



2017 DECATUR COUNTY FAIR OPEN CLASS CATEGORIES AND RULES





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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING AN EXTENSION HOMEMAKER'S CLUB?

Call Teri Hornberger at the Decatur County
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 for more information.



Top 10 Gems (reasons to join IEHA) MEMBERSHIP

- M** – Meeting new people
- E** – Educational lessons/workshops
- M** – Mentoring family/friends/neighbors
- B** – Bringing out your crafty and competitive talents
- E** – Exhibiting at the fair
- R** – Relationships, new and renewed
- S** – Support for each other
- H** – Having fun, sharing and learning
- I** – Involvement in community service activities
- P** – Personal growth

For information on how to start your own club associated with the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association, please contact Teri Hornberger at the Decatur County Extension Office at 812-663-8388.

SPECIALTY RECIPE CONTEST

JUDGING: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 12:00 noon

ENTRY: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 11:30 am

STRAWBERRIES

RULES:

1. Each entry must contain at least 1 cup of strawberries and serve at least 4 people.
2. Strawberries can be fresh, frozen or canned.

Class 1 – Soup

Class 2 – Salad

Class 3 – Pies

Class 4 – Other Recipes made with Strawberries



2017 OPEN CLASS

FAMILY ARTS EXHIBITS – OPEN CLASS –
FARM and HOME CENTER

ENTRY AND JUDGING:

ENTRY DATES AND TIMES – ALL JUDGING BEGINS AT
12:00 NOON:

CRAFTS: EARLY ENTRY is Wednesday, July 12th
from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.
ENTRY: Thursday, July 13, 2017 –
9:30 am to 11:30 am
CATEGORIES: Dashing thru the Seasons,
Crocheting, Knitting, Needlework, Antiques,
Quilts, Other Quilted Items, Sewing, Other
Crafts, Collections, Artwork, Misc. Fine Arts,
and Genealogy.

PHOTOGRAPHY:
EARLY ENTRY is Wednesday, July 12th
from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.
ENTRY: Thursday, July 13, 2017 –
9:30 am to 11:30 am
All classes. All photographs must be matted or
framed and ready to hang with wire hangers
only - NO saw tooth hangers.

SHOWING YOUR TALENTS:
EARLY ENTRY is Wednesday, July 12th
From 5:00 to 7:00 pm.
ENTRY: Thursday, July 13, 2017 –
9:30 am to 11:30 am
Includes Creative Activities for Nursing Home
Residents and Showing Your Talents.

FLOWERS and GARDEN:

Friday, July 14, 2017 – 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Cut Flowers, Plants and Garden produce.

FOOD PRESERVATION:

Monday, July 17, 2017 – 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Canned products and jelly/jam.

BAKING:

Monday, July 17, 2017 – 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pies; Baking from Scratch,; Mixes, Mixes and More; Cookies; Candy; Yeast Bread.

SPECIALTY BAKING CONTEST:

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 -
Entry from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm;
Judging at 12:00 pm
STRAWBERRIES – Each entry must contain at least one cup of STRAWBERRIES.
The recipe entered must serve at least 4.
Recipe must be included with entry.
Strawberries can be fresh, canned, or frozen. Categories to enter are: Soup, Salad, Pies, Other Recipes made with Strawberries.



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COOKIES

Class 1 – Drop cookies, 4 on a plate (*drop or molded cookies*)
Class 2 – Bars or Brownies, 4 on a plate
Class 3 – No-bake cookies, 4 on a plate

CANDY

Class 1 – Fudge, 4 pieces on a plate
Class 2 – Cereal treats, 4 on a plate
Class 3 – Party mix (a one pint container)

YEAST BREAD

NOTE: Recipes repeated from previous years will not be printed in the Fair Recipe book, although the name of the recipe and name of entrant will be listed. All steps in creating yeast recipes must be noted in recipe.

Class 1 – Yeast rolls, 4 on a plate (*dinner rolls, etc.*)
Class 2 – Yeast bread, 1 loaf (*white, wheat, etc.*)
Class 3 – Yeast coffee cake and sweet rolls
Class 4 – Other yeast products, 4 on a plate (*English muffins, Bagels, etc.*)

BAKING FROM SCRATCH NO Zucchini

- Class 1 – Angel Food, Sponge, Chiffon cakes
Class 2 – Cakes (*traditional type cakes made with butter, lard, or shortening in them. Can be chocolate, white, yellow, spice, etc., or made with fruit or vegetables in them.*)
Class 3 – Fruit or vegetable quick breads and muffins
Class 4 – Zucchini Recipes – cake, cookies, bars, etc.
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MIXES, MIXES and MORE

Baked product must use a purchased mix or dough as part of the recipe.

- Class 1 – Cake mix
Class 2 – Cookie mix
Class 3 – Muffin mix/Quick Bread mix/Biscuit mix
Class 4 – Canned Biscuit or Dough
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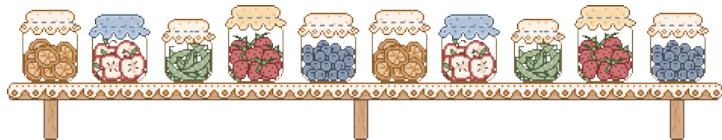
OPEN CLASS GENERAL RULES

Please review each category for special rules pertaining to that category.

1. Entries in the Open Class are limited to all legal, **CURRENT RESIDENTS OF DECATUR COUNTY or Any CURRENT MEMBER OF A DECATUR COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKER'S CLUB.**
2. In each class there will be a Champion and Reserve Champion award, if merited. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the Champion and Reserve Champion winners, if merited, under each category. The judge's decision is final.
3. Premiums will be: 1st – \$2.00; 2nd – \$1.50; 3rd – \$1.00. Rosette ribbons will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion winners. Premiums not picked up in a timely manner will be returned to the Extension Homemakers' two weeks after the fair is over.
4. The Decatur County Fair and all its employees, agents, Fair Board members, committee members, judges, or agencies cannot be held responsible for accidents, injury or loss of personal property relating to this event.
5. **NO EXHIBIT CAN HAVE BEEN EXHIBITED AT THIS 4-H FAIR BEFORE,** except for Genealogy, which may consist of information from the previous year's exhibit to create an on-going history of one's family. All exhibits must have been created within the past 12 MONTHS. **Photographs must have been taken within the past 12 months and must not have been entered previously. Decatur County residents only may enter.**
6. All exhibits should be shown ready to be used as intended
7. All food and preservation exhibits **must include the recipe with detailed instructions, neatly written, with entrant's name on the back of recipe.** Canned and preserved products must be *labeled with contents and date*

canned, 1 year old maximum. Additional rules are listed with these categories. Canned and preserved items must also have detailed recipe and instructions with them, and they must follow CURRENT USDA canning/preserving methods. **Entrants – Please copy your recipes ahead of time, write your name on the back and bring in with your exhibit.**

8. Any entries entered late may be exhibited, but will not be eligible for premiums.
9. Those wishing to make an entry into the Home and Family Arts Dept. at the State Fair should contact the Indiana State Fair Entry Department at 317-927-7515 for entry information, or contact the Decatur County Extension office at 812-663-8388. Entry form and fee are due by July 1st. Entries to State Fair do not have to have been exhibited at a county fair. Decatur County does not pay for or make entries of any open class exhibits for the State Fair. Anyone who pays the entry fee and submits the appropriate forms in a timely fashion may exhibit at the State Fair.



CRAFTS

EARLY ENTRY is Wednesday, July 12th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

ENTRY: Thursday, July 13, 2017 – 9:30 am to 11:30 am

RULES: Entries must have been created within the past 12 months; entries must NOT have been shown at the Decatur County Fair previously. Entrants must be current residents of Decatur County or a member of a Decatur County Extension Homemaker Club.

2. *Contestants should not prepare any food exhibits for competition within 48 hours of recovering from any illness.*
3. *When possible, baked products should be transported and stored in chilled coolers (41°F).*
4. *ALL food exhibits are to be exhibited on disposable plates OR on a foil-covered piece of cardboard. Containers of any type are not to be used.*
5. *ALL pies should be exhibited in disposable pie pans.*
6. *ALL food exhibits MUST have a recipe card with ingredients and preparation instructions. Exhibitor's name should be on the back.*
7. *All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion entries will be auctioned off. Additional food entries will also be auctioned off with permission of the entrant.*



PIES

All pies must be exhibited in a disposable pie pan.

NOTE: Any homemade pie crust is acceptable in any class, and should be included with recipe.

- Class 1 – Berry pies (blackberry, raspberry, blueberry, strawberry, gooseberry, etc.)
- Class 2 – Other fruit pies (cherry, apple, peach, etc.)
- Class 3 – Non-fruit pies (pecan, Derby, oatmeal, mincemeat, brownie, etc.) *Pies MUST NOT need refrigeration.*

BAKING

GRAND CHAMPION, RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION, DIVISION CHAMPION and DIVISION RESERVE CHAMPION FOOD ITEMS WILL BE KEPT AND AUCTIONED OFF.

OPEN CLASS FOOD SAFETY RULES FOR FOODS ENTERED INTO COUNTY AND STATE-WIDE COMPETITIONS:

For baked product competitions: *“Filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling, and meringue, whether uncooked or cooked, ARE NOT PERMITTED to contain cream cheese, whipped cream, unpasteurized milk or eggs/egg whites (pasteurized eggs or eggs cooked to 160°F MAY be used). HOME-CANNED fruits, vegetables, or meats are NOT permitted in products. Recipes MUST BE PROVIDED that show which ingredients were used in each part of the product. Contestants should carefully wash their hands and make sure that their hands DO NOT HAVE any open cuts before preparing foods. Whenever possible, baked products should be transported and stored in chilled coolers (41°F).*

RULES:

- 1. NO home-canned fruits, vegetables or meats are permitted to be used in products.**
- 2. Recipes must be included with EACH entry that show ingredients used and detailed instructions. Name should be on the back of the recipe.**
- 3. Contestants should carefully wash their hands and make sure hands do not have any open cuts before preparing foods.**

DASHING THRU THE SEASONS

Only ONE entry per class, per person.
NO Needlework, Quilting, Crocheting, or Knitting - CRAFTS ONLY

- Class 1 – Valentine
- Class 2 – Spring/Easter
- Class 3 – Summer Patriotic
- Class 4 – Halloween
- Class 5 – Autumn/Thanksgiving
- Class 6 – Christmas
 - A) Ornaments
 - B) Wall decorations
 - C) Other Christmas decorations
- Class 7 – Winter

CROCHETING

Only ONE entry per class, per person. Crocheted items must have been finished within the past 12 months. The item may have been started previous to August 2016.

- Class 1 – Afghans (all sizes)
- Class 2 – Doilies (all sizes)
- Class 3 – Wearable items (children and adult)
- Class 4 – Other crocheted items

KNITTING

Only ONE entry per class, per person. Knitted items must have been finished within the past 12 months. Item may have been started previous to August 2016.

- Class 1 – Knitted garments
- Class 2 – Knitted accessories (hats, mittens, etc.)
- Class 3 – Afghans
- Class 4 – Other knitted items

NEEDLEWORK

Needlework projects must have been finished within the past 12 months, but may have been started prior to August 2016.

- Class 1 – Hand-embroidered items
- Class 2 – Counted Cross Stitch needlework items

QUILTS

Quilts must have been completed within the past 12 months, however, they may have been started previous to July 2016.

Quilts must not have been shown previously at the Decatur County Fair.

- Class 1 – Appliquéd, cross-stitched, or embroidered, hand-quilted by entrant
- Class 2 – Pieced, hand-quilted, made by entrant
- Class 3 – Appliquéd, pieced, made by entrant, but can be machine quilted by someone else.
- Class 4 – Mixed technique quilts

CANNING

- Class 1 – Jar of fruit
- Class 2 – Jar of vegetable
- Class 3 – Pickles
- Class 4 – Relish
- Class 5 – Other (including products such as beets, cauliflower, catsup, salsa, pie filling, soups, meats, etc.)

JELLY

- Class 1 – Homemade jelly
- Class 2 – Homemade jam

BALL® and KERR® AWARDS

Foods must be preserved using USDA approved methods. Method of preservation must accompany entry recipe.

Decatur County Open Class participates in the Ball® Awards Program. Entries must be preserved in Ball® jars and sealed with Ball® lids and bands, or Ball® Collection Elite Jars sealed with Ball® Collection Elite Lids and Bands, or preserved in Kerr® jars sealed with Kerr® lids and bands.

In addition, soft spread entries must be prepared using Ball® Pectin: Classic, Low, or No-Sugar needed or Liquid. The top two entries for Fruit, Vegetable, Pickle, and Soft Spread will receive an award from Jarden® Home Brands.

- Class 8 – Head of Cabbage on a plate
Class 9 – Cucumber, 3 on a place
Class 10 – Peppers, any kind, 3 on a plate
Class 11 – Heaviest Zucchini – will be weighed
Class 12 – Grains
A) Corn – displayed in 1 quart glass container
B) Soybeans – displayed in 1 quart glass container
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FOOD PRESERVATION

Entry: Monday, July 17, 2017 – 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Judging: 12:00 noon

RULES:

- 1. Exhibit must be in standard quart or pint canning jars in good condition. Jars must be free of nicks and cracks, and have manufacturer's name on the side of the jar.*
- 2. Jar must be clean.*
- 3. Jars should be filled to appropriate level in jar, as per USDA recommended procedure.*
- 4. Jars should be properly labeled with name and date item was canned.*
- 5. Product must have been canned within the past 12 months.*
- 6. Detailed recipe and instructions with canning method used must be included with entry (name on back of recipe)*
- 7. Canned products must be canned using USDA recommended procedures.*

OTHER QUILTED ITEMS

Quilted items must have been completed within the past 12 months.

- Class 1 – Baby Quilts (generally 45" x 60" or smaller)
Class 2 – Wall Hangings – *must have a rod or pocket Permanently secured or sewn in for hanging.*
Class 3 – Other items, hand or machine-quilted
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SEWING

Only one entry per class, per person.
Item must have been made during the past 12 months.

- Class 1 – Wearable items (children and adult)
Class 2 – Purses and totes
Class 3 – Sewn for the home (any sewn item)
Class 4 – Doll clothes
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OTHER CRAFTS

Only one entry per class, per person.
Item must have been made during the past 12 months.

- Class 1 – Jewelry
Class 2 – Recycled items
Class 3 – Scrapbooks (select and mark 10 pages to be judged)
Class 4 – Other crafts made with paper, *including* cards, Invitations, etc.
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COLLECTIONS

MUST include a 3 x 5 card with a description of your collection, the history of the collection and how you started the collection.

Size of display should be no larger than 22" x 28"

Class 1 – Fishing Lures

Class 2 – Vintage Jewelry

Class 3 – Old Tins (*containers only* – no signs)

ANTIQUES

RULES:

1. *Antique items must be 50 years of age or older.*
2. *Exhibitors are limited to one entry in each category.*
3. *The exhibitor of the antique MUST be the OWNER of that antique.*
4. *Antiques may not be borrowed for entry into competition. In any instance of dispute, exhibitors may be required to prove ownership of an entry.*
5. *Reasonable care to protect and ensure the safety of entered articles will be taken, but Extension Homemakers and Fair Board will in no way be held responsible for any loss, theft, breakage, or damage that may occur.*
6. *Items must NOT have been exhibited in previous years.*
7. *Exhibitor MUST include a 3 x 5 card with a description and history of the item being exhibited.*
8. *Display should be no larger than 22" x 28".*

Class 1 – Textiles

- A) Old Feed Sacks
- B) Kitchen Towels
- C) Aprons

Class 2 – Time Pieces

Class 2 – Horticultural specimen displayed appropriately:

- A. Rose
- B. Gladioli
- C. Day Lily
- D. Other Lilies

PLANTS

Class 1 – Blooming Plants – plant grown predominately for its bloom; **MUST** be blooming. Plant may be an indoor or outdoor plant; **MUST BE POTTED BY ENTRANT.**

Class 2 – Foliage Plants – plant grown predominately for its foliage. **MUST BE POTTED BY ENTRANT.**

Class 3 – Fairy Gardens

- A) Children 12 & Under
- B) Tweens & Teens 13 to 17
- C) Adults 18 & Up

GARDEN

ADDITIONAL RULES:

1. *Classes 1 – 11 should be exhibited on disposable plates.*
2. *Produce exhibited must be home-grown by exhibitor.*

Class 1 – Beans, green snap, 12 pods on a plate

Class 2 – Beets, 5 on a plate

Class 3 – Potatoes, 5 on a plate

Class 4 – Onions, 5 on a plate

Class 5 – Tomatoes, ripe or green, 5 on a plate

Class 6 – Squash, 1 on a plate

Class 7 – Head of Broccoli on a plate

FLOWERS and GARDEN

*Entry: Friday, July 14, 2017 – 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Judging at 12:00 noon for Flowers/Plants;
Garden judging follows Flowers/Plants*

RULES:

1. Flowers and plants must be grown by the exhibitor showing the flowers.
- 2. Non-flowering plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months; flowering plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 6 weeks. NO artificial flowers may be used.*
- 3. NO Queen Anne's lace permitted in any arrangement.*
- 4. Exhibitors are permitted to care for their own plants and flowers. Volunteers will try to water and care for plants and flowers as time permits.*
- 5. For PLANTS, no hanging baskets are to be used, and planters should not have holes on top to indicate a hanging basket.*
- 6. If Judge determines the plant was RECENTLY purchased and repotted for entry, plant will be DISQUALIFIED.*

CUT FLOWERS

Class 1 – Arrangement of:

- Zinnias
- Garden flowers (at least 3 different varieties.)
- Roses
- Gladioli
- Marigolds
- Predominately white (NO Queen Anne's Lace)
- Tea Cup Arrangement – *containers should be 4 inches or less in size. NOT a single flower, but must contain an ARRANGEMENT. Total size can be 10 inches tall.*

ARTWORK

RULES:

- 1. Only ONE entry per class, per person.*
- 2. Item must be matted or framed and ready to hang with wire hangers (no saw tooth hangers).*
- 3. Entry MUST have been created within the last 12 months.*
- 4. Entry must be no larger than 16" x 20" (for display space reasons).*
- 5. The name of the exhibitor and class entered must be on the back of the artwork.*

NOTE: There is NO Tri Kappa Open Art Show this year, so please consider entering your artwork in the Open Class Artwork.

Class 1 – Oil

Class 2 – Acrylic

Class 3 – Water Color

Class 4 – Fan Art – any media

Class 5 – Other (pencil, pastel, etc.)

MISC. FINE ARTS

RULES:

- 1. Only ONE entry per class, per person.*
- 2. Item entered must have been MADE BY THE EXHIBITOR.*
- 3. Item entered must have been made within the past 12 months.*
- 4. Name of exhibitor must be on the item.*

Class 1 – Glass craft (such as flowers, bird baths, bird feeders, etc. made from glass bowls, vases, old light fixtures.

Class 2 – Ceramics

Class 3 – Woodcraft

GENEALOGY

RULES:

1. *Exhibit a 22" x 28" poster outlining your family tree, showing four or more generations OR a binder/book outlining your family tree.*
2. *Small copies of photos, birth certificates, marriage licenses, etc. may be displayed on the poster or in binder.*
3. *Dates should be shown in military form (7 July 1936).*
4. *Number each person.*
5. *Surnames should be in CAPITAL letters.*
6. *Card(s) with sources for your information should be included on back of poster or in binder.*
7. *Genealogy exhibit may consist of exhibited information from previous years to create an on-going history of one's family.*
8. *Foam core poster boards of the required 22" x 28" size are available at the Extension Office for \$2.00. Plastic sleeves to fit over the poster to protect it are available for \$1.00.*

Class 1 – Genealogy poster – 4 or more generations

Class 2 – Binder or Book (1 ONLY) - 4 or more generations

SHOWING YOUR TALENTS

RULES:

1. *This category is open to any nursing home residents, individuals with disabilities and DSI residents.*
2. *Entry must have been created by the exhibitor within the past 12 months.*

Class 1 – Items created by nursing home residents

Class 2 – Items created by individuals with disabilities

PHOTOGRAPHY

RULES:

1. *NO professional photographer entries ("those who take photos of weddings, graduations, family photos, etc. as a service to others") - amateurs only.*
2. *Photographs must be 5" x 7" in size, matted and/or framed for hanging with wire hangers, but no larger than 8" x 10" in finished size with matting.*
3. *Photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor within the past 12 months.*
4. *A Champion will be selected from the color photographs, and a Champion will be selected from the black & white photograph entries.*
5. *Exhibitor's name and class entered are to be on the back of the entry.*
6. *Only ONE entry per person, per class {can enter only A) black and white OR B) Color – not BOTH.}*

Class 1 – Scenery

A. Black and White

B. Color

Class 2 – People

A. Black and white

B. Color

Class 3 – Animals

A. Black and White

B. Color

Class 4 – Other

A. Black and White

B. Color

Class 5 – Digital (on a computer using Photoshop or similar program)

Class 6 – Group of Photos (3 to 7 photos displayed appropriately; arrangement may be larger than the specified 8" x 10" for this Class only.