

Pickling Competition Information

Entry Deadline: Saturday September 21, 2024

Entry Fees: \$5.00 per entry

Prize: 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$35, 3rd: \$15 ---- SoCo Pickle King/Queen

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Only one entry per participant will be allowed.
2. Entries must be made between 9-10AM on Saturday September 21st, 2024.
3. Pickle Exhibits must be packed in 16 oz. mason jars, with a 1/2-inch (1cm) head space and a two-piece metal lid with a secure vacuum seal. Sealed lids curve downward and do not move when pressed in the center. By definition all pickle entries will contain lemon juice or vinegar. 32 oz. mason jars will be accepted.
4. All entries must be labeled with a full list of ingredients used. Measurements are not required. Labels are not considered in the judging process.
5. Complete recipes MUST accompany all entries to ensure proper canning techniques. All pickle entries must be processed (i.e. filled jars are heated in a boiling water canner). Processing method and time must be indicated in the supplied recipe.
6. Exhibits must be delivered to: SoCo Farmers Market
243 W Main St. Somerset, PA 15501
7. All exhibits become the property of the SoCo Farmers Market and will not be returned. Jars can be collected the following Saturday, September 28th from 9am-1pm.
8. The judges reserve the right to withhold prizes from any entries deemed unworthy.
9. The decisions of the Judges are final.

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Please Note: Entries will be automatically disqualified:

- if a full list of ingredients are not included on the label
- if complete recipes are not supplied with entry
- if they are received with visible exhibitor names or decorative labels
- if a secure vacuum seal is not readily apparent
- if the wrong type of jar, jar size or closure is used
- if the caps, lids or screw bands appear to be rusty
- if any evidence of fermentation, mold or yeast growth is apparent
- if entries are received without proper exhibitor identification

DESCRIPTIONS

PICKLES: Whole, quartered or sliced cucumbers, vegetables or fruits preserved in an acidic solution that contains vinegar or lemon juice, salt or sugar plus herbs and/or seasonings.

Judging Criteria	Pickles
Visual Appeal	10
Aroma	20
Texture	25
Flavour	30
Originality	15
TOTAL	100