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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  
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Gord Appleton, Kevin Hollands, Devin King, Kristen Miller, Blake Purcell, Shelby Reesor

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## Homecraft Officers

Past President: Alison Lyon  
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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 800 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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be responsible for damage, injury, loss, or theft of any exhibit, regardless of the cause of such damage, injury or theft. Each 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](http://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.

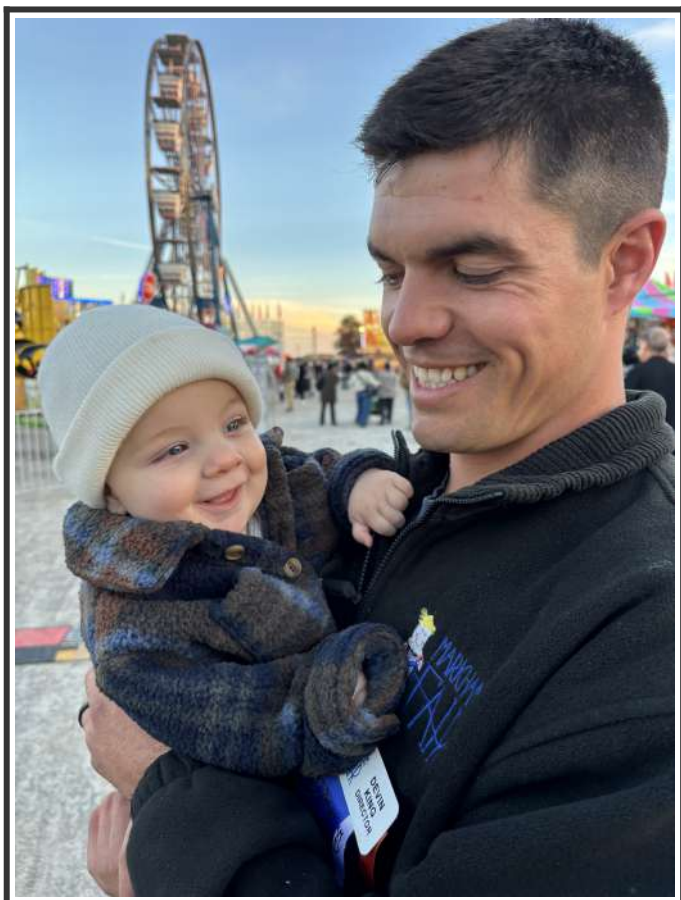
**NOTE: All entry fees are returned as prize money.**

### 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.



## 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

## Erroneous Entries

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

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.

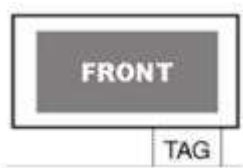
\* **Drop-off:** Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 - bring exhibits to the Homecraft Building from 12:00 - 8:30 pm.

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

### Additional Rules 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)

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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 of 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 in 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. Lady's/Teen's 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](http://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**

\*\*\*Sample Fabrics To Be Attached\*\*\* 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)

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. 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)

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.

### Please take special note:

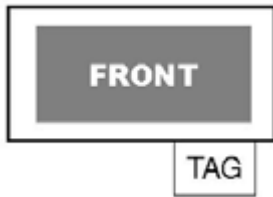
\* **Drop-off: Photography exhibits are to be brought to the General Exhibits Building on Friday, September 25th, from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm OR Saturday, September 26th, 2026, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.** The judging will be done the next day. For this reason, **no entries will be accepted after 12:00 pm Saturday.** 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.

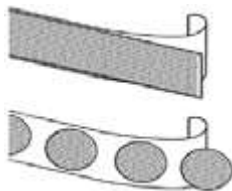
### Additional Rules:

- 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](mailto:specialneeds@markhamfair.ca)

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

### 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, Kim Bell  
Co-Chairpersons: Mary Webster, Judy Bell  
Email questions to: [youth@markhamfair.ca](mailto:youth@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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- \* **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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.markhamfair.ca)

### Writing Categories #1-9

E-mail [schoolchildrens@markham.ca](mailto: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: \$50





## Veterinarians and Officials

**Port Perry Veterinary Services** (905-982-1243)

1589 King St., Prince Albert, ON L9L 1C2

**On-call Veterinarian:** Dr. Rachel Shanahan

**Fair Contact:** Brad Hulshof (905-505-6099), Chris Reesor (647-238-9579), Carrie Purcell (416-543-7388)

## Poultry and Small Livestock Sections

**Chairpersons:** Meghan Kortis (905-960-9416), Shelby Gibbons (905-642-5913)

**Veterinarian:** Port Perry Veterinary Services - see page 42

**16 Poultry - Standard**

**17 Poultry - Bantam**

**18 Waterfowl**

**20 Rabbit**

Before entering any of the Poultry and Small Livestock Sections, please refer to **General Rules & Regulations** 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. No late entries will be accepted.

\* **Drop-off:** Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 - bring exhibits to the Poultry and Small Livestock Building from 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

\* **Pick-up:** Sunday, October 4th, 2026 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. No vehicles will be removed before 6:30 pm.

**A. Any entry that is unworthy of showing due to condition, sickness or disease will be removed from the show area by the committee chairman. There will be no exceptions and will be strictly enforced!!!**

B. Juniors entering these Sections must pay exhibitor fee.

C. Entry fee is 50 cents per bird or animal. This must accompany your entry form, along with a \$5.00 Exhibitor fee.  
D. Only one animal or bird per line, on the entry form.  
E. Limit of 80 entries per Exhibiting Family. Any entries exceeding this number will be returned to the exhibitor. This will be strictly enforced.

F. The capacity of our building is 425 exhibits only. Therefore, exhibitors who showed and supported our Poultry and Small Livestock Show the previous year will be given first priority, providing their entries are received on or before the closing date.

G. No signs larger than a business card (3½" x 2") may be displayed on any showcases for advertising or selling purposes until **after** judging has been **completed**, and must be **approved by the committee chairman - No Exceptions!!**

H. The Chairperson reserves the right to split overly full classes.

### Important Notice to Poultry Exhibitors:

**All poultry must be pollorum tested or come from pollorum-free stock, to comply with government regulations in 2026.**

**A poultry display will take place in the Poultry Building if there are restrictions due to A.I. (Subject to OMAFRA regulations).**



## Section 16: Poultry - Standard

Before entering this Section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** as well as the **Poultry and Small Livestock Additional Rules**.

**Note:** An exhibitor may enter two (2) exhibits in each of the following:

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

	Cock	Hen	Cockerel	Pullet
Plymouth Rock Barred	101	102	103	104
Plymouth Rock A.O.C.	105	106	107	108
Rhode Island Red A.V.	109	110	111	112
Wyandotte - White	113	114	115	116
Wyandotte - Silver Laced	117	118	119	120
Wyandotte - A.O.C.	121	122	123	124
New Hampshire	125	126	127	128
American A.O.V.	129	130	131	132

Australorps	133	134	135	136
Cornish A.C.	137	138	139	140
Orpingtons A.C.	141	142	143	144
English A.O.V.	145	146	147	148
Brahmas A.C.	149	150	151	152
Cochin - White	153	154	155	156
Cochin - A.O.C.	157	158	159	160
Lefhorn - White	161	162	163	164
Leghorn - A.O.C.	165	166	167	168
Anconas	169	170	171	172
Blue Andalusians	173	174	175	176
Polish - A.C.	185	186	187	188
Hamburgs A.C.	189	190	191	192
Sumatras A.C.	193	194	195	196
O.E. Game - A.C.	197	198	199	200
Modern Game A.C.	201	202	203	204
AOV Standard Clean Leg	205	206	207	208
AOV Standard properly named Feather Leg	349	350	351	352

Ameraucana A.C.	337	338	339	340
AOV Bantam properly named Clean Leg	341	342	343	344
AOV Bantam properly named Feather Leg	345	346	347	348

## Section 18: Waterfowl

Light Ducks Only

Before entering this Section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** as well as the **Poultry and Small Livestock Additional Rules**.

**Note:** An exhibitor may enter two (2) exhibits in each of the following:

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

	Cock	Hen	Cockerel	Pullet
Grey Call	500	501	502	503
White Call	504	505	506	507
A.O.C. Call	508	509	510	511
Mandarin AC	512	513	514	515
Black East Indie	516	517	518	519
Indian Runner White	520	521	522	523
Indian Runner A.O.C.	524	525	526	527

## Section 20: Rabbits

Before entering this Section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** as well as the **Poultry and Small Livestock Additional Rules**.

**Note:** An exhibitor may enter two (2) exhibits in each of the following:

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

	Buck	Doe
Californian	500	501
New Zealand	518	519
Utility A.O.V.	530	531
Mini Rex A.C.	548	549
Holland Lops A.C.	564	565
Netherland Dwarf A.C.	568	569
Fancy A.O.V.	572	573

**Awards:**

**Robert H. Thompson Award** - Champion Standard Poultry - \$25

**Murray Ross Award** - Reserve Champion Standard Poultry - \$20

**Phil Johnston Award** - Champion Bantam Poultry - \$25

**Len TeBokkel Award** - Reserve Champion Bantam Poultry - \$20

**James McPhail Award** - Champion Waterfowl - \$25

**Bill Shrum Award** - Reserve Champion Waterfowl - \$20

**Norm Rennie Award** - Champion Rabbit - \$25

**Jim Travis Award** - Reserve Champion Rabbit - \$20

**Pete Kortis Memorial Award** - Champion Overall - \$30 and a bag of feed - To be awarded to the overall grand champion poultry or waterfowl.

## Section 17: Poultry - Bantam

Before entering this Section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** as well as the **Poultry and Small Livestock Additional Rules**.

**Note:** An exhibitor may enter two (2) exhibits in each of the following:

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

	Cock	Hen	Cockerel	Pullet
Plymouth Rock - White	209	210	211	212
Plymouth Rock - Barred	213	214	215	216
Plymouth Rock A.O.C.	217	218	219	220
Rhode Island Red	221	222	223	224
Wyandotte - White	225	226	227	228
Wyandotte - Black	229	230	231	232
Wyandotte - Silver Laced	233	234	235	236
Wyandotte A.O.C.	237	238	239	240
New Hampshire	241	242	243	244
Cornish A.C.	245	246	247	248
Brahmas Buff	249	250	251	252
Brahmas - Light	253	254	255	256
Brahmas A.O.C.	257	258	259	260
Cochin - Black	261	262	263	264
Cochin - White	265	266	267	268
Cochin A.O.C.	269	270	271	272
Polish White	273	274	275	276
Polish White Crested Black	277	278	279	280
Polish A.O.C.	281	282	283	284
Hamburg A.C.	285	286	287	288
Leghorn - White	289	290	291	292
Leghorn - A.O.C.	293	294	295	296
Game O.E. - Black Red	297	298	299	300
Game O.E. - Silver Duck-wing	301	302	303	304
Game O.E. - Black	305	306	307	308
Game O.E. A.O.C.	309	310	311	312
Game Modern A.C.	313	314	315	316
Japanese A.C.	317	318	319	320
Sebright - Gold or Silver	321	322	323	324
Rosecombe A.C.	325	326	327	328
Silkie A.C.	329	330	331	332
Mille Fleur A.V.	333	334	335	336

## Dairy Cattle

Chairperson: Chris Reesor (647-238-9579)

Veterinarian: Port Perry Veterinary Services - see page 42

Before entering any of the Dairy Cattle Sections, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** as well as the following:

\* **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or sent to Markham Fair Office on a Livestock Entry Form giving all the information that is required).

\* **Entries Close: No Entries will be accepted after Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 8:00 pm.**

A. All animals are to be in the Livestock Barn by 9:00 am. on the day that they are to be shown.

B. **Health Requirements:** All animals must be free from Mange, Ringworm and Pink Eye. A Veterinarian will be on hand to inspect every animal and will reject any that exhibit symptoms of an infectious disease.

C. Each exhibitor will pay a \$5.00 Exhibitor Fee, and the entry fee is \$5.00 per animal; a **cheque for the amount required MUST accompany your entry form. Late Entry Fee: \$10.00 Per Animal.** All Entry Fees Are Returned As Prize Monies.

D. Ring numbers will be provided for use with show harness. Exhibitors must supply their own harness.

E. CFIA TAGS: Please be aware that all livestock must arrive with CFIA tags, they are to be tagged before they leave the farm. Should they arrive without tags, and the inspectors discover this, you are putting yourself at risk of a \$1,300 fine, as well as a \$1300 fine for the trucker and another \$1,300 fine for the Markham Fair. Markham Fair will refuse any animals that are not tagged.



## Section 23: Open Dairy

Show: Thursday, October 1st, 2026, at 2:00 pm (after the 4-H showmanship)

Breed Representatives: Chris Reesor, Brad Hulshof

Judge:

\* **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or sent to Markham Fair Office on a Livestock Entry Form).

\* **Entries Close: No Entries will be accepted after Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 8:00 pm.**

Open to all Counties.

Open to all dairy breeds

### Classes - All Breeds Open Dairy Show

**Prizes:** 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$90, 3rd: \$80, 4th: \$70, 5th: \$60, 6th: \$50, 7th: \$40

1. Summer Calf June 1st, 2026 to August 31st, 2026
2. Junior Heifer March 1st, 2026 to May 31st, 2026
3. Intermediate Heifer December 1st, 2025 to February 28th, 2026
4. Senior Heifer September 1st, 2025 to November 30th, 2025
5. Summer Yearling June 1st, 2025 to August 31st, 2025
6. Junior Yearling March 1st, 2025 to May 31st, 2025
7. Intermediate Yearling December 1st, 2024 to February 28th, 2025
8. Senior Yearling September 1st, 2024 to November 30th, 2024

**Grand Champion 4-H Calf / Reserve Prizes:** 1st: Ribbon only

**Overall Junior Champion / Reserve Prizes:** 1st: Ribbon only

9. Junior Breeder's Herd Three junior animals carrying the same prefix. The exhibitor must solely own at least one animal in the group.
10. Junior Exhibitor's Herd Three junior animals owned in whole or in part by the exhibitor. The exhibitor must solely own at least one animal in the group.

### Awards:

#### Holstein & Jersey Specials:

**Dave Houck Plaque** - Dave Houck Plaque - Champion calf in Holstein & Jersey Interclub show. Sponsored by the York 4-H Association in appreciation of Dave's dedication to the 4-H program and youth leadership. See Holstein Club Awards.

#### Holstein Awards:

To be given to the top Holstein in each class

**Dandyland Holsteins Award** - Winner of Junior Calf

**Belridge Farms Award** - Winner of Intermediate Calf

**Don Miller & Family Award** - Winner of Senior Calf

**Everdale Farms Award** - Winner of Summer Yearling

**Coach Lane Farm Award** - Winner of Junior Yearling

**Bruce VanderBent Award** - Winner of Intermediate Yearling

**Onthehill Farms Award** - Winner of Senior Yearling

**Dreamcrest Holsteins Banner** - Exhibitor of Junior Champion

Female

**Hulsdale Award Memorial Award** - Winner of Junior Breeders Herd

**Dave Houck Memorial Award** - Winner of Junior Exhibitors Herd

**Lockmar Farms Award** - Winner of the Best Bred and Owned animal selected by Judge

**Markham Fair Awards:**

Rosette: Junior Champion, Female

Rosette: Junior Reserve Champion, Female

## Beef Cattle

Chairpersons: Richard Warr (416-434-0119), Shelby Reesor (647-229-3127)

Veterinarian: Port Perry Veterinary Services - see page 42

Before entering any of the Beef Cattle Sections, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** as well as the following:

\* **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or on a Markham Fair Livestock Entry Form and submitted to the Markham Fair Office giving all the information that is required).

\* **Entries Close: No Entries will be accepted after Thursday, September 24th, 2026 at 8:00 pm.**

A. Beef cattle will be shown on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, and Sunday, October 4th, 2026, at the time stated for each breed.

B. All animals are to be in the Livestock Building by 9:00 am on the day that they are to be shown and no animal is to leave the barn or the Markham Fair Grounds before 4:00 pm of show day. There will be no prize money paid to any who remove cattle earlier.

C. Each Exhibitor will pay a \$5.00 Exhibitor fee, and entry fees for all breeds will be \$5.00 per animal; **a cheque for this amount must accompany your entry form.** All entry fee money is returned as prize money. Registration numbers of all animals must accompany the application; those pending will not be eligible to show at the fair.

D. CFIA TAGs: Please be aware that all livestock must arrive with CFIA tags, they are to be tagged before they leave the farm. Should they arrive without tags, and the inspectors discover this, you are putting yourself at risk of a \$1,300 fine, as well as a \$1,300 fine for the trucker and another \$1,300 fine for the Markham Fair. Markham Fair will refuse any animals that are not tagged.

E. Health Requirements: All animals must be free of Mange, Ringworm, and Pink Eye. A Veterinarian will inspect every animal and will refuse any animals that show symptoms of an infectious disease.

F. Each breeding unit may have a total of 10 entries. Each exhibitor may show (3) three animals per Class in a maximum of (3) three Classes, except in the Breeders Herd and Get-Of-Sire Classes.

G. All animals being shown in single Classes must be registered at time of closing date of entries, except calves (which must be properly tattooed) in the two-year-old and mature cow/calf

Classes. All animals must be legibly tattooed.

\$150 for a herd of 5 or more will be paid plus prize money.

\$100 for a herd of 4 will be paid plus prize money.

\$50 for a herd of 2 or 3 will be paid plus prize money.

Markham Fair will supply Grand Champion Rosettes and Reserve Champion Rosettes, both Bull and Female, for each Breed.

## Section 25: Blonde d'Aquitaine

### The Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Show:

Show: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 at 12:00 pm

Open to any registered Blonde d'Aquitaine herd.

No late entries.

Judge: TBA

### Blonde d'Aquitaine Classes:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$65, 2nd: \$60, 3rd: \$50, 4th: \$40, 5th: \$35, 6th: \$30, 7th: \$25, 8th: \$20

1. Bull Calf Born on or after January 1st, 2026 . Minimum of 3 months of age on day of judging.
2. Bull. Yearling Born April 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025
3. Bull. Yearling Born January 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2025
4. Bull. Born January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024
5. Heifer Calf Born on or after January 1st, 2026 . Minimum of 3 months of age on day of judging.
6. Heifer Born April 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025
7. Heifer Born January 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2025
8. Female Born January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024 with her own 2026 natural, purebred tattooed calf at foot. Female and calf shall be shown as a unit.
9. Female Born before January 1st, 2024 with her own 2026 natural, purebred tattooed calf at foot. Female and calf shall be shown as a unit
10. Progeny of Dam - a group of 2 animals, either sex, the progeny of one dam. One animal must be owned by the exhibitor. Must be exhibited in previous classes.
11. Get-of-Sire - a group of three (3) animals from the same sire, both sexes to be represented. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor. Must be e in previous classes. Limited to one entry per exhibitor.
12. Breeder's Herd - a group of 4 animals bred by the exhibitor. Both sexes represented. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor. Must be exhibited in previous classes. Limited to one exhibit per exhibitor.

Champion and Reserve Bull - Rosettes

Champion and Reserve Female - Rosettes

## Junior Blonde d'Aquitaine Showmanship:

Classes #13-16 Ribbon Only: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.

13. Peewee: Under 10 years
14. Junior: 10-12 years
15. Intermediate: 13-15 years
16. Seniors: 16-21 years

Champion and Reserve Showperson - Rosettes



## Section 26: Shorthorn

### The Shorthorn Show:

Show: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 at 12:00 pm

No late entries.

Judge: TBA

#### Additional Rules:

A. To be eligible to show all animals entered in the purebred classes must be recorded as purebred in accordance with the Canadian Shorthorn Association Rules of Eligibility for Registration in Canada. Purebred females must be 87.5% Shorthorn and males must be 93.8% Shorthorn.

\* Heifer calf and yearling calf class age groups may be adjusted based on the number and ages of entries.

#### Purebred Shorthorn Classes:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$65, 2nd: \$60, 3rd: \$50, 4th: \$40, 5th: \$35, 6th: \$30, 7th: \$25, 8th: \$20

1. Bull Calf Born on or after January 1st, 2026 . Minimum of 3 months of age on day of judging.
2. Bull. Yearling Born April 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025
3. Bull. Yearling Born January 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2025
4. Bull. Born January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024
5. Heifer Calf Born January 1st, 2026 to January 31st, 2026
6. Heifer Calf Born February 1st, 2026 to February 28th, 2026
7. Heifer Calf Born on or after March 1st, 2026 . Minimum of 3 months of age on day of judging.
8. Heifer Born March 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025
9. Heifer Born February 1st, 2025 to February 28th, 2025
10. Heifer Born January 1st, 2025 to January 31st, 2025

11. Female Born January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024 with her own 2026 natural, purebred tattooed calf at foot. Female and calf shall be shown as a unit.
12. Female Born before January 1st, 2024 with her own 2026 natural, purebred tattooed calf at foot. Female and calf shall be shown as a unit
13. Progeny of Dam - a group of 2 animals, either sex, the progeny of one dam. One animal must be owned by the exhibitor. Must be exhibited in previous classes.
14. Get-of-Sire - a group of three (3) animals from the same sire, both sexes to be represented. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor. All animals must be exhibited in previous classes. Limited to one entry per exhibitor.
15. Breeder's Herd -a group of 4 animals bred by the exhibitor. Both sexes represented. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor. Must be exhibited in previous classes. Limited to one exhibit per exhibitor.

Champion and Reserve Bull - Rosettes

Champion and Reserve Female - Rosettes

## Ontario Junior Shorthorn Showmanship:

Any Junior can participate as long as they have a 2026 Ontario Junior Membership.

Membership will be available for purchase from the Ontario Shorthorn Association on the day of the show.

Classes #16-19 Ribbon Only: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.

16. Peewee: under 10 years
17. Junior: 10 – 12 years
18. Intermediate: 13 – 15 years
19. Seniors 16 – 21 years

Champion and Reserve Showperson - Rosettes

## Section 27: Limousin

### The All Ontario Limousin Show:

Show: Sunday, October 4th, 2026 at 12:30 pm

Open to any registered Limousin herd.

No late entries.

Judge: TBA

#### All Ontario Limousin Classes:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$65, 2nd: \$60, 3rd: \$50, 4th: \$40, 5th: \$35, 6th: \$30, 7th: \$25, 8th: \$20

1. Junior Bull Calf Born on or after February 1st, 2026 . Minimum of 3 months of age on day of judging.
2. Senior Bull Calf Born January 1st, 2026 to January 31st, 2026
3. Junior Bull Yearling Born April 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025
4. Senior Bull Yearling Born January 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2025
5. Bull. Born January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024

## Section 28: All Other Breeds

### The All Other Breeds Show:

Show: Sunday, October 4th, 2026 at 10:30 am

Open to any registered beef breed.

No late entries.

Judge: TBA

### All Other Breeds Classes:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$65, 2nd: \$60, 3rd: \$50, 4th: \$40, 5th: \$35, 6th: \$30, 7th: \$25, 8th: \$20

1. Bull Calf Born on or after January 1st, 2026 . Minimum of 3 months of age on day of judging.
2. Bull. Yearling Born April 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025
3. Bull. Yearling Born January 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2025
4. Bull. Born January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024
5. Heifer Calf Born on or after January 1st, 2026 . Minimum of 3 months of age on day of judging.
6. Heifer Born April 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025
7. Heifer Born January 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2025
8. Female Born January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024 with her own 2026 natural, purebred tattooed calf at foot. Female and calf shall be shown as a unit.
9. Female Born before January 1st, 2024 with her own 2026 natural, purebred tattooed calf at foot. Female and calf shall be shown as a unit
10. Get-of-Sire - a group of three (3) animals from the same sire, both sexes to be represented. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor. All animals must have been exhibited in previous classes. Limited to one entry per exhibitor.
11. Breeder's Herd - a group of 4 animals bred by the exhibitor. Both sexes represented. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor. Must be exhibited in previous classes. Limited to one exhibit per exhibitor.

Champion and Reserve Bull - Rosettes

Champion and Reserve Female - Rosettes



**Grand Champion Bull / Reserve Prizes:** 1st: Rosette,

2nd: Rosette

6. Junior Heifer Calf Born on or after March 1st, 2026 minimum of 3 months of age on day of judging.
7. Intermediate Heifer Calf Born February 1st, 2026 to February 28th, 2026
8. Senior Heifer Calf Born January 1st, 2026 to January 31st, 2026
9. Junior Heifer Yearling Born April 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025
10. Senior Heifer Yearling Born January 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2025
11. Female Born January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024 with her own 2026 natural, purebred tattooed calf at foot. Female and calf shall be shown as a unit.
12. Female Born before January 1st, 2024 with her own 2026 natural, purebred tattooed calf at foot. Female and calf shall be shown as a unit
13. Pair of Bulls - Bred and owned by the exhibitor. Must be shown in previous classes.
14. Progeny of Dam - a group of 2 animals, either sex, the progeny of one dam. One animal must be owned by the exhibitor. Must be shown in previous classes.
15. Get-of-Sire - a group of three (3) animals from the same sire, both sexes to be represented. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor. Must be shown in a previous class. Limited to one entry per exhibitor.
16. Breeder's Herd - a group of 4 animals bred by the exhibitor. Both sexes represented. At least one animal must be owned by the exhibitor. Must be exhibited in previous classes. Limited to one exhibit per exhibitor.

Grand Champion and Reserve Bull - Rosettes

Grand Champion and Reserve Female - Rosettes

### Special Prizes awarded by the Ontario Limousin Association:

Champion Bull Calf

Champion Bull Yearling

Champion Senior Bull

Champion Heifer Calf

Champion Junior Yearling Heifer

Champion Senior Yearling Heifer

Champion Senior Female

### Junior Limousin Showmanship:

Show: Sunday, October 4th, 2026 at 11:30 am

Any junior can participate as long as they have a 2026 Ontario Junior Membership.

Classes #16-19 Ribbon Only: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.

16. Peewee: under 10 years
17. Junior: 10 – 12 years
18. Intermediate: 13 – 15 years
19. Seniors 16 – 21 years

Champion and Reserve Showperson - Rosettes

# Sheep Show

Show: Thursday, October 1st, 2026 at 1:00 pm  
Chairpersons: Doug Savage (705-440-6072), Charlotte Frisby  
([sheep@markhamfair.ca](mailto:sheep@markhamfair.ca))  
Veterinarian: Port Perry Veterinary Services - see page 42

## Additional Rules Apply to sections 31-37

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

\* **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or on a Markham Fair Livestock Entry Form and submitted to Markham Fair Office giving all the information that is required).

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

- A. This is an area show for Districts 6 & 7 and by invitation from Chairperson of show.
- B. All exhibitors will pay a \$5.00 exhibitor fee, as well as an entry fee of \$3.00 per entry, must accompany your entry form. Late entries will be charged double.
- C. An exhibitor may enter and show two (2) breeds.
- D. An exhibitor may enter two (2) animals per Class in a maximum of two (2) Classes.
- E. If there are not 10 animals or 2 exhibitors showing in a breed, that breed may, at the discretion of the committee, be shown in Section 35 Short Wool, or Section 36 Long Wool.
- F. An exhibitor must be prepared to produce a Certificate of Health for every animal.
- G. Animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor and properly identified by tattoo. Exhibitors must present pedigrees on request and may be randomly checked.
- H. CFIA TAGs: Please be aware that all Sheep must arrive with CFIA tags, they are to be tagged before they leave the farm. Should they arrive without tags, and the inspectors discover this, you are putting yourself at risk of a \$1,300 fine, as well as a \$1300 fine for the trucker and another \$1,300 fine for the Markham Fair. Markham Fair will refuse any animals that are not tagged.
- I. **NEW this Year!** All sheep are to be brought to Markham Fair by 10:00 am on Thursday, October 1st, 2026, and will vacate the Fair Friday night after 4:00 pm. If any exhibitors with to leave Thursday after 5 pm, contact the Chairperson before the Fair.
- J. Any Exhibitor with 5 or more sheep entered will get an extra \$50.00 per exhibitor.

## Sheep Sections 31-37

**Note:** Both Get of Sire & Breeder's Flock must be shown in ring to be eligible for prize money.

### Awards:

Jordan Bell Family Farm - Supreme Champion Ram  
William Gardhouse Trophy - Supreme Champion Ewe

## 31. North Country Cheviot

## 32. Dorset

## 33. Oxford

## 34. Suffolk

## 35. Hampshire

## 36. Short Wool

## 37. Long Wool

Show Judge: TBA

All breeds show in the following Classes.



**Prizes:** 1st: \$55, 2nd: \$45, 3rd: \$40, 4th: \$30, 5th: \$25, 6th: \$20, 7th: \$20, 8th: \$20, 9th: \$20, 10th: \$20

1. Ewe - "Yearling" (3rd pair of temporary incisors must be in place). Born and bred in Canada.
2. Ewe - (First pair of temporary incisors must be in place). Born the property of the exhibitor.
3. Ram - "Yearling" (3rd pair of temporary incisors must be in place). Born and bred in Canada.
4. Ram - (First pair of temporary incisors must be in place). Born the property of the exhibitor.
5. Get of Sire (Born the property of the exhibitor). A group of three animals, full mouth milk teeth, by the same sire. Both sexes may be represented. (Animals may or may not have been shown in previous classes).
6. Breeders Flock (Bred and owned by exhibitor). A group of 4 animals. Both sexes to be represented. Each animal in the group must have been exhibited in one of the preceding classes. All animals in a group to be of one breed.

## Section 38: Lamb Show

Note: There is no sale.

Chairpersons: Doug Savage (705-440-6072), Charlotte Frisby ([sheep@markhamfair.ca](mailto:sheep@markhamfair.ca))

Before entering the Lamb Show Section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** at the front of this prize book as well as the following

\* **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or on a Markham Fair Livestock Entry Form and submitted to the Markham Fair Office giving all the information that is required).

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

### Additional Rules:

- A. Lamb Show last class of the day.
- B. All exhibitors will pay a \$5.00 exhibitor fee, as well as an entry fee of \$3.00 per animal, must accompany your entry form. Late entries will be charged double.
- C. Lambs must weigh 115 lbs or under or will be disqualified.
- D. Lambs can be any breed of sheep.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$25, 3rd: \$20, 4th: \$18, 5th: \$18, 6th: \$18, 7th: \$18, 8th: \$18

1. Any breed of sheep

## Section 40: Dairy Goat Show

Show: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, at 9:00 am

Chairperson: Sonja Iannuzzi (416-564-0914)

Judge: TBA

Veterinarian: Port Perry Veterinary Services - see page 42

### Classes:

1 - 7 Alpine

8 - 14 LaMancha

15 - 21 Nigerian

22 - 28 Nubian

29 - 35 Oberhasli

36 - 42 Saanen

43 - 49 Toggenburg

50 - 56 Recorded Grade Does

### CGS Sanctioned

Before entering any of the Dairy Goat Sections, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** at the front of this Prize Book as well as the following:

\* **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or on a Markham Fair Livestock Entry Form and submitted to the Markham Fair Office, 10801 McCowan Rd., Markham, ON L3P 3J3) All information asked for must be recorded on the entry form.

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

### Additional Rules:

- A. This show is sanctioned by the Canadian Goat Society and CGS rules will govern.
- B. All animals over six months of age must have the actual CGS registration or recordation paper of the Show. No substitutes are acceptable. No papers - no show.
- C. There will be a pre-show veterinary inspection which all animals must pass. The inspection will be from 8:00 am to 9:00 am on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026.
- D. All animals must be in the Livestock Building by 8:00 am on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, and no animal shall leave before 5:00 pm. Any violations will mean no prize money sent.
- E. There will be no pre-show milk out and judging will start at 9:00 am sharp on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026.
- F. An Exhibitor fee of \$5.00, as well as an entry fee of \$4.00 per animal **must accompany your entry form.**
- G. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of 3 animals per Class and a maximum of 18 animals per Section.
- H. Ages are to be computed from the date of birth to October 3rd.
- I. All animals must be owned by and Registered in the name of the exhibitor.
- J. All exhibitors showing in the Dairy Goat Show must be dressed in white shirts and white or black trousers while showing in the ring. Shirts shall not bear any letters, marks, or labels purporting to reveal the identity of the exhibitors. This rule will be strictly enforced. Exhibitors are asked to help take down penning at the conclusion of the show.

### Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rosettes for each Breed and Best Doe in Show.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$25, 3rd: \$20, 4th: \$18, 5th: \$16, 6th: \$13, 7th: \$10, 8th: \$8

### Alpine - Classes #1-7:

1. Doe Kid - Alpine Over 3 months and under 9 months
2. Doe Kid - Alpine Over 9 months and under 24 months, never freshened
3. Milking Yearling - Alpine Over 12 months and under 24 months, in milk
4. Doe - Alpine Over 24 months and under 36 months, in milk
5. Doe - Alpine Over 36 months and under 5 years, in milk
6. Doe - Alpine Over 5 years in milk
7. Breeder's Herd - Alpine - a group of 4 animals (bred and owned by the exhibitor) consisting of at least three (3) milking does

**Best Udder Class - Alpine** Judge shall designate the best two udders in each of the milking classes. These designated exhibits shall compete for the first and second best udder. Prize money paid on first and second placings. **Prizes:** 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$25

### Champion Alpine / Reserve

### **LaMancha - Classes #8-14:**

8. Doe Kid - LaMancha Over 3 months and under 9 months
9. Doe Kid - LaMancha Over 9 months and under 24 months, never freshened
10. Milking Yearling - LaMancha Over 12 months and under 24 months, in milk
11. Doe - LaMancha Over 24 months and under 36 months, in milk
12. Doe - LaMancha Over 36 months and under 5 years, in milk
13. Doe - LaMancha Over 5 years in milk
14. Breeder's Herd - LaMancha - a group of 4 animals (bred and owned by the exhibitor) consisting of at least three (3) milking does

**Best Udder Class - LaMancha** Judge shall designate the best two udders in each of the milking classes. These designated exhibits shall compete for the first and second best udder. Prize money paid on first and second placings. **Prizes:** 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$25

### **Champion LaMancha / Reserve**

### **Nigerian Dwarf - Classes #15-21:**

15. Doe Kid - Nigerian Dwarf Over 3 months and under 9 months
16. Doe Kid - Nigerian Dwarf Over 9 months and under 24 months, never freshened
17. Milking Yearling - Nigerian Dwarf Over 12 months and under 24 months, in milk
18. Doe - Nigerian Dwarf Over 24 months and under 36 months, in milk
19. Doe - Nigerian Dwarf Over 36 months and under 5 years, in milk
20. Doe - Nigerian Dwarf Over 5 years in milk
21. Breeder's Herd - Nigerian Dwarf - a group of 4 animals (bred and owned by the exhibitor) consisting of at least three (3) milking does

**Best Udder Class - Nigerian Dwarf** Judge shall designate the best two udders in each of the milking classes. These designated exhibits shall compete for the first and second best udder. Prize money paid on first and second placings.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$25

### **Champion Nigerian Dwarf / Reserve**

### **Nubian - Classes #22-28:**

22. Doe Kid - Nubian Over 3 months and under 9 months
23. Doe Kid - Nubian Over 9 months and under 24 months, never freshened
24. Milking Yearling - Nubian Over 12 months and under 24 months, in milk
25. Doe - Nubian Over 24 months and under 36 months, in milk
26. Doe - Nubian Over 36 months and under 5 years, in milk
27. Doe - Nubian Over 5 years in milk
28. Breeder's Herd - Nubian - a group of 4 animals (bred and owned by the exhibitor) consisting of at least three (3) milking does

**Best Udder Class - Nubian** Judge shall designate the best two udders in each of the milking classes. These designated exhibits shall compete for the first and second best udder. Prize money paid on first and second placings. **Prizes:** 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$25

### **Champion Nubian / Reserve**

### **Oberhasli - Classes #29-35:**

29. Doe Kid - Oberhasli Over 3 months and under 9 months
30. Doe Kid - Oberhasli Over 9 months and under 24 months, never freshened
31. Milking Yearling - Oberhasli Over 12 months and under 24 months, in milk
32. Doe - Oberhasli Over 24 months and under 36 months, in milk
33. Doe - Oberhasli Over 36 months and under 5 years, in milk
34. Doe - Oberhasli Over 5 years in milk
35. Breeder's Herd - Oberhasli - a group of 4 animals (bred and owned by the exhibitor) consisting of at least three (3) milking does

**Best Udder Class - Oberhasli** Judge shall designate the best two udders in each of the milking classes. These designated exhibits shall compete for the first and second best udder. Prize money paid on first and second placings. **Prizes:** 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$25

### **Champion Oberhasli / Reserve**

### **Saanen - Classes #36-42:**

36. Doe Kid - Saanen Over 3 months and under 9 months
37. Doe Kid - Saanen Over 9 months and under 24 months, never freshened
38. Milking Yearling - Saanen Over 12 months and under 24 months, in milk
39. Doe - Saanen Over 24 months and under 36 months, in milk
40. Doe - Saanen Over 36 months and under 5 years, in milk
41. Doe - Saanen Over 5 years in milk
42. Breeder's Herd - Saanen - a group of 4 animals (bred and owned by the exhibitor) consisting of at least three (3) milking does

**Best Udder Class - Saanen** Judge shall designate the best two udders in each of the milking classes. These designated exhibits shall compete for the first and second best udder. Prize money paid on first and second placings. **Prizes:** 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$25

### **Champion Saanen / Reserve**

### **Toggenburg - Classes #43-49:**

43. Doe Kid - Toggenburg Over 3 months and under 9 months
44. Doe Kid - Toggenburg Over 9 months and under 24 months, never freshened
45. Milking Yearling - Toggenburg Over 12 months and under 24 months, in milk
46. Doe - Toggenburg Over 24 months and under 36 months, in milk

47. Doe - Toggenburg Over 36 months and under 5 years, in milk
48. Doe - Toggenburg Over 5 years in milk
49. Breeder's Herd - Toggenburg - a group of 4 animals (bred and owned by the exhibitor) consisting of at least three (3) milking does

**Best Udder Class - Toggenburg** Judge shall designate the best two udders in each of the milking classes. These designated exhibits shall compete for the first and second best udder. Prize money paid on first and second placings.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$25

**Champion Toggenburg / Reserve**

#### Recorded Grade Does - Classes #50-56:

50. Doe Kid - Recorded Grade Does Over 3 months and under 9 months
51. Doe Kid - Recorded Grade Does Over 9 months and under 24 months, never freshened
52. Milking Yearling - Recorded Grade Does Over 12 months and under 24 months, in milk
53. Doe - Recorded Grade Does Over 24 months and under 36 months, in milk
54. Doe - Recorded Grade Does Over 36 months and under 5 years, in milk
55. Doe - Recorded Grade Does Over 5 years in milk
56. Breeder's Herd - Recorded Grade Does - a group of 4 animals (bred and owned by the exhibitor) consisting of at least three (3) milking does

**Best Udder Class - Recorded Grade Does** Judge shall designate the best two udders in each of the milking classes. These designated exhibits shall compete for the first and second best udder. Prize money paid on first and second placings. **Prizes:** 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$25

**Champion Recorded Grade Does / Reserve**

**Best Doe in Show - Grand Champions from each dairy goat breed to compete**

## Section 42: Meat Goat Show

The Meat Goat Show has been removed from the Goat Show.

## Section 43: Dairy Goat Junior Showmanship

Show: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, immediately following the Dairy Goat Show.

Chairperson: Sonja Iannuzzi (416-564-0914)

Judge: TBA

Before entering any of the Dairy Goat Sections, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** at the front of this Prize Book as well as the following:

\* **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or on a Markham Fair Livestock Entry Form submitted to the Markham Fair

Office). All information asked for must be recorded on the entry form.

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

#### Additional Rules to this Division:

- Open to dairy goat showpersons
- No entry fee. All exhibitors receive a ribbon.
- For showmanship, goat entries must be a doe kid, purebred or commercial under 2 years of age that has never freshened. The goat must have passed the pre-show veterinary inspection.
- This show is Canadian Goat Society sanctioned.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$15, 2nd: \$10, others: \$5

#### Showmanship Classes: 1 - 4:

- Novice - Youth 8 years and under as of January 1st
- Junior - Youth between 9 - 12 years as of January 1st
- Intermediate - Youth between 13 - 16 years as of January 1st
- Senior - Youth between 17 - 21 years as of January 1st

## Heavy Horse Section

Chairpersons: Blair Purcell (416-930-0090), Kathryn Purcell (647-986-1897)

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Veterinarian: Port Perry Veterinary Services - see page 42

\* Online entries accepted at

<https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> until the day before the show.

\* Hard copy entry forms will be accepted on the day of the show in the Entry Trailer Show Office beside the in-field show ring.

#### Additional Rules:

- Exhibitors may enter 2 entries per Class.
- The order of showing will be as listed in the book.
- On the decision of the judges, any animal or animals not worthy of a prize will be disqualified.
- An **Exhibitor fee of \$10.00** will apply. Exhibitors will not be charged any percentage of prize money won.
- Entry Fees: **\*\*NEW FOR 2026\*\*** There is no entry fee for classes.
- Proper attire must be worn in the show ring.
- The Heavy Horse Show will be shown in the new infield show ring, starting at 9:30 am on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026. All heavy horse exhibitors please note the **9:30 am starting time**. We would ask for everyone's cooperation in helping us to get started on time and to keep the classes moving. For anyone wishing to come to the Markham Fairgrounds on Friday, October 2nd, 2026 the show committee will do their best to have facilities in the race barn available to you for the night.
- Brood mare showing evidence of being in foal or having raised a foal during the current year - exhibitor is required to show the mare with foal at foot or the registration certificate of the foal must be provided if the foal is not shown.

- I. Entry forms must be filled out completely - proper registered name, registration number (Canadian), sire and dam's name and number. Registration papers may be requested at ringside.
- J. In the filly and colt classes, if there are 3 entries or less the two classes will be combined.
- K. Exhibitors must show proof of liability insurance of \$2,000,000.00



## Heavy Horse Show - Order of Show

1. Draft Halter, **Filly foaled in 2026**
2. Draft Halter, **Colt foaled in 2026**
23. Haflinger, **Foal of 2026 Colt, Filly or Gelding**
3. Draft Halter, **Yearling Filly or Colt**
11. Draft Halter, **Registered Belgian Yearling Filly, Ontario bred and owned**
24. Haflinger, **Yearling Colt, Filly, or Gelding**
4. Draft Halter, **2-year old Mare**
25. Haflinger, **2 Year Old Colt, Filly, or Gelding**
5. Draft Halter, **2-year old Gelding or Stallion**
26. Haflinger, **3 Year Old Colt, Filly, or Gelding**
6. Draft Halter, **3-year old and over Yeld Mare**
27. Haflinger, **Haflinger Mare 4 years and older**
7. Draft Halter, **3-year old and over Stallion**
28. Haflinger, **Haflinger Stallion 4 years and older**
8. Draft Halter, **3-year old and over Gelding**
29. Haflinger, **Haflinger Gelding 4 years and older**
9. Draft Halter, **Brood Mare any age**  
Haflinger, **Grand & Reserve Champion - 1st & 2nd from calsses 23-29**
10. Draft Halter, **Progeny of Dam**
32. Haflinger, **Haflinger Junior Showmanship - Open to boys and girls 7-18 years. Stallions 1 year and older not permitted.**  
Draft Halter, **Grand & Reserve Champion - 1st & 2nd from class 1-9.**
21. Draft Hitch, **Junior Showmanship (7-13 yrs. as of January 1st, 2026).**
30. Haflinger, **Haflinger Adult Riding (19 years and older). English or Western.**
22. Draft Hitch, **Senior Showmanship (14-20 yrs. as of January 1st, 2026).**

31. Haflinger, **Haflinger Youth Riding (18 years and under). English or Western**
18. Draft Hitch, **Open Riding Draft (English or Western)**
16. Draft Hitch, **North American Six Horse Hitch Classic Series.**
39. Haflinger, **Haflinger Six Horse Hitch**
15. Draft Hitch, **Ontario 4 Horse Hitch Series**
38. Haflinger, **Haflinger Four**
14. Draft Hitch, **Unicorn**
37. Haflinger, **Haflinger Unicorn**
13. Draft Hitch, **Team of Registered Mares**
36. Haflinger, **Haflinger Team**
12. Draft Hitch, **Gelding or Grade Mare Team**
35. Haflinger, **Haflinger Ladies Cart**
20. Draft Hitch, **Classic Cart**
34. Haflinger, **Haflinger Pleasure Single**
19. Draft Hitch, **Ladies Cart (18 years or older).**
33. Haflinger, **Haflinger Draft Single**
17. Draft Hitch, **Youth Classic Cart - accompanied by a capable driver 18 yrs. or older.**
40. Haflinger, **Haflinger Junior Driver Cart Class**

## Section 48: Draft Halter

Show: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 at 9:30 am  
Show Judge: Luke Williams

**Prizes:** 1st: \$65, 2nd: \$60, 3rd: \$55, 4th: \$50, 5th: \$45, 6th: \$40, 7th: \$35, 8th: \$30

### Classes:

1. Filly foaled in 2026
2. Colt foaled in 2026
3. Yearling Filly or Colt
4. 2-year old Mare
5. 2-year old Gelding or Stallion
6. 3-year old and over Yeld Mare
7. 3-year old and over Stallion
8. 3-year old and over Gelding
9. Brood Mare any age
10. Progeny of Dam

**Grand & Reserve Champion - 1st & 2nd from class 1-9.**  
Rosettes only.

### Special Belgian Class (No Entry Fee):

**Prizes:** 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$80, 3rd: \$60, 4th: \$40, 5th: \$20, 6th: \$20, 7th: \$20, 8th: \$20, 9th: \$20, 10th: \$20, others: \$0

11. Registered Belgian Yearling Filly, Ontario bred and owned

Note of eligibility to Class #11:

\$300.00 is donated by the Ontario Belgian Horse Association and \$100.00 is donated by the Fair. The Filly must be from a mare owned by a resident of the Province of Ontario at the time of service and sired by a stallion owned and standing in the Province of Ontario at the time of service. The owner must be a member of the Ontario Belgian Horse Association for the

current year. For 2026, the fillies must have been nominated with the Ontario Belgian Horse Association by March 1. The prize money for this class will be paid to each exhibitor by the Ontario Belgian Horse Association at the annual awards banquet.

**Exhibitors in this class are no longer required to provide a certificate to be signed by the Judge.**

## Section 52: Draft Hitch

Show: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026  
All Breeds Show Together

### Classes #12-13:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$90, 3rd: \$80, 4th: \$70, 5th: \$65, 6th: \$60

12. Gelding or Grade Mare Team
13. Team of Registered Mares

### Class #14:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$150, 2nd: \$125, 3rd: \$95, 4th: \$85, 5th: \$75, others: \$70

14. Unicorn

### Class #15:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$750, 2nd: \$550, 3rd: \$350

15. Ontario 4 Horse Hitch Series

### Class #16:

Markham Fair is pleased to be a qualifying show for the North American Six Horse Hitch Classic Series.

This class will be co-sponsored by Markham Fair. Class to start at approx. 1:15 pm subject to change.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$1250, 2nd: \$1000, 3rd: \$750, 4th: \$500, 5th: \$400, others: \$250

16. North American Six Horse Hitch Classic Series.

### Class #17:

(Entries in this class not eligible for any other driving class).  
Memorial award donated by Gord & Aileen Lunau.

**Prize:** \$10

- prize paid to all entrants

17. Youth Classic Cart - accompanied by a capable driver 18 yrs. or older.

### Class #18:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$40, 2nd: \$35, 3rd: \$30, 4th: \$25, others: \$10

18. Open Riding Draft (English or Western)

### Class #19:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$60, 2nd: \$55, 3rd: \$50, 4th: \$45, 5th: \$40, 6th: \$35  
19. Ladies Cart (18 years or older).

### Class #20:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$400, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$200, 4th: \$150, others: \$100  
20. Classic Cart

### Showmanship:

Ribbons Only

21. Junior Showmanship (7-13 yrs. as of January 1st, 2026).

**Prize:** Award donated by J.O. Spang Memorial

22. Senior Showmanship (14-20 yrs. as of January 1st, 2026).

**Prize:** Award donated by Ashlane Farms.

Both Showmanship classes include showing a draft horse on the line, (stallions 1 year and over must not be used) with the following areas to be considered: walk, trot, turn, watching judge, backup presentation, suitability of showman to horse, handling, grooming, decorations, appointments, appearance, ability to handle & control horse and protective footwear.

Both juniors and seniors showing a Percheron horse in this class will receive points towards The Ontario Percheron Horse Association

Junior Showmanship Program. Both juniors and seniors showing a Belgian horse in this class will receive points towards The Ontario Belgian Horse Association Junior Showmanship Program.

Both the Ontario Belgian Horse Association and the Ontario Jr. Percheron Association have each supported this class with a contribution of \$25.00.

## Section 53: Horse Pull

Pull Date: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Chairpersons: Karen & Allin Lewis (905-862-8286), Kaleigh Lewis Todd (905-449-6014)

Veterinarian: Port Perry Veterinary Services - see page 42

Teams that would like to preregister can contact the Chairperson at the phone number listed above or enter online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair>

**Please note:** Scales will close at 6:00 pm sharp. No one other than teamsters and helpers will be allowed in the Pull area.

**Rules:** Markham Fair is a member of the O.V.H.D.A. and their official rules will be applied to this Show. A copy of the Rules will be available at the Fair office and shown below.

### Ottawa Valley Horse Drawing Association Rules for 2026

1. All teams are subject to a drug test. Detailed explanation in Rule#18 Section A-J
2. All teamsters / representatives must have proof of current

liability insurance for "horse pulling" in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000)

3. All teamsters / representatives and owners must be a paid up participating member (\$50.00) of OVHDA and in good standing in order to draw in an OVHDA sanctioned pull.

4. There will be no alcoholic beverages used by the teamster / representative, helpers or officials while in the drawing area. If it is deemed that excessive drinking has taken place before or during the horse pull, appropriate action will be taken.

5. All teams must be weighed the day of the draw on association scales if available with halter and loose shank. Absolutely no lifting and teams weigh only twice. If a person argues about the weight of his team, he will have the choice to draw in the heavy class or withdraw his team from the contest. Scales will be open a minimum of 2½ hours prior to the scheduled pull time and weighing can begin as soon as the scales are set up. Lightweight teams weigh once per weekend (Thursday – Monday) on OVHDA, CCHPA, EODHA or Northern Draft Horse club scales and your team must enter and pull when weighed at the first pull with the exception if a pull is cancelled due inclement weather, weight slips will be honored. Lightweight class is 3400 lb. and under with a grace of 25 lb. and heavyweight class is over 3400 lb. A horse or team can only draw in one class and must complete 2 draws to collect hitch money where paid. Distance pullers can rent OVHDA scales and their weigh slips will be accepted by OVHDA if team weighs 3400 lb. and under.

6. Each teamster must pull to the end with no quitting and will take 1 fair hitch on their last load. If a teamster / representative chooses to quit, it must be declared before they start loading the boat for the next round. If this is not done and he refuses to pull on the last load, he will forfeit and not receive any prize money.

7. A teamster / representative is allowed to enter and drive more than 1 team per class at OVHDA pulls and will draw for their pulling order prior to the beginning of the contest.

8. When a team enters the pulling area with or without blinders, they must stay that way for the duration of the contest. Adjustments to blinders during the pull are not allowed.

9. A) Length of a draw is 15 feet and a total of 5 minutes is allowed to complete 2 draws. The stone boat is to be drawn one way only however, can be drawn both ways for several rounds if deemed safe by the judge and fair board committee. Side lines are to be 18 ft. apart. If the boat is within 36" from the side lines the next contestant can request to have the boat centered.

B) When it is a distance pull -- teams will be allowed 2 attempts to pull the boat 15 ft. in one try. Their second attempt can be taken where the boat is or back to the start line if the boat has already been spotted.

Anything over a 4" chuck in A or B above will be classified as one draw.

10. A teamster / representative is allowed 2 helpers and they must remain behind the leading edge of the whiffletrees while horses are drawing. After completing the first draw there will be no change of teamster / representative except in the case of injury.

11. If there is a break in harness the teamster / representative he has the option to keep that distance or start over. If he

chooses to start over, the boat will be placed at the start of the course. Time to repair and break in harness will be determined by the Judge.

12. All teams are to remain stationary in the holding area until winners are determined. It is the responsibility of the teamster / representative to ensure their horses are attended to at all times.

13. A runaway or out of control team: 1st offence – horses will automatically be eliminated from the contest and given a 5 pull suspension followed by 5 pulls with the lines being tailed. 2nd offence – horse(s) will be banned from pulling at OVHDA sanctioned pulls. For both offence's horses will be tested at the expense of the teamster/representative and prize money will be forfeited to OVHDA.

14. No non-member competitor will not be allowed to pull his horses in another member's name.

15. A draw will be disqualified if:

A) horse steps on or over the line or markers while hooked to the boat and in motion

B) horses are beaten, lines are swung or foul language is used

C) helpers interfere in any way after horse are hitched

D) teamster / representative or helpers head the horses while drawing or hitching

E) teamster / representative or helpers slap, push or touch the horses with hands, lines or whiffletrees in the ring.

No check slaps will be allowed.

16. Any teamster / representative or helper will automatically be ejected from the contest and all winning forfeited if :

A) he argues with the Judge

B) any abuse such as slashing, kicking or beating of horses takes place while in the holding area. There will be no chasing of horses around the ring. Decisions to be made by the Judge or Committee.

17. All decisions made by the judge are final. All OVHDA judges will be sanctioned by the Board of Directors before judging at OVHDA horse pulls.

18. Detailed explanation of Rule #1 - Drug Testing

All teams are subject to a drug test at any time with NO DRUGS OR STEROIDS to be allowed. Urine or blood samples only to be taken. Testing to be done at random by a licensed veterinarian or technician. Horses being tested are to be taken to an isolated area when possible or are to be taken directly to the drug testing area and then unharnessed. Horses and teamster / representative to remain until the urine or blood sample has been collected. A waiting time of 1½ hours is compulsory and if a urine or blood sample has not been collected within this limit, horses will be free to go. Teamster / representative or other authorize person to remain with the team at the drug testing area at all times. No team is to be left unattended.

A) Teamster / representative will forfeit placing and prize money.

B) The prize money for the teams tested must be given by the fair board to OVHDA to hold until test results are received. If a team tests positive, the prize money will go to OVHDA to defray the cost of the test.

C) When a drug test is done, the fair board should not pay the

prize money until the tests have been cleared.

D) If there is a run-away or any damages caused by a team, that team will be impounded and drug tested immediately with the owner paying all costs. They will be placed last and will forfeit their prize money and the team will also be suspended from further contests until their drug test results are received.

E) Teamster / representative name and horses name to be publicized in our monthly newsletter for a period of 1 year from the date of the test results.

F) A letter will be sent to all fair boards advising them of a positive test.

G) Any voting member if found guilty will lose voting privileges in the Association for a period of 1 year.

H) \*The teamster / representative will pay a fine of \$1000 for 1st offence, \$2000 for 2nd offence and \$4000 for 3rd offence and there will be no suspension of horses or teamster / representative once the fine is paid. Any open offences prior to this change remain. All fines must be paid in cash.

I) A person under suspension is prohibited from driving, hitching and/or helping in the ring once the contest has commenced.

J) Ottawa Valley Horse Drawing Association Inc. and Central Canadian Horse Pulling Association will honor each other's drug testing penalties if there is a positive test.

19. A teamster / representative can request the help of another teamster to tail the lines at the judge's or any teamster's discretion.

Revised 28 Feb/2023 Removed from 2022 rules paragraph 2 Rule#19, Removed Rule#16 and reworded Rule#9

**Prizes:** 1st: \$800, 2nd: \$750, 3rd: \$700, 4th: \$650, 5th: \$600, others: \$400

### Classes #1 & 2:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$800, 2nd: \$750, 3rd: \$700, 4th: \$650, 5th: \$600, others: \$400

1. Light Weight Pull - Team whose combined girth does not exceed 165" and weighs less than 3300 lbs.
2. Heavy Weight Pull - Team whose combined girth exceeds 165" and weighs more than 3300 lbs.

### Awards:

#### Light Weight:

Additional Prize Money provided by:

**Schell Country Depot** - 1st - \$200

**Wood Brothers Drywall** - 2nd - \$200

**Roughley Insurance Brokers** - 3rd - \$100

**Roughley Insurance Brokers** - 4th - \$100

**Roughley Insurance Brokers** - 5th - \$50

**Birkett Hassard Insurance Brokers** - Best Handler - \$100

**Mike Tavares** - Team Farthest From Home - \$50

**Lorne's Transport (Brian Morganson)** - Oldest Driver - \$100

**Teresa Bakker** - Youngest Driver - \$50

**Teresa Bakker** - Second Youngest Driver - \$50

**Lundy Lanes (Steve Lundy)** - Best Turnout - \$100

**Meadow and Glow** - Most Heart - \$100

### Heavy Weight:

Additional Prize Money provided by:

**John Doner Ltd.** - 1st - \$200

**Wood Brothers Drywall** - 2nd - \$200

**Roughley Insurance Brokers** - 3rd - \$100

**Roughley Insurance Brokers** - 4th - \$100

**Roughley Insurance Brokers** - 5th - \$50

**Lundy Lane (Steve Lundy)** - Best Handler - \$100

**Mike Tavares** - Team Farthest From Home - \$50

**Lorne's Transport (Brian Morganson)** - Oldest Driver - \$100

**Teresa Bakker** - Youngest Driver - \$50

**Teresa Bakker** - Second Youngest Driver - \$50

**Gord and Krista Appleton** - Best Turnout - \$100

**Meadow and Glow** - Most Heart - \$100



## Section 85: Haflinger

Show: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 at 9:30 am

Show Judge: Luke Williams

### Halter Classes:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$45, 3rd: \$40, 4th: \$35, 5th: \$25, 6th: \$20

23. Foal of 2026 Colt, Filly or Gelding

24. Yearling Colt, Filly, or Gelding

25. 2 Year Old Colt, Filly, or Gelding

26. 3 Year Old Colt, Filly, or Gelding

27. Haflinger Mare 4 years and older

28. Haflinger Stallion 4 years and older

29. Haflinger Gelding 4 years and older

**Grand & Reserve Champion - 1st & 2nd from classes 23-29**

No prize money.

30. Haflinger Adult Riding (19 years and older). English or Western. Walk Trot or Jog only.

31. Haflinger Youth Riding (18 years and under). English or Western Walk Trot or Jog only.

### Class #32:

**Prize:** \$10

- prize paid to all entrants

32. Haflinger Junior Showmanship - Open to boys and girls 7-18 years. Stallions 1 year and older not permitted.

### Hitch Classes:

#### Classes #33-35:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$65, 2nd: \$60, 3rd: \$55, 4th: \$50, 5th: \$45, 6th: \$30, 7th: \$30

33. Haflinger Draft Single

34. Haflinger Pleasure Single

35. Haflinger Ladies Cart

### Class #36:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$75, 2nd: \$70, 3rd: \$60, 4th: \$55, 5th: \$50, 6th: \$45

36. Haflinger Team

### Class #37:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$80, 2nd: \$70, 3rd: \$65, 4th: \$60, 5th: \$55, 6th: \$50

37. Haflinger Unicorn

### Class #38:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$90, 3rd: \$85, 4th: \$80, 5th: \$75, 6th: \$70

38. Haflinger Four

### Class #39:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$120, 2nd: \$110, 3rd: \$100, 4th: \$90, 5th: \$80, 6th: \$70

39. Haflinger Six Horse Hitch

### Class #40:

**Prize:** \$10

- prize paid to all entrants

40. Haflinger Junior Driver Cart Class



## 4-H Activities

Chairpersons: Michelle Hulshof (905-505-6095), Ashley Beckett (416-526-1197), Kaitlin Francis (647-989-8771)

The primary purpose of the 4-H Program is the **Personal Development of Youth.**

### 4-H WANTS YOU!

If you are between the ages of 6-21, you can join 4-H, whether you live in town or in the country. As a member, you will belong to a club that focuses on a specific project and meets approximately six times a year. At 4-H, you "Learn To Do By Doing", developing hands-on skills, confidence, and leadership through fun and engaging experiences.

In York Region, we offer a variety of Livestock Clubs, including Dairy, Sheep, Goat, and Rabbit, where members gain valuable experience in animal care and responsibility. Our General Interest clubs provide exciting opportunities to explore different hobbies and skills. Members can learn about herbs and spices in Spice of Life, discover locally grown produce in Ontario Tasty Fruits and Vegetables, or develop outdoor skills in Outdoor Living. The A Greener Life: Cosmetics club teaches how to create eco-friendly beauty products, while Go For The Gold offers a fun and competitive learning experience. Those with a creative side can join Nature Journaling to capture the beauty of the outdoors through art and writing, or develop sewing skills in Quilting. For holiday enthusiasts, the Christmas club brings festive fun with crafts and baking, while the Ice Cream club is perfect for those who love making and tasting homemade frozen treats.

For younger members, Cloverbuds (ages 6-8) provides a chance to explore a variety of 4-H clubs and offers a fun introduction to the program. 4-H also provides opportunities to develop public speaking and leadership skills, helping members grow in confidence and ability.

For more information about 4-H in York Region, please contact Sheila Ducheck at 4hyork@gmail.com. To learn more about 4-H Ontario, visit [www.4-hontario.ca](http://www.4-hontario.ca).

Before entering this Section, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** as well as the following:

**\* Entries Open: Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or on a Markham Fair 4-H Entry Form and sent to the Markham Fair Office). (Section 56 entries to be made ringside on the day of show).**

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

#### Additional Rules:

- A. All entrants must be registered 4-H members!
- B. No entry fee is required for 4-H classes only, but there will be a \$2.00 late charge on all entries received after September 17th, 2026. Entries received on September 29th or later will be charged a \$10.00 late charge. **Include a copy of Animal Registration Papers for all Beef and Dairy Classes.**

- C. No animals are to leave the barn before 5:00 pm on show day.
- D. Please refer to Section 23 - All Breeds Dairy Show - for the Open Show.
- E. Someone must be with the animals at all times.
- F. No entry can be used from previous years.
- G. **4-H members must show their project animals in confirmation classes.**

**HARVEY BROWN MEMORIAL 4-H Award:**

The late Harvey Brown was well known for his interest in youth activities, especially those occurring at Markham Fair. In recognition of his support of 4-H activities over the years, the York Region 4-H Association will sponsor the Harvey Brown Memorial 4-H Award which started in 2005. The recipient of this annual award must be a registered 4-H member in York Region and will receive a small keeper plaque, with his/her name engraved on a larger perpetual plaque which will be on display at Markham Fair. The award will be presented at the November York Region 4-H Awards and recognition night. The recipient of this award will be determined based on participation in 4-H events that are published in the Markham Fair Prize List as official 4-H events. These include any of the 4-H livestock shows (club and interclub) as well as any entries in the 4-H General Exhibits. A point system will be determined based on # of entries in these official 4-H events as well as the individual's placing in each of the 4-H events entered.

## Section 54: 4-H Exhibits

Exhibits are to be set up on Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm and removed on Sunday, October 4th, 2026, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

**Classes:**

1. **4-H CLUB DISPLAYS** - Open to all 4-H Clubs in York that participated in a 4-H project during the fall of 2025 or during the 2026 year. - Exhibits shall be based on an educational aspect of the 4-H project and prepared by club members or youth leaders.
  - Exhibits shall be displayed on a table and shall be no more than 3' wide.
  - All exhibits will be judged by scorecards on the following basis:

General Appearance.....	20
Power to attract attention.....	25
Message.....	25
Unity in presenting message.....	15
Quality of materials.....	15
Total: .....	100

**Classes #2-5:**

2. **ART:** Create a Farm to Table Menu Card. Showcasing food and farm products you would use for appetizers, main course, desert and drinks. Menu cards can be created digitally or by hand using design features such as borders, titles, subtitles, colours, layout. Foods used must include local farms you would get them from. **Judging to be based on creativity, attention to detail, and quality of work.**
3. **JOURNAL:** Observation of a landscape and/or natural phenomena and/or organism. Any page format, but not exceeding 12x12 inches in total. Must contain meta data: date, place, time, weather, temperature. Words, pictures and numbers are to be used together to note main observations. Entry must include observations ("I notice..."), connections ("It reminds me of...") and questions from observations ("I wonder..."). Any media suitable for sketchbook work allowed. **Notes must be legible and tidy, entry can show traces of having been completed outside but not utterly messy.**
4. **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Submit a series of three 5x7 colour images of ordinary household items from unique angles to make them unrecognizable, focusing on texture and light. Captions must be below the photo to describe the picture. Photographs are to be 5" x 7" colour prints, mounted on a half piece of black bristol board. All photos must be taken in the 2026 year. The entry tag must be on the bottom right-hand corner.
5. **SALSA:** Make fresh Salsa using the recipe below. Salsa is to be placed in a small mason jar (250ml). No fancy labels or materials. Salsa should be made no earlier than September 26th.

**Salsa**

**Ingredients:**

- 1 1/4 lbs ripe Roma tomatoes\* (about 5-6)
- 1 (14.5 oz) can petite diced tomatoes\*\*
- 2 green onions,\*\*\* ends trimmed, chopped into thirds
- 1/3 cup chopped red onion (about 1/4 of a medium)
- 1 jalapeno pepper,\*\*\* seeded and roughly chopped
- 1/3 cup fresh cilantro (about a handful)
- 1 large clove garlic, roughly chopped
- 2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp granulated sugar (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

**Instructions:**

1. Combine all ingredients in a food processor and pulse in 1-second bursts until all ingredients are finely chopped. Blender may be used, or chopped by hand.
2. Note that salsa always tastes best after it's been refrigerated for a few hours, so if time allows let the flavours marinate together before serving.
3. Store in refrigerator up to 1 week.

**Notes:**

- \* Use best quality tomatoes or salsa will be lacking in flavour.
- \*\* Canned diced tomatoes with mild green chilies, or canned fire-roasted tomatoes, also work great.
- \*\*\* For a slightly stronger onion flavour you can just omit green onions and use about 3/4 cup red onion (or 1/2 of a medium onion).
- \*\*\*\* You can leave the seeds or use a serrano pepper for a spicy salsa. Sometimes I like to substitute a few canned chipotle peppers with some adobo sauce for the jalapeno. This is also a spicier option.
- Another tasty addition is to include 1/2 bell pepper, or 1 poblano or Anaheim pepper.
- For a thinner salsa, you can add in a bit of tomato juice or tomato sauce if desired.

Recipe from

<https://www.cookingclassy.com/fresh-homemade-salsa/>

### Classes #6-7:

- 6. QUILTING:** Create a machine-sewn patchwork quilt with finished-sized squares of 9.5 x 9.5 inches. Final quilt dimensions not to exceed 48" x 68" or 5 squares x 7 squares. The quilt-top must be machine quilted in a pattern of the creator's choice (e.g., diagonal, decorative, or stitch-in-the-ditch). Binding is not required. Quilted pillow sewn to the quilt surface to measure 17 x 17 inches. Quilted pillow may be completed as a printed panel or a pieced panel, in any design. The quillow is to be machine-sewn and made from fabric of the creator's choice (e.g., cotton, fleece or flannel). The fill layer of the quillow (quilt plus quilted pillow) can be cotton, polyester-cotton, or polyester only. Hand-stitching or other embellishments are optional. **Judging will be based on quality of stitching and visual appeal.**
- 7. Lego:** Create a useful household item from Lego. Display it with a prop to show the context of it being used, or (if dimensions or value of prop don't allow display) add one photo to your Lego structure showing it in actual use. Dimensions of Lego structure & prop / photo: not exceeding 12"(width) x 12" (depth) x 8" (height). **Judging to be based on: 1) Does the structure serve as a useful household item? 2) Is the item structurally sound? 3) Is the design neat and appealing?**

### Class #8:

\$10 for all worthy entries

- 8. 4-H CLOVERBUDS:** Create wearable art ( face mask) no bigger than an 8 inch paper plate using any medium to decorate. Open to all pre-4-H members (6-8 years old). **Judging to be based on creativity, use of materials, and quality of work.**

### AWARDS:

**John Pike Memorial - (Class #4)**

**Timber Creek Golf - (Class #2)**



## Section 55: York 4-H Dairy

Show: Thursday, October 1st, 2026 at 11:00 am

Leaders: Brad Hulshof, Lieke Hulshof, Matthew Reesor, Gary Pegg, Amanda Johnson, Emma Hardman

Judge: TBA

### Showmanship:

Classes #1-3: \$10 for all worthy entries

- 1. Jr. Showmanship** - 4-H members 9-14 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026
- 2. Intermediate Showmanship** - 4-H members 15-17 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026
- 3. Sr. Showmanship** - 4-H members 18-21 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026

**Grand Champion Showmanship / Reserve Award:** Hulshof Family

## Section 56: Member and Calf Costume

**Note:** Showperson to register before 1:00 pm ringside, the day of the show only.

**Show:** Thursday, October 1st, 2026 at 3:30 pm (or following the Open Dairy Show)

**Prize:** Ribbon Only

### Classes:

- 1. 4-H Member and Calf Costume Contest** You're invited to dress up your 4-H calf and yourself and enter our Costume Contest. Can your calf wear pants, fairy wings, or a funny hat? Can she be a "super calf" with a cape, or can she be a bride dressed in a gown and veil? You dress to match or compliment.

Competition begins around 3:30 pm or after the completion of the Dairy Show. Judging to be based on creativity, number of details, effort, and ability to match or complement each other.

## Section 57: York 4-H Goat Showmanship

Show: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 at 2:00 pm (or immediately following the Goat Show)

Leaders: Michelle Primeau, Carrie Purcell, Taucha Inrig

### Showmanship:

Classes #1-3: \$10 for all worthy entries

1. **Jr. Showmanship** - 4-H members 9-11 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026
2. **Intermediate Showmanship** - 4-H members 12-15 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026
3. **Senior Showmanship** - 4-H members 16-21 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026

**Grand Champion Showmanship / Reserve**

## Section 58: York 4-H Rabbit

Show: Sunday, October 4th, 2026 at 9:30 am - Livestock Arena

Leaders: Sarah Kellington, Sean Chubbuck, Taucha Inrig

### Showmanship:

Classes #1-3: \$10 for all worthy entries

1. **Junior Showmanship** 4-H member 9-11 yrs old before January 1st, 2026
2. **Intermediate Showmanship** 4-H member 12-15 yrs old before January 1st, 2026
3. **Senior Showmanship** 4-H member 16-21 yrs old before January 1st, 2026

**Grand Champion Showmanship / Reserve**

### Conformation:

Classes #4-5: Ribbon Only

4. **Rabbit Conformation - Market**
5. **Rabbit Conformation - Fancy**

**Grand Champion Rabbit / Reserve**

## Section 59: York 4-H Cavy

Show: NO SHOW THIS YEAR

## 4-H Calf Interclub Shows

Before entering any of the 4-H Interclub Sections, please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** as well as the following:

\* **Entries Open:** Saturday, August 1st, 2026 online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or on a Markham Fair 4-H Entry Form and submitted to the Markham Fair Office giving all the information that is required).

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

Please read the following instructions carefully:

A. No entry fee is required for 4-H classes only, but there will be a \$2.00 late charge on all entries received after September 17th, 2026. Entries received on September 29, 2026 or later will be charged a \$10.00 late charge.

B. Please provide a copy of the animal registration form as proof of animal.

C. No animals are to leave the barn before 5:00 pm on show day.

**D. Please refer to Section 23 - All Breeds Open Dairy Show for confirmation classes.**

E. Someone must be with the animals at all times.

F. CFIA TAGs: Please be aware that all livestock must arrive with CFIA tags, they are to be tagged before they leave the farm. Should they arrive without tags, and the inspectors discover this, you are putting yourself at risk of a \$1,300 fine, as well as a \$1300 fine for the trucker and another \$1,300 fine for the Markham Fair. Markham Fair will refuse any animals that are not tagged.

## Section 60: 4-H Dairy Interclub Show

Show: Thursday, October 1st, 2026 at 1:00 pm

Judge: TBA

**Prizes:** 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$15, 4th: \$13, 5th: \$12, others: \$10

### 4-H Showmanship Classes::

1. Novice  
- 4-H members 9-11 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026
2. Junior  
- 4-H members 12-14 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026
3. Intermediate  
- 4-H members 15-17 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026
4. Senior  
- 4-H members 18-21 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026

**4-H Grand Champion Showmanship / Reserve Ribbon only**

**For 4-H Dairy Interclub Calf Classes, please enter Section 23 All Breeds Open Dairy Show.**

## Section 61: 4-H Beef Interclub Show

Show: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 at 10:00 am

**Prizes:** 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$15, 4th: \$13, 5th: \$12, others: \$10

## Showmanship Classes::

1. Junior  
- 4-H members 9-14 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026
2. Intermediate  
- 4-H members 15-17 yrs. Old before January 1st, 2026
3. Senior  
- 4-H members 18-21 yrs. old before January 1st, 2026

**Grand Champion Showmanship / Reserve Ribbon only**

## Beef Heifer Classes:

4. Junior Heifer calf  
January 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2026
5. Junior Heifer Yearling  
April 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025
6. Senior Heifer Yearling  
January 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2025

**Champion Heifer / Reserve Prizes:** 1st: Ribbon only

7. Market Animal – Market Condition by Achievement Day

# Light Horse Show

**Chairpersons:** Blair Purcell (416-930-0090), Kathryn Purcell (647-986-1897)

**Show Announcer:** John Lester

**Show Farrier:** Blair Purcell (on-call only)

**Veterinarian:** Port Perry Veterinary Services - see page 42



## Light Horse Show - Rules and Regulations

**Note:** Before entering any Class in the Light Horse Show please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** as well as the following:

1. Every entry at a recognized Show shall constitute an agreement with the person making it lessee, trainer, manager, agent coach, driver, rider, and the horse shall be subject to the constitution and the rules of the federation, the local rules of the show and that every horse, rider and/or driver is eligible as entered and that the owner and any of his representatives are bound by the constitution and The Show, accept as final the decision of The Hearing Committee on any question arising under said rules and agree to hold the show, their officials,

directors, and employees harmless for any action taken.

2. Entries are to be made online at

<https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> (or on a Horse Show entry form sent to the Markham Fair Office). Entries can be made on the morning of the show at the horse show office, however we do encourage pre-entry through AssistExpo. **All fees must be received with the entry form.**

3. There will be no Entry Fee for classes, only an Exhibitor Fee of \$10 per exhibitor.

4. No fee will be refunded without submission of a proper certified Veterinary Certificate, which must be received by The Show Manager for approval within 48 hours of completion of the show.

5. No fee will be refunded after entries are made and the Show is in progress.

6. Ribbons and/or Prize Money as designated will be awarded in each Class.

7. In the event of the Show not having sufficient funds or entries to pay prize money in full, the Show Manager reserves the right to deduct the necessary percentage.

8. The Show Committee reserves the right to combine or cancel Classes that do not fill.

9. The Judge has the power to rule out any entry that he considers does not belong to the Class in which it is entered.

10. All other Markham Fair General Rules & Regulations also apply and will be enforced by the Horse Show Committee.

11. No exhibitor shall be allowed to be present while the judges are discharging duties. Any person who shall attempt to interfere with the judges, directors, or officers of the Society, or who shall on the premises use any contemptuous or abusive language to any judge, director, or officers shall forfeit his right to any premiums to which he may be entitled, and shall be excluded from exhibiting for one year thereafter; judges or officers are particularly requested to immediately report any breach of this rule. All disqualifications in this and the next following rules may be published with their awards.

12. Upon the discovery of any fraud, deception, or dishonest practice, either in the preparation of ownership or any fraudulent representation concerning any entry exhibited, the directors shall have the power to withhold the payment of any or all premiums awarded to the exhibitor proven to be guilty of such offense.

13. The Show is operated under the General Rules & Regulations of Markham Fair. All other Classes will be governed by the Breed Association rules and/or the rules of Markham Fair.

14. Classes will be called promptly. First call when second Class ahead enters the ring. Second call when preceding Class enters the ring. Third call while ribbons are being awarded in preceding Class. Two minutes will be allowed after the first horse in the Class enters the ring.

15. In the event due to an illness or failure of an official to attend this Show or perform his duties, the Show Committee reserves the right to substitute an official for the one who is officially designated in the prize list.

16. Exhibitors are warned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials on the part of the owner, groom,

## Section 86: Welsh & Sport Pony

Date: Sunday, October 4th, 2026

Show Start Time: 9:00 am

Shown: In Infield Ring

Judge: Maureen Quackenbush

Before entering this Section, Please refer to the **General Rules & Regulations** of Markham Fair, as well as the **Light Horse Show Rules** as well as the following:

\* Electronic entry forms accepted on

<https://www.assistexpo.ca/markham-fair> until Friday, October 2nd at 4:00 pm EDT.

### Important Additional Information for Welsh and Sport Pony Classes:

#### 2026 SPORT PONY STAR SEARCH CHAMPIONSHIPS - Qualifications

**In order to qualify to compete at the 2026 Royal Sport Pony Star Search a pony must compete and qualify at an approved 2026 qualifier show.**

- This division is open to any registered or unregistered pony meeting the sport pony criteria IE. hunter, jumper, driving, eventing, etc. The first place in each of the 8 classes will qualify to enter the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Sport Pony division. If the first place pony has previously qualified this year then the second place pony will advance (It is the RESPONSIBILITY of the second place handler to obtain this information at the time of placing from the first place handler). Ponies will be measured at the Royal and must be 14.2 hands and under in order to compete. General EC rules for sport horses apply.

- Adults CAN ride a pony. Stallions may NOT be handled or ridden by children at the Royal Winter Fair, but maybe at the qualifying shows discretion.

- To compete in the 2026 Sport pony Finals at the Royal an entry MUST be made prior to the closing date and accepted by the Royal entry department. See [www.royalfair.org](http://www.royalfair.org) for entry forms, closing dates, rules & regulations.

- Ponies qualifying after the Royal closing dates MUST submit a completed Royal entry form before the Royal entry closing date. If these entries are not qualified at the late shows the entry will be returned and no entry money will be charged. Due to late entries being sent this rule will be STRICKLY ENFORCED BY THE ROYAL.

**\*\*ALL PONIES MUST BE ENTERED BY THE ROYAL SPORT PONY CLOSING DATE REGARDLESS OF QUALIFIED STATUS AT THAT TIME. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The SPORT PONY STAR SEARCH CHAMPIONSHIP. The winner will be awarded the perpetual MORTON SPORT PONY CHALLENGE CUP. A silver keeper plate and our sponsors DENWORTH EQUINE MANAGEMENT. Sherri Whitworth-

rider-driver, or handler, will disqualify the horse from adjudication. The management reserves to itself the right to remove the horses, owner or groom, rider, and/or handler from the Show without being liable for compensation or damages.

17. All horses doctored in any way, artificially, improperly or unfairly prepared, or tampered with before coming into the Show arena will be disqualified. If it is ascertained that any exhibitor has made or caused to be made a false statement regarding any animal or article exhibited or shall attempt to interfere with the judge in the performance of his/her duties, he/she shall be excluded from competing or exhibiting.

18. All horses must be serviceably sound. In the case of suspected unsoundness, the judges may, if they desire, have the animal examined by the Veterinarian provided by the committee; the Veterinarian's decision shall be final. No exhibitor may use another Veterinarian's statement to contradict the Judge's decision.

19. No person shall be permitted to enter the arena except participants in the Class, judges and their assistants, and the Show photographer. Attendants will not be permitted in the arena until summoned by the judge.

20. All events will start on schedule. Please have your horse "on deck" one Class ahead of the one in which you are showing. Any clothing or tack changes will have a five-minute time limit. Ringmaster and announcer must be notified at least one Class ahead.

21. Only vehicles and persons taking part in the Light Horse Show will be permitted entrance through the horse gate. If the Gate Attendant feels that this is abused he shall charge the admission fee.

22. All exhibitors must pay an Exhibitor Fee of \$10.00.

23. **Whips And Use Of Whips:** The Show management has set this rule for this horse show. No whip may be used on the Markham Fairgrounds longer than 6' in length including the cracker portion. In the show ring, handlers in Line Classes will be permitted to carry a whip 42" in length including the cracker portion. In Classes which allow a trailer or second handler, a whip may be carried 6' in length including the cracker portion. Any misuse of these whips in any manner, to either an animal, exhibitor, spectator, gate attendant, judge, or any other person, will result in being excused from a Class or disqualification from the Show. The Judge, Show Steward, or Show Manager will give a warning first; if a second warning is required then disqualification will be handed out and all prize money withheld from the guilty party. There shall be no exceptions to this rule. Driving Classes will be permitted to use a driving whip or buggy whip only in their Classes. A judge may excuse an exhibitor at any time from a Class or Show if he/she feels this rule is abused in any manner, either in the show ring or out of the show ring.

24. Limited Light Horse Show stabling (box stalls) is available on a first come first serve basis only. Please telephone the Light Horse Show Chairman in advance to make inquiries.

Denouden and Jeremy Denouden, award a total of \$1000 prize money to the top four and a cooler to the SUPREME CHAMPION.

For information please contact Sport Pony Committee chairman Darlene Morton info@mortonstables.com

### Welsh Champion of Champions

Sponsored by: Prue Richardson of Northwind Farm

Only first place winners of their breed line classes are eligible to enter a qualifier class. All ponies and cobs must be registered. Foals of current year must be eligible for registration. Final judging will be held at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Ontario in November.

A) Two and Under Youngstock - A, B, C & D

B) Three and Over Mare - A, B, C & D

C) Three and Over Stallion or Gelding - A, B, C & D

The judge shall choose both a Champion and Reserve for each of the three qualifier classes. In the event that the Champion is unable to attend the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, the reserve may go instead.

Note: Once an animal has qualified for the finals of the Welsh Champion of Champions it is no longer eligible to compete for a berth in the final qualifying class. In the regular line classes, if the first placed pony has previously qualified for the Welsh Champion of Champions, the second place pony is eligible to move to the qualifying class at that show.

### Show Fees

**Exhibitor fee:** \$10.00 per exhibitor

### Entry fees:

**\*\*NEW FOR 2026\*\*** There are no entry fees.

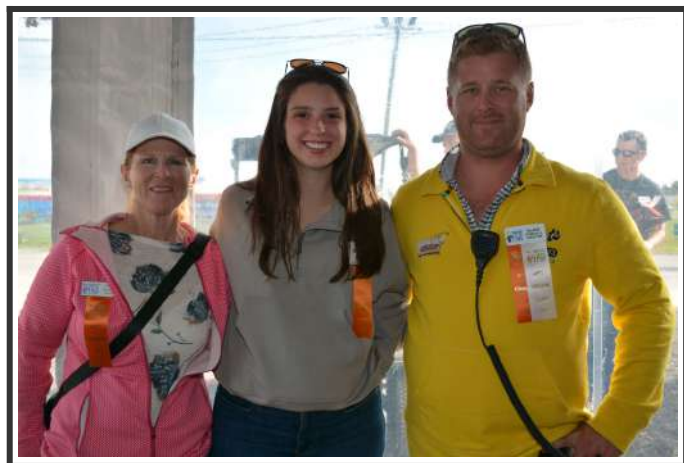
### Prize Money :

Breeding Classes: 1st - \$15, 2nd - \$12, 3rd - \$9, 4th - \$5, 5th - \$4, 6th - \$3, 7th - Ribbon

Performance Classes: 1st - \$30, 2nd - \$25, 3rd - \$20, 4th - \$15, 5th - \$10, 6th - \$5, 7th - Ribbon

Jr. Exhibitor Classes: Ribbons Only

Stake Classes: 1st - \$40, 2nd - \$35, 3rd - \$30, 4th - \$25, 5th - \$20, 6th - \$15, 7th - \$10



## Welsh Pony:

### Welsh Section A:

1. Sec. A: 2 year old and under - Colt, Filly or Gelding
2. Sec. A: 3 year old and over - Mare
3. Sec. A: 3 year old and over - Stallion or Gelding

### Welsh Section A - Champion / Reserve

### Welsh Section B:

4. Sec. B: 2 year old and Under - Colt, Filly or Gelding
5. Sec. B: 3 year old and over - Mare
6. Sec. B: 3 year old and over - Stallion or Gelding

### Welsh Section B - Champion / Reserve

### Welsh Sections C & D:

7. Sec. C & D: 2 year old and under - Colt, Filly or Gelding
8. Sec. C & D: 3 year old and over - Mare
9. Sec. C & D: 3 year old and over - Stallion or Gelding

### Welsh Section C & D - Champion / Reserve

**Grand & Reserve Champion Welsh** - open to Champion and Reserve Champion from Section A, B, C & D. No prize money, ribbon only. EligeB

### Welsh Champion of Champions:

(Eligible are 1st place entries from the corresponding class in Sections A, B, C or D. See rules above.)

**Colt, Filly or Gelding - 2 year old and under** - Sections A, B, C or D

**Mare - 3 year old and over** - Sections A, B, C or D

**Stallion or Gelding - 3 year old and over** - Sections A, B, C or D

### Half Welsh:

10. Half Welsh - 2 year old and under - Colt, Filly or Gelding
11. Half Welsh - 3 year old and over - Mare, Stallion or Gelding

### Half Welsh - Champion / Reserve

## Sport Pony:

12. Sport Pony Foal of current year
13. Sport Pony - Yearling, filly, colt or gelding
14. Sport Pony - Two year old colt, filly or gelding

**Sport Pony Junior Champion / Reserve** (eligible are 1st & 2nd place of class 12, 13, and 14)

15. Sport Pony -- Three year old & over mare
16. Sport Pony - Three year old & over gelding
17. Sport Pony - Three year old & over stallion

**Sport Pony Senior Champion / Reserve** (eligible from classes 15, 16, and 17)

**Sport Pony Grand Champion / Reserve** (eligible are Junior & Reserve Champions and Senior & Reserve Champions)

18. Welsh Senior Showmanship 18 years and older

## Junior Division - Ages as of January 1, 2026

19. Welsh Junior Showmanship 10 years and under
20. Welsh Junior Showmanship 11 to 17 years
21. Welsh Child's Leadline Pony Equitation - Walk only 7 years and under. Riders are NOT eligible for any other riding class.
22. Welsh Child's Leadline Pony Equitation - Walk Trot Only 12 and under. Riders are NOT eligible for any walk/trot classes.
23. Welsh Child's Pony Equitation - Walk Trot 12 and under. Riders are NOT eligible to enter any ridden walk/trot/canter classes.
24. Welsh Child's Pleasure Pony - Walk Trot 12 and under, performance and suitability to count. Riders are NOT eligible to enter any ridden walk/trot/canter classes.

## Performance Division - Under Saddle:

25. Welsh Equitation Under Saddle - Sections A,B,C,D & Half Welsh. Riders 18 years & under as of January 1, 2026.
26. Welsh Equitation Under Saddle - Sections A,B,C,D & Half Welsh. Riders 19 years & over as of January 1,2026.
27. Half Welsh Under Saddle
28. Sport Pony Hunter/Jumper suitability under saddle - Three years & over mare, stallion or gelding.
29. Welsh Pleasure Pony - Section A&B - Adult or Jr to Ride
30. Welsh Pleasure Pony - Section C&D - Adult or Jr to Ride
31. Welsh Open Command - Sections A,B,C&D and Half Welsh
32. Welsh Pleasure Under Saddle Stake - Sections A,B,C&D and Half Welsh
33. Sport Pony Dressage suitability under saddle - Three years & over mare, stallion or gelding.

## Performance Division - Driving:

34. Welsh Pleasure Driving - Sections A & B
35. Welsh Pleasure Driving - Sections C & D
36. Welsh Pleasure Driving - Sections A,B,C&D Jr to drive
37. Half Welsh Pleasure Driving
38. Welsh Pleasure Driving Stake - Section A,B,C&D and Half Welsh

## Welsh & Sport Pony - Order of Show

Please note the classes listed above will be the order of show.

# Grassroots Xtreme Cowboy

Show: Friday, October 2nd, 2026 at

Time: 8:30 am

Shown: Infield Ring

Grassroots Xtreme Cowboy (GREC)

EXCA Sanctioned Race

Extreme Cowboy is an event that challenges both horse and rider to maneuver through a series of trail and farm-based obstacles demonstrating both horsemanship and speed. This race will be open to anyone wanting to race.

For more information contact: Susan Caldwell (416-529-5425).

## Classes:

1. In Hand
2. Lead-Line
3. Young Guns (Age 7-11)
4. Giddy Up Walk Trot (Age 12+)
5. Novice Adult
6. Green Horse
7. Youth (Age 12-17)
8. Intermediate Adult
9. Non-Pro (Age 12+)
10. Ride Smart (Age 55+)
11. Pro
12. Open/Jackpot (Age 12+)

## Rules & Regulations:

1. Grassroots Cowboy Association rules will be followed. A full list of rules are available on the Grassroots Xtreme Cowboy website [www.grassrootstremecowboy.com](http://www.grassrootstremecowboy.com), as well as the EXCA website.
2. **Exhibitors must pre-register through GREC. No day-of-show entry accepted, must pre-register to enter.**
3. Neither the Markham and East York Agricultural Society nor the GREC are responsible for loss, injury, or damages to animals, equipment and persons, exhibitors, or spectators.
4. All exhibitors under the age of 18 are required to wear ASTM-approved helmets at all times while mounted



# Devin King Markham Fair President 2026

By Myra Chepack



Devin was born on June 16, 1995, at Markham-Stouffville Hospital in Markham, Ontario. Devin will become the second-youngest Fair President while serving the position in 2026. The youthful energy and mature outlook of Devin bodes well for a strong, clear-eyed hand, holding the direction of the Fair steady with a realistic view of the future.

Devin attended both Goodwood and Port Perry elementary schools and is a graduate of Uxbridge High School. He pursued his post-secondary education at the University of Guelph, obtaining a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering. Devin spent a year with MacDon, an agricultural company based in Winnipeg, travelling throughout the United States as a test engineer on combine header prototypes. As a born-and-raised farm boy, Devin relished his involvement at Guelph with the agricultural students and felt he was part of both that cohort and the engineering student body. In 2018, Devin's father, Jan, called him home to the family farm to join him and Devin's uncle, Rodney, in running the family businesses. The King farm is located on the 2nd of Uxbridge, north of Webb Road, where

they run a large cash cropping endeavour. Devin's parents, Jan and Heather (Martin), also own and operate three Tim Horton stores located in Uxbridge and Stouffville. Business and farming run quite strongly in this family. Devin's engineering expertise is often called upon to assist both at the farm and in the stores.

Devin married his high school sweetheart, Lynsey Brown. They wed at the home farm in September of 2022 and are the proud parents of Lainey, age 3, and Levi, age 1. Lainey and Levi have both already experienced participation in the Markham Fair as contestants in the Baby Contest. Both Lainey and Levi will be Jr. VIPs and will play supporting roles for their dad at the 2026 Fair.

As a long-serving Board member, Devin has served on many committees leading to his presidency; he is currently a co-chair of the Special Attractions Committee. Devin and his two brothers grew up attending the Fair as Jr. VIPs, and quickly grew into roles with more responsibilities. His older brother, Mitchell, previously served on the board for six years, while his younger brother, Carter, joined Devin on the board for the first time at the 2026 AGM. Devin welcomes their support and input during this busy and eventful year. Devin is a retired rugby player and served as captain of the Oshawa Vikings Rugby Football Club for 5 years. After numerous injuries and many hours spent at the rugby pitch, Devin decided being President of Markham Fair and a young Dad of two was sufficient activity for 2026! He is also an active member of the York Soil and Crop Association.

The King family name is well known in part due to Devin's grandfather, Eldred, who was the Mayor of Stouffville and then York Region Chairman. Eldred served on the Markham Fair Board of 1955 and raised his family with his wife, Beulah, on their farm at Highways #48 and #47 in Stouffville. Devin's Dad, Jan, joined the Markham Fair Board in 1982 at the age of 18 and served as President in 1996.

Devin hopes to maintain the status quo at the Fair, as the current trajectory appears very positive. He will strive to maintain the agricultural traditions that are the roots of the Markham Fair and the surrounding communities.



# Looking Back: Markham Fair, 1926

By George Duncan

One hundred years ago, the seventy-fourth Markham Fair was held on Friday, October 1st, and Saturday, October 2nd. If you lived in or near Markham Village, you would have been able to walk to the Fair because it was located on the old fairgrounds at the southeast corner of Highway 7 (historically known as Wellington Street) and Main Street (formerly Highway 48). If you lived further away, you could come by train, horse-drawn vehicle, or perhaps in a gasoline-powered motor car or truck. By 1926, we were well into the automobile age. In fact, Markham Fair's President for the second year in a row was G. A. M. Davison (known as Arthur), owner of a Ford Motor Company dealership on Main Street Unionville.

The Province of Ontario published a notice encouraging people to attend fall fairs:

Take in the Fall Fairs

*They're better than ever, this year*

Most of the crops are in. Relax. Visit the Fall Fairs. Here you'll find old friends, make new ones, establish valuable business connections, profit from the instructive exhibits and thoroughly enjoy the fun.

The same notice encouraged those driving on the province's highways to "drive reasonably" as they made their way to fall fairs across Ontario.

The *Markham Economist & Sun* and the *Stouffville Tribune*, local newspapers of the day, give us very good descriptions of happenings at Markham Fair. In the papers, it was announced that John S. Martin, the Minister of Agriculture, would be attending the opening. The Hon. John Strickler Martin, Conservative MPP for Norfolk South and Norfolk, served as Ontario's Minister of Agriculture from 1923 to 1930. He was well-qualified for the job, being a farmer himself, breeding poultry and raising cattle on his home farm near Port Dover.

Attendance at the Markham Fair was reported by the *Markham Economist & Sun* as 11,000. The *Stouffville Tribune's* coverage of the Fair gave a higher number. The exhibition was blessed with good weather on both days, with Saturday being the finest of the two. Common sense would suggest that fair weather would boost attendance, but it turned out that the numbers were down from the previous year. The reason for this was that many farmers were taking in crops of oats and buckwheat on the dry days of the Fair because their harvesting efforts had been thwarted by six prior weeks of wet weather.

The formal opening of the Markham Fair on the Friday afternoon was marked by a luncheon presided over by Fair President Arthur Davison and members of the Fair Board. A number of dignitaries attending the opening, other than the Minister of Agriculture, included Robert Miller, past president of the Canadian National Exhibition, W. H. Dryden, Sheriff Alex McCowan, Markham Township Reeve Wesley Gohn, Markham

Village Reeve George W. Wilson, Major G. B. Little, William Keith, M.P.P., and J. M. Gardhouse.

In his opening remarks, the Hon. John S. Martin "spoke highly of the exhibits at the fair and referred to the fine type of farmers and breeders of York County, who had done so much to make Canada known throughout the world. He referred to the fact that from York County had come the championship sheaf of oats at the great Wembley exhibition in England in 1924, as well as the Canadian honey exhibit." *Markham Economist & Sun, October 7, 1926.*

Exhibits in the Agricultural Hall were attractive and very well attended. There were prize-winning displays of fruit, vegetables, cut flowers, baking, preserves, and arts and crafts. School exhibits showcased students' penmanship and drawing skills. A highlight was a display of the products of D. N. Reesor & Sons Milling Company, a prominent local industry opposite the Markham Village Railway Station. The mill's popular Snowflake and Whole Wheat flours and Marmill Poultry Feed were among the products featured in their display. In keeping with the progressive trends of the twentieth century, the latest models of Chevrolet, Oakland-Pontiac, and Oldsmobile automobiles were on display by Beare Bros. & Clayton, as well as new radio models. Local hardware merchants A. & H. Wideman enticed fair-goers with McClary stoves and ranges.

George Robins, the Malvern correspondent for the *Markham Economist & Sun*, provided a glowing description of all he observed at the Markham Fair. With respect to his visit to the Agricultural Hall, he wrote, "In this building it was a joy to me to meet in the flesh so many old friends, and to hear them say they were pleased to see me. Yes, kind reader, I love to attend Markham Fair to view the exhibits and meet humanity clad in new scenery." *Markham Economist & Sun, October 7, 1926.*

Other amenities at the Fair included music by the Stouffville Brass Band, a softball game, a lunch counter operated by St. Andrew's United Church, and a nail-driving contest at the midway, popular with both gentlemen and ladies.

Horse races on the one-half-mile oval racetrack, overlooked by the large wooden grandstand, proved as popular as ever. The *Stouffville Tribune* stated, "It was Markham Fair at its best. The center of attraction was, of course, the trotting ring, where a number of horses of more than provincial reputation struggled for supremacy." *Oct. 7, 1926.* At one point on the Saturday of the Fair, there were an estimated 1,000 spectators in the ring. The races included trotters, running, steeple chase, and saddle pony races. Vast crowds provided ideal conditions for the work of what the paper termed "the light-fingered gentry," in other words, pick-pockets. Despite the presence of township constables, the thieves got away with around \$1,200. The size of the thefts may have been larger had all of them been reported to the constables.

The *Markham Economist & Sun's* October 7th edition published the names of the prize-winners of 1926 and summed up highlights of the showing of horses, cattle, sheep, and poultry, quoted below:

"While the heavy horses were comparatively few in number, as

# George Arthur Monkman Davison Markham Fair President-1926

By Myra Chepack

Mr. Davison was the Fair President in 1925 as well as 1926. The 1925 write-up was extensive, and once again, his many accomplishments will be noted. He was a very prominent citizen, as was his wife, Nancy Matilda (Canning), who was referred to as "the Pony Queen of Canada". The Canning family emigrated from Ireland to Canada and were among the first pioneers to settle at Hagerman Corners (Hill) in Markham. They were Nancy's grandparents, John and Jane (McAllister). Her parents were John Canning, the second of John and Jane's children, and Martha (Gilmore). Nancy was the youngest of their nine children, born August 24th, 1869.

George Davison, also referred to as GAM and/or Art, was the son of John Francis Davison and Eleanor (Pringle), born on August 31st, 1873. Although George had many accomplishments, he died at the young age of 62 on February 8th, 1935. George and Nancy married in November of 1895 and raised four daughters, Eleanor (Fraser Mrs. C.R. Mackey), Marie (Rae), Margaret (Wyndham), and Dorothy (Young) of Montreal. The daughter of Marie (Betty Rae Reeve) inherited her grandmother Nancy's love of horses and continued the pursuit after her grandmother's death. The family resided on Lot 14, Conc. 5, which today is the east side of Kennedy Road, north of Toogood Pond. George's father, John, ran the General Store on Main Street in Unionville and also served as postmaster from 1913 to 1935. George worked at the store and then became involved in the wholesale grocery business with his brother-in-law, Alexander Hastings Canning.

The family relocated to Oklahoma in 1907 and returned to Unionville in 1912. During that period, George pursued a successful real estate business. Upon their return, George opened a Ford dealership at 177 Main Street in Unionville, which ultimately became a garage for servicing automobiles. He became the top dealer in Canada of Ford products. Henry Ford himself presented George with a recognition award at a ceremony held at the Granite Club in Toronto.

Both George and Nancy's families were heavily involved in the breeding and showing of horses. The Canning family bred Hackney ponies, and the Davisons raised Standardbred horses. George was on the Board of Management for the CNE and the Royal Winter Fair, serving as President of both organizations. He was also a long-standing member of the Hackney Pony and Standard Bred Assoc., and was named to the Presidency just prior to his death. They are both listed in the Hall of Fame of the Hackney Pony Association.

they have been for the past several years, those shown there were the cream of the country. James Torrance carried off all the prizes in Clydesdale stallions, including the championship, with the same string that carried off the honors at the Canadian National and London shows, and George Millard of Newmarket won the E. T. Stephens' cup with this fine draft team."

"The light horses were a real good lot, a number of very fine animals being shown both in the ring and in harness. In the high steppers and pony classes, Mrs. G. A. M. Davison was, as of late years, the outstanding exhibitor."

"The cattle breeds, both beef and dairy, were represented by some very fine herds. Col. F. H. Deacon of "Glenburn Farms," Unionville, showed a choice lot of Shorthorns in the pink of condition, and P. Blackburn had a fine herd of polled Angus. Holsteins, Ayrshires, and Jerseys were all well represented by local breeders."

"The sheep exhibit was the largest and best ever shown at Markham – Hampshires, Shropshires, Cotswolds, Leicesters, Oxford Downs, Cheviots, and Suffolks. The Hampshires were a particularly fine lot."

"The poultry show, while smaller than last year, was exceptionally good in quality and won the approval of the Hon. J. S. Martin, himself one of the leading breeders and experts on the continent." It is interesting to note that Mr. Martin's poultry farm specialized in White Wyandotte laying chickens. He developed a special poultry feed for them, which led him to form the Regal Poultry Feed Company with his friend, Charles G. Ivey.

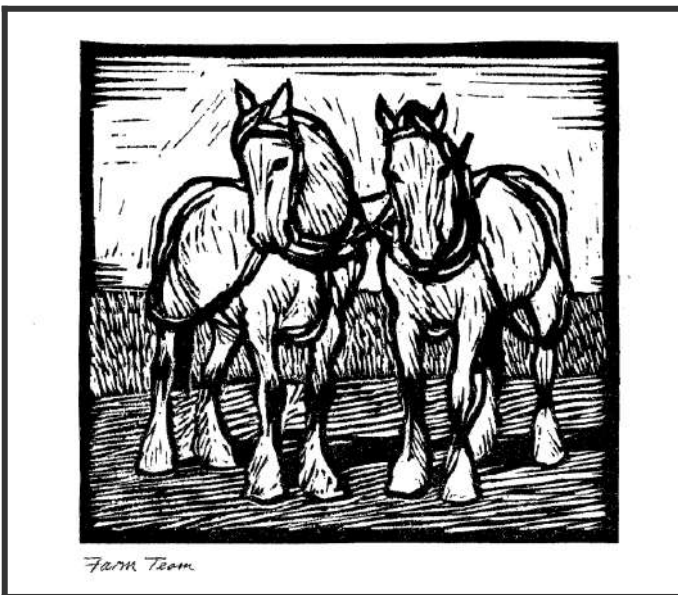


Illustration for the 1926 Markham Fair

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Nancy was referred to as “the Pony Queen of Canada” and acknowledged as an expert horsewoman and judge of horses in Canada and the United States. With more than 1000 trophies, ribbons, silver cups, and plaques, Mrs. Davison attributes their success to her womanly intuition. She was quoted as saying, “Horses are just like men. You have to kid them along. You can get a lot more out of them by telling them how wonderful they are than by trying to boss them.” Together, George and Nancy were acknowledged by a number of organizations in which they contributed their many skills. Nancy was honoured at the exhibitors’ banquet at the Royal Winter Fair, as she had shown every year since its inception in 1922. Nancy was the first president of The Women’s Institute in Unionville, a member of the Eastern Star Lodge, a life member of the Red Cross, and an active member of the Horticultural Society. She wrote many articles on the history, breeding, and training of horses, which were published in all the leading Canadian magazines, as well as in some U.S. magazines.

As President of Markham Fair for two consecutive years, George was blessed to have Nancy by his side, as she was in all of their endeavors. She continued on stoically for thirty years on her own after Georges’ death, taking on the position of Postmistress for 24 years and Licensing Agent in Unionville for 15 years. Nancy was blessed with longevity, passing in 1959 at the age of 90.

To say George and Nancy were a “power couple” seems an understatement. They were both held in very high esteem by their community and the organizations they served. They were an outstanding example of the commitment, dedication, and industrious nature of the early citizens of the Markham Fair community.

## Past Presidents 1844 – 2025

1844 William Armstrong – Farmer, Hotel Proprietor\*  
 1845 – 1855 – No Information  
 1856 Salem Eckhardt – Implement MFG & Auctioneer\*  
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1859 David Reesor – Senator, Cheese Factory Proprietor, Founder of Markham Newspaper\*  
 1860 Thomas Milne – Farmer, Mill Operator\*  
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 1862 Thomas Milne – Farmer, Mill Operator\*  
 1863 William Eakin – Lumber Mill Proprietor\*  
 1864 Henry Jennings – Farmer, Stock Raiser\*  
 1865 Henry C. Marr – Grocer, Flour and Feed Merchant\*  
 1866 Henry C. Marr – Grocer, Flour and Feed Merchant\*  
 1867 James Tran – Farmer, Stock Producer\*  
 1868 William Padget – Farmer\*  
 1869 James Eckhardt – License Inspector and J.P.\*  
 1870 James Eckhardt – License Inspector and J.P.\*  
 1871 James Tran – Farmer\*  
 1872 Robert Marsh – Farmer\*  
 1873 Robert Marsh – Farmer\*  
 1874 Edward Eckhardt – Farmer\*  
 1875 Thomas Martin – Farmer\*  
 1876 Robert Marsh – Farmer\*  
 1877 Robert Marsh – Farmer\*  
 1878 Henry T. Robson – Farmer, Gardener\*  
 1879 Alex Pingle – Farmer\*  
 1880 William C. Lundy – Cooper and Mill Owner\*  
 1881 John Gormley – Farmer\*  
 1882 Foster B. Hemingway – Farmer\*  
 1883 William Milliken – Farmer, Postmaster, Cham’n Plowman\*  
 1884 Arthur Quantz – Farmer\*  
 1885 John Crawford – Farmer, Purebred Horses and Cattle\*  
 1886 Henry R. Corson – Newspaper Publisher\*  
 1887 James Gilmour – Commissioner of Affidavits\*  
 1888 James Gilmour – Merchant\*  
 1889 John Patterson – Farmer\*  
 1890 Alex Russell – Farmer\*  
 1891 Alex Pingle – Farmer\*  
 1892 George Gormley – Farmer\*  
 1893 James J. Grill – Farmer\*  
 1894 Lem. Summerfelt – Farmer\*  
 1895 Peter W. Boynton – Farmer\*  
 1896 Wm. Grant – Farmer\*  
 1897 John Miller – Pure Bred Cattle Importer\*  
 1898 Garrett Vanzant – Merchant, Gov. of Toronto Jail\*  
 1899 Dr. Russell C. Tefft – Veterinarian\*  
 1900 John Lawrie – Farmer\*  
 1901 John Isaac – Farmer, Cattle Importer\*  
 1902 John W. Cowie – Farmer\*  
 1903 James E. Eckardt – License Inspector and J.P.\*  
 1904 Tom Hood – Farmer\*  
 1905 Jonathan B. Gould – Farmer\*  
 1906 Jonathan B. Gould – Farmer\*  
 1907 William Harper – Blacksmith\*  
 1908 James Malcolm – Merchant and Insurance Agent\*  
 1909 Edward D. Kirk – Butcher\*  
 1910 Dr. N. James Armstrong – Veterinarian\*  
 1911 Robert Ormerod – Farmer\*  
 1912 Capt. Herbert S. Adam – Bank Manager\*  
 1913 James Torrance – Hotelkeeper, Horse Importer\*  
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1915 Walter Milne – Farmer\*  
 1916 George Scott – Farmer\*  
 1917 Thomas Hargrave – Farmer\*  
 1918 Robert Cunningham – Farmer\*  
 1919 Peter H. Reesor – Farmer\*  
 1920 Fred E. N. Reesor – Locust Hill Creamery Proprietor\*  
 1921 George Tran – Farmer\*  
 1922 James Gleason – Farmer, Early Fire Chief\*  
 1923 D. Everton Jones – Mill Operator\*  
 1924 John Couperthwaite – Farmer\*  
 1925 G. Arthur M. Davison – Motor Car Agent, Post Office\*  
 1926 G. Arthur M. Davison – Motor Car Agent, Post Office\*  
 1927 John (Jack) H. Gowland – Farmer\*  
 1928 George Cowie – Farmer\*  
 1929 J. Wilmot Warriner – Farmer\*  
 1930 Edward (Ted) Mason – Farmer\*  
 1931 Robert C. Davidson – Farmer\*  
 1932 Wesley C. Gohn – Farmer, County Warden\*  
 1933 Robert P. Armstrong – Farmer\*  
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 1936 George L. Hambly – Farmer\*  
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 1938 Anson H. Crosby – Farmer, Orchard, Prize Poultryman\*  
 1939 William G. Maxwell – Road Superintendent, Farmer\*  
 1940 Lyman A. Kennedy – Farmer\*  
 1941 James Rennie – Farmer\*  
 1942 Orville B. Heisey – Milk Truck, Planing Mill Proprietor\*  
 1943 John Scott – Farmer\*  
 1944 Kenneth Deacon – Farmer\*  
 1945 William Clark – Farmer, Reeve\*  
 1946 George B. Little – Farmer, Army Officer\*  
 1947 John (Jack) Torrance – Clydesdale Horse Importer\*  
 1948 Fred Bagg – Farmer\*  
 1949 Charles Boynton – Farmer, Pure Bred Hogs\*  
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 1951 Earl Graham – Merchant, Postmaster\*  
 1952 Lloyd Turner – Farmer\*  
 1953 Joseph D. Lanthier – Farm Manager\*  
 1954 J. Gordon Lunau – Livestock Drover\*  
 1955 George W. Henry – Farmer\*  
 1956 Alex W. Davidson – Farmer\*  
 1957 Nick Schouten – Florist and Nursery Proprietor\*  
 1958 T. Harry Paisley – Livestock Drover\*  
 1959 David J. Tran – Farmer\*  
 1960 Raymond Brillinger – Mill Operator and Farmer\*  
 1961 Harry M. Warriner – Farmer\*  
 1962 Maurice Hamill – Farmer\*  
 1963 Dalton Rumney – Farmer\*  
 1964 Walter Gould – Farmer\*  
 1965 Howard Cosburn – Farmer\*  
 1966 Walter Reesor – Farmer\*  
 1967 William Sutherland – Farmer, Manager\*  
 1968 Joseph Tran – Farmer\*  
 1969 Charles E. Reeve – Clerk of the Court\*  
 1970 Bert Gardhouse – Farmer\*  
 1971 Bert Paisley – Livestock Drover\*  
 1972 Gerald Mann – Farmer Manager\*  
 1973 Ellis Britton – Farmer\*  
 1974 Robert H. Thompson – Railway Carman Inspector\*  
 1975 Ivan Norton – Farmer\*  
 1976 Harvey Brown – Farmer\*  
 1977 Rogers Gardham – Bank Manager  
 1978 (Mrs.) Alma Walker – Social Services Worker, Mayor\*  
 1979 Brian (Mac) Cosburn – Engineer\*  
 1980 Fred W. Crawford – Bank Manager\*  
 1981 Dennis Seeley – Police Sergeant\*  
 1982 William Walker – Auctioneer\*  
 1983 Barry Little – Dairy Farmer  
 1984 Bryan Armstrong – Farmer, Actor  
 1985 Harold R. Snowball – Fire Captain\*  
 1986 Mary (Cosburn) Beare – Homemaker\*  
 1987 Rick Wannop – Farmer  
 1988 David Morrison – Contractor\*  
 1989 Diane Ward – Homemaker  
 1990 Carol Ann White – Weaving Instructor  
 1991 Don Miller – Dairy Farmer  
 1992 Bob Little – Regional Waterworks Manager\*  
 1993 Trevor Hurley – Medical Salesman  
 1994 Brian Lee – Businessman\*  
 1995 Doug Savage – Dairy Farmer  
 1996 Jan King – Farmer and Businessman  
 1997 Carrie Purcell – Research Manager/Veterinary Technician  
 1998 David Owen – Electrician\*  
 1999 Terry Boag – School Teacher  
 2000 Chris King – School Principal  
 2001 Ray Brown – Auctioneer  
 2002 Gord Deacon – Contractor\*  
 2003 Kim Empringham – Veterinary Technician  
 2004 Paul Reesor – Dairy Farmer  
 2005 Lynne Harrington – Homemaker  
 2006 Paul Donahoe – Fire Captain\*  
 2007 Blair Purcell – Entrepreneur  
 2008 Blair Seeley – Entrepreneur  
 2009 Karen Murphy – Nurse\*  
 2010 Kevin Hollands – Entrepreneur  
 2011 Robert Miller – Hydro Supervisor  
 2012 Phillip Redshaw – Logistics & Inventory Control Manager  
 2013 Lesley English – CFO, VP of Operations  
 2014 Kelly Winnitoy – Customer Relations Consultant  
 2015 Bryant Hulshof – Farmer/Contractor  
 2016 Todd Little – Hydro Utilities/Commodities Farmer  
 2017 Darren Little – Golf Course Grounds Manager  
 2018 Doug van Wolde – Website Developer/Professional  
 Photographer  
 2019 Michelle Hulshof – School Teacher  
 2020 Amanda King – School Teacher  
 2021 Amanda King – School Teacher  
 2022 Brad Hulshof – Dairy Farmer  
 2023 Chris Reesor – Dairy Farmer  
 2024 Scott Redshaw – Heavy Equipment Technician Supervisor  
 2025 Dylan Armstrong – Mobile Truck and Coach  
 Technician/Entrepreneur

\*Deceased

## Homecraft Past Presidents

1957 Nance Gowland\*  
1958 Aileen Lunau – Homemaker\*  
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1961 Aileen Lunau – Homemaker\*  
1962 Hilda Cambell – Seamstress\*  
1963 Hilda Cambell – Seamstress\*  
1964 Hilda Cambell – Seamstress\*  
1965 Olive Shadlock – Homemaker\*  
1966 Olive Shadlock – Homemaker\*  
1967 Joyce Miles – Organist  
1968 Joyce Miles – Organist  
1969 Cora Brodie – Fair Secretary\*  
1970 Mary (Cosburn) Beare – Homemaker\*  
1971 Helen Hamill – School Teacher, Farmwife\*  
1972 Helen Hamill – School Teacher, Farmwife\*  
1973 Kay Thompson – Homemaker, Office Assistant\*  
1974 Kay Thompson – Homemaker, Office Assistant\*  
1975 Inger Grieve – Homemaker, Realtor\*  
1976 Inger Grieve – Homemaker, Realtor\*  
1977 Alma Walker – Social Services Worker, Mayor\*  
1978 Gerri Seeley – X-ray Technician\*  
1979 Gerri Seeley – X-ray Technician\*  
1980 Marjorie Walters - Executive Secretary Television Ratings\*  
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1982 Jennie Mann – Cake Decorator, Business Owner\*  
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1984 Carol Ann White – Weaving Instructor  
1985 Isobel Woods – Dog Breeder  
1986 Doris Thomas – Teacher, Homemaker  
1987 Mary Webster – Town Crier Hospitality  
1988 Pauline Davis – Drugstore Sales Associate  
1989 Marilyn Tufford – Sales Co-ordinator, Runway Model  
1990 Phyllis Owen – Housewife\*  
1991 Esther Lewis – Homemaker  
1992 Helen White – Teacher\*  
1993 Gilda Hurley – Bookkeeper\*  
1994 Bonnie MacAloney – Bookkeeper, Office Manager\*  
1995 Ann Parker – Home Economist  
1996 Doreen Mount – Homemaker\*  
1997 Carol DeGeer – Bookkeeper, Church Secretary  
1998 Marie Strath – Teacher  
1999 Sandra Wilson – Law Clerk  
2000 Marion Norton – Field Interviewer  
2001 Nancy Letman – Community Program Co-ordinator  
2002 Sarah van Wolde – Credit Manager  
2003 Lorna Sheehy – Teacher  
2004 Karen Belanger – Homemaker  
2005 Marsha Lipsius – Registered Nurse  
2006 Barbara Patrick – Elementary School Teacher\*  
2007 Elaine Rennie-Preston – Construction Office Administrator\*  
2008 Judy Laphorne – Secretary, Nurse School Staff Support  
2009 Jamie Vander Henne – Florist  
2010 Karen Lewis – Insurance Broker

2011 Mary Webster – Town Crier Hospitality  
2012 Elaine Rennie – Construction Office Administrator\*  
2013 Cathy Edwards – Sales Executive  
2014 Cathy Holden – Volunteer Organizations  
2015 Judy Bell – Customer Service Manager  
2016 Tina Smith – Elementary School Teacher  
2017 Heather Kennedy – Picker/Packer  
2018 Judi Francis – Homemaker  
2019 Judi Francis – Homemaker  
2020 Hope Shier – Developmental Support Worker  
2021 Hope Shier – Developmental Support Worker  
2022 Hope Shier – Developmental Support Worker  
2023 Deanna Cheriton – Park and Land Manager  
2024 Ben Shaw – Librarian  
2025 Alison Lyon – Project Manager

\*Deceased

## Markham Fair

We are a non-profit community organization made up of over 800 volunteers. Markham Fair is continuing to reduce costs, we encourage you to view the PDF version of the Prize Book by visiting [www.markhamfair.ca](http://www.markhamfair.ca)

### Photos

Markham Fair Official Photographers will be circulating around the grounds to photograph various events during Markham Fair. The images captured are used by Markham Fair for record-keeping, advertising and promotion of Markham Fair. By entering a competition at MarkhamFair, you consent to the use of your photograph solely by Markham Fair.

### Prize Book 2026

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this Prize Book. Sometimes errors will occur. Markham Fair, its Staff and Volunteers are not liable for any injury due to incorrect information. Please let us know of any mistakes so we can fix them for next year's book.



***Behind every great Markham Fair is an incredible team of volunteers! With over 800 passionate volunteers contributing each year, the Fair wouldn't be possible without their hard work and dedication. Meet some of the amazing people helping create the magic behind the scenes!***







## *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** to the General Exhibits Building from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- \* **NEW THIS YEAR** \* Bring **International Arts** exhibits to the General Exhibits Building on TUESDAY, from 12:00 pm - 8:30 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!*



# MARKHAM FAIR

Always the weekend before Thanksgiving

