$400 - Note Awards, **2nd** - \$240, **3rd** - \$200, **4th** - \$175, **5th** - \$125, **6th** - \$100, **7th** - \$80, **8th** - \$70, **9th** - \$60, **10th** - \$50, **11th** - \$50, **12th** - \$50.

The **Top 6 Students** determined by the student's number of points earned on winning entries will be awarded as follows: **1st** - \$30, **2nd** - \$26, **3rd** - \$24, **4th** - \$22, **5th** - \$20, **6th** - \$18

Markham Fair is a great Field Trip; we encourage teachers to

bring their classes to the Fair on Thursday or Friday to view their work. Visit our Education Centre page when planning your class visit to the Fair available at www.markhamfair.ca

Writing Categories #1-9

E-mail schoolchildrens@markham.ca for a copy of the poems

1. Grade 1 Printing - "Question" in pencil
2. Grade 2 Printing - "The Black Bird" by Humbert Wolfe - first 2 verses only - in pencil
3. Grade 3 Printing - "The Caterpillar" by Christina Rossetti - in pencil
4. Grade 4 Cursive Writing - "Birch Trees" by John Richard Moreland - in pencil
5. Grade 5 Cursive Writing - "Who Has Seen the Wind" by Christina Rossetti - in pen or pencil
6. Grade 6 Cursive Writing - "Mice" by Rose Fyleman - in pen or pencil
7. Grade 7 Cursive Writing - "At Husking Time" by Pauline Johnson - in pen or pencil
8. Grade 8 Cursive Writing - "O Canada" - French Version First Verse - in pen or pencil
9. Preschool and Kindergarten Printing - "My ABC's" - in pencil

Mural Categories #10-15

Not more than one entry per classroom. Not to exceed 3'x6'. Group effort done by specified grade level children only.

10. Preschool and Kindergarten "The Big Outdoors"
11. Grades 1 and 2 "On the Farm" **NEW!**
12. Grades 3 and 4 "On the Map"
13. Grades 5 and 6 "Up, Up, and Away"
14. Grades 7 and 8 "**Harvest Time**" **NEW!**
15. ALL GRADES - "Together in the Kitchen" - Culinary Arts **NEW!**

Art Categories #16-20

NO BORDER, on paper using any media.

16. Preschool & Kindergarten Picture - "Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!" - 18" x 24"
17. Grades 1 and 2 Picture - "Under the Sea" - 11" x 17" or 12" x 18"
18. Grades 3 and 4 Picture - "In the Jungle" - 11" x 17" or 12" x 18"
19. Grades 5 and 6 Picture - "Out of this World" - 11" x 17" or 12" x 18"
20. Grades 7 and 8 Picture - Create an original design for a Video Game Cover. 8½" x 11"

Projects Categories #21-25

Work to be mounted on one piece of coloured paper. Not to exceed 18"x24". No written story.

21. Preschool, Kindergarten - using two (2) hand drawn pictures, each 8½" x 11" - illustrate animals and/or birds

22. Grades 1 and 2 - using three (3) hand drawn pictures, each 8½" x 11" illustrate "A Life Cycle"
23. Grades 3 and 4 - using three (3) hand drawn pictures, each 8½" x 11" illustrate "Transportation"
24. Grades 5 and 6 - using three (3) hand drawn pictures, each 8½" x 11" illustrate 3 trees and/or plants **NEW!**
25. Grades 7 and 8 - using three (3) hand drawn pictures, each 8½" x 11" draw/design "Musical Instruments Come Alive"

Poster Categories #26-31

On paper 11"x17" or 12"x18" using any media.

26. Preschool and Kindergarten - "Healthy Snacks"
27. Grades 1 and 2 - "Safety Message"
28. Grades 3 and 4 - "Eco Message"
29. Grades 5 and 6 - "Showing Kindness"
30. Grades 7 and 8 - "Family Traditions" **NEW!**
31. Grades 4 to 8 - An advertisement "promoting Canadian Harvest or Agriculture" to be judged on impact, originality and work **See Awards**

Figure Drawing #32-36

Drawn lengthwise on paper 11"x17" or 12"x18". Must be complete, head to foot, **real life** human figure with face showing. No backgrounds. No borders please. Any media.

32. Preschool and Kindergarten - A figure drawing
33. Grades 1 and 2 - A figure drawing
34. Grades 3 and 4 - A figure drawing
35. Grades 5 and 6 - A figure drawing
36. Grades 7 and 8 - A figure drawing

A Canadian Artist Inspired Art Project - Categories #37-39

For Example: Illustrator, Painter, or Sculptor. No direct copies. Any medium. Identify artist on entry tag. **See Awards**

37. Kindergarten to Grade 2
38. Grades 3-5
39. Grades 6-8

Painting Categories #40-46

Paint only, no decorative borders, no additions. Not to exceed 12" x 18".

40. Preschool and Kindergarten - A finger painting - approximately 12" x 18"
41. Kindergarten and Grade 1 - A fruit or vegetable print picture/design
42. Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 - A painting using tempera paint
43. Grades 3 and 4 - A painting using tempera paint
44. Grades 5 and 6 - A watercolour painting
45. Grades 7 and 8 - A watercolour painting
46. Grades 6-8 - An acrylic painting



Plasticine Categories #47-52

Using Plasticine only. Not to exceed 12" (30 cm)

47. Grades 1 and 2 - A 3D scene, mounted on a firm base
48. Grades 3 and 4 - A 2D picture on a disposable plate
49. Grades 5 and 6 - A 2D picture on a disposable plate
50. Grades 7 and 8 - A 2D picture on a disposable plate
51. Preschool, Kindergarten - Grade 3 - A 3-D Plasticine farm animal family (one species) on a firm base **See Awards**
52. Grades 4-8 - A 3-D Plasticine farm animal family (one species) on a firm base **See Awards**

Drawing Categories #53-62

Not to be mounted

53. Grades 1 and 2 - A Community Helper(s) postcard - 5" x 7" or 5½" x 8½"
54. Grades 3 and 4 - Design a Family Celebration postcard. 5" x 7" or 5½" x 8½"
55. Grades 5 and 6 - An Around the World postcard. 5" x 7" or 5½" x 8½"
56. Grades 7 and 8 - Design a Markham Fair postcard - 5" x 7" or 5½" x 8½"
57. Kindergarten to Grade 4 - A drawing not to exceed 8½" x 11"
58. Grades 5 and 6 - A black and white drawing of one or more animals or birds - not to exceed 12" x 18"
59. Grades 7 and 8 - A black and white drawing of one or more animals or birds - not to exceed 12" x 18"
60. Grades 5 and 6 - A black and white drawing of only one building - not to exceed 12" x 18"
61. Grades 7 and 8 - A black and white drawing of only one building - not to exceed 12" x 18"
62. Grades 5-8 - A black and white drawing - not to exceed 12" x 18"

Arts and Crafts Categories #63-86

63. Preschool and Kindergarten - A mask with eyes usable on a disposable plate
64. Grades 1 and 2 - A paper bag puppet
65. Grades 3 and 4 - A handmade mask with eyes usable - using any media

66. Grades 5 and 6 - A handmade mask with eyes usable - using any media
67. Grades 7 and 8 - A handmade mask with eyes usable - using any media
68. Grades 4 to 6 - An oil pastel picture - on 11" x 17" or 12" x 18"
69. Preschool, Kindergarten, Grade 1 - Make and decorate a wearable party hat using any media
70. Grades 3 and 4 - Make a Fall Bookmark **NEW!**
71. Kindergarten to Grade 3 - Create a self supporting person, animal or bird made of recycled materials - not to exceed 15" (38cm) overall
72. Grades 5 to 8 - A sculpture using wire only - Self Supporting - not to exceed 15" (38 cm) overall
73. Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 - A picture using fabric and/or yarn - not to exceed 12" x 18"
74. Grades 2 to 4 - A picture using fabric and/or yarn - not to exceed 12" x 18"
75. Grades 4-8 String Art - not to exceed 12" (30 cm)
76. Grades 5 to 6 - Design a cell phone case on paper
77. Grade 7 to 8 - Design a cell phone case on paper
78. Grades 2, 3 and 4 - A cut (or torn) and paste picture Using Paper Only - not to exceed 12" x 18"
79. Grades 5 to 8 - An Original comic strip, 3 or more frames - not to exceed 8½" x 11"
80. Kindergarten to Grade 4 - Symmetry Art not to exceed 12" x 18"
81. Grades 5 to 8 - Landscape not to exceed 12" x 18"
82. Kindergarten, Grades 1 to 4 - Create a picture using found natural materials not to exceed 8½" x 11"
83. Preschool, Kindergarten, Grades 1 to 4 - A refrigerator magnet
84. Grades 5 to 8 - A refrigerator magnet
85. Grade 4-8 - Original digital art. 8½" x 11" printed
86. Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 - A collage of food pictures on a disposable plate using flyer or magazine pictures.

Open Projects #87-102 - Open to all Grades

Work to be done by one student. **See Awards**

87. Miniature Scarecrow - self supporting - not to exceed 18" (45.5cm) in any direction
88. Create a diorama of a natural habitat in a shoebox. Open on one side. Handmade or natural contents only.
89. One animal made from an evergreen cone or cones using limited decoration.
90. Make a pencil holder - not to exceed 12" (30 cm)
91. A small sculpture using any medium, excluding plasticine. Limited to 5" (12.7 cm). Mounted on a firm base
92. One decorated functional flower pot (empty) - not to exceed 8" (20.5 cm) overall
93. A pebble picture. Mounted on a firm base. Exhibit not to exceed 12" (30 cm)
94. Create a mosaic - not to exceed 12" x 18"
95. A popsicle stick creation - not to exceed 12"(30 cm) overall
96. A toothpick creation - not to exceed 8" (20.5 cm) overall
97. Make a musical instrument

98. Create a 3D Family using any medium
99. Make a model of a farm machine. Not to exceed 12" (30 cm)
100. Three to five handmade flowers displayed in a small container (no kits). Not to exceed 12" (30 cm). No glass containers.
101. Paint a face on a gourd. No pumpkins.
102. Decorate a small pumpkin with paint. No carving please.

Open Scarecrow Category #103

Must be self supported. Work of Student(s) Only.

103. Scarecrow - one only **See Awards**

Open Art Category #104-106

104. Kindergarten to Grade 2 - Open Art
105. Grades 3 to 5 - Open Art
106. Grades 6 to 8 - Open Art

President's Category - ALL GRADES #107

107. Create a harvest farm stand using any medium. Not to exceed 18" (45.5 cm) **NEW!**

Awards:

HOWARD COSBURN MEMORIAL - Trophy: Top School. Most points earned. (Additional cash award)

FIRST STUDENT CANADA - Trophy: Top Student. Most points overall.

HAMILL FAMILY AWARD - Trophy: Best in Show for Preschool, Kindergarten, Grades 1 to 4

UNIONVILLE SHOPPERS DRUG MART - Trophy: Best in Show for Grades 5 to 8

HELEN & MAURICE HAMILL MEMORIAL - Trophy: Category #31 - Promoting Canadian Harvest or Agriculture - (Additional \$25)

VARLEY ART GALLERY PRIZE - Categories #37-39

BARBARA PATRICK MEMORIAL - Trophy: Category #51 - Farm animal family

LIONEL'S FARM - Trophy: Category #52 - Farm animal family

MURRAY BROWN CONSTRUCTION - Trophy: Best Miniature Scarecrow #87 (Additional \$25)

BOAG FAMILY AWARD - Trophy: Best in Show of Categories #88-102 (Additional \$25)

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA - Trophy: Best Scarecrow Category #10

Crops and Vegetables Sections

Sections 13,14 & 15

Before entering any of the Crops and Vegetables Sections, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** as well as the following:

- A. All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.
- B. Only one exhibit per person per Class is permitted.
- C. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit or exhibits.
- D. Closing date for entry forms is Thursday, September 17th, 2026 by 8:00 pm.
- E. Exhibits must be brought to the General Exhibits Building, on Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 from 12:00 - 8:30 pm.
- F. No exhibits are to be removed before 6:30 pm on Sunday, October 4th, 2026.
- G. Bottom portion of entry tag must be presented to claim exhibit.
- H. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged for each entry plus a \$5.00 exhibitor fee.
- I. O.A.A.S. Agriculture & Horticulture Judging Standards for Ontario Fairs Book.

Section 13: Grain / Small Seeds / Corn / Hay

Chairperson: Paul Hulshof (905-505-6093)

Before entering this Section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** and **Additional Rules for Crops and Vegetables**.

- * **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or in Fair Office).
- * **Entries Close:** Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 8:00 pm.
- * **Drop-off:** Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 - bring exhibits to the General Exhibits Building from 12:00 - 8:30 pm.
- * **Pick-up:** Sunday, October 4th, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Additional Rules:

- A. All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.
- B. Grain is to be brought in 10 kg (22 lbs) samples.
- C. All sheaves are to be 13 cm to 18 cm (5 in to 7 in) in diameter.
- D. Grain to be from 2025 crop. Beans, shelled corn and small seeds may be from 2024 crop. All exhibits must be under 14% moisture.
- E. Grain must not be treated.
- F. Small seeds to be 7 kg (15 lbs) samples.
- G. Hay samples to be an 18 cm (7 in) slice from a bale. Containers will be supplied by Fair Committee.

Prize Money Classes #1-9:

Prizes: 1st: \$15, 2nd: \$12, 3rd: \$10, 4th: \$8, 5th: \$6

1. Winter Wheat
Grand Champion Winter Wheat Reesor Seed & Grain Special
Prize: \$20
2. Hard Spring Wheat
Grand Champion Spring Wheat Reesor Seed & Grain Special
Prize: \$20
3. Oats - any variety
4. Barley 6 row
5. Barley 2 row
6. Soybeans
Grand Champion Soybeans Reesor Seed & Grain Special
Prize: \$20
7. Canola
8. Red Clover
9. White Beans
Grand Champion Grain Classes 1-9 Prize: Rosette

Prize Money Classes #10-12:

Prizes: 1st: \$15, 2nd: \$12, 3rd: \$10, 4th: \$8, 5th: \$6

10. Wheat sheaf
11. Oat sheaf
12. Barley sheaf



Prize Money Classes #13-29:

Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$9, 3rd: \$8, 4th: \$7, 5th: \$6

13. 1st cut hay 75% or more alfalfa
14. 1st cut hay 75% or more any other legume
15. 1st cut hay 75% or more any grass
16. 1st cut hay 50% legume 50% any grass
17. 2nd cut hay 75% or more legume
18. 2nd cut hay 75% or more any grass
Grand Champion Hay Classes 13-18 Prize: Rosette
19. Shelled corn
20. Grain corn 10 ears
21. Ensilage corn 10 stalks

Corn Special: St. Lawrence Grains High Points Classes #19-21. (Exhibitor must exhibit in each of Classes #19, #20, and #21 to win). Points awarded as follows: 1st place: 5 points, 2nd place: 4 points, 3rd place: 3 points, 4th place: 2 points, 5th place: 1 point. **Prize:** \$75 Voucher & Rosette

22. Haylage 1 bushel
23. Corn silage 1 bushel, cured at least 1 week
24. Baleage 1 bushel 1st cut
25. Baleage 1 bushel 2nd cut

4-H Classes #26-29:

Must be a member of a 4-H Club

Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$9, 3rd: \$8, 4th: \$7, 5th: \$6

26. 4-H Grain Corn - 10 cobs
27. 4-H Barley
28. 4-H Oats
29. 4-H 1st cut Hay
30. 4-H 2nd cut Hay

Section 14: Potatoes

Chairperson: Rachel Hendy-Carnakie (905-442-5825)

Before entering this Section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** and **Additional Rules for Crops and Vegetables**.

- * **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or in Fair Office).
- * **Entries Close:** Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 8:00 pm.
- * **Drop-off:** Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 - bring exhibits to the General Exhibits Building from 12:00 - 8:30 pm.
- * **Pick-up:** Sunday, October 4th, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Additional Rules:

- A. Exhibits in Classes #1-6 must consist of 18 tubers and in Classes #7-12 must have 5 potatoes.
- B. Trays will be provided for the potatoes.
- C. Potatoes should weigh between 7-8 oz each.
- D. There will be no weight or size restrictions for Fingerling potato exhibits.
- E. All potato varieties must be properly named.
- F. Classes #7-12: Potatoes shown in these classes must have been grown in a home garden. Families showing in Classes #1-6 are not eligible to show in Classes #7-12. This award is in recognition of the home gardener and is meant to inspire self-sufficiency. All exhibits must come from home gardens, meant for personal consumption only and not for sale or profit. Out of fairness and the spirit of this award, the \$50.00 championship prize may only be awarded to the same family once every 3 calendar years.

Note: Factors such as quality, arrangement, attractiveness and consumer appeal are to be considered when making awards.

Classes #1-6:

All potato varieties must be properly named and consist of 18 tubers

Prizes: 1st: \$15, 2nd: \$12, 3rd: \$10, 4th: \$8, 5th: \$6

1. Potatoes, White variety - 18
2. Potatoes, Fingerling - 18
3. Potatoes, Rose or Red - 18
4. Potatoes, Netted Gem or other Netted variety - 18
5. Potatoes, Any Other Variety - 18
6. Potatoes, Yukon Gold or Any Other Yellow Variety - 18

Classes #7-12:

All potato varieties must be properly named and consist of 5 potatoes

Prizes: 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4, 4th: \$3, 5th: \$2, 6th: \$1

7. Potatoes, White - 5
8. Potatoes, Rose or Red - 5
9. Potatoes, Yellow - 5
10. Potatoes, Netted or Rough Skin - 5
11. Potatoes, Fingerling - 5 **NEW**
12. Potatoes, Any Other Variety - 5 **NEW**

Class #11:

Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5, 4th: \$4, 5th: \$3, 6th: \$2

13. Heaviest potato

Awards:

Markham Fair Rosette

Supreme Lighting & Electrical Supply Ltd. - Champion Exhibit of 18 Potatoes - Prize: \$50

Laura Hendy Memorial - Back Yard Gardener 5 Potato Champion - Prize: \$50

Simpson Family Farms - Champion Heaviest Potato - Prize: \$25

Section 15: Roots and Vegetables

Chairpersons: Vickie Risebrough (905-252-1684) and Phyllis Rich (416-994-8685)

Before entering this Section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** and **Additional Rules for Crops and Vegetables**.

- * **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or in Fair Office).
- * **Entries Close:** Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 8:00 pm.
- * **Drop-off:** Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 - bring exhibits to the General Exhibits Building from 12:00 - 8:30 pm.
- * **Pick-up:** Sunday, October 4th, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Classes #1-56:

Prizes: 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5, 4th: \$4

1. Beans - green - 12 on a plate
2. Beets - turnip variety - 5 roots, ½" tops
3. Broccoli - 2 mature heads
4. Brussel Sprouts - 1 quart
5. Cabbage - white - 2 heads
6. Cabbage - red - 2 heads
7. Cabbage - savoy - 2 heads
8. Carrots - chantenay type - 5 roots, ½" tops on
9. Carrots - nantes type - 5 roots, ½" tops on
10. Cauliflower - 2 heads
11. Citron - 2
12. Corn - sweet, yellow - 5 ears, 1/3 husk removed
13. Corn - sweet, any other variety, named - 5 ears, 1/3 husk removed
14. Corn - Indian - 5 ears, shucks pulled back and tied
15. Cucumbers - ripe - 2
16. Cucumbers - table variety - 2
17. Garlic - 2 - groomed
18. Garlic Braid - minimum 7 dried bulbs
19. Gourds - variety - 8 pieces in a suitable container
20. Kohlrabi - 2 - leave tops on
21. Leeks - 5 roots, ¼" root
22. Muskmelons - 2
23. Onions - yellow cooking - 3 - tops trimmed to within 1"
24. Onions - Spanish - 3 - tops trimmed to within 1"
25. Onions - red - 3 - tops trimmed to within 1"
26. Onions - any other variety, named - 3 - tops trimmed to within 1"
27. Parsnips - 3 roots, ½" tops above the crown
28. Peppers - red - sweet - 3
29. Peppers - green - sweet - 3
30. Peppers - any other variety, named - 3
31. Peppers - hot variety, named - 3 **NEW**
32. Popcorn - white or yellow - 5 ears, ripe, 2025 or 2026
33. Popcorn - any other colour - 5 ears, ripe, 2025 or 2026
34. Pumpkin - common field - large size
35. Pumpkin - carve a Jack-O-Lantern - No artificial materials.
Judged by the President during the Fair.
36. Pumpkin - pie - 2
37. Pumpkin - any other variety/colour **NEW**
38. Squash - Pepper - green - 2
39. Squash - Butternut - 2
40. Squash - Spaghetti - 2
41. Squash - Hubbard - green - 2
42. Squash - Hubbard - blue - 2
43. Squash - Hubbard - orange - 2
44. Squash - any other variety, named - 2
45. Squash or Pumpkin - largest by weight - clean, stem on
46. Sunflower - 2 heads - ripe - leave 6" stem on
47. Tomatoes - red - 3 - stems on
48. Tomatoes - yellow - 3 - stems on
49. Tomato - red - edible - largest by weight - stem on
50. Tomato - cherry - 1 quart - ripe, stems on
51. Any odd shaped vegetable - properly named - no potatoes
52. Watermelon - 2

53. Watermelon - largest by weight - with 6" stem on or vine attached
54. Zucchini - young, under 30 cm (12") long - 2
55. Zucchini - mature, over 30 cm (12") long - 2
56. Any other vegetable not listed above - properly named - 2 of the same - no potatoes

Classes #57-58:

Prizes: 1st: \$12, 2nd: \$9, 3rd: \$7, 4th: \$6

57. Collection of Pickling Vegetables - 4 different kinds - 3 of each to be displayed in a suitable container
58. 8 Varieties of Squash - 1 of each properly named in a suitable container

Class #59:

A 30" x 30" form will be provided to set up garden - must be full.

Prizes: 1st: \$20, 2nd: \$18, 3rd: \$15, 4th: \$12

59. Garden Vegetables - properly named - no artificial material - no potatoes.

Awards:

Markham Fair Rosette

Best Carved Jack-O-Lantern #35

Largest Tomato #49

Largest Watermelon #53

Isabel Risebrough Memorial Award Heaviest Squash or Pumpkin #45 - Prize: \$50

Isabel Risebrough Memorial Award Best Garden Vegetables #59 - Prize: \$5



Important “Fair” Dates to Remember!

Thursday, September 17, 2026

- Closing Date for Entry Forms by 8:00 pm.

Thursday, September 24, 2026

- Entry Tags will be available at the Markham Fair Office from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Friday, September 25, 2026

- Bring **School Children** exhibits to the General Exhibits Building from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Bring **Special Needs** exhibits to the General Exhibits Building from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm.
- Bring **Photography** exhibits to the General Exhibits Building from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Saturday, September 26, 2026

- Bring **School Children** exhibits to the General Exhibits Building from 8:00 am to 8:30 am.
- Bring **Special Needs** exhibits to the General Exhibits Building from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.
- Bring **Photography** exhibits to the General Exhibits Building from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

- Bring **Homecraft and Crops & Vegetables** exhibits to the General Exhibits Building or the Homecraft Building from 12:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
- Bring **4-H Exhibits** exhibits to the General Exhibits Building from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

- Bring **Poultry and Small Livestock** exhibits to the Poultry Building from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

- Pick up **School Children** exhibits from 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm.
- Pick up all other exhibits from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Monday, October 5, 2026

- Pick up the remaining **School Children** exhibits from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Thank You for Your Participation!