



Crocus Hill Fair 2025



Bench Show Exhibitors Handbook

Welcome to the Crocus Hill Bench Show

A bench show is a term used in Alberta to describe classes in sewing, handicrafts, cooking, artwork and photography that usually take place during a fair or other community event.

The Valleyview & Districts Agricultural Society Fair has been hosting the Bench Show for over 5 decades. We invite exhibitors of all ages to showcase their skills, heritage, and creativity in this years Bench Show! Join us as we celebrate local talent through quilting, preserves, crafts, baking, photography, youth projects and more.

The following are the sections and classes for which entries are listed.



BENCH SHOW HOURS

Friday September 26

Bench Show Exhibits Entry...3 - 8 pm

Saturday September 27

Bench Show Judging.....10 - 1 pm

Bench Show Viewing.....1 - 6 pm

Sections & Classes

Youth Seedlings - 7 years and under

- 1 entry per person, per category
- Entries may be themed or freestyle by design
- Project can be ASSISTED by an adult, but MAJORITY of work must be done by the participant
- Baking Class numbers to submit: 3 per display
- Entries must be labeled with entrant's first name and age group on bottom of display (no visible names on top)
- Classes will be judged by the following: Creativity, originality, visual appeal, skill & technique. In food classes cleanliness, finish, and edibility.

Seedlings Baking Class:
B-SE1-Cupcake decorating
B-SE2-Cookie decorating

Seedlings Arts & Crafts Class:
A-SE1- Finger painting
A-SE2- Clay sculpting
A-SE3- Farm themed drawing
A-SE4-Rock painting

Sections & Classes

Youth Sprouts - 8 years to 14 years

- 1 entry per person, per category
- Entries may be themed or freestyle by design
- Class B-S3 numbers to submit: Min 3
- Entries must be labeled with entrant's first name and age group on bottom of display (no visible names on top)
- Classes will be judged by the following: Creativity, originality, visual appeal, skill & technique. In food classes cleanliness, finish, and edibility.
- Pies/loafs crust color, texture
- Photography 4x6 picture: Focus, clarity, lighting, creativity, and impact
- Sewing workmanship, design/pattern, finishing touches, and overall presentation

Sprouts Baking Class:

B-S1: Loaf (Ex. banana, zucchini, lemon)

B-S2: Pies (one crust)

B-S3: Animal shaped cookies

Sprouts Arts & Crafts Class:

A-S1: Friendship bracelets

A-S2: Lanyard & key chain art

A-S3: Woodwork art

Sprouts Photography:

P-S1: Life In The North

P-S2: Barnyard Buddies

P-S3: My Favorite Place

Sprouts Sewing:

S-S1: Bags/backpack

S-S2: Stuffy

S-S3: Apron

Sections & Classes

Adult Full Bloom - 15 years and up

- 1 entry per person, per category
- Entries may be themed or freestyle by design
- Entries must be labeled with entrant's first name and age group on bottom of display (no visible names on top)
- FBB, FBC, FBS Classes-** Appearance, texture/consistency, aroma, color, flavour, and overall impression
- FBA Classes-** Composition, color, technique & skill, creativity, and presentation
- FBP Classes:** Composition, focus, clarity, lighting, and creativity impact
- FBQ, FBT, FBW Classes:** Workmanship, design and pattern, materials used, finishing touches, and overall presentation

Full Bloom Baking Class:

FBB-1: Bread (one loaf)

FBB-2: Pastry one crust

FBB-3: Pastry two crust

Full Bloom Arts & Crafts:

FBA-1: Painting

FBA-2: Pencil drawing

FBA-3: Scrapbooking page

Full Bloom Canned Foods:

FBC-1: Jam

FBC-2: Jelly

FBC-3: Pickled vegetables

FBC-4: Chutney or relish

FBC-5: Syrup

Full Bloom Photography:

FBP-1: Weather Wonders

FBP-2: Moments That Matter

FBP-3: Nature Close-Up

Full Bloom Salsa Showdown:

FBS-1: Mild

FBS-2: Medium

FBS-3: Hot

FBS-4: Fruit

Stitching Proud:

FBQ-1: Full quilt- Hand/machine Quilted

Min 50"x 70"

FBQ-2: Baby quilt Max 36"x60"

FBQ-3: Table runner

FBQ-4: Placemats (2)

FBB-5: Bags/backpack

Woodwork Nailed It:

FBW-1: Small project (birdhouse, jewelry box)

FBW-2: Willow furniture

FBW-3: Rustically recycled wood project

(used materials)

Traditional Heritage:

FBT-1: Jewelry (hair pieces, pins, earrings, bracelets)

FBT-2: Beaded Medallion, Lanyards, Necklaces

FBT-3: Ribbon skirts

Sections & Classes

Family Farm

- 1 entry per family, per category
- Entries may be themed or freestyle by design
- Entries must be labeled with families name and category on bottom of display (no visible names on top)
- FFG Classes-** Display appearance, size, color, and overall impression
- FFA Class-** Creativity, originality, visual appeal, skill & technique
- FFB Class:** Creativity, originality, visual appeal, skill & technique, cleanliness, finish, and edibility
- Family Farm Garden Class:**
- FF-G1:** Vegetable display containing: a potato, a carrot, a zucchini and a beet
- FF-G2:** Largest pumpkin

Family Farm Arts & Crafts Class:

FF-A1: Lego design

Family Farm Baking Class:

FF-B1: Cake decorating

FF-B2: Cupcake decorating



Be creative!



Dream big!



Have fun!

SEE YOU AT THE
CROCUS HILL FAIR!