

CANNING DEPARTMENT

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The Canning exhibit is displayed in Coolidge Hall Building.

Entry Form Deadline: **September 5, 2011**

Receiving Day: September 10, 2011 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.; Pick-Up Day: Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 3:30 P.M. - 6 P.M.

The Canning Department requires that the exhibitors pre-enter by showing all classes on the entry form **which you feel 'might' be entered**. Entry tags can be prepared in advance. Entry forms must be received no later than September 5, 2011. Entries will be taken on Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Coolidge Hall Building.

ALL OPEN CLASSES

RULES & REGULATIONS

Please Also Read General Rules for Family Living Center under the Craft Department

ENTRIES SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE COOLIDGE HALL ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

- Canning must be of current year's productions and made by the exhibitor. Produce does not have to be grown by exhibitor.
- All classes are to consist of TWO identical jars, unless otherwise stated.
- The jars in each entry must be identical in all respects; i.e. size, shape and mouth size. All jars must have a tight fitting metal lid with screwband or glass top. Commercial lids will not be accepted.
- Each jar must be labeled with the name of the product. Note type of processing and amount of time processed on front of jar. (On canning label, if space allows. Water bath or pressure canner.)
- Owner's name and address must be clearly written on the under side of each jar for identification.
- MISLABELED PRODUCTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- ALL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING JAM, SHALL BE SEALED AS THE U.S.D.A. RECOMMENDS. Refer to "BALL BLUE BOOK."
- There is no limit to the number of different classes that can be entered, but each exhibitor may make **only one entry in each class**. Example: B7 is a class, B8 is a class. **If your entry belongs in a specific class it must be entered into that class and not as "ANY OTHER"**.
- DECORATIVE COVERINGS AND BASKETS SHOULD NOT BE USED EXCEPT IN CLASS A8.**
- Classes A3-A7, B22-25, C1-D5, G1-L3 will be opened for tasting by judges. It is recommended that jellies, jams and preserves be put in half pint size containers.
- PLEASE INCLUDE on an 8 1/2" x 11" page, the recipe of each entry in these classes. **One recipe per sheet**. Note name and class number on each recipe sheet.
- All exhibits must be removed on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 between 3:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. All jars left will become property of Coolidge Building, and we can not be responsible for their return.
- ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE JUDGES ARE FINAL AND WILL NOT BE AMENDED.**

Awards: FIRST \$10.00 SECOND \$7.50 THIRD \$5.00

CLASS – CLASS A1–A7 ARE NOT TO BE IN BASKET

- A
- Collection 3 jars of fruit, 1 jar each of 3 kinds
 - Collection 3 jars of vegetables, 1 jar each of 3 kinds
 - Collection of 3 jars of jam, all different, 1 jar each
 - Collection of 3 jars of jellies, all different, 1 jar each
 - Collection of 3 jars of preserves, all different, 1 jar each
 - Collection of 3 jars of pickles, all different, 1 jar each
 - Collection of 3 jars of relishes, all different, 1 jar each
 - Best Collection of 5 jars, arranged in a basket. Each jar must be a different product. 1 jar each. Collection should represent a theme of the exhibitor's choice.

Awards: FIRST \$5.00 SECOND \$3.00 THIRD \$2.00

CLASS – 2 JARS EACH

- B
- Sauerkraut
 - Beans, Kentucky Wonder - not pickled
 - Beans, Snap, green - not pickled
 - Beans, Snap, yellow - not pickled
 - Beets, sliced
 - Beets, whole
 - Carrots, sliced
 - Carrots, whole
 - Corn, off the cob
 - Peas
 - Peppers - not pickled
 - Squash, summer
 - Squash, Zucchini

NOTE: In classes B-14 through B-25: Be aware that any time a non acid vegetable is added to tomatoes, it must be pressure processed unless vinegar or other acid is added.

- Tomato Sauce (recipe required)
- Tomatoes, peeled, whole
- Tomatoes, peeled, quartered
- Tomatoes, stewed - recipe required
- Tomato juice
- Tomato puree
- Tomato & Zucchini combined
- Spaghetti Sauce (recipe required)
- Ketchup
- Bar-b-que Sauce
- Salsa (recipe required)
- Fruit Salsa (recipe required)
- Garden Special (a combination of vegetables)
- Any other vegetable

- C
- Pickles, sweet
 - Pickles, sour
 - Pickles, dill
 - Pickled Beans
 - Pickled Peppers
 - Pickled Beets
 - Bread & butter pickles
 - Mustard pickles
 - Pickled Garden Combo
 - Other pickled vegetables

- D
- Relish, sweet
 - Relish, corn
 - Fruit Relish
 - Piccalilly
 - Relish, other

- E
- Soup, same variety (recipe required)

- F
- Blueberries
 - Cherries
 - Peaches, sliced
 - Peaches, halves
 - Pears, sliced
 - Pears, halved
 - Plums
 - Citrus Fruit
 - Fruit Special (combination of fruits)
 - Applesauce, with skins
 - Applesauce, without skins
 - Fruit juice
 - Any other fruit

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- G
 - 1. Grape Jelly - Concord
 - 2. Grape Jelly - other - (No Concord grapes)
 - 3. Apple Jelly
 - 4. Herb Jelly
 - 5. Pepper Jelly
 - 6. Other Jelly
- H
 - 1. Strawberry Jam
 - 2. Raspberry Jam
 - 3. Blueberry Jam
 - 4. Peach Jam
 - 5. Grape Jam
 - 6. Plum Jam
 - 7. Blackberry Jam
 - 8. Other
- I
 - 1. Preserves - strawberry
 - 2. Preserves - other
 - 3. Conserve
 - 4. Chutney
 - 5. Marmalade
- K
 - 1. Apple Butter
 - 2. Fruit Butter

****IMPORTANT NOTE****

All vegetables, except tomatoes, must be pressure processed. For fruits, tomatoes and pickled vegetables, use a boiling water bath canner. Tomatoes should be done by hot pack method per recommendation of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension Service.

PLEASE USE U.S.D.A. STANDARDS. REFER TO "BALL BLUE BOOK."

SOME OF THE CRITERIA THE JUDGES WILL BE CONSIDERING ARE:

1. **How well rules were followed.**
2. Processing method and time
3. Mold or obvious spoilage
4. Condition of the produce, consistent size, color
5. Color of product, clarity of liquids
6. Condition of seal. **POOR SEALS ARE ELIMINATED WHEN JUDGING. STICKY JARS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
7. Packing
8. Overall appearance. Jars and covers must be clean.
9. Judges look for equal quality in taste in all entries in classes A-3 through A-7.

SPECIAL CLASSES

Brandied fruits, also commonly known as "Crocked Fruits" or "Friendship Fruits", include any fruits which have been fermented in sugar and/or alcoholic spirits.

Recipe must be included on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet.

Note name and class number on each sheet.

CLASS – 2 JARS EACH

- L
 - 1. Brandied Peaches
 - 2. Brandied Pears
 - 3. Brandied Fruit

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Entry must be a single covered glass jar: half pints, pints or quarts.
2. Label will include the contents of the jar.
3. The owner's name and address must be clearly written on the underside of the jar for identification.
4. Each exhibitor may make only one entry in each class.
5. **JARS WILL BE OPENED FOR TASTING.**
Judging will be based upon:
 1. Overall appearance.
 2. Taste of contents.
 3. Texture of fruit.
 4. Composition of mixture.



ALLTRISTA CORPORATION WILL AWARD BLUE BOOKS AND/OR CANNING JELLY JAR COUPONS TO BEST EXHIBITS USING BALL/KERR JARS AND CLOSURES FOR:
FRUITS • VEGETABLES • JAMS/JELLIES • RELISHES/PICKLES

2011 BEST OF CATEGORY: PICKLED FOODS AWARD

Presented by:

Ball and Kerr Home Canning Products and Heinz Vinegar

To promote the art of pickling foods and safe home food preservation, Ball brand and Kerr brand Home Canning Products and Heinz Vinegar are offering this special adult award category.

The best pickled fruit or pickled vegetable prepared using Heinz Distilled White or Heinz Apple Cider Vinegar, submitted by an adult and canned in Ball Home Canning Jar and sealed with Ball Two-Piece Vacuum Cap or canned in Kerr Home Canning Jar and sealed with Kerr Two-Piece Vacuum Cap, shall be designated Best of Category: Pickled Foods.

The best entry meeting the above requirements shall be designated the Best of Category: Pickled Foods. The winner receives one complete Ball Home Canning Utensil Set (Jar Lifter, Canning Funnel, Lid Wand and Bubble FREER), one five dollar Ball brand or Kerr brand Home Canning Product coupon, a set of Ball recipe brochures, a copy of Heinz Successful Pickling Guide and five dollars worth of Heinz Vinegar coupons.

2011 BEST OF CATEGORY: SOFT SPREADS AWARD

Presented by

Ball brand and Kerr brand Home Canning Products and Ball 100% Natural Fruit Jell Pectin

To promote the art of preparing soft spreads and safe home food preservation, Ball brand and Kerr brand Home Canning Products are offering this special adult award category. Any entry meeting the following guidelines is eligible:

The soft spread prepared using Ball 100% Natural Fruit Jell Pectin, submitted by an adult and canned in Ball Home Canning Jar and sealed with Ball Two-Piece Vacuum Cap or canned in Kerr Home Canning Jar and sealed with Kerr Two-Piece Vacuum Cap, shall be designated Best of Category: Soft Spreads. Note: The UPC from the Fruit Jell package must accompany the product.

The best entry meeting the above requirements shall be designated the Best of Category: Soft Spreads. The winner receives one custom recipe card and label set, one box each Ball 100% Natural Fruit Jell Pectin and Ball 100% Natural Fruit Jell No Sugar Needed Pectin, one dozen decorative lids, one five dollar Ball brand or Kerr brand Home Canning Products coupon and a set of Ball recipe brochures.

A SPECIAL AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR BEST OF SHOW.

THE ESSEX COUNTY CO-OP WILL PRESENT A CANNING KIT TO THE **NOVICE EXHIBITOR** WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS.

DAWSON'S TRUE VALUE HARDWARE OF TOPSFIELD AND BEVERLY WILL PRESENT A CASE OF BALL CANNING JARS FOR BEST OF SHOW

A CASE OF CANNING JARS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE SENIOR EXHIBITOR WITH THE HIGHEST AMOUNT OF POINTS.



Everyone is invited to Come See Us on Opening Day- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH. All exhibits will need to be in place on Thursday, September 29th, EXCEPT POULTRY. Please refer all questions regarding this change to the Department Chairperson or the Fair's Administration Office.

GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

**** *Topsfield Fair and Essex Agricultural Society are not responsible for changes to or omissions from any contest rules, regulations, and/or guidelines.***

Exhibitors must adhere to all rules as they apply to individual departments as well as the following regulations:

1. The Essex Agricultural Society is a member of the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association. The rules and regulations of this organization will apply where applicable.
2. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on fairgrounds.
3. No smoking allowed in buildings.
4. No exhibit shall be removed before the close of the fair, without the express consent of the department head and fair management. Please refer to individual department for specific pickup times.
5. Departments designated 4-H and youth are restricted to boys and girls 9 through 19 years of age as of January 1, 2011, unless otherwise stated in department rules.
6. All reasonable precautions will be taken by the Society for the safe keeping of animals and articles entrusted to its care, but all exhibits are received upon express condition that **THE SOCIETY SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE** that may occur to animals or articles on exhibit for any reason. Exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants agree to be solely responsible for any loss, injury to, damage done, occasioned by or arising from any exhibit, equipment, animal or person and to defend and indemnify the Society and the management thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto. In view of this understanding, exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants may deem it advisable to obtain appropriate liability insurance.
7. No person will be awarded premium checks with providing the Fair office with his/her social security number.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES & INFORMATION

1. All animals must be checked by the State Veterinarian and/or the department head or his designee, upon arrival at the fairgrounds.
2. Please review and comply with all health regulations as they pertain to individual departments. Massachusetts Department of Agriculture rules regarding animal health must be adhered to.
3. All out-of-state livestock must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Health.
4. **EXHIBITOR PARKING WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED. PLEASE CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT HEAD IF PARKING PROBLEMS ARISE.**