

Helpful Hints for Horticulture Exhibits

The judges will be guided in making their decisions by the printed prize list. Judges will give preference to cultivars correctly named. (Cultivar is a horticultural variety e.g. 'Sunny Vee' is a cultivar of corn). All exhibits must be clean and free of insects and diseases.

Flowers

With the exception of decorative arrangements, the flowers are judged for quality. The artistic arrangement of exhibits in Cut Flower classes does not count. Containers such as salad dressing jars work well. Size in the individual blooms is desirable but the quality, form, and cleanliness is just as important and should not be passed up in order to pick the largest bloom. Damage to petals will cause the loss of many points.

Gladiolus should have a straight spike and be cut to have the total stem approximately half the length of the flower head. Florets should be evenly spaced and in balance. Measurement refers to diameter of lowest floret.

Roses are considered at their peak just as the second set of petals start to unfurl. A good length of straight stem, carrying some foliage is desirable. The stem should reach the bottom of the container. Side buds must be removed in the Single Rose class.

Sweet Peas should have long stems that are straight and firm. Size, texture, freshness, and number of florets open are important.

Asters, Dahlias, Marigolds, and Zinnias should have the centres full (except in the single varieties) and should be free of wilting outer petals.

Pansies should be a uniform size, not touching in the display.

Snapdragon spikes should include no side spikes.

Vegetables

Beans have pods of good length, uniform in size, fresh and free from stringiness; seed should not be fully developed.

Beets not over 7.6 cm in diameter; dark red inside and out, free from light coloured rings in centre; free of side roots; crown small and free of splits, scaling, sunburn. Tops removed 1.3 cm from crown.

Carrots smooth and straight, free from side roots, injury, and sunburn; small core; clean. Tops removed 1.3 cm from crown.

Cabbage heads of medium size, heavy and firm shape true to type; remove stem and outer damaged leaves, 1-2 wrapper leaves attached.

Cauliflower heads about 20 cm in diameter; curds should be white and compact, smooth and regular, with no leaves showing through the head; remove stock and large leaves, trim remaining leaves to 1 cm above curd.

Corn in fresh, edible condition; uniform size, evenly filled tip to base with straight rows of well-developed kernels. About 1/3 of the husk removed from the tip to base.

Cucumbers uniform in size, shape and colour; free from blemishes fresh, firm and seed not well developed; show little tapering at ends, 1 cm stem attached. Slicing cultivars at least 15 cm long.

Lettuce leaves washed, tender and sweet; roots and small or damaged outer leaves removed, shown in water.

Onions firm; uniform colour, size, shape and maturity; tops and roots trimmed to 1.3 cm from bulb; only jagged and dirty outer scales removed.

Pea pods large, fresh, uniform and well filled; peas large, whole, uniform, sweet and in good colour; stem and calyx attached.

Potato shape and colour uniform, typical of cultivar; tubers smooth with few and shallow eyes, firm and medium size; no sunburn or secondary tubers; can be cleaned with a soft brush.

Tomatoes smooth, uniform in size, shape and colour; stem attached. Green-ripe preferred in green class.

Zucchini uniform in colour; trim stems to 1 cm; maximum length of 20 cm.

Fruit

Fruit collections should have fruits at their peak; avoid overripe fruit; should be clean, free of blemishes, arranged attractively; stems attached. Fruits must be named, points awarded for cultivar names. Does not include rhubarb.

Rhubarb tops trimmed to fan shape about 2.5 cm long; stalks uniform, about 45-50 cm long; colour uniform over length; only trim rough edges at base, and tied as a bunch.

For more details on preparing bench show entries refer to:

Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticultural Shows, online PDF available at Alberta Horticultural Association: www.abhorta.ca



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DARWELL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



DARWELL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, formed in 1945, is a branch of Alberta Women's Institute, Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, and the Associated Country Women of the World. At monthly meetings we discuss issues particularly related to families and our community and seek ways to help them. We exchange ideas, information, recipes, and patterns, and take part in a yearly handicraft competition. Speakers, or reports on topics of interest offer information and solutions.

Working with Darwell School, Darwell Fire Department, Darwell & District Agricultural Society, Senior's Society and Darwell Public Library, we often just lend a hand, provide items needed and/or financial help. We have sponsored Babysitter Training, First Aid and CPR courses, a very large and successful Y2K emergency measures evening, candidate forums, and other public open houses and workshops. We host a yearly cemetery cleanup and hang a memorial wreath for Remembrance Day. Various teas and ticket sales have provided funding to many community projects. Recently we planted a memorial tree in the cemetery and donated raised gardens to the Senior's Residence at the Manor. And for the past number of years we have served fresh treats at the Darwell Fair Bench show.

Contact: Marilee Kosik 780-720-6454

Darwell Public Library

Used Book Sale & Garage Sale

Saturday August 17th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Library Hours of operation:
Mon, Tues, Thurs: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wed, Fri: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

www.darwellpubliclibrary.ab.ca
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BENCH SHOW

In the Darwell Golden Age Center

Bench show drop off Friday, August 16 (5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

Pre-buy entry tags & exhibit entry

Saturday, August 19 (7:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.) Tags & exhibit entry
Judging for the Bench Show will commence on SATURDAY at 9:30 a.m. SHARP

Entry Fees Adults: \$2.00 for first entry and 50¢ for additional entries

Junior & Intermediate: 25¢ per entry; School Work Free

HALL WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING AT 12:15 P.M.

Members of Darwell Women's Institute Tea 12:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

EXHIBITS TO BE PICKED FROM THE HALL UP BETWEEN 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Prize money for all bench show categories will be:

1st - \$4.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

Prize money will be paid out at the end of the show.

For more information on judging criteria see Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies website - Judging & Bench Shows

HORTICULTURE - FLOWERS, VEGETABLES, FRUITS

Horticulture Only: Exhibitor may enter up to two exhibits/class; however, each entry MUST be of a different cultivar and MUST be named. Failure to name all multiple entries in the class will disqualify all those multiple entries. Comply exactly with rules regarding the numbers or your exhibit will be disqualified. All plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession at least 60 days prior to the show.

To prepare your entries refer to **Helpful Hint for Horticulture Exhibits** in this fair book.

FLOWERS

101. Arrangement of garden flowers in a kitchen container
102. Arrangement of fresh flowers suitable for coffee table, will be judged on arrangement and design as well as condition of blooms
103. Arrangement of one or more cultivars of Marigolds, any colour, any kind of foliage, no accessories (e.g. ribbon)
104. Arrangement of garden flowers suitable for dinner table
105. Arrangement of Sweet Peas, in a container with other foliage, no baby's breath
106. Bouquet of garden flowers, one kind, any foliage
107. Bouquet of garden flowers, mixed, any foliage
108. Dried flower arrangement (wild grasses, flowers, seeds, pods, berries, etc.), home grown or native materials, no noxious weeds
109. Calendula, 3 blooms
110. Collection of 5 different species of herbaceous perennials, one stem of each, in separate containers, on a base.
111. Dahlia, 1 bloom only
112. Gladiolus, one spike, any colour
113. Lily, single stem, single or multiple blooms
114. Marigold, 3 blooms, one cultivar, any colour, under 7.5 cm
115. Pansy, one cultivar, mixed colours, 3 blooms, in shallow container
116. Petunia, 3 blooms, one cultivar
117. Rose, any, one spray, must include leaves and buds



DARWELL FIREMANS BALL

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Darwell Centennial Hall

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Tickets \$50

This is an adults only event

118. Rose floating in bowl with own foliage
119. Sunflower, one stem (can have multiple blooms)
120. Any other annual not listed, labelled, 3 stems, one cultivar
121. Any herbaceous perennial, labelled, 3 stems, one cultivar
122. Any flowering shrub, labelled, 3 stems, one cultivar
123. Outdoor hanging planter

High Point Flower Trophy – Mary Brent Memorial

VEGETABLES & FRUITS

201. Collection of 4 root vegetables, 1 of each
202. Collection of 4 vine vegetables, 1 of each
203. Collection of 4 best vegetables, 1 of each
204. Bean, green, plate of 3 pods
205. Bean, yellow, plate of 3 pods
206. Beet, round cultivar, plate of 3 roots
207. Beet, cylinder, plate of 3 roots
208. Cabbage, any colour, trimmed, 1 head only
209. Carrot, one cultivar, plate of 3 roots
210. Corn, sweet table cultivar, 1 ear
211. Cucumber, one cultivar, pickling type, plate of 3 fruit
212. Lettuce-Leaf or Head, 1 plant
213. Onion, cooking, plate of 3 bulbs, under 8 cm
214. Pea, shell, plate of 3 pods
215. Pea, edible pod, plate of 3 pods
216. Potato, white skin cultivar, plate of 3 tubers
217. Potato, russet or netted cultivar, plate of 3 tubers
218. Potato, red or pink skin cultivar, plate of 3 tubers
219. Tomato, one cultivar, ripe, plate of 3 fruit
220. Tomato-Cherry or Grape, ripe, plate of 3 fruit
221. Tomato, one cultivar, green, outdoor grown, plate of 3 fruit (not Cherry)
222. Unusual vegetable (not commonly grown)
223. Zucchini, plate of 2 fruits
224. Apple, one variety, wiped clean, 3 fruits
225. Crabapple, one variety, wiped clean, 3 fruits
226. Fruit collection of 4 or more kinds, tame fruit locally grown, one or more cultivars of each kind, must be labeled.
227. Raspberry, plate of 4, stems attached
228. Rhubarb, 3 stalks, tied, of any one cultivar
229. Any fruit not listed, one variety, named, suitable number
230. Any vegetable not listed, plate of 3, named.



High Point Vegetables & Fruits Trophy
Horticulture Total High Point (i.e. Veg, Flowers & Fruit)
NEW! Best Vegetable Entry \$50 - Lac Ste. Anne County sponsor + AHA Sponsor
(decided by the judge, does not include junior & intermediate classes)

A special thanks to the Alberta Horticultural Association for providing the certified horticulture judges.

HOME BAKING, CANNING & PICKLING
One entry in each class by any exhibitor.

All baking to be suitably displayed on heavy styrofoam or china plates or platters. All jars of fruits, vegetables, pickles, relishes, jams, and jellies must have an adhesive label, specifying kind and date. All must have been put up within the previous 12 months.

HOME CANNING

301. Vegetables, canned any kind, 1 jar only
302. Fruit, canned, any 2 kinds, 1 jar of each
303. Jam, any variety, 1 jar only
304. Jelly, any variety, 1 jar only
305. Dill pickles, 1 jar only
306. Beet pickles, 1 jar only
307. Pickled vegetables, any other kind, 1 variety, 1 jar only
308. Relish, 1 jar only
309. Salsa, 1 jar only



BAKING

401. Pie, 2 crust, fruit filling – one piece, on small plate
402. Cookies, sugar type, rolled, plate of 3
403. Cookies, drop, any kind, plate of 3
404. Cookies, rolled, any kind, plate of 3
405. Cookies, shortbread, plate of 3
406. Single layer cake, frosting, (e.g. carrot ,zucchini, chocolate), one piece
407. Brownies, plate of 3
408. Hand-made bread, white, 1 loaf only
409. Hand-made bread, brown, 1 loaf only
410. Machine-made bread, white, 1 loaf only
411. Milk rolls, must not touch in pan while baking, plate of 3
412. Cinnamon rolls, standard method, unspiced sweet dough spread with cinnamon mixture, rolled and cut, not iced, plate of 3
413. Butter tarts, plate of 3
414. Tea Biscuits, plate of 3
415. Muffins, any kind, plate of 3
416. Candy – homemade varieties, includes fudge, plate of 3



FARM PRODUCTS

501. Honey, 1 jar, approx. 500 ml, unpasturized
502. Chicken eggs, 1 dozen, white
503. Chicken eggs, 1 dozen, brown



HANDIWORK & HANDICRAFTS

Only one entry per person per class or entries will be disqualified. All exhibits must be work of the exhibitor and have been done during the past 12 months.

SEWING & CROCHETING

- 601. Any Sewn item
- 602. Any Crocheted blanket
- 603. Crocheted clothing and accessories (anything wearable)
- 604. Any other crocheted article

QUILTS & QUILTING

- 701. Machine quilted, any size (judged on patchwork, not on quilting)
- 702. Quilted article – machine quilted (i.e. table runner, garments, wall hangings)
- 703. Quilted article – hand quilted (i.e. table runner, garments, wall hangings)

HOBBIES, ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY

- 801. Piece of art done in oils
- 802. Piece of art done in acrylic
- 803. Piece of art done in pastels
- 804. Piece of art, black and white, attractively mounted or framed
- 805. Piece of art in watercolours
- 806. Piece of art in coloured pencil
- 807. Piece of art, mixed medium
- 808. Greeting card, handmade
- 809. Scrapbook, 1 page, any theme, handmade
- 810. Scrapbook, 1 page, any theme, computer generated

PHOTOGRAPHS – Must be taken by exhibitor, 4x6" only and mounted on heavy white paper. Each picture must only be entered once, no matter the level (i.e. adult, junior, or intermediate). Snapshots must not have been shown previously at the Darwell Fair. All photos to be in colour unless otherwise stated.

- 901. Baby snapshot, up to 1 year old, taken within the last 2 years
- 902. Toddler snapshot
- 903. Photograph of child
- 904. Photograph of children
- 905. Photograph of individual
- 906. Photograph of senior(s)
- 907. Photograph of group/family
- 908. Funny animal photo
- 909. Action shot
- 910. Agriculture related photograph
- 911. Scenic photograph, taken anywhere other than Canada
- 912. Animal photograph
- 913. Wildlife garden visitors (e.g. birds, mammals, insects)
- 914. Flower photograph, close up
- 915. Photograph – sunrise or sunset
- 916. Weather (exceptional or abnormal)
- 917. Black & White photo, of any category listed above

SCHOOL WORK

*All work must be done by the exhibitor in the most recent school year.
Exhibit will be disqualified if not entered in the proper grade.*

No entry fee.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm

PRE-SCHOOL

- 1001. Art - Painting
- 1002. Art - Colouring page from book
- 1003. Any type of craft
- 1004. Recycled article, of any medium

GRADE ONE

- 1101. Printing
- 1102. Art - Painting
- 1103. Art - Sketching (drawing)
- 1104. Any type of craft
- 1105. Recycled article, of any medium

GRADE TWO

- 1201. One space printing
- 1202. Art - Painting
- 1203. Art - Sketching (drawing)
- 1204. Any type of craft
- 1205. Recycled article, of any medium

GRADE THREE

- 1301. Illustrated story or poem, original, not over one page
- 1302. Art - Painting
- 1303. Art - Sketching (drawing)
- 1304. Any type of craft
- 1305. Recycled article, of any medium

GRADE FOUR

- 1401. Handwriting
- 1402. Art - Painting
- 1403. Art - Sketching (drawing)
- 1404. Any type of craft
- 1405. Recycled article, of any medium

GRADE FIVE

- 1501. Handwriting, short story
- 1502. Art - Painting
- 1503. Art - Sketching (drawing)
- 1504. Any type of craft
- 1505. Recycled article, of any medium

Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

JUNIOR SECTION

12 years of age and under, as of the day of the show. Please put your AGE on exhibits and enter in the proper class or they will be disqualified.

Entry fee – 25¢ per entry.

Junior exhibitors may also enter all general bench show classes

BAKING / COOKING

- 1601. Decorated cupcakes, birthday theme, plate of 3 (judged on decorating)
- 1602. Muffins, any kind, plate of 3
- 1603. Drop cookies, any kind, baked, plate of 3
- 1604. Brownies, plate of 3, not iced



HORTICULTURE

Note: Junior entries may be taken from the family garden. To prepare your entries refer to **Helpful Hints for Horticulture Exhibits** in this fair book.

- 1701. Carrots, plate of 3 roots
- 1702. Peas, plate of 3 pods
- 1703. Any other vegetable, one kind, number as per adult classes (e.g. beans, plate of 3)
- 1704. Collection of 5 different vegetables, one of each on same plate
- 1705. Any fruit, 1 variety, named

HANDICRAFTS

- 1801. Hand crafted novelty item, any medium
- 1802. Beading
- 1803. Card making, any occasion
- 1804. Playdoh Sculpture
- 1805. Any piece of woodwork (e.g. birdhouse, ornament)
- 1806. Piece of art, black and white, using ink, pencil, or charcoal, ages 11 & 12
- 1807. Painting, any medium, 10 & younger
- 1808. Painting any medium 11 & 12
- 1809. Sketching, 10 & over
- 1810. Colouring Page done in crayon, 10 & younger (pencil or wax)
- 1811. Any building block construction – original design only (e.g. Lego, Meccano)
- 1812. Diorama, any theme, in shoebox or similar box



PHOTOGRAPHS – Must be taken by exhibitor, 4x6” only and mounted on heavy

white paper. Each picture must only be entered once, no matter the level (i.e. Adult, junior, or intermediate). Snapshots must not have been shown previously at the Darwell Fair. All photos to be in colour unless otherwise stated.

- 1901. Photograph of a pet
- 1902. Flower photograph, close up
- 1903. Photograph of individual
- 1904. Photograph of child or children
- 1905. Scenic photograph
- 1906. Selfie, no filters

Junior (12 & under) High Point Award \$25.00 - DDAS sponsor

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

13-18 years old as of day of show. Please put your AGE on exhibits and enter in the proper class or they will be disqualified.

Entry fee – 25¢ per entry

Intermediate exhibitors may also enter all general bench show classes

BAKING / COOKING

- 2001. Drop cookies, any kind, plate of 3
- 2002. Brownies, plate of 3
- 2003. Decorated Cupcakes, plate of 3
- 2004. Muffins, any kind, plate of 3
- 2005. Pie, 2 crust, fruit filling, 1 piece, on small plate



HORTICULTURE

Note: Intermediate entries may be taken from the family garden. To prepare your entries refer to **Helpful Hints for Horticulture Exhibits**, in this fair book.

- 2101. Carrots, plate of 3 roots
- 2102. Peas, plate of 3 pods
- 2103. Any vegetable, one kind, number as per adult classes (e.g. beans, plate of 3)

HANDICRAFTS

- 2201. Recycled article, any medium
- 2202. Sketching, using ink or pencil
- 2203. Sketching, using charcoal
- 2204. Painting, any medium
- 2205. Scrapbooking, handmade, 1 page, any theme
- 2206. Scrapbooking, computer made, 1 page any theme
- 2207. Crocheted article
- 2208. Diorama, any theme, in a shoebox or similar box



PHOTOGRAPHS – Must be taken by exhibitor, 4x6” only and mounted on heavy white paper. Each picture must only be entered once, no matter the level (i.e. adult, junior, or intermediate). Snapshots must not have been shown previously at the Darwell Fair. All photos to be in colour unless otherwise stated.

- 2301. Wildlife photograph
- 2302. Photograph of a pet
- 2303. Action shot
- 2304. Flower photograph, close up
- 2305. Photograph of individual
- 2306. Photograph of child or children
- 2307. Photograph of group/family/class
- 2308. Photograph related to agriculture
- 2309. Funny animal photo
- 2310. Weather (exceptional or abnormal)
- 2311. Scenic photograph
- 2312. Selfie, no filters
- 2313. Sepia Photo of any of the categories above

Intermediate (13-18 yr) High Point Award - \$25.00 DDAS Sponsor

Overall Bench Show High Point Trophy

DARWELL FAIR BENCH SHOW

Saturday, August 17th Judging Starts at 9:30 a.m.

Hall hours

Pre-entries and exhibits will be accepted at the **Golden Age Centre** on Bench show drop off Friday, August 16 (5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.), pre-buy entry tags & exhibit entry and Saturday, August 17 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Fees

Adults: \$2.00 for first entry and 50¢ for each additional entry.

Junior and Intermediate: 25¢ per entry and no charge for Schoolwork entries

For rules governing various sections see fair book index. Entry forms must be completed and submitted to appropriate convenor prior to judging. EACH PERSON MUST complete a form for classes he or she is entering.

SECTION EXHIBITOR IS ENTERING _____

FAIR BENCH SHOW ENTRY FORM

Junior/Intermediate _____ Adult _____

CLASS#	CATEGORY	NAME OF EXHIBIT	FEES

TOTAL _____

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Are you presently engaged in the production of agricultural products? Yes No