

VALLEYVIEW & DISTRICTS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

CROCUS HILL  
FAIR

BENCH SHOW

★  
— SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 —

✿ BENCH SHOW BOOKLET ✿

*Celebrating Community,  
Agriculture, Creativity  
& Country Traditions*

FRIENDS • FAMILY • FUN

# >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 has been hosting the Bench Show for decades.



*Showcase your skills, creativity, and community spirit.*

Whether you're a seasoned exhibitor or trying something new, the bench show is for everyone.



### HOW TO ENTER



Bring your items to the Crocus Hill Fair



Items will be tagged by volunteers at the Ag Society Hall



Complete your entry form



Keep your claim number for pickup



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Bench Show Exhibit Entry  
**4:00 – 7:00 PM**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Bench Show Judging ..... **10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
Bench Show Viewing ..... **1:00 – 5:00 PM**

The following pages contain the sections and classes for which entries are listed. Please note that if you have an item not listed, *the Fair Committee will find a place for it.*

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# SECTIONS & CLASSES



## AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUP	AGE RANGE
Seedlings .....	7 & under
Sprouts .....	8–12 years
Youth .....	13–17 years
Adult .....	18+

## FEATURE CLASSES

Special showcase categories open to all exhibitors unless otherwise specified.

### FEATURE CLASS GUIDELINES



Must be made by exhibitor



Must be safe and display ready



Must be self standing (where applicable)



### DIORAMA SHOWCASE

#### D-01 DIORAMA (ALL AGES)

Create a miniature scene using any materials.

#### AWARDS:

- Best in Class
- Most Creative
- Judge's Choice



### ANYTHING GOES SHOWCASE

#### AG-01 ANYTHING GOES (ALL AGES)

Not sure where your project fits?  
Enter it here.

#### AWARDS:

- Best in Class
- Most Creative
- Judge's Choice



### COUNTRY COLLECTIONS SHOWCASE

From the land, the barn, or the backyard –  
show us what you love to collect!

CLASS CODE	AGE GROUP
CCL-01	Seedlings (7 & under)
CCL-02	Sprouts (8–12)
CCL-03	Youth (13–17)

#### AWARDS:

- Best in Class
- Most Creative
- Judge's Choice





# SECTIONS & CLASSES



*All classes are open to all age divisions unless otherwise specified.*



## BAKING (B)



CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
B-01	Bread (loaf)
B-02	Buns (3)
B-03	Muffins (3)
B-04	Cookies (6)
B-05	Cake
B-06	Squares / Bars
B-07	Decorated Item



## CANNING & PRESERVES (C)



CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
C-01	Jam or Jelly
C-02	Pickles
C-03	Salsa or Relish
C-04	Canned Vegetables
C-05	Canned Fruit



## ARTS & CRAFTS (A)



CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
A-01	Painting
A-02	Drawing
A-03	Recycled / Upcycled Craft
A-04	DIY Home Decor
A-05	Farm or Western-Themed Craft
A-06	Seasonal Craft





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## HORTICULTURE (H)



CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
H-01	Carrots (3)
H-02	Potatoes (3)
H-03	Garden Flowers
H-04	Potted Plant
H-05	Ugliest Vegetable



## PHOTOGRAPHY (P)



CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
P-01	<b>Life on the Land</b> <i>Show everyday moments of rural life.</i>
P-02	<b>Big Iron</b> <i>Tractors, trucks, and the machines that work hard.</i>
P-03	<b>Crop &amp; Field Scenes</b> <i>Fields, farms, and crops growing in the season.</i>
P-04	<b>Animals Being Animals</b> <i>Candid, natural moments of animals.</i>
P-05	<b>Little Critters</b> <i>Insects, birds, and small creatures up close.</i>
P-06	<b>Sky &amp; Weather</b> <i>Sunrises, storms, clouds, and skies.</i>
P-07	<b>Close-Up Details</b> <i>Textures, patterns, and the beauty in the small things.</i>
P-08	<b>Black &amp; White</b> <i>Timeless photos in black and white.</i>
P-09	<b>Funny Moment (Busted!)</b> <i>Caught in the act – make us smile!</i>
P-10	<b>Reflections &amp; Shadows</b> <i>Creative photos using light, reflections, and shadows.</i>
P-11	<b>Rodeo Action</b> <i>Fast-paced moments from rodeo events.</i>



## COUNTRY CLASSICS (CC)



CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
CC-01	<b>Handmade Body Care</b> <i>Soap, lotion, salves, natural products</i>
CC-02	<b>Rustic Handmade Decor</b> <i>Farmhouse, western, or country décor made by exhibitor</i>
CC-03	<b>Western Handmade Creations</b> <i>Cowboy, ranch, or tack-inspired items</i>
CC-04	<b>Repurposed Creations</b> <i>Upcycled or repurposed materials made into something new</i>
CC-05	<b>Handmade From Scratch</b> <i>Items created fully from raw or base materials</i>



All items must be handmade by the exhibitor. No store-bought items permitted.

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All classes are open to all age divisions unless otherwise specified.



## INDIGENOUS & TRADITIONAL ARTS (I)



CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
I-01	Traditional Beading
I-02	Regalia or Garment Piece
I-03	Leatherwork
I-04	Mixed Media Cultural Art <i>Artwork using more than one material (paint, fabric, beads, wood).</i>
I-05	Contemporary Beadwork



## SEWING (S)



CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
S-01	Clothing Item
S-02	Household Item (apron, pillow, etc.)
S-03	Accessories (bag, tote, etc.)
S-04	Beginner Sewing Project



## QUILTING (Q)



CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
Q-01	Hand Quilted Quilt
Q-02	Machine Quilted Quilt
Q-03	Lap Quilt / Throw
Q-04	Baby Quilt
Q-05	Beginner Quilt



## WOODWORKING (W)



CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
W-01	Small Project (box, sign, birdhouse)
W-02	Furniture (chair, bench, table)
W-03	Rustic / Reclaimed Project
W-04	Farm Use Item (practical build)
W-05	Beginner Project





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## FIBRE ARTS (F)

CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
<b>F-01</b>	<b>Knitting</b> <i>Hand knitted items.</i>
<b>F-02</b>	<b>Crochet</b> <i>Hand crocheted items.</i>
<b>F-03</b>	<b>Weaving</b> <i>Items woven on a loom or frame loom.</i>
<b>F-04</b>	<b>Needlework</b> <i>Embroidery, cross stitch, crewel and other needlework.</i>
<b>F-05</b>	<b>Macramé or Textile Art</b> <i>Macramé, wall hangings, or other fibre art creations.</i>



## FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS (FD)

CLASS CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION
<b>FD-01</b>	<b>Fresh Floral Arrangement</b> <i>Made with fresh flowers, foliage, and natural materials.</i>
<b>FD-02</b>	<b>Dried Floral Arrangement</b> <i>Made with dried flowers, grasses, seed pods, and natural materials.</i>
<b>FD-03</b>	<b>Farmhouse Arrangement</b> <i>Rustic design using farm materials, wildflowers, or country elements.</i>
<b>FD-04</b>	<b>Miniature Arrangement</b> <i>A small-scale floral arrangement.</i>
<b>FD-05</b>	<b>Creative / Unique Design</b> <i>Original design using any fresh, dried, or preserved materials.</i>



★ THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FAIR! ★

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# CROCUS HILL FAIR

## ★ Exhibitor Awards & Prize Payout

*We celebrate the creativity, effort, and skill of all exhibitors.*



### CLASS-LEVEL AWARDS

-  Best in Class (1st Place)
-  Second Place
-  Third Place
-  Judge's Choice (optional)
-  Most Creative (optional)

- Ribbons awarded based on merit
- Not all entries will receive a ribbon



### FEATURE CLASS PAYOUTS

- Diorama Showcase ..... \$30 / \$20 / \$10
- Anything Goes Showcase ..... \$30 / \$20 / \$10
- Country Collections ..... \$30 / \$20 / \$10



### DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**\$20 AWARD** (each division)

*Champion selected from all class winners in each division:*

- |                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| • Baking                        | • Photography      |
| • Canning & Preserves           | • Horticulture     |
| • Arts & Crafts                 | • Sewing           |
| • Fibre Arts                    | • Quilting         |
| • Floral Arrangements           | • Woodworking      |
| • Indigenous & Traditional Arts | • Country Classics |



### OVERALL AWARDS

- Best in Show ..... **\$50**
- Youth Champion (17 & Under) ..... **\$50**



### PLEASE NOTE

- Judges' decisions are final
- Awards are based on quality of entries
- Ribbons awarded based on merit
- Not all entries will receive a ribbon
- Cash prizes are awarded at the Feature, Division, and Overall levels only
- No cash prizes at class level
- Prizes must be picked up at scheduled time

