

99th Annual Austin County Fair Home Economics Catalog

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GENERAL RULES

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. All departments are color coded as follows:
 - 4-H Junior/Junior FFA** – Green
 - 4-H Senior/FCCLA/TAFE/Senior FFA** – Pink
 - Open Youth** – Yellow
 - Open Adult** – Lilac
 - Flower Show** – Blue
 - Fine Arts** – Coral
 - TEEA** – Light Blue
2. All Exhibitors must be permanent residents of Austin County or enrolled in a public school, private school, or home school in Austin County or enrolled in elementary, junior high or high school during the 2025/2026 school year.
3. All entry cards and tags are available at the Austin County Fair Office (979-865-5995) and the Austin County Extension Office (979-865-2072). **There is a detailed PowerPoint available online that provides guidance on completing entry cards and tags.**
4. All articles entered must be labeled with the appropriate tag. The tag must contain the classification of article and name of article. Entry cards must be completed by the exhibitor and have the appropriate signature for the youth division. **No multiple participant entries allowed. Only single participant entry accepted unless otherwise designated.**
5. **DO NOT MIX CATEGORIES. PLACE ONE CATEGORY ON A CARD.** (Example all category A items on one card.) Only one item per class (Ex. A1).
6. All entries must be made from November 2025 thru October 2026.
 - They must be in excellent condition, very clean, well pressed, and odor free or they will not be accepted.
 - All exhibits must be made by the exhibitor, and only one entry per class will be accepted.

- **It is unethical to exhibit items that have been previously exhibited or made by anyone other than the exhibitor.**



Division chairmen have the authority and responsibility to disqualify items that are deemed inappropriate, dirty/washed, soiled or do not appear to have been made or completed in the last year or previously exhibited.

7. NO duplicate items will be accepted in miscellaneous categories. Items may be entered as miscellaneous only if they do not qualify in listed classes.
8. Exhibitor information must be completed on EACH entry card. All exhibitors are required to place a daytime cell phone number and email address on entry cards.
9. No crafts or recipes may show or contain any Alcohol or references to Alcohol.
10. Due to limited display space, items should not measure larger than 30 inches wide by 30 inches high unless foldable for display. Any questions, please call the phone number listed as the point of contact per department or the Austin County Fair Office at 979-865-5995.
11. Categories are marked Eligible or Ineligible for Youth Supreme & Country Auction sale lots.



*****Please read all rules prior to entering.**



ENTRY FEES

An entry fee of \$3.00 for items 1-4, \$2.00 for items 5-20 and \$1.50 for 21 -50 will be charged per item. Maximum of 50 items per exhibitor.

Adults may have an additional ten (10) items in the Adult Flower Show.

Exhibitor names will be covered/taped during judging.

CHECK IN PROCEDURES FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS

(Youth and Adult)

Check In Date	Check In Time
Monday, October 5	4:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, October 6	9:00 am – 11:45 am

1. All articles will be accepted on Monday, October 5, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:45 pm and Tuesday, October 6, 2026 from 9:00 am – 11:45 am.
2. Although precautions will be taken, the Austin County Fair Association and volunteers will not be responsible for items lost, stolen or broken.
3. **It is encouraged for all items to be tagged and properly labeled before entrance into the exhibit building.**

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

1. Items on display in the exhibition hall will not be released until 11:00 am on Sunday, October 11, 2026. In addition, all items left after 2:00 p.m. on the date of check out will no longer be the responsibility of the Austin County Fair or its affiliated partners.

Items removed prior to scheduled removal time will forfeit all prize money. Exhibitors are welcome to recycle any ribbons or rosettes if they so desire.

2. All exhibit prize money must be collected between 11:00 and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at the EXPO CENTER. After Sunday, prize money can be picked up at the fair office. Money not picked up by November 1, 2026 will be forfeited.

SCORING

1. Judging will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 for all categories.

2. Exhibits will be scored as follows: Grand Champion – 500 points; Reserve Champion – 300 points; Blue Ribbon – 100 points; Red Ribbon – 90 points. Prize money will be paid as follows: Grand Champion - \$15 Reserve Champion - \$10; Blue Ribbon - \$1.00; Red Ribbon - \$.75.
3. One (1) Grand Champion entry and one (1) Reserve Champion entry may be selected from each Category in each Division in each department if warranted by the judges. **Please note that each Category (Square) must have three (3) or more items to be awarded a overall Grand or Reserve Champion for that specific category.**
4. **The judge's decision is final.**
5. Judges are requested to write a comment on back of tag when awarding a red ribbon.
6. Donated Grand Champion and Reserve Champion exhibitors only will have the opportunity to donate their prize-winning exhibits to the Youth Supreme & Country Auction Sale on Saturday. Proceeds from donated Grand and Reserve Champion donated items will go to the Austin County Fair Association.
7. Donating to the auction is optional and failure to donate does not forfeit the exhibitor's rosette or prize money. Note: Due to the sentimental or personal value of items, exhibitors may decline including their entries in the auction.
8. All Donated Grand Champion and Reserve Champion baked foods must be baked fresh for Saturday. **Baked goods must be delivered to the fairgrounds by 9:00 am on Saturday.**
9. **Pictures will be taken at Expo Center on Sunday, October 11, 2026 starting at:**
 - **Noon - 4-H Junior/Jr FFA**
 - **12:15 pm 4-H Senior/FFA/FCCLA & Open Youth**
 - **12:30 Youth Supreme Exhibitors**
 - **12:45 Extension Education Department**
 - **1:00 pm Open Adult Department**
 - **1:15 pm Flower Show Trophy Winners**



Exhibitor Drawing!

Sponsored By:

Donations in memory of

Carolyn Balke,

Edward Kramer & Albert Sodolak.

Each exhibitor will be placed in a drawing for a gift card for participating in the Home Economics Department.

**Youth Department – 5 Gift Cards
(1st \$50 & 3 at \$25)**

**Adult Department - 5 Gift Cards
(1st \$50 & 3 at \$25)**

Winners Gift Cards will be included in their Prize Money envelopes!

YOUTH DEPARTMENT RULES & AWARDS

San Bernard Electric Cooperative will award trophies to High Point Exhibitors in each division in the **Junior, Open Youth, and Senior Departments**. An exhibitor may receive only one trophy per year. Trophies for each specific division (canned foods, baked goods, clothing, home improvement, flower show and photography) will be awarded to the same individual only once.

In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the highest number of Grand, Reserve, blue, red ribbons, along with the total number of entries.

4-H JUNIOR/JUNIOR FFA DEPARTMENT

A monetary award will be given to the Overall High Point Exhibitors. Three awards will be made: 1st Place - \$50; 2nd Place - \$30; 3rd Place - \$20. Overall high point exhibitors may receive the first-place award only once. Monetary awards will be given to 4-H Junior/Junior FFA by Austin County Parent Leaders.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries are subject to the Home Economics General Rules of the Austin County Fair.
2. Exhibitors cannot be a member of an adjacent county, 4-H, FFA, FCCLA or TAFE.
3. The 4-H Junior/Junior FFA Department is open to any Austin County 4-H or Junior FFA member who resides in Austin County or is enrolled in an elementary or junior high school during the 2025/2026 school year.
4. Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.
5. No crafts or recipes may show or contain any Alcohol or references to Alcohol.

6. **There is an detailed PowerPoint available online that provides guidance on completing entry cards and tags. This information is locat-ed on the ACF website/Menu/Home Economics.**
7. Members of 4-H or FFA will be vetted through the district adjunct representatives or facility representatives if the school does not accept or allow the student to be excused the exhibitor may receive an unexcused absence.



4-H SENIOR/FCCLA/TAFE/SENIOR FFA DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Overall High Point exhibitor may receive the first-place award only once. This award will not be made to an individual exhibitor more than once. Wittenberg Printing will donate a monetary award to the Overall High Point exhibitor.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries are subject to the Home Economics General Rules of the Austin County Fair.
2. The 4-H Senior, FCCLA, TAFE and Senior FFA Department is open to any Austin County 4-H member, FCCLA, TAFE or Senior FFA member who resides in Austin County or is enrolled in an Austin County high school during the 2024/2025 school year or at least 14 years old, but not older than 19.
3. Exhibitors cannot be a member of an adjacent county, 4-H, FFA, FCCLA or TAFE.
4. Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.
5. No crafts or recipes may show or contain any Alcohol or references to Alcohol.
6. **There is an detailed PowerPoint available online that provides guidance on completing entry cards and tags. This information is located on the ACF website/Menu/Home Economics.**
7. Members of 4-H or FFA will be vetted through the district adjunct representatives or facility representatives if the school does not accept or allow the student to be excused the exhibitor may receive an unexcused absence.

OPEN YOUTH DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL AWARDS

A monetary award will be presented to the Open Overall Highpoint Exhibitor in memory of Nelson Kieke. This award will not be made to the individual exhibitor more than once.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries are subject to the Home Economics General Rules of the Austin County Fair.
2. The Open Youth Department is open to any Austin County youth who reside in Austin County or is enrolled in an Austin County school during the 2024/2025 school year. 4-H, FFA, FCCLA or TAFE members are not eligible to participate in this department. Exhibitors cannot be a member of an adjacent county, 4-H, FFA, FCCLA or TAFE.
3. Exhibitors must indicate their age on each tag.
4. Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.
5. No crafts or recipes may show or contain any Alcohol or references to Alcohol.
6. **There is an detailed PowerPoint available online that provide guidance on completing entry cards and tags. This information is located on the ACF website/Menu/Home Economics.**
7. Open Youth will be vetted through the district adjunct representatives or facility representatives for No Pass/No Play.
8. If an exhibitor misses school to participate in a fair event and the school does not accept or allow the student to be excused the exhibitor may receive an unexcused absence.

Home Economics Youth Supreme

Exhibitors participating in Home Economics department in 4H Junior, Jr FFA, 4H Senior, FCCLA, TAFE, FFA & Open Youth Departments receiving Supreme Champion in the following Divisions will have the opportunity to sell their winning item in the Youth Supreme & Country Auction on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Categories not listed below are ineligible to sell in the Youth Supreme & Country Auction. Sub Categories marked as Eligible will be considered for Supreme Champion.

Supreme Champions will be chosen from following Divisions:

Clothing & Needlework	Baked Goods
Home Improvement	Canned Foods
Flower Show	Photography
Quilts	Fine Arts

Youth Supreme Auction Rules

Rules for entering items in the Home Economics departments can be found under the Home Economics General Rules. Rules for specific categories can be found under the specific Division. All rules listed in the General and Youth Department rules must be followed to participate in the Youth Supreme & Country Auction.

Judging Process for Home Economics

- Individual Items will be judged in their specific category individually and will receive a blue ribbon.
- **Please note that each Category (Square) must have three (3) or more items to be awarded an overall Grand or Reserve Champion for that specific category.**
- Next, Categories will be judged to choose a Grand and Reserve Champions. There can be multiple winners in the same Division depending on the Categories. Winners will receive prize money and a rosette, \$15.00 for Grand and \$10.00 for Reserve.

- Division Grand Champions will be judged for Supreme.
- Exhibitors winning Supreme will receive a banner and the opportunity to sell in the Youth Supreme & Country Auction
- Exhibitors will be required to submit applicable forms and are subject to eligibility. Exhibitors may be notified by phone and/or email and to confirm if they want the opportunity to sell in the sale. Please provide a good adult cell phone number and email address on your entry card.
- Participating in the Youth Supreme & Country Auction Sale is highly encouraged but is not mandatory. The decision is up to the exhibitor in the case of sentimental value of the entry.
- Exhibitors will be allowed to sell in both the Youth Livestock (Friday) and the Youth Supreme & Country Auction (Saturday).
- In the case of Baked Goods, items must be baked fresh in the specified quantities for the Auction on Saturday, Oct 10. Please deliver to the fairgrounds by 9 am to be sold as a whole item.
 - o Breads – One (1) Whole
 - o Cakes – One (1) Whole
 - o Cookies – Two (2) Dozen
 - o Candy – Two (2) Dozen or Equivalent to 24 pieces
 - o Pies – One (1) Whole
 - o Baked goods will need to be provided in an appropriate decorative non-returnable container.

Eligibility for Participation in the Youth Supreme Sale

- All entries will be exhibited and sold by their owners unless he/she is physically unable to do so due to a medical condition. The ONLY permissible excuses for “physically unable to do so” are a DOCUMENTED medical or family emergency and /or a DOCUMENTED and sanctioned school function of which the exhibitor must PARTICIPATE.

- Exhibits to be shown or sold by someone else other than the owner must be approved in writing by the respective committee chairman. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain and complete the required form. Substitution forms will be available at the Fair Office.
- If an exhibitor is Academically Ineligible to show, the exhibitor AND THEIR PROJECT are ineligible to participate in the Austin County Fair.
- Eligibility of Exhibitors earning Supreme will be verified by the specified District Adjunct Representative or Facility Representative. In the case of Open Youth Exhibitors, they will need to provide a copy of their current progress report.
- There will be a 7% fee deducted from the Exhibitors check for ACF accounting purposes.
- Handwritten “thank you” notes will be required for Buyers and for any additional add-ons provided. A date will be set to pick up Thank you note lists. The date will be published on line and on the ACF Facebook page.
- Checks will be distributed to Exhibitors when all checks are ready for distribution and upon receipt of a handwritten Thank you note in accordance with the Youth Auction Sale/Add-On Check policy.
- In order to cash the Youth Supreme Auction checks, the EXHIBITOR must endorse the check. Exhibitors will have 30 days after checks are printed to turn in thank you notes and pick up checks. After this time period, the Sale and Add-On monies will go to the Austin County Fair Scholarship fund.
- Exhibitors will be required to submit a completed W-9 form for tax purposes.
- Exhibitor and one (1) parent will be asked to work during the Youth Supreme & Country Auction sale or volunteer to help with the Check out process on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 10a.m.

- Judges will make the final determination that an item is Sellable for the item to advance to the Youth Supreme & Country Auction.
- If there are not enough items in a specific Eligible category a Grand Champion will Not be awarded therefore no entries will advance to the Youth Supreme & Country Auction



YOUTH DEPARTMENTS

4-H Junior, Junior FFA, 4-H Senior/FCCLA, TAFE, FFA
and Open Youth

4-H Junior/Junior FFA Department

Green Cards

4-H Senior/FCCLA/TAFE/Senior FFA Department

Pink Cards

Open Youth Department

Yellow Cards

CLOTHING AND NEEDLEWORK DIVISION

CATEGORY "A"

Due to limited space please see rule #10 general rules.

CONSTRUCTED ITEMS - Ineligible

A1. Blouse	A15. Skorts
A2. Capris	A16. Slacks
A3. Coat/Shawl/Poncho	A17. Sport Outfit
A4. Costume	A18. Suit
A5. Dress – Casual	A19. Swimsuit Cover-Up
A6. House Robe	A20. Vest
A7. Jacket	A21. Apron
A8. Jumper	A22. Pillow
A9. Miscellaneous	A23. Pillowcase
A10. Night Gown or Pajamas	A24. Placemats
A11. Shirt	A25. Table runner
A12. Shorts	A26. Throw
A13. Shorts & Tops	A27. Tote Bag
A14. Skirt	A28. Towels
	A29. Wall Hanging, Stitched

DECORATED GARMENTS - Ineligible

A30. Denim – Decorated	A37. Sweatshirt - Decorated
A31. Denim – Painted	A38. Sweatshirt – Painted
A32. Jacket	A39. T-Shirt – Appliquéd
A33. Jeans – Decorated	A40. T-Shirt – Decorated
A34. Miscellaneous Garment	A41. T-Shirt – Painted
A35. Skirt – Decorated	A42. Vest - Decorated
A36. Sweat Shirt – Appliquéd	

CATEGORY “A”

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

ACCESSORIES - Eligible

A43. Bandana	A52. Miscellaneous Accessory
A44. Barrett/Hair Clip (decorated)	A53. Necklace
A45. Belt	A54. Pin
A46. Bracelet	A55. Purse
A47. Earrings	A56. Ring
A48. Hat (decorated)	A57. Scarf
A49. Head Band	A58. Sun Visor/Cap (decorated)
A50. Key Chain	A59. Tote Bag (decorated)
A51. Leather Accessory	

NEEDLEWORK – Eligible

A60. Appliquéd Article	A67. Machine Embroidered Article
A61. Counted Cross Stitch Article	A68. Miscellaneous
A62. Crocheted Article	A69. Plastic Canvas Article
A63. Cross Stitch Article	A70. Towels
A64. Embroidered Article	A71. Sequined Kits
A65. Hook or Latch Item	
A66. Knitted Article	



HOME IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

CATEGORY “B”

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

HOME ACCESSORIES - Eligible

B1. Album/Book (decorated)	B18. Lamp Shade (decorated)
B2. Basket (decorated)	B19. Miscellaneous
B3. Bird House or Feeder	B20. Patriotic Item
B4. Box (decorated)	B21. Picture Frame
B5. Broom (decorated)	B22. Potholder
B6. Clipboard (decorated)	B23. Potpourri Item
B7. Christmas Doorknob Cover	B24. Puzzle Art
B8. Christmas Item – Other	B25. Refrigerator Magnet
B9. Christmas Ornament	B26. Stenciled Item
B10. Christmas Tree Skirt	B27. Stuffed Article (no toy)
B11. Coat Hanger (covered)	B28. Stuffed Toy
B12. Decoupage Item	B29. Thanksgiving Item
B13. Easter Item	B30. Valentine’s Item
B14. Flower Arrangement	B31. Wall Hanging
B15. Flowerpot (decorated)	B32. Woven Basket
B16. Halloween Item	B33. Wreath (decorated)
B17. Imitation Glass	

CATEGORY “C”

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

CRAFTS - Ineligible

C1. Acrylic Item	C13. Lego’s
C2. Beaded Item	C14. Magnet
C3. Bookmark	C15. Metal Item
C4. Candles	C16. Miscellaneous
C5. Canvas Painting	C17. Model
C6. Clay Item	C18. Paint by Number
C7. Diamond Art	C19. Painting on Glass
C8. Educational Exhibits (No posters)	C20. Paper Art
C9. Foam Art	C21. Plaster of Paris Item
C10. Fusible Bead Work	C22. Pom-pom Item
C11. Hoop Item	C23. Religious Article
C12. Leather Craft	C24. Sequined Article
	C25. Stone or Rock Art
	C26. String Art

CATEGORY "D"

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

WOODWORK - Eligible

D1. Constructed Wood Item	D7. Stenciled Item
D2. Decorated Wood Item	D8. Wall Hanging
D3. Holiday Article	D9. Wooden Box
D4. Miscellaneous	D10. Wooden Craft Item
D5. Painted Wood Item	D11. Yard Sign
D6. Religious Item	

***No life size furniture**

FLOWER SHOW/SPECIMEN DIVISION

All plants must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor at least 90 days prior to the Fair. The name of plant must be entered on entry card. All containers must be clean and attractive. Plants should be watered no later than 24 hours before exhibition. Plants and containers may weigh no more than 15 pounds. A scale will be available, and the 15 pounds rule will be enforced. No black pots, double pots or wrappings. **Please note that each Category (Square) must have three (3) or more items to be an overall awarded Grand or Reserve Champions for that specific category. Judges will make the final determination if an item will advance to the Youth Supreme & Country Auction.**

CATEGORY "E"

FLOWERING POT PLANTS - Eligible

E1. African Violet	E6. Hibiscus
E2. Begonia	E7. Impatients
E3. Chrysanthemum	E8. Miniature Rose
E4. Exotic	E9. Ornamental Pepper
E5. Geranium	E10. Miscellaneous

FOLIAGE POT PLANTS - Eligible

E11. Caladium	E19. Peperomia
E12. Closet Plant	E20. Philodendron
E13. Coleus	E21. Rubber Plant
E14. Croton	E22. Schefflera
E15. Dieffenbachia	E23. Spider Plant
E16. Fern	E24. Tropical Plant
E17. Ivy	E25. Wandering Jew
E18. Miscellaneous	E26. Arrowhead Ivy

CACTI AND SUCCULENTS - Eligible

E27. Aloe Vera	E31. Kalanchoe
E28. Cacti	E32. Miscellaneous
E29. Hen and Chickens	E33. Sansevieria (Snake Plant or Mother-in-Law Tongue)
E30. Jade	

CONTAINER GROUPING - Eligible

E34. Dish Garden	E36. Miscellaneous
E35. Terrarium	

FLORAL DESIGN - Ineligible

Choose the category that you feel is the most fitting for your arrangement.

E37. Buffet Table	E39. Coffee/Registration
E38. Memorial Piece	E40. Miscellaneous

Specimen - Cuttings, Fruits & Vegetables - Ineligible

Any cut specimen is to be displayed in a clear glass or clear plastic bottle appropriate to the size of the specimen. Fruits and vegetables are to be displayed on appropriate size paper plate. Minimum of 3 pieces per entry per item.

E41. Misc. Specimen	E46. Fruits (3)
E42. Rose Specimen	E47. Vegetables (3)
E43. Annual Specimen	E48. Misc. Fruits or Vegetables (3)
E44. Perennial Specimen	E49. Herbs (Placed in a container)
E45. Bulbs, Corms, Tubera, Rhizomes, Specimen	

BAKED GOODS DIVISION

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

Baked cakes, pies and breads will be judged as the WHOLE product. Items must be entered as whole products unless otherwise specified. Cakes, breads and pies must have two identical, completed entry tags for each item. All cakes must be on a sturdy, disposable sheet of cardboard no larger than 1” from the edge of the item which has been covered with aluminum foil or white paper. Plastic disposable pie containers are acceptable. Glass plates will not be accepted.

Other baked items must be placed on a 6” disposable plate, in the quantity specified and placed in a clear plastic zip lock bag to be accepted. No decorations such as ribbons, doilies, etc.

After judging, all Remaining Portions of cakes and breads should be picked up by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. Grand and Reserve winners will leave ¼ of the cake or bread for display. All cakes, pies and breads not picked up by 5:00 p.m. will be disposed of.

The fair is not responsible for any damage due to climate control.

If siblings are competing against one another in the same division (example – a brother and sister both bake brownies in the 4-H Junior Division), it would be to their advantage to modify the recipe if possible. For example, if one enters a brownie, the other should enter brownies with nuts. By doing this, the entries will be easier to distinguish.

Recipes may NOT contain any Alcohol.

CATEGORY “F”

BREADS (Mini Loaf Pans are Allowed) - Eligible

F1. Coffee Cake	F8. Miscellaneous
F2. Cornbread – 3 pieces	F9. Muffins – 3 pieces
F3. Drop Biscuits – 3 pieces	F10. Plain Rolls – 3 pieces
F4. Grain/Cereal Muffins – 3 pieces	F11. Quick Breads
F5. Kolaches – 3 pieces	F12. Sweet Rolls – 3 pieces
F6. Loaf Bread	F13. Yeast Bread
F7. Mexican Cornbread – 3 pieces	

CAKES - Eligible

F14. Angel Food Cake	F19. Plain, Un-iced Cupcake
F15. Chiffon Cake	F20. Sheet Cake
F16. Jelly Roll	F21. 2 or 3 Layer Cake
F17. Loaf Cake	F22. Upside Down Cake
F18. Miscellaneous	F23. Bundt Cake
	F24. Cupcakes (3)

COOKIES - Eligible

F25. Bar Cookies – 3	F29. Refrigerator Cookies – 3
F26. Brownies – 3	F30. Rolled Cookies – 3
F27. Dropped Cookies – 3	F31. Unbaked Cookies - 3
F28. Miscellaneous – 3	

CANDY - Eligible

F32. Divinity – 3	F35. Molded Candy – 3
F33. Fudge – 3	F36. Peanut Brittle – 3
F34. Miscellaneous – 3	F37. Praline – 3

DECORATED BAKED FOODS - Ineligible (Please note: Do not cut decorated items. They are judged as a whole product and on appearance.) The fair is not responsible for any damage due to climate control.

F38. Cake	F41. Cupcake -3
F39. Candy -3	F42. Cut-Up Cake
F40. Cookies -3	F43. Miscellaneous

PIES - Eligible (Pies requiring refrigeration or freezing will NOT be accepted.) Entries should be in a disposable pan in a ziploc bag plastic pie container or pastry box.

F44. Apple	F53. Miscellaneous Nut
F45. Apricot	F54. Peach
F46. Blackberry	F55. Peanut
F47. Blueberry	F56. Pear
F48. Cherry	F57. Pecan
F49. Cobbler	F58. Raisin
F50. Dewberry	F59. Strawberry
F51. Dried Fruit	F60. Walnut
F52. Miscellaneous Fruit	F61. Miscellaneous Pie

CANNED FOODS DIVISION

Based on the recommendations of Ball Canning, the following criteria applies. The level of jar contents must be ¼” to ½” from the top of the jar lid. Low acid canned food items (items in pressure canner) need to have 1” head-space. All canned foods do not need a label, just an entry tag. All jars must be clean and shiny with rings. Canning can be done in only a standard canning jar (Mason, Ball, Kerr, etc.) – salad dressing or other such jars are not allowed. Fruit, vegetables, fruit pickles, and vegetable pickles – pieces in jars should be uniform in size and product should not be floating. Jelly must be firm, but not hard or with visible sugar crystals. It must pull away clean from the side of the jar and still hold its shape. Fruit or vegetable juice must be bright and have a clear color, not cloudy. Quality canned items do not have air pockets or bubbles among the vegetable or fruit pieces. **Volunteers accepting entries must check to confirm jars are sealed with rings intact.**

Please note that each Category (Square) must have four (4) or more items to be awarded an overall Grand or Reserve Champions for that specific category.

CATEGORY "G"

VEGETABLES – Eligible

G1. Beets	G6. Okra and Tomatoes
G2. Carrots	G7. Sauerkraut
G3. Corn	G8. Squash
G4. Green Snap Beans	G9. Tomatoes
G5. Miscellaneous	G10. Vegetable Juice

FRUITS - Eligible

G11. Berries	G15. Peaches
G12. Figs	G16. Pears
G13. Fruit Juice	G17. Plums
G14. Miscellaneous	

PRESERVES, JELLIES and JAMS - Eligible

G18. Apple Jam	G31. Peach Jam
G19. Apple Jelly	G32. Peach Jelly
G20. Berry Jam	G33. Peach Preserves
G21. Berry Jelly	G34. Pear Jam
G22. Dewberry Jam	G35. Pear Preserves
G23. Dewberry Preserves	G36. Plum Jam
G24. Fig Jam	G37. Plum Jelly
G25. Fig Preserves	G38. Plum Preserves
G26. Grape Jam	G39. Strawberry Jam
G27. Grape Jelly	G40. Strawberry Preserves
G28. Misc. Jam – No Duplicates	G41. Tomato Jam
G29. Misc. Jelly – No Duplicates	G42. Tomato Preserves
G30. Misc. Preserves – No Duplicates	

PICKLES AND RELISHES - Eligible

G43. Bread & Butter Pickles	G54. Miscellaneous Sauce
G44. Catsup	G55. Pepper Relish
G45. Chili Sauce	G56. Picanté Sauce
G46. Chow Chow	G57. Pickled Beans
G47. Corn Relish	G58. Pickled Beets
G48. Dill Pickles	G59. Pickled Okra
G49. Hot Pickles	G60. Pickled Peaches
G50. Miscellaneous Pickles	G61. Pickled Pears
G51. Miscellaneous Pickled Fruit	G62. Picked Squash
G52. Miscellaneous Pickled Vegetables	G63. Sweet Pickles
G53. Miscellaneous Relish	G64. Tomato Sauce

MISCELLANEOUS - Eligible (Entry may be exhibited in appropriate container or jar and does not need to be in sealed jars.)
If chosen for supreme, an appropriate amount will be required for the sale.

G65. Cereal Snack Mix	G73. Homemade Pasta
G66. Cooked Cheese	G74. Homemade Soup Mix
G67. Cookie Mix	G75. Homemade Syrup
G68. Dehydrated Fruit	G76. Honey (strained)
G69. Dehydrated Vegetables	G77. Honey in Comb (quart)
G70. Dehydrated Miscellaneous	G78. Miscellaneous
G71. Flavored Popcorn	G79. Spiced Nuts
G72. Homemade Noodles	

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

1. All entries must be in the form of color or black & white, 8"x10" prints mounted on a foam or mat board of the exact dimension 8"x10". No frames allowed.
2. The photo may be cropped for effect but the dimensions of 8"x10" must remain.
3. Only one entry may be submitted per class. No exceptions.
4. There must be at least three (3) photos entered in the OVERALL CONTEST for both the "Single Black & White Print" category and "Single Color Print" category in order to be awarded for Grand and Reserve Champion.
5. Judges will make the final determination that an item is Sellable for the item to advance to the Youth Supreme & Country Auction.

CATEGORY "H"

SINGLE COLOR PRINT - Eligible

H1. Animal Domestic	H8. Motion/Action
H2. Animal Wildlife	H9. Leading Line
H3. Creative Effects (Enhanced)	H10. Long Exposure
H4. Details & Macros	H11. Nature & Landscape
H5. Elements of Design	H12. People
H6. Food	H13. Plant/Flora
H7. Miscellaneous/Catch All	H14. Shadow/Silhouette

SINGLE BLACK & WHITE PRINT - Eligible

H15. Animal Domestic	H22. Motion/Action
H16. Animal Wildlife	H23. Leading Line
H17. Creative Effects (Enhanced)	H24. Long Exposure
H18. Details & Macros	H25. Nature & Landscape
H19. Elements of Design	H26. People
H20. Food	H27. Plant/Flora
H21. Miscellaneous/Catch All	H28. Shadow/Silhouette

YOUTH QUILT SHOW

“CATEGORY J”

QUILTS and QUILTED ITEMS – Eligible (Hand quilted finished, Any Size)

J1. Appliqué	J18. Paper Pieced
J2. Art Quilt (embellished)	J19. Patchwork
J3. Baby quilt	J20. Placemats
J4. Bed runner	J21. Pre-printed/Fabric Panel
J5. Cathedral Window	J22. Quillow
J6. Crazy quilt	J23. Quilted Fashion Accessory
J7. Crib quilt	J24. Quilted Wearable
J8. Cross Stitch, Embroidered	J25. Recycled
J9. Denim	J26. Scrappy quilt
J10. Group quilt (3 or More)	J27. String quilt
J11. Hand Embroidered	J28. T-Shirt quilt or item
J12. Holiday	J29. Table runner
J13. Lap quilt	J30. Tacked/Tied
J14. Machine Embroidered	J31. Trapunto
J15. Miniature quilts	J32. Two-Color quilt
J16. Miscellaneous	J33. Wall hanging
J17. Modern	J34. Whole Cloth quilt
	J35. Yo-Yo Item

QUILTS and QUILTED ITEMS – Eligible (Machine quilted, Any Size)

J36. Appliqué	J54. Paper Pieced
J37. Art Quilt (embellished)	J55. Patchwork
J38. Baby quilt	J56. Placemats
J39. Bed runner	J57. Pre-printed/Fabric Panel
J40. Cathedral Window	J58. Quilted Fashion Accessory
J41. Crazy Quilt	J59. Quilted wearable
J42. Cross Stitch, Embroidered	J60. Quillow
J43. Crib quilt	J61. Raw-Edged Quilt
J44. Denim	J62. Recycled
J45. Group Quilt (3 or More)	J63. Scrappy Quilt
J46. Hand Embroidered	J64. String Quilt
J47. Holiday	J65. T-Shirt Quilt
J48. Lap quilt	J66. Table runner
J49. Machine Embroidered	J67. Trapunto
J50. Miniature quilts	J68. Two-Color Quilt
J51. Miscellaneous (small)	J69. Wall hanging
J52. Miscellaneous (large)	J70. Whole Cloth Quilt
J53. Modern	J71. Yo-Yo Item



ADULT DEPARTMENT RULES

EXTENSION EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

*Every exhibitor in this department must be an **Active** member of an Austin County Extension Education Club. Extension Education members are not eligible to enter in the Open Department.*

1. A special gift will be given to the High Point exhibitor. The award is donated by the Austin County Extension Education Association. Previous winners are eligible after five years. High Point winners from 2020 or earlier ARE eligible for the 2026 High Point Award. Winners from 2021 through 2025 are NOT eligible for the 2026 award.
2. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the highest number of Grand, Reserve, Blue and Red Ribbons, along with the total number of entries.
3. An appropriate award will be presented to each of the Overall High Point exhibitors in the Fiber Arts, Clothing, Handicraft, Canning, Photography and Baking Divisions. Winners from 2020 or earlier are eligible for the 2026 High Point Award. Winners from 2021 through 2025 are NOT eligible for the 2026 award.
4. Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.
5. **There is an detailed PowerPoint available to provide guidance on completing entry cards and tags. This information is located on the ACF website/Menu/Home Economics.**

OPEN ADULT DEPARTMENT

This department is open to any adult who resides in Austin County, except Extension Education Club members.

1. A special gift will be given to the Overall High Point exhibitor. The award is donated by the Bluebonnet Area Quilt Guild. Winners from 2020 or earlier are eligible for the 2026 High Point Award. Winners from 2021 through 2025 are NOT eligible for the 2026 award.
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ADULT DEPARTMENTS

Open Adult and Extension Education

Open Adult Department

Lilac Cards

Extension Education Department

Light Blue Cards

CLOTHING DIVISION

CATEGORY "A"

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

Constructed or Decorated Items and Accessories

A1. Apron	A24. Pants or Slacks
A2. Bandana	A25. Pants Skirt (Culottes)
A3. Beaded Pin	A26. Poncho or Cape
A4. Belt	A27. Purse
A5. Blazer or Jacket	A28. Recycled Garment
A6. Blouse	A29. Scarf
A7. Bonnet	A30. Shawl
A8. Boy's Garment	A31. Shirt
A9. Bracelet	A32. Shoes
A10. Capris	A33. Shorts
A11. Costume	A34. Skirt (long or short)
A12. Dress	A35. Socks
A13. Earrings	A36. Special Occasion Dress
A14. Girl's Garment	A37. Sports Outfit
A15. Gown (formal or informal)	A38. Sports Shirt
A16. Hair Accessory	A39. Suit (dress or pant)
A17. Hat or Cap	A40. Sweatshirt
A18. House Robe	A41. Swimsuit
A19. Infant Apparel	A42. Swim Suit Cover-up
A20. Infant Bedding	A43. Tote bag
A21. Jumper Dress	A44. Vest
A22. Miscellaneous	A45. Western Shirt
A23. Necklace	

FIBER ARTS

CATEGORY "B"

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

EMBROIDERY (embroidery, needlepoint, and counted cross stitch, hand or machine)

B1. Appliqué Stitchery	B31. Landscape Wall Hanging
B2. Apron	B32. Luncheon Cloth or Set
B3. Book Cover	B33. Machine Embroidery
B4. Bookmark	B34. Magnets
B5. Candle Wicking	B35. Miscellaneous
B6. Chicken Scratch	B36. Napkin Set
B7. Christmas Card	B37. Needle Point
B8. Christmas Item	B38. Needle Punch
B9. Christmas Stocking	B39. One Color Work
B10. Christmas Wall Hanging	B40. Original Design
B11. Clocks	B41. Ornaments
B12. Clothing Article	B42. Pillow
B13. Creative Stitchery	B43. Pillowcases/Sham (1 or 2)
B14. Creative Stitchery Quotes	B44. Placemats
B15. Crewel	B45. Poems
B16. Cut Work	B46. Prayers
B17. Digitized Embroidery	B47. Rug
B18. Dish Towel	B48. Silk Ribbon Embroidery
B19. Fashion Accessory	B49. Sampler
B20. Floral Wall Hanging	B50. Shadow Embroidery
B21. Framed Item	B51. Smocked Article
B22. Greeting card	B52. Stamped Cross Stitch
B23. Handbag (Purse)	B53. Still Life Picture
B24. Hemstitching	B54. Tablecloths
B25. Holiday Item (not Christmas)	B55. Thread Painting
B26. Holiday Wall Hanging	B56. Topiary (standing/weighted needlepoint)
B27. Household Items	B57. Tote
B28. Jar Covers	B58. Towel
B29. Jar Lids	
B30. Lace Darning	

CROCHET, TATTING AND KNITTED CATEGORY (starched or unstarched)

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

B59. Adult apparel	B83. Lace Edge (1yd, any kind)
B60. Afghan	B84. Layette accessories
B61. Angel	B85. Luncheon cloth or set
B62. Baby Blanket	B86. Miscellaneous
B63. Bedspread	B87. Miscellaneous Crochet item
B64. Bib	B88. Miscellaneous Knitted Item
B65. Buffet or Vanity set	B89. Miscellaneous Tatted Item
B66. Cap	B90. Pillow
B67. Centerpiece (under 14")	B91. Placemats
B68. Chair set	B92. Poncho or Cape
B69. Child Apparel	B93. Potholder
B70. Christmas Ornament	B94. Purse
B71. Collar	B95. Recycled fibers
B72. Doll clothes	B96. Rug
B73. Doily (under 14")	B97. Rag Knitted Item
B74. Edging or Insertions (1yd)	B98. Scarf
B75. Fashion Accessory	B99. Snowflake
B76. Filet Crochet	B100. Sweater
B77. Hairpin Lace	B101. Stuffed Doll
B78. Headpiece	B102. Tablecloth
B79. Holiday Items	B103. Toy
B80. Home Accessory	B104. Tree Top Ornament
B81. House Shoes	B105. Vest
B82. Infant Apparel	



QUILTS and QUILTED ITEMS – (hand quilted finished, Any Size)

B106. Appliqué	B124. Paper Pieced
B107. Art Quilt (embellished)	B125. Patchwork
B108. Baby quilt	B126. Placemats
B109. Bed runner	B127. Pre-printed/Fabric Panel
B110. Cathedral Window	B128. Quillow
B111. Crazy Quilt	B129. Quilted Fashion Accessory
B112. Crib quilt	B130. Quilted wearable
B113. Cross Stitch, Embroidered	B131. Raw-edged
B114. Denim	B132. Recycled
B115. English Paper-piecing	B133. Scrappy Quilt
B116. Group Quilt (3 or More)	B134. String Quilt
B117. Hand Embroidered	B135. T-Shirt Quilt or item
B118. Holiday	B136. Table runner
B119. Lap quilt	B137. Trapunto
B120. Machine Embroidered	B138. Two-Color Quilt
B121. Miniature quilts	B139. Wall hanging
B122. Miscellaneous	B140. Whole Cloth Quilt
B123. Modern	B141. Yo-Yo Item

QUILTS and QUILTED ITEMS – (Machine quilted, finished Larger than Twin Size)

B142. Appliqué	B156. Paper Pieced
B143. Art Quilt (embellished)	B157. Patchwork
B144. Bed runner	B158. Pre-printed/Fabric Panel
B145. Cathedral Window	B159. Quillow
B146. Crazy quilt	B160. Raw-Edged quilt
B147. Cross Stitch, Embroidered	B161. Recycled
B148. Denim	B162. Scrappy quilt
B149. English Paper-piecing	B163. String quilt
B150. Group quilt (3 or More)	B164. T-Shirt quilt or item
B151. Hand Embroidered	B165. Trapunto
B152. Holiday	B166. Two-Color quilt
B153. Machine Embroidered	B167. Wall hanging
B154. Miscellaneous	B168. Whole Cloth quilt
B155. Modern	B169. Yo-Yo Item

QUILTS and QUILTED ITEMS – (Machine quilted, Twin size or smaller)

B170. Appliqué	B188. Paper Pieced
B171. Art Quilt (embellished)	B189. Patchwork
B172. Baby quilt	B190. Placemats
B173. Bed runner	B191. Pre-printed/Fabric Panel
B174. Cathedral Window	B192. Quillow
B175. Crazy quilt	B193. Quilted Fashion
B176. Cross Stitch, Embroidered	Accessory
B177. Crib quilt	B194. Quilted wearable
B178. Denim	B195. Raw-Edged quilt
B179. English Paper-pieced	B196. Recycled
B180. Group quilt (3 or More)	B197. Scrappy quilt
B181. Hand Embroidered	B198. String quilt
B182. Holiday	B199. T-Shirt quilt or item
B183. Lap quilt	B200. Table runner
B184. Machine Embroidered	B201. Trapunto
B185. Miniature quilts	B202. Two-Color quilt
B186. Miscellaneous	B203. Wall hanging
B187. Modern	B204. Whole Cloth quilt
	B205. Yo-Yo Item



HANDICRAFT DIVISION

CATEGORY “C”

If the item consists of an original design by the exhibitor, please note “Original Design” on the entry tag.

CLOTH OR YARN ITEMS

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

C1. Animal Doll	C19. Latch Hook Pillow
C2. Bed Runner	C20. Miscellaneous Item
C3. Book Cover (decorated)	C21. Pillow
C4. Braided Rug	C22. Pillowcases/Shams (1 or 2)
C5. Coat Hanger (decorated)	C23. Plastic Canvas
C6. Decorated Pillow	C24. Pre-printed Cloth Item – Sewn
C7. Doll	C25. Puppets
C8. Fabric Wall Hanging	C26. Rag Rug
C9. Felt Item	C27. Rug
C10. Hand-Stitched	C28. Seasonal Doll
C11. Holiday Doll	C29. Seasonal Item
C12. Holiday Item	C30. Soft Sculpture
C13. Holiday Stocking	C31. Stuffed Animal
C14. Home Item	C32. Stuffed Miscellaneous
C15. Hot Dish Carrier	C33. Table Runner
C16. Jewelry	C34. Yarn Item
C17. Kitchen Item	C35. Yo-Yo Items
C18. Latch Hook	

FLOWERS AND WREATHS (Not Live)

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

C36. Basket Flower Arrangement	C45. Miscellaneous Centerpiece
C37. Christmas Arrangement	C46. Misc. Flower Arrangement
C38. Christmas Wreath	C47. Miscellaneous Wreath
C39. Fabric Flower Arrangement	C48. Paper Flower Arrangement
C40. Fabric Flower Wreath	C49. Paper Flower Wreath
C41. Fall Flower Arrangement	C50. Silk Flower Arrangement
C42. Fall Wreath	C51. Spring Wreath
C43. Holiday Floral Centerpiece	C52. Vase Flower Arrangement
C44. Holiday Wreath	

ASSEMBLED ITEMS AND MISCELLANEOUS

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

C53. Bookmark	C66. Jewelry
C54. Candles	C67. Kitchen Decorated
C55. Craft Kit	C68. Metal Art
C56. Decorated Cards	C69. Miscellaneous Item
C57. Decoupage	C70. Miscellaneous Model
C58. Diorama	C71. Mixed Media Item
C59. Doorstop	C72. Ornament
C60. Garden Decorated	C73. Recycled Item
C61. Hat	C74. Religious Item
C62. Holiday Centerpiece	C75. Scrapbook
C63. Holiday Decorated	C76. Shells
C64. Home Decorated	C77. Vehicle Model
C65. Homemade Soap	C78. Wall Hanging

FINE ART HANDICRAFTS – (Emphasis on Artwork/creativity)

Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

C79. Acrylics	C99. Oil
C80. Artwork on Inside Item	C100. Paper-Mache Item
C81. Artwork on Outside Item	C101. Pen/Ink
C82. Carved Item	C102. Pencil
C83. Ceramic Item	C103. Quilling
C84. Clay Item	C104. Scratch Art
C85. Charcoal	C105. Sculpture
C86. Color Pencil	C106. Stained Glass Home Item
C87. Egg-decorated	C107. Stained Glass Kit
C88. Etched Glass	C108. Stained Glass Window
C89. Garden Item	C109. Stone
C90. Holiday/Seasonal Item	C110. Tooled Leather
C91. Home Item	C111. Toy
C92. Intarsia	C112. Wall Plaque
C93. Kitchen Item	C113. Watercolor
C94. Metal Art	C114. Wooden Bird House
C95. Miniature Furniture	C115. Wooden Doll House
C96. Miscellaneous	C116. Wooden Carved Item
C97. Model	C117. Wooden Jewelry
C98. Mosaic	C118. Wood Miscellaneous
	C119. Yard Signs

BAKED GOODS DIVISION

1. All entries in this division shall be placed on a heavy-duty disposable plate or cardboard covered with aluminum foil and covered with clear plastic or placed in a plastic bag. Plastic disposable pie containers or pastry boxes are acceptable.
2. Any baked item with extra designs or embellishments should be entered in the decorated baked foods.
3. Baked cakes and breads will be judged as the whole product.
4. A ¼ portion of the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion baked items must remain on display during Fair Week. The remaining portion can be picked up.
5. After judging, all remaining portions of cakes, pies and breads should be picked up by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. All cakes and breads not picked up by 5:00 p.m. will be disposed of.
6. Items requiring refrigeration or freezing will NOT be accepted.
7. Items will be sliced for taste and display.
8. Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

CATEGORY “E”

BREADS

E1. Bread – Fancy Shaped	E10. Rolls – Sweet (3)
E2. Bread Machine Item	E11. Rye Bread – Loaf
E3. Cinnamon Rolls (3)	E12. Semi Homemade
E4. Coffee Cake	E13. Sour Dough
E5. Kolaches (3)	E14. Sour Dough Misc
E6. Miscellaneous	E15. Swedish Tea Ring
E7. Poppy Seed Roll or 3 Individual Rolls	E16. Sweet Bread
E8. Raisin Bread	E17. Wheat Bread – Loaf
E9. Rolls – Plain (3)	E18. White Bread – Loaf
	E19. Yeast Bread

DECORATED BAKED FOODS - Do not cut decorated items.

They are judged as a whole product and on appearance. The fair is not responsible for any damage due to climate control. Due to limited space please see rule #10 in general rules.

E18. Cut-up Animal Cake	E21. Decorated Cookies (3)
E19. Decorated Cake	E22. Decorated Cupcakes (3)
E20. Decorated Candy (3)	E23. Miscellaneous

CANDY – Exhibit three (3) items of each kind on a paper plate in a sandwich bag.

E24. Cake Pops (3)	E33. Fudge
E25. Candy – Coated Pieces	E34. Martha Washington
E26. Candy – Molded	E35. Miscellaneous
E27. Candy – Uncooked	E36. Peanut Brittle
E28. Caramel	E37. Pecan Brittle
E29. Chocolate	E38. Pralines/Mexican Pecans
E30. Coated Nuts	E39. Toffee
E31. Date Roll	
E32. Divinity	

QUICK BREADS

E40. Apple Bread	E51. Miscellaneous
E41. Banana Nut Bread	E52. Muffins (3)
E42. Beer Bread	E53. Oatmeal Bread
E43. Biscuits, Beer (3)	E54. Pumpkin Bread
E44. Biscuits, Dropped (3)	E55. Quick Coffee Cake
E45. Biscuits, Rolled (3)	E56. Soda Bread
E46. Carrot Bread	E57. Strudel
E47. Cornbread	E58. Vegetable Bread
E48. Cranberry Bread	E59. Vegetable Cornbread
E49. Fruit Bread	E60. Zucchini Bread
E50. Mexican Cornbread	

CATEGORY “F”

PIES – Exhibit entries in accordance with Rule #1. One slice will be removed for judging. The remaining pie may be picked up or donated to the Fair. Pies requiring refrigeration or freezing will NOT be accepted.

F1. Apple	F9. Miscellaneous Pie
F2. Apricot	F10. Peach
F3. Blackberry	F11. Peanut
F4. Blueberry	F12. Pear
F5. Cherry	F13. Pecan
F6. Dewberry	F14. Raisin
F7. Dried Fruit	F15. Strawberry
F8. Misc. Fruit Pie	F16. Walnut

CAKES

Exhibit entries in accordance with Rule #1. One slice will be removed for judging. The remaining cake may be picked up or donated to the Fair. Cakes requiring refrigeration or freezing will NOT be accepted.

F17. Angel Food	F27. German Chocolate
F18. Bundt Cake	F28. Hummingbird
F19. Cake Mix/Semi-Homemade	F29. Italian Cream Cake
F20. Carrot Cake	F30. Jelly Roll
F21. Chiffon	F31. Mini Cakes (3)
F22. Chocolate	F32. Miscellaneous
F23. Cream Cheese	F33. Nut
F24. Devil’s Food	F34. Pound
F25. Flat Sheet	F35. Prune
F26. Fruit Cake	F36. Streusel
	F37. White or Yellow

COOKIES – Exhibit three (3) items of each kind placed on a **small paper plate in a quart size bag only.**

F38. Bars	F45. Macaroon
F39. Brownies	F46. Meringue
F40. Cereal	F47. Miscellaneous
F41. Cookie Mix/Semi Homemade	F48. Pressed
F42. Dropped	F49. Rolled
F43. Filled	F50. Shaped
F44. Icebox	F51. Unbaked

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CATEGORY “G”

PRESERVES, JAMS, JELLIES AND FRUIT BUTTERS

(½ pint or pint jars)

G1. Apple Butter	G29. Miscellaneous Fruit Butter
G2. Apple Jelly	G30. Miscellaneous Jam
G3. Apricot Jam	G31. Miscellaneous Jelly
G4. Apricot Preserves	G32. Miscellaneous Preserves
G5. Banana Butter	G33. Mixed Fruit Jam
G6. Berry Jam	G34. Mixed Fruit Jelly
G7. Berry Jelly	G35. Peach Butter
G8. Berry Preserves	G36. Peach Jam
G9. Blueberry Jam	G37. Peach Jelly
G10. Blueberry Jelly	G38. Peach Preserves
G11. Blueberry Preserves	G39. Pear Butter
G12. Cactus Jelly	G40. Pear Honey
G13. Cherry Jam	G41. Pear Preserves
G14. Cherry Jelly	G42. Pepper Jam
G15. Cherry Preserves	G43. Pepper Jelly
G16. Dewberry Jelly	G44. Pineapple Preserves
G17. Dietetic Jelly	G45. Plum Butter
G18. Exotic Fruit Butter	G46. Plum Jam
G19. Exotic Jelly	G47. Plum Jelly
G20. Exotic Preserves	G48. Plum Preserves
G21. Fig Jam	G49. Raspberry Jam
G22. Fig Preserves	G50. Raspberry Jelly
G23. Grape Butter	G51. Strawberry Jam
G24. Grape Jam	G52. Strawberry Jelly
G25. Grape Jelly	G53. Tomato Jelly
G26. Jam with Jell-O	G54. Tomato Jam
G27. Marmalade (any kind)	G55. Watermelon Preserves
G28. Mint Jelly	G56. Wine Jelly

MISCELLANEOUS (Entry may be exhibited in appropriate container or jar and does not need to be in sealed jars.)

G57. Cereal Snack Mix	G64. Homemade Pasta
G58. Cooked Cheese	G65. Homemade Syrup
G59. Dehydrated Fruit	G66. Honey (strained)
G60. Dehydrated Vegetables	G67. Honey in Comb (quart)
G61. Dehydrated Miscellaneous	G68. Miscellaneous
G62. Flavored Popcorn	G69. Spiced Nuts
G63. Homemade Noodles	

CATEGORY "H"

CANNED FRUIT (standard pint or quart jars)

FRUIT JUICE (standard jars)

H1. Apple Juice	H10. Fruit (mixed)
H2. Apples	H11. Fruit Juice (miscellaneous)
H3. Apricot	H12. Grape Juice (Domestic)
H4. Berries (other)	H13. Grape Juice (Wild)
H5. Berry Juice	H14. Peaches
H6. Blackberries	H15. Pears
H7. Blueberry	H16. Raspberry
H8. Figs	H17. Tomato Juice
H9. Fruit (miscellaneous)	H18. Tomatoes

CANNED VEGETABLES (standard pints or quarts) (not pickled)

H19. Beets	H27. Okra and Tomatoes
H20. Carrots	H28. Peppers – any kind
H21. Corn	H29. Potatoes – any kind
H22. Field Peas	H30. Sauerkraut
H23. Green Beans	H31. Soup Mix
H24. Lima Beans	H32. Squash
H25. Miscellaneous	H33. Zucchini Squash
H26. Okra	

RELISHES AND PICKLES

H34. Barbecue Sauce	H52. Peaches – Pickled
H35. Beans – Pickled	H53. Pears – Pickled
H36. Beets – Pickled	H54. Peppers Pickled - Jalapenos
H37. Bread & Butter Pickles	H55. Peppers Pickled – Hot
H38. Carrots – Pickled	H56. Peppers Pickled – Sweet
H39. Catsup	H57. Picante Sauce
H40. Chili Sauce	H58. Pickled Green Tomatoes
H41. Chow Chow	H59. Relish – Misc. any kind
H42. Chutney – any kind	H60. Salsa
H43. Corn Relish	H61. Sour Pickles
H44. Cucumber Relish	H62. Squash Pickled
H45. Dill Pickles	H63. Squash – Relish
H46. Green Tomato Relish	H64. Sweet & Sour Pickles
H47. Holiday Pickles	H65. Sweet Pickles
H48. Hot Pickles	H66. Tomato Sauce
H49. Miscellaneous	H67. Vegetables – Pickled
H50. Okra – Pickled	H68. Watermelon Rind Pickles
H51. Onions – Pickled	

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

Chairman: Pam O'Brian 979-820-5025

Co-Chair: Mandy Worsham

1. All entries must be in the form of color or black & white 8"x10" prints mounted on a foam or mat board of the exact dimension 8"x10". No frames allowed.
2. The photo may be cropped for effect but the dimensions of 8"x10" must remain. Negatives are not required.
3. Only one entry may be submitted per class. No exceptions.
4. There must be at least four (4) photos entered in the OVERALL CONTEST in both the "Single Black & White" category and "Single Color" category. in order to be awarded Grand and Reserve Champions.
5. Photos should be printed on regular photographic paper. If a contestant wants to use special paper, which enhances the photograph, they would be able to enter it is the "Special Effects" category.

CATEGORY "J"

SINGLE COLOR PRINT

J1. Action	J10. Miscellaneous
J2. Animal Domestic	J11. People
J3. Animal Wildlife	J12. Plant/Flora
J4. Aquatic	J13. Reptiles
J5. Birds	J14. Scenic
J6. Landscape	J15. Special/Creative Effects
J7. Insects	J16. Still Life
J8. Macro	
J9. Man Made Object	

SINGLE BLACK & WHITE PRINT

J17. Action	J26. Miscellaneous
J18. Animal Domestic	J27. People
J19. Animal Wildlife	J28. Plant/Flora
J20. Aquatic	J29. Reptiles
J21. Birds	J30. Scenic
J22. Landscape	J31. Special/Creative Effects
J23. Insects	J32. Still Life
J24. Macro	
J25. Man Made Object	

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT SCHOOL AND OPEN RULES AND REGULATIONS

Fine Art Entry Card - Coral

1. All entries are subject to the Home Economics General Rules of the Austin County Fair.
2. Entries will be received Monday, October 5, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. and Tuesday, October 6, 2026 from 9:00 am – 11:45 am
3. All artwork submitted must have been made since November 2025.
4. Only one (1) piece of artwork per person will be accepted per group.
5. Academic eligibility will be verified by each district Art teacher.
6. All exhibits in this department must be labeled, Exhibitor name, address/school, exhibitor division, **Work Must be Titled**, phone number and email address.
7. Artwork that does not comply with the rules will not be accepted. The Art Chairman reserves the right to disqualify duplicate pieces.
8. Exhibitor divisions are:
 - Open:** Youth and Adult (non-professional)
 - Youth:** Elementary, Junior High and High School
 - School Art:** Elementary, Junior High and High School

“BE CREATIVE AND ORIGINAL IN COMPOSITION AND IN EXPRESSION.”

9. **Entry Regulations:**

NO Plagiarism allowed!

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No obscenity allowed! No profane references to a deity, obscene language, drug abuse or paraphernalia, images that are violent or any content that may offend the moral standards of the community.

10. Acceptable medium:

Pencils (graphite, colored, charcoal), pressed crayon, pastels (chalk, oil), paints (tempera, acrylic, watercolors, oil), inks (pen & ink, printmaking, graffiti), paper (collage).

**All loose materials must be 'fixed' with a spray fixative.*

11. Size of Work:

Adult, High School, Junior High ages – maximum overall dimensions of mounted artwork cannot exceed 24" x 24".

Example: Mount the 22 x 22 art piece including the 1" border cannot exceed 24 x 24.

Elementary artwork cannot exceed 9"x12"; mounted with no more than a 1" border (example: mount the 9" x 12" art piece on a 11 x 14 is the equivalent size to ½ sheet of poster board, the final measurement)

12. Artwork must be mounted or matted with white or black mounts/mats; no liners or additional inner mats allowed.

Un-mounted artwork will not be accepted.

13. All artwork **MUST** to be unframed. Canvas board/stretched canvas artwork MUST have a tab attached to each top corner so that the artwork can be hung on the display board before arrival.
14. Do not put your signature on the front of your artwork.
15. Each school district will be permitted to enter a maximum of twenty (20) or less best pieces of work from the High School Division and a maximum of twenty (20) or less best pieces of work from the Junior High Division. At the Elementary level each district may submit a maximum of (20) or less pieces.
16. For Private or Coop Home Schoolers to be entered under School Art, campus may have a maximum of twenty (20) pieces of artwork.
17. Individual Home School Exhibitors will enter in the open division.
18. Students work must be teacher "verified". This means that all work submitted must be created by the student under the teacher's observation. If an Exhibitor is instructed by a private teacher each piece must be different.
19. All Art work submitted by teachers will be picked up by teachers and released with prize money to the student at school. **Pick up for Open Youth and Open Adult is 10:00 am to 11:00 am.**

20. Awards:

Elementary School Art: (K-5th)

One (1) “Best of Show” and one (1) “Honorable Mention” rosette will be awarded to grades 3 thru 5 per campus. The remaining entries will receive participation ribbons. Prize money: “Best of Show” receives \$10.00 and “Honorable Mention” receives \$5.00.

Junior High School Art: (6th -8th)

One (1) “Best of Show” and one (1) “Honorable Mention” rosette will be awarded per campus. The remaining entries will receive participation ribbons. Prize money: “Best of Show” receives \$10.00 and “Honorable Mention” receives \$5.00.

High School Art: (9th -12th)

One (1) “Best of Show” and one (1) “Honorable Mention” rosette will be awarded per campus. The remaining entries will receive participation ribbons. Prize money: “Best of Show” receives \$10.00 and “Honorable Mention” receives \$5.00.

Open Youth: (K-12)

One (1) “Best of Show” and one (1) “Honorable Mention” rosette will be awarded. The remaining entries will receive blue or red ribbons. Prize money: “Best of Show” receives \$10.00 and “Honorable Mention” receives \$5.00. Blue ribbons receive \$1.25 and red ribbons receive \$.75

Youth Overall Best of Show will be awarded to School Art and the Open Youth Division.

There will be a Supreme Best of Show Champion chosen from the categories to be included in the Youth Supreme & Country Auction on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Art chosen for the Youth Supreme & Country Auction will be displayed in the designated area. Supreme Youth Best of Show is encouraged to provide a frame with or without a mat to complete the piece for the Youth Supreme Sale.

Open Adult:

One (1) “Best of Show” and one (1) “Honorable Mention” rosette will be awarded. The remaining entries will receive blue or red ribbons. Prize money: “Best of Show” receives \$10.00 and “Honorable Mention” receives \$5.00. Blue ribbons receive \$1.25 and red ribbons receive \$.75

FLOWER SHOW

EXHIBITORS MAY BE:

- Group I - Any adult citizen of Austin County and not an owner of a nursery or floral shop.
- Group II - Students of Austin County in grades Kindergarten through 12 are eligible to enter in the Open Flower Show Youth Division and are eligible to be awarded ribbons, trophies or prize money. Austin County Clover Kids, 4-H, Junior and Senior FFA and FCCLA, or TAFE members may enter the Open Flower Show Youth Division but are not eligible for ribbons, trophies or prize money. Please note there is a division for these groups where you are eligible for awards.
- Group III - Any commercial owners of a nursery, floral shop or floral designer who perform their duties in a professional capacity.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries will be accepted on Monday, October 5, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. or Tuesday, October 6, 2026 from 9:00 am until 11:45 am.
2. Exhibits must remain on display until noon. on Sunday, October 11, 2026. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST EARLY REMOVAL OF AN EXHIBIT.
3. Number of entries is limited to a total of ten (10) per person. In the Flower Show, an exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per variety in a class. Example: under hybrid tea roses, one Tropicana, one Peace, one Chrysler Imperial, etc. may be entered as long as each exhibit is a different variety.
4. ENTRY FEE: A \$3.00 entry fee for items 1-4, \$2.00 for 5 to 20 and \$1.50 for 21 thru 50 will be charged per item.
5. No artificial flowers or foliage will be allowed, and NO SPRAY OR GLOSS IS PERMITTED ON ANY FLOWER SHOW EXHIBIT.

6. Trophy winning exhibits from 2024 and 2025 will not be eligible for 2026 trophies; ribbon awards or monetary awards.
7. Horticulture exhibits must have been in exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days and exhibits must be established in show containers at least 60 days.
8. Entry cards may be obtained in advance from committee members or the Fair Office at the fairgrounds in Bellville. They are to be completed in advance, if possible, and each exhibitor is required to sign the exhibit card before the exhibit is entered or placed.
9. Care will be taken in having exhibits observed during the fair to prevent unnecessary damage to exhibits. However, each exhibitor is to take the responsibility to give his/her exhibit any care or water that he/she deems necessary during the display time.
10. All exhibit prize money must be collected between 11:00 am and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at the Fair Office. After the fair money can be picked up at the fair office. Money not picked up by November 1, 2026 will be forfeited.
11. Ribbon awards will be given as follows to all groups: Blue Ribbon to exhibits scoring 90-100 points; Red Ribbon to exhibits scoring 80-89 points. Prize money will be paid as follows: Group I Adult and Group II Youth: \$1.25 for Blue Ribbon. \$.75 for Red Ribbon, \$15 for Grand Champion, \$10 for Reserve Champion. Special recognition ribbons may be given, if merited. Trophies will be available in classes indicated on trophies.
12. Pictures will be taken of trophy winners on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 1:15 p.m. in the Flower Show Department in the EXPO CENTER.

FLOWER SHOW DIVISION

AN EXHIBITOR MAY ENTER ONE EXHIBIT PER VARIETY AND A TOTAL OF 10 EXHIBITS.

ANY CUT SPECIMEN IS TO BE DISPLAYED IN EITHER A CLEAR GLASS OR CLEAR PLASTIC BOTTLE WHICH IS APPROPRIATE TO THE SIZE OF THE SPECIMEN (SEE GENERAL RULES)

CLASS 1 – ROSE SPECIMEN

CLASS 2 – ANNUALS SPECIMEN

CLASS 3 – PERENNIAL – SPECIMEN

CLASS 4 – BULBS, CORMS, TUBERA, RHIZOMES, ETC. – SPECIMEN

CLASS 5 – FOLIAGE PLANTS – SPECIMEN

CLASS 6 – FLOWERING, BERRIED, FRUITED VINES, SHRUB OR TREE – ONE BRANCH 12-18 INCHES LONG – SPECIMEN

POTTED PLANTS AND HANGING CONTAINERS ARE TO BE DISPLAYED IN A CLEAN CONTAINER. THE CONTAINER SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PLANT, ENHANCING THE PLANT WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM IT:

CLASS 7 – POTTED FERNS

CLASS 8 – POTTED FOLIAGE PLANTS

CLASS 9 – POTTED BLOOMING PLANTS – PLANT MUST BE IN BLOOM TO BE IN THIS CLASS 9. IF NOT IN BLOOM, THEN PLANT IS IN CLASS 8.

CLASS 10 – POTTED CACTI OR SUCCULENT

CLASS 11 – UNUSUAL OR EXOTIC POTTED PLANT OR SPECIMEN

CLASS 12 – HANGING CONTAINER

CLASS 13 – GARDENS – DISH – TERRARIUMS

CLASS 14 – FRESH, DRIED OR ARTIFICIAL ARRANGEMENT

Judging Criteria for Flower Arrangements:

Color Harmony in Arrangement

Design an Attractive Effect

Balances in Volume and Color

Proportion of Plant Material and Container

Suitability of Material and Relation to Container

Distinction and Originality

Construction of Overall Arrangement-Concealing & Stability

CLASS 15 – AFRICAN VIOLETS

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ARE TO BE DISPLAYED ON AN APPROPRIATELY SIZED DISPOSABLE PLATE. EXCEPT FOR MELONS, FOR WHICH NO PLATE IS REQUIRED. THE FOLLOWING QUANTITIES ARE REQUIRED FOR JUDGING PURPOSES:

CLASS 16 – FRUITS (DISPLAY ON APPROPRIATE SIZE PAPER PLATE) – Minimum of 3 pieces per entry per item Watermelon quantity one (1) will be accepted.

CLASS 17 – VEGETABLES (DISPLAY ON APPROPRIATE SIZE PAPER PLATE)- Minimum of 3 pieces per entry per item

MAY BE EXHIBITED IN EITHER A CLEAN POT OR HANGING CONTAINER APPROPRIATE FOR THE PLANT OR AS A SPECIMEN.

CLASS 18 – HERBS Potted or Specimen

COUNTRY STORE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. An individual must enter competition in the Home Economics Division of the Austin County Fair. Rules and regulations of the exhibitor's corresponding department will be followed with special rules for baked goods and canned goods.
2. NO COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS ALLOWED. All items entered for sale must be **made by the exhibitor**. Items listed in the official 2026 Austin County Fair Home Economics Catalog may be used for a guide.
3. Handcrafted items entered for sale in the Country Store will not be judged. Items entered in the baked goods division by ADULT exhibitors may be brought to the Country Store to sell.
4. Sale items may be entered the same days as all other exhibits of the EXPO CENTER, as well as during Country Store hours.
5. Baked goods may be entered the first Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday during Country Store hours. Any perishable baked goods not sold or picked up may be discarded at the close of the second day of exhibition.
6. All canned goods are to be labeled ON THE ITEM as well as the sale tag. Canned items are to have been prepared within the last year only using standard canning jars and must be secured with rings. If baked items contain nuts, please note this on the item.
7. Exhibitors must complete their own sale items on a yellow sale card and individual yellow sale tags. The following information is required on the sale tags.
 - A. Exhibitor's number (same as used in competition)
 - B. Item number (as listed on sale card)
 - C. Brief item description (ex. pink bib)
 - D. Name
 - E. Sale price (Twenty percent of the sale price will go to the Austin County Fair Association. For sales totaling over \$500, the Austin County Fair Association will receive thirty percent.)

The numbers of the sale items and the sale card must correspond and be legible. A minimum price of \$1.00 will be charged per item and pricing must be done in increments of fifty cents.

8. Exhibitors will be asked to work the equivalent of four hours in the Country Store. If an exhibitor is unable to fulfill this duty, he/she must find a substitute.
9. The Country Store will be open as follows:

Oct. 3, Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Oct. 6, Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Oct. 7, Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Oct. 8, Thursday	11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Oct. 9, Friday	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Oct. 10, Saturday	11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Oct. 11, Sunday	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
10. Items not sold should be picked up between 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2026.
11. Checks will be mailed within 30 days of the completion of the fair.
12. The Austin County Fair Association and volunteers will not be responsible for items lost, damaged or stolen.

FLORAL DESIGN CONTESTS

Petal Partners

The Floral Design Competition is open to two age divisions Juniors (3-8 grade) and Seniors (9-12 grade). The format allows single entry or teams of 2 exhibitors each to compete on Thursday, October 1, 2026. A maximum of 22 Teams/Single Exhibitors. **Entries will be accepted online with payment on the Austin County Fair website.** This will be considered an Austin County Fair project. Questions may be emailed directly to austincofloraldesign@gmail.com. **Entry fees are nonrefundable and non-transferable.**

Please check online for Theme, updated information on schedule, rules, entry date deadline and fee!! Join the ACF Floral Design Facebook page!

Competition Format: Each individual/team will compete in the design and execution of a fresh floral arrangement centerpiece and table design, which may include but is not limited to such items as dishes, napkins, additional table coverings, etc. Exhibitors must be in the same age category.

Design Guidelines: Each individual/team should review the design guidelines prior to the Floral Design competition. Exhibitors will have one hour to execute their design.

- **All elements of the entry should reflect or enhance the contest theme. This year's theme will be announced on the Austin County Fair website. Please go to <https://austincountyfair.com/floral-design> for the theme for this year's contest.**
- Entries are arrangements of fresh floral cut materials and design elements that fit the theme and your design concept.
- All cut materials and table design elements will be provided by the Exhibitor.
- Each exhibitor will be furnished with a workstation, table and tablecloth.
- Entries will be displayed on a 36" round table with a black table covering. The exhibitor is responsible for positioning all elements of their design on the table. Exhibitors are required to use the table covering provided by the Fair.

- Entry should be designed to be viewed from all sides.
- Each exhibitor must bring their own tools and flowers. Tools/ Flowers cannot be shared by exhibitors/teams.
- **No Advance Preparation.** Foam will be soaked during orientation. No Painting of florals prior to arrival, this must be done during the competition.
- Fresh flowers only. Small dry accents can be used (ex. wheat, lotus pods, and cotton)
- Exhibitors are required to bring two (2) copies of their Record book in a folder day of competition. This form can be found online on the floral design page on the ACF website.

Permissible tools include:

Floral Glue(s)	Scissors
Wire cutters	Knife
Floral Tape(s)	Measuring stick
Floral cutters	Wrapped Wires
Wired Wood Picks	Floral Wire

JUDGING: The show will select qualified judges for each competitive event. Any questions about the judging criteria may be directed to a committee member.

Judging will be based on the following seven categories:

- Design Aesthetics – Line/Form, Color, and Space
- Design Principles – Balance, Proportion, and Unity
- Mechanics – Creative Engineering of Mechanics Proper Coverage of Foam, and Sturdiness of Design
- Execution – Neatness and Cleanliness of overall Design,
- Creativity – Uniqueness of Design, Use of Theme
- Teamwork
- Record Book

Only judges and Committee members will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in progress.

No cell phones, watches, ear buds or any type of communication devices are permitted during the competition. Any exhibitor found communicating with anyone outside of the competition could result in immediate disqualification.

Talking or gestures from outside the barrier will not be tolerated and result in immediate disqualification.

Judges' decisions are final.

Winning entries will be announced on Thursday, October 1, 2026, after the competition is complete.

Petal Partner entries will NOT be included in the Youth Supreme & Country Auction.

Additional Opportunity: Any Petal Partner pieces placing 3rd on may be entered into the Junior, Senior or Open Flower Show. Entry cards are available at the Expo Center on the day of entry. There is a power point online under Home Economics to help explain the entry procedure. There is a charge per entry. Team pieces will be entered by a designated exhibitor. Exhibitors are encouraged to exhibit in the Youth 4H/FFA/FCCLA/TAFE/Open Flower Show using any additional product they may have left over Exhibits must not exceed 30" W x 30" D. These arrangements will NOT be eligible for the Youth Supreme and Country Auction sale.

PRIZES INCLUDE:

Senior Division Grand Champion – Buckle
Senior Division Reserve Champion – Buckle
Junior Division Grand Champion – Buckle
Junior Division Reserve Champion – Buckle
Placing Ribbons – 3rd thru 10th

Grand and Reserve Entries must remain on display until Sunday, October 11, 2026. Grand and Reserve winners will be asked to freshen their arrangements on Friday morning before the Youth Auction Sale.

Entries must be picked-up by 2:00pm on Sunday, October 11, 2026. The Ausitn County Fair is NOT RESPONSIBLE for any items left after this time.

Fair Cup Competition

The Fair Cup competition is an individual exhibitor competition to be held on Thursday, October 1, 2026. A maximum of 70 Exhibitors per age division, Juniors (3rd – 8th) and Seniors (9th – 12th) may participate in the Fair Cup Competition. **Entries will be accepted online with payment on the Austin County Fair website. Entry fees are nonrefundable and are non-transferable.** This will be considered an Austin County Fair project. Questions may be emailed directly to austincofloraldesign@gmail.com.

Please check online for updated information on schedule, rules, entry date deadline and fee!! Join the ACF Floral Design Facebook page!

Competition Format: Each exhibitor will compete in the design and execution of a floral arrangement.

Design Guidelines: Each exhibitor should review the design guidelines prior to the competition. Exhibitors will also have an opportunity to ask questions at the mandatory pre-event meeting.

- Exhibitors will have one hour to plan and execute their design.
- All materials will be provided by the Fair.
- Exhibitors **MUST** utilize items provided. Each exhibitor will be furnished with materials, including fresh flowers, foliage, container, and decorative elements. The flowers, foliage, and supplies will be the same for each exhibitor.
- Each exhibitor will receive the same type of decorative elements, but the design of each element can be different amongst exhibitors. The exhibitor is responsible for determining which materials they will use in the design of their entry.
- Entries will be displayed on eight-foot tables with a black table covering. The exhibitor is responsible for positioning all elements of their design in the required location on the table. No outside adornments are allowed.
- All elements of the entry should reflect or enhance the theme. Each exhibitor's design will be a sole effort with no assistance from anyone in any manner.

- **No cell phones, watches or other communication devices are allowed in the competition area during the competition.**
- **Any communication with another person outside the barrier will not be tolerated and may result in immediate disqualification from competition.**
- Entry should be designed to be viewed from all sides.
- No paints, ribbons, or decorative accessories of any kind may be supplied by the exhibitor. Only the materials supplied by the fair will be allowed.
- Each exhibitor must bring their own tools. Tools cannot be shared by exhibitors.

Permissible tools include:

Floral Glue(s)

Knife

Floral cutters

Scissors

Wired Wood

Wire cutters

Measuring stick

Wrapped Wires

Floal Tape(s)

Picks Floral Wire

- Participants in the Fair Cup competition must check in on and attend the mandatory meeting held prior to the competition; competition will begin immediately after the meeting.
- Judging will begin during the competition as well as immediately after all exhibitors have completed their design and will be based on the following four categories:
 - o Design Aesthetics, Line/Form, Color, and Space.
 - o Design Principles – Balance, Proportion, and Unity.
 - o Mechanics/Execution – Neatness and cleanliness of design, proper coverage of foam and sturdiness of design.
 - o Creativity – inspiration with theme and container as well as usage of materials.

- Each exhibitor may receive a copy of their score sheet following the competition.
- Only Judges and Committee members, will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in process.
- **Judges' decisions are final.**
- Buckles will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion exhibitors. Placement ribbons will be awarded for places 3rd-10th immediately following the conclusion of judging.
- The Top Ten will be awarded ribbons and will stay on display the week of the fair, space permitting.

SUPREME FAIR CUP

Exhibitors placing Grand Champion will have the option to create a silk arrangement to enter into the Youth Supreme & Country Auction to be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026.

The Floral Design Committee will provide all of the materials for this entry. The committee will coordinate with the exhibitor to complete the entry and have it on display the week of the fair in the Youth Supreme designated area.

Supreme Champions will receive the auction price minus the reserve to cover the materials and the administrative fee from the fair. See the Youth Supreme & Country Auction section of this book for a full set of rules pertaining to the auction.

Buyers will pick up their purchase at the conclusion of the auction.

Miniscapes Competition

The Miniscape Competition is open to individuals or teams of two exhibitors who reside in Austin County and adhere to the Home Economics General Rules that will compete on Sunday, September 27, 2026. Schedule of Events will be listed on the Austin County Fair website under Horticulture and on the Horticulture Facebook page.

Please join the ACF Horticulture page on Facebook.



The contest will be split between Junior, Intermediate and Senior entries at the discretion of the Horticulture Committee. Junior are 3rd to 5th grade, Intermediates are 6th-8th and Senior are 9th to 12th grade. **It is Mandatory to register via the online sign up form on the ACF website/Menu/Horticulture. Entries will be the first twenty-four (24) exhibitors** based on forms received via online entry with any additional entries being added to a waiting list. The Horticulture Committee can make adjustments as they see fit.

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 at 9 am.

Please see the website for the Miniscapes Theme!

The Horticulture Committee will confirm your entry via email. Exhibitors will be required to RSVP by August 28, 2026 to confirm they will be participating at the fair. If exhibitors fails to respond, an individual or team will be pulled up from the waiting list, tracked via entries and email. This rule has been put in place to avoid No-SHOW entries and for the maximum number of Exhibitors the opportunity to participate. Entries will close upon limitations or no later than August 16, 2026.

Competition Format: Each individual/team will compete in a design and execution of a Miniscape, based on the **theme to be released on the ACF website.**

Design Guidelines: Exhibitors should review the guidelines prior to preparing their entry. Questions may be directed to the Horticulture Committee at ACFHorticulture@gmail.com.

- Entries will be constructed in a water trough (planter) that is approximately 24" deep.
- Troughs will be chosen on a **First Come First Serve Basis**


- Troughs vary in sizes by 24 X 48, and 22 X 46 inches, please plan accordingly.
- The planter will be provided by the Fair.
- Each planter will be pre-filled with soil up to the top of the planter.
- Plant materials should be able to withstand sunny, warm conditions.
- Planters will be displayed outside for 15 days.
- No living creatures may be used in the design.
- Entries should be designed with equal visual interest from all sides.
- Entries may not display signage that names the team's school, school district or FFA/4-H chapter. A sign will be provided upon completion of judging for display on the grounds.
- Exhibitors are responsible for bringing wagons, carts, wheelbarrows, etc. to transport their materials from the parking lot to the exhibit area. **No parents are allowed in the Competition Area.**
- Exhibitors can get in line starting at 8:45 am. Entry to the competition area will begin at 9 am.
- Registration begins at 8:00 am. **Design begins at 9 am.** Trough random drawing will be chosen at registration time and plants may be moved in upon trough number/letter drawing.



Day of Competition:

- Check in for Miniscapes will be on the grounds of Austin County Fair on Sunday September 28, 2025, starting at 8:00 am. Each team will receive a registration number.
- Announcements begins at 8:45 am
- **Competition begins at 9:00 am**
- Designs must be complete by 11:00 am.
- Exhibitors will be met by the Horticulture Committee volunteers; the volunteers will assist with check in, direct the exhibitors to the exhibit area and help with bring in design elements if needed. **No Parents will be allowed in the competition area.**
- Carts/wagons are recommended for transporting materials from a vehicle to the competition area.
- The planting and design of the planter must be performed by the exhibitors ONLY.



- **No cell phones, iPads, Watches, or any other type of communication device is allowed in the competition area.**
- **No Prepotted plants of any kind**
- **Precut weed barrier is required if using rocks, gravel, stones, etc. Compostable mulch does not need weed barrier.**
- Paper sketches of design are allowed in the competition area.
- The exhibitor is responsible for providing the plants and any props to be used in the planter.
- The exhibitor is responsible for bringing all tools needed to prepare their planter.
- Buckets will be provided for each team to use for holding purposes while the design is being planted. Any extra soil not used can be left in the supplied buckets and the Horticulture committee will keep for reuse.
- Trash Containers will be provided for each team to clean up their area and throw all trash away when planting is complete. Brooms and dustpans will be available to sweep your area.
- Each Exhibitor must sign Thank you notes to our sponsors on the day of the competition prior to award announcements.
- Unsportsman like conduct or cheating will not be tolerated. If there are instances by exhibitors or parents, the exhibitor will not be allowed to participate the following year.
- Entries will be watered and maintained by the Horticulture committee during the following weeks. 
- Exhibitors will have access to water and watering pitchers on that day and must water their troughs **thoroughly** before leaving.
- The Show is not responsible for lost, damaged or dead items.
- **Items of great sentimental value should not be used.**
- **It is MANDATORY to remove all design elements and plants including any type of stones or other types of hardscape used in your design on Sunday, October 11, 2026 by 3 pm. No Exceptions.**

Judging: The fair will select qualified judges for each competitive event. Any questions about the judging criteria may be directed to the Horticulture Committee. Judging criteria will be placed on the website and sent out via Facebook at Registration time.

- Entries will be judged on a 100-point system:
 - Up to 50 points may be awarded for design.
 - Up to 25 points may be awarded for staging and quality.
 - Up to 25 points may be awarded for variety of plants.

Each team must be prepared to explain to the judges what their plant choices are and how their design fits the theme during the competition.

- Winning entries will be announced on September 28, 2025, and winning exhibitors will be recognized at 2:00 pm
- **Judges' decisions are final. Please feel free to talk with judges after the competition is over to get their thoughts and ideas for your design and scores.**

Awards: Supreme Grand Champions will receive a banner. Buckles will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion winners in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions. Placement ribbons will be awarded 3rd – 10th.

SUPREME MINISCAPES



Grand Champions will advance to Supreme in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Miniscape Division. Supreme Champions will have the option to enter their Miniscape into the Youth Supreme & Country Auction to be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026.

Supreme Champions of the Miniscape Division will have the option to sell and will receive the auction price minus the administrative fee from the fair. See the Youth Supreme & Country Auction section of this book for a full set of rules pertaining to the auction.

Exhibitors will surrender all items used in their Miniscape as designed. **Items of great sentimental value should not be used.** Buyers will pick up their purchase on Sunday afternoon at the conclusion of fair.

Any questions regarding these rules may be sent to the Horticulture Committee at ACFHorticulture@gmail.com.

Removal: Exhibitors placing other than Supreme, **MUST REMOVE** their plants, stones and design materials on Sunday, October 11th from noon to 3 pm. Any plants or materials left after 3 pm will be disposed of or become the property of Austin County Fair. Containers will be moved to their storage location.

Container Plant Competition

The Container Plant Competition is open to individual exhibitors who reside in Austin County and adhere to the Home Economics General Rules. on Sunday, September 27, 2026, between 8 am and 8:45 am to submit their competition entry. Entries will be completed and accepted via online entry. **Entries will close on August 16, 2026. All containers must be planted by August 16th to have their projects completed and grown for 6 weeks.** One entry per exhibitor. Entry fees are non-refundable. This will be considered an Austin County Fair project. Please see the ACF website for the updates or additional details under Menu/Horticulture.

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 at 9 am.

There are three Divisions in Container Plants, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Junior are 3rd to 5th, Intermediates are 6th -8th and Senior are 9th to 12th grade. Entry for Container Plants is located online at the ACF website/Menu/Horticulture and is Mandatory for entry submittal. **The Horticulture Committee will confirm your entry via email. Exhibitors will be required to RSVP by August 28, 2026, to confirm they will be participating at the fair.**

Competition Format: Exhibitors will plant and cultivate 3 or more different plant species in an appropriate container. Each project will have a corresponding project log to be submitted with the entry at check in.

General Guidelines: Exhibitors should review the guidelines prior to preparing their entry. Questions may be directed to the Horticulture Committee at email address ACFHorticulture@gmail.com.

- There is NO Theme for Container Plant entries.
- Entries must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for at least 6 weeks prior to the Show. (Planted NLT August 16th)
- Plants should show evidence of being grown in the container, such as being securely rooted in the soil.
- If plants are found to have been freshly potted or do not stand up during the Show because they were not potted soon enough, entries will be disqualified.

- If single elements require replanting during the eight-week period prior to the Show, the exhibitor should document (in writing and with photos) the removed element and the replacement element. The documentation will be part of the Exhibitor Project Log. (See the “Exhibitor Project Log” section below).
- Do not put Exhibitors name on the Cover of the Project log
- Entries must be complete upon arrival to the Show.
- **Entries must be completely set up by 8:45 am on Sunday, September 27, 2026.**
- If the exhibitor is unable to deliver his/her entry, they may allow a designee, to place their entry on the table.
- The entry will be disqualified if, at the sole discretion of the Show, it is determined that the designee has altered the design in any manner.
- Entries should be designed to be viewed from all sides.
- Entries should feature 3 or more different plant species per container.
- Plant selection is at the exhibitor’s discretion.
- Plants may belong to any species.
- Plants must be healthy, free of disease, and bug free.
- Plants are the only living items that may be included with the entry – no other living items are permitted (e.g., animals, reptiles, bugs). Vivarium’s are excluded from the competition.
- Plants should be clearly and attractively potted in a container that is suitable for tabletop display and able to be watered without leaks.
- Select a container that enhances the creative presentation of the entry.
- If submitting a container grown plant, double potting is permitted, provided natural top dressing is used and the inside of the container is not visible. Top dressing must not float when watered.
- If submitting a terrarium, double potting is not permitted.
- If submitting a terrarium, the container may be open air or closed.
- Leaf polish or other commercial foliage enhancers are not permitted.
- Accessories are permitted; however, emphasis should be on the creative use of natural, fresh planted materials rather than accessories to create a scene.
- Entries must not exceed a size of 30” Wide x 30” Deep.
- Entries may not exceed 50 lbs.

Delivery of Entries: Entries must be delivered to the Austin County Fair on Sunday, September 27, 2026, between 8 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Exhibitors must check in at each competition table that they have entered. Exhibitors will access the Austin County Fairgrounds through Gate 1 and 2 and park in front of the pavilion to unload.

Exhibitor Project Log: Each exhibitor must keep an Exhibitor Project Log that will be submitted the day of the competition at the check in table. Questions may be directed to the Horticulture Committee at ACFHorticulture@gmail.com

- Each exhibitor must maintain and submit a project log using the Exhibitor Project Log available on the website at [austincountyfair/menu/horticulture/project log](#).
- Other types of exhibitor logs will not be accepted. Entries without the approved ACF Exhibitor Project Log will be disqualified.
- The Exhibitor Project Log is assessed for content, not creativity and should include:
 - A thorough and descriptive narrative describing the source of inspiration for the entry and the steps taken during the creative process (e.g. selection and sourcing of plant materials).
 - A **minimum** of ten progressive photographs taken during the growing project must be printed and included with the log. Photographs should be arranged following the journaling timeline.
 - A list of plant materials used, including the genus, species, common name, cultivar or variety.
 - A timeline journaling/documenting the planting and maintenance activity. This timeline should coincide with the photograph timeline.
 - ACF will not print logs for exhibitors. Project logs need to be complete, bound in a braded folder or binder with page protectors. No Paper Clips, No staples, or Pocket Folders.
 - Project logs must be ready to be turned in when exhibitors arrive at the check-in table.

Judging: The Show will select qualified judges for each competitive event. Any questions about the judging criteria questions may be directed to the Horticulture committee at email address ACFHorticulture@gmail.com. Judging criteria will be placed on the website and sent out via facebook at registration time.

- Entries will be judged on the day of arrival.
- Entries will be judged on a 100-point system:
 - Up to 35 points may be awarded for design.
 - Up to 40 points may be awarded for staging and quality.
 - Up to 25 points may be awarded for the completion of Exhibitor Project Log
- Judges may make notes in the Project Log.
- Only Judges and Horticulture Committee members will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in progress.
- **Judges' decisions are final.**
- Winning entries will be announced on September 28, 2025, at 2:00 pm and winning exhibitors will be recognized.

Additional Opportunity

Any Container Plant placing 2nd and on are encouraged to enter their Container plants into the Youth 4H/FFA/FCCLA/TAFE Junior, Senior or Open Youth Flower Show. Entry cards are available at the Expo Center on the day of entry. There is a power point online under Home Economics to help explain the entry procedure. There is a charge per entry. Exhibits must not exceed 30" W x 30" D.

Awards: Supreme Grand Champions will receive a banner. Grand and Reserve Champion Container Plants will be awarded buckles for Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions. Placement ribbons will be awarded to 3rd thru 10th place.

The Horticulture Committee will water the plants during the week. Pick up will be on Sunday, October 11, 2026 starting at 11 a.m.

SUPREME CONTAINER PLANTS

Supreme Champions will have the option to enter their Container Plants into the Youth Supreme & Country Auction to be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026.

Supreme Champions of the Container Plant Division entered in the auction will receive the auction price minus the administrative fee from the fair. See the Youth Supreme & Country Auction section of this book for a full set of rules pertaining to the auction.

Exhibitors will surrender all items used in their Container Plant as designed. Items of great sentimental value should not be used. Buyers will pick up their purchase at the conclusion of the auction.

Supreme Champions, Container plants will be on display for the remainder of the fair. The Horticulture Committee will water the plants during the week. Pick up will be on Sunday, October 10, 2026 at 11 a.m.

YOUTH SUPREME & COUNTRY FAIR AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

1:00 P.M.

**AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR CONVENTION &
EXPO CENTER**

On Saturday afternoon, a wide variety of special handmade, unique, one-of-a-kind items that have been donated by exhibitors, supportive organizations, businesses and individuals will be featured at the **YOUTH SUPREME & COUNTRY AUCTION!**

Youth Supreme winners will be selling their projects from contests such as Ag Mechanics, Fine Arts, Fair Cup, Horticulture, and Home Economics entries such as breads, pickles, jellies and other home-canned foods, plants and craft items. Proceeds from Youth Supreme Auction items will go to the exhibitor minus the 7% fair admin fee.

Proceeds from other Grand and Reserve Champion items NOT selected as SUPREME winners can be DONATED by members of 4-H, FCCLA, TAFE, FFA and Extension Education Association and proceeds will go to the Austin County Fair Association.

**Items must be delivered to the fairgrounds by 9:00 am on
October 10, 2026.**

**Although precautions will be taken, the Austin County Fair
Association and volunteers will not be responsible for items lost,
stolen or broken.**

Bidding begins at 1:00 pm on Saturday, Oct 10, 2026

Relax with a cool drink in air-conditioned comfort and place your bid at
the

YOUTH SUPREME & COUNTRY AUCTION!

YOUTH SUPREME & COUNTRY AUCTION

Exhibitors participating that are awarded Supreme Champion within the following Divisions and Contests **will have the opportunity to sell one (1) of their winning items** in the Youth Supreme & Country Auction on Saturday, October 10, 2026.

Exhibitors with multiple Grand Champions will be required to declare the item they want to sell by Noon on Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

Ag Mechanics (Max of 8)

Fair Cup (2)

Container Plants (3)

Miniscapes (3)

Fine Arts (4)

Home Economics

4H Junior/Jr FFA, 4H Senior/FFA, FCCLA, TAFE & Open Youth

(Categories marked as Eligible will be considered for Supreme Champion)

Clothing & Needlework (2)

Home Improvement (1)

Flower Show (4)

Quilts (2)

Baked Goods (5)

Canned Foods (5)

Photography (2)

Fine Arts (4)

Youth Supreme Auction Sale Rules

Rules for entering individual contests vary, a complete set of rules and entry requirements per contest can be found online or in the Home Economics catalog. These rules are current as of publishing. Any updates will be posted on the Austin County Fair website. Please consult www.austincountyfair.com for any changes.

Eligibility

- All Exhibitors must be permanent residents in Austin County or be enrolled in a public school, private school or home school in Austin County and not have graduated high school in order to Exhibit at the Austin County Fair.
- If an exhibitor Exhibits a project in an adjacent county fair within A Calendar Year of the Austin County Fair, then he/she is ineligible to show or sell another exhibit at the Austin County Fair. This does not include major shows.
- All entries are subject to the General Rules of the Austin County Fair
- All entries will be exhibited and sold by their owners unless he/she is physically unable to do so due to a medical condition. The ONLY permissible excuses for “physically unable to do so “are a DOCUMENTED medical or family emergency and /or a DOCUMENTED and sanctioned school function of which the exhibitor must PARTICIPATE. Exhibits to be shown or sold by someone else other than the owner must be approved in writing by the respective committee chairman. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain and complete the required form. Substitution forms will be available at the Fair Office.
- If an exhibitor is Academically Ineligible to show, the exhibitor AND THEIR PROJECT are ineligible to participate in the Austin County Fair.
- Eligibility of Exhibitors earning Supreme will be verified by the specified District Adjunct Representative or Facility Representative. In the case of Open Youth Exhibitors, they will need to provide a copy of their current progress report.
- If an exhibitor is determined to be ineligible the exhibitor will forfeit their money and addons.
- Individual Items will be judged in their specific contest.

Thank You Notes & Checks

- Exhibitors will be required to submit a completed W-9 form for tax purposes.
- Items along will be displayed in the designated area for Supreme entries.

- Items too large to be on display in the Expo building will be displayed via photos/videos during the sale.
- In the case where a committee provides materials for the contest the item will be started at that reserve amount to cover the cost for replacements at next year's fair.
- There will be a 7% fee deducted from the Exhibitors check for ACF accounting purposes.
- Handwritten "thank you" notes will be required for Buyers and for any additional add-ons provided. A list of thank you notes will be picked up at the fair office.
- Checks will be distributed to Exhibitors when all checks are ready for distribution and upon receipt of a handwritten thank you note. Checks may only be picked up by the parent on the entry in accordance with the Austin County Fair Sale/Add-On Check policy.
- In order to cash the Youth Supreme Auction checks, the EXHIBITOR must endorse the check. Exhibitors will have 30 days after checks are printed to turn in thank you notes and pick up checks. After this time period, the Sale and Add-On monies will go to the Austin County Fair Scholarship fund.

Contest Specific Information

- Rules for Ag Mechanics can be found in the Premium Catalog
- All Judges' decisions are final.
- Exhibitors winning Supreme will receive a banner and the opportunity to sell in the Youth Supreme & Country Auction
- **Supreme Winners will be posted in the Home Economics building after judging is completed on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.**
- Exhibitors will be notified by email and/or by phone and asked if they want the opportunity to sell in the sale, please provide an adult daytime cell phone number and email addresses on your entry.
- **Exhibitors may only sell one (1) qualifying item in the Youth Supreme & Country Auction. Exhibitors with multiple Grand Champions will be required to declare the item they want to sell by Noon on Wednesday, October 7, 2026.**

- **Exhibitors participating as a team will receive a split check between team members of the amount received minus applicable fees.**
- Participating in the Youth Supreme Auction Sale is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.
- Exhibitors will be allowed to sell in both the Youth Supreme & Country Auction (Saturday) and the Youth Livestock Sale (Friday).
- In the case of Baked Goods, items must be baked fresh in the specified quantities for the Auction on Saturday, Oct 10. Please deliver to the fairgrounds by 9 am to be sold as a whole item.
 - o Breads – One (1) Whole
 - o Cakes – One (1) Whole
 - o Cookies – Two (2) Dozen
 - o Candy – Two (2) Dozen or Equivalent to 24 pieces
 - o Pies – One (1) Whole
 - o Baked goods will need to be provided in an appropriate decorative non-returnable container.