

# DEPARTMENT 1004

## 4-H CLUB EXHIBITS AND CONTESTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: **Online/Mail/Email:** Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Entry Receiving:

**General Entries ONLY-**

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (6:00pm-8:00pm) &  
Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (9:00am-12:00pm)

**Food & Horticulture ONLY -** Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
(5:00-7:00pm)

Entry Pick Up: Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (1:00-6:00pm)

**MUST CHECK IN AT GRANGE OFFICE - No Exceptions**

Entry Fee: (online only) \$3.00 per exhibitor

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

**\*\*\*READ RULES IN EVERY DEPARTMENT  
CAREFULLY! THERE ARE MANY CHANGES \*\*\***

Open to Essex County 4-H members in good standing, with leader's approval. Exceptions noted in the respective sections. Also open to any Essex County youth who has participated in a 4-H activity this past year or attended 4-H Camps.

1. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST be listed on the **2024-2025** Essex County 4-H Enrollment Form. All 4-H entry FORMS are to be received by August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 either online/mail/email. **THERE WILL BE NO PRINTED FAIRBOOK. It will be ONLINE only. Enter online at [www.topsfieldfair.org](http://www.topsfieldfair.org), then click on Exhibitor Handbook and go to the 4-H section.**
2. Exhibits must be produced, made, or grown by the exhibitor during the previous 12 months prior to exhibition.
3. **ALL EXHIBITORS are limited to ONE ENTRY PER CLASS** (unless otherwise noted), Junior ages 8-13years and Senior ages 14-19 yrs. as of **January 1, 2025**. Cloverbuds (CB) ages 5-7 as of **January 1, 2025** are also eligible to exhibit. CB are NOT eligible for Trophies or Sweepstakes. Participation ribbons only will be awarded.
4. All entries must be made by filling out the official 4-H entry form included in the 4-H Exhibitor Handbook pages **available online at [www.topsfieldfair.org](http://www.topsfieldfair.org)**. Cloverbuds must use Cloverbud entry form.
5. General entries will be accepted on **Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 6:00pm-8:00pm (Doors will be locked at 8:00pm) and Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9:00am-12:00 pm (Doors will be locked at 12:00pm) AT THE GRANGE BUILDING.** This includes Club Exhibits. Club Exhibits **MUST BE ASSEMBLED by Club Youth MEMBERS NOT LEADERS AT THE GRANGE BUILDING. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Food and Horticulture arrive **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at the GRANGE BUILDING from 5:00pm-7:00pm. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. DOORS WILL BE LOCKED AT 7:00pm.** "OTHER" classes may only contain items that are not a listed category. Use the entry description field to name what the item is. BE SPECIFIC! MUST DESCRIBE ITEM!
6. **The committee reserves the right to exclude any exhibit of inferior quality or questionable content. The committee reserves the right to make changes as needed to fit the condition(s) of the show.**
7. Prizes, premium money and trophies will not be awarded unless exhibit meets its requirements or is deemed unworthy by the judges. ONLY BLUE RIBBON EXHIBITS whose exhibitor has submitted a 4-H Record **by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 WILL BE ELIGIBLE** to receive **TROPHIES/AWARDS. NEW: 1<sup>st</sup> year members ONLY have until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to submit a PROJECT RECORD and 4-H Story to be eligible for trophies & awards.**
8. Excellent, Very Good, & Good prizes will be awarded in all classes. Challenges are awarded Modified Danish system and placed 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6th.
9. It is **REQUIRED THAT EACH EXHIBITOR with adult WILL PROVIDE TWO (3) HOUR SHIFTS for coverage IN THE GRANGE BUILDING DURING THE FAIR. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR TIME(S) on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> or October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. NO WORK-NO PREMIUMS!**
10. All entries are to be picked up **between 1:00-6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. MUST CHECK IN AT THE GRANGE OFFICE FIRST! NO EXCEPTIONS.** Prize money will be mailed when items are picked up.
11. No over-sized **static** exhibits without prior committee approval. **MAXIMUM SIZE ALLOWED 2'x2'. ALL POSTERS, educational or other MAXIMUM size 11"x 17".**
12. **PLEASE FOLLOW RULES LISTED IN EACH DEPT THAT YOU ARE EXHIBITING IN.**
13. **Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025** is 4-H Day at Topsfield

Fair. 4-H Fashion Revue will be held **October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:00pm.**

14. **The decision of the judges is final. JUDGES HAVE THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ANY ARTICLE EVEN THOUGH IT MAY HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AT DROP OFF NIGHT.**
  15. **4-H Entries not done online should be sent to: Diane Krafton, 2 Krafton Way, Andover, MA 01810 or emailed to: [diane@topsfieldfair.org](mailto:diane@topsfieldfair.org) by Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.**
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## DEAN AND FLYNN 4-H ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A \$25.00 Scholarship will be awarded at **4-H Achievement Night** to two 4-H'ers in Essex County for outstanding achievement in 4-H Project Work & Fair Participation in 4-H. This award will be given by Eugene Dean and Mrs. Jack Flynn, Amusement Operators at Topsfield Fair.

## ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SWEEPSTAKES

1. The Essex Agricultural Society will award a \$25.00 and a \$15.00 award in Agriculture and Home Economics exhibit areas. These prizes will be awarded to either boys or girls in 4-H who have had projects in **TWO OR MORE REQUIRED PROJECT AREAS**, are winners in their respective classes, & have submitted a 4-H record by **October 31, 2024.**
2. Any 4-H member in **good standing** ages 8 -19 is eligible for this award.
3. **To compete for AGRICULTURE a 4-H'er MUST exhibit in TWO SECTIONS: 4-H Horticulture AND at least one of the following: poultry, dairy, goat, sheep, rabbit, or horse. HOME ECONOMICS requires: TWO of the following: Canning, Clothing, Conservation, Fiber Arts, Foods, Handicrafts, Home Environment, Photography, Woodworking/Metalwork.**
4. Points will be scored on 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes won on individual exhibits in Agricultural & Home Ec classes. Points are follows: First/ Excellent: 5 points; Second/ Very Good: 3 points; Third/ Good: 2 points.
5. **CHALLENGE CLASSES are NOT ELIGIBLE for sweepstakes.**

**Trophy for BEST OVERALL 4-H EXHIBIT**  
**Sponsored by the Topsfield Fair**

## 4-H HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

**Chairpersons:** Joan Lagasse - W. Boxford, MA, Mark Lagasse - W. Boxford, MA, Melanie Dunin - Salem, NH

### Trophies

**BEST OVERALL HORTICULTURE EXHIBITOR**

In Memory of Dora Rouse, West Boxford, MA

(Must exhibit in **both** FLOWER and VEGETABLE sections to be eligible for this trophy. Based on POINTS)

### Trophies:

**BEST VASE OF CUT FLOWERS** - Lagasse Family

**BEST HOUSEPLANT**- In Memory of Joan H. Rouse

**BEST ARRANGEMENT** – by Lagasse Family

**JUDGES CHOICE** - In Memory of Alice I. Salter by the Salter-Jackson Families

**BEST FLOWERING HOUSEPLANT** – In Memory of Hilda Rouse

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibits of houseplants must be correctly labeled on a 3" x 5" card. Card must contain: Name of Plant, Date the member began caring for the plant, IF STARTED BY THE MEMBER, how started (from Cutting, Root Division, Seed, or Bulb) and WHEN started.
2. Horticulture exhibits must arrive between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on **THURSDAY, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. See #5 General Rules & Regulations.**
3. Exhibitors are required to keep flowers and vegetables fresh throughout the Fair.
4. All plants should be grown and cared for at least three months prior to exhibition.
5. All flowers / arrangements must be done by the exhibitor on Friday night. **All flowers must be exhibited in PLAIN VASES. NO Decorative or Novelty Vases except in Classes AB4 and AB8.**
6. Any plant damaged by insects/ pests or showing sign of infestation will be disqualified.
7. Only 1 variety of plant per container (except dish gardens and terrariums.)
8. Classes 1-25 flowers must be same color, same variety. Class 26 flowers must be same variety/different colors. Class 27 can be more than one variety.
9. All entries must be in place by 7:00pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
10. **ALL PLANTS WILL BE SPRAYED WITH AN INSECTICIDE IN ORDER TO BE EXHIBITED.**
11. Plants that have been previously entered may not be re-judged except in class BD. Plants in class BD will not be eligible for trophies or points for overall horticultural exhibitor.

## SECTION A: CUT FLOWERS

### Awards:

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### CUT FLOWERS

Flowers must be grown, selected, and arranged by exhibitor.  
To be judged for Culture - 90%, Effect - 10%

#### CLASS AA - Jr./Sr., AAA – Cloverbud

##### LOT

1. Amaranthus, five stems
2. Asters, five stems
3. Asters Perennial, five sprays
4. Autumn Sedum, five sprays
5. Celosia, five stems
6. Chrysanthemums, five stems
7. Cleome, five stems
8. Coneflower, five blooms
9. Cosmos, five sprays
10. Dahlias, large, one bloom
11. Dahlias, small, five blooms
12. Daisies, five stems
13. Everlasting, fresh five stems
14. Hydrangea, five blooms
15. Impatiens, five stems
16. Marigolds, large flowered, five blooms/African
17. Marigolds, dwarf single, five stems/ French
18. Marigolds, dwarf double, five stems/French
19. Petunias, five stems
20. Salvia, five stems
21. Snapdragons, five spikes
22. Sunflowers, small five blooms
23. Zinnias, large, Dahlia, five blooms
24. Zinnias, single, five stems
25. Zinnias, small, five stems (Lilliput or Pompom)
26. Mixed flowers, five blooms/stems - more than 1 entry allowed, same variety, different colors
27. Any other flower, five blooms/stems - more than 1 variety allowed

### ARRANGEMENTS

**Max height of arrangement no more than 1 ½ times the height of the container/vase**

Selected and arranged by exhibitor

To be judged for Quality - 50%, Effect - 50%

#### CLASS AB - Jr./Sr., ABB - Cloverbud

##### LOT

1. Vase of annuals - grown by exhibitor
2. Vase of any cut flower- grown by exhibitor
3. Vase of dried flowers - grown by exhibitor
4. Vase of flowers or tubers or bulbs - grown by exhibitor
5. Vase of foliage
6. Vase of evergreen foliage
7. Vase of perennials - grown by exhibitor
8. Vase of wildflowers
9. Miniature Arrangement - not over 5" in any direction with container. (Decorative or novelty vases allowed in this class.)
10. Pollinator arrangement
11. Teacup arrangement

### DISH GARDENS - TERRARIUMS

#### CLASS AC - Jr./Sr., ACC - Cloverbud

##### LOT

1. Dish Garden - Cactus
2. Dish Garden - House plants
3. Terrarium - House plants
4. Terrarium - Woodland

### WREATHS – SWAG - BALLS

**Wreath must be COMPLETELY MADE BY EXHIBITOR. No pre-formed wreaths that are just decorated.**

No artificial decorations, ribbon accepted.

#### CLASS AD - Jr./Sr., ADD - Cloverbud

##### LOT

1. Wreath, dry material
2. Wreath, evergreen
3. Wreath, grapevine
4. Door swag, evergreen
5. Door swag, natural materials
6. Kissing Ball

## SECTION B: HOUSE PLANTS

Must be grown by exhibitor, and owned for at least 3 months prior to October 1, 2025. Flowering plants must be in bloom. Hanging plants must be in hanging pots.

**ALL PLANTS MUST HAVE INDEX CARDS with name of plant**

**CLASS BA - Jr./Sr., BAA - Cloverbud**

**LOT**

1. Aloe
2. Begonia, fibrous rooted
3. Bromeliads
4. Cactus (other than Christmas Cactus)
5. Coleus
6. Dieffenbachia
7. Dracaena
8. Fern
9. Ivy
10. Jade
11. Peperomia
12. Philodendron
13. Pothos
14. Snake Plant
15. Succulent
16. Scented Geranium
17. Any other foliage - not previously listed

**FLOWERING PLANTS**

**CLASS BB - Jr./Sr., BBB - Cloverbud**

**LOT**

1. African Violet
2. Begonia, Rhizomatous
3. Begonia, Tuberous
4. Begonia, other
5. Christmas Cactus
6. Diplodemia/ Mandevilla
7. Fuchsia
8. Geranium
9. Martha Washington Geranium
10. Impatiens
11. New Guinea Impatiens
12. Petunia
13. Torenia – Wish Bone Flower
14. Any other flowering - not previously listed

**HANGING PLANTS**

**CLASS BC - Jr./Sr., BCC - Cloverbud**

**LOT**

1. Fittonia
2. Flowering Maple
3. Pilea
4. Spider Plant
5. Strawberry Begonia
6. Swedish Ivy
7. Wandering Jew
8. Any other hanging plant - not previously listed

**LONG TERM CARE PLANTS**

Include a history of care/when entered. Plants in this class are not eligible for trophies. ONE PLANT PER CLASS

**CLASS BD - Jr./Sr., BDD - Cloverbud**

**LOT**

1. Flowering Plant
2. Hanging Plant
3. Houseplant

**SECTION C: VEGETABLES**

Vegetables must be grown, selected and displayed by Exhibitor.

Exhibitors should keep in mind when selecting specimens that the judge is looking for:

- **Uniformity of size, shape and color**
- **Trueness of type**
- **Proper number of specimens per plate**
- **Exhibits in the proper class**
- **Washed when necessary**
- **Leave 1” tops on beets and carrots**
- **Onions should not be peeled**
- **Stems on field tomatoes**
- **Tips left on beans**
- **Damaged parts trimmed or removed**
- **Peppers same number of lobes**
- **Condition of, and free of blemishes**
- **Greens/Parsley in vase with water**

**Trophies:**

BEST VEGETABLE ENTRY – In Memory of William J. Curboy

BEST TOMATO – In Memory of John S. Rouse

**VEGETABLES**

**CLASS CA - Jr./Sr., CAA - Cloverbud**

**LOT**

1. Beans, green, fifteen pods, leave tips on
2. Beans, shell, fifteen pods, leave tips on
3. Beans, shelled, one pint
4. Beans, wax, yellow, fifteen pods, leave tips on
5. Beets, five, leave 1” tops
6. Cabbage, two heads
7. Carrots, five, leave 1” tops
8. Celery, two bunches
9. Corn, sweet, five ears
10. Cucumbers, two

11. Eggplant, two
12. Gourds, large, two
13. Gourds, small, five
14. Greens, two stalks in vase of water
15. Onions, five, do not peel
16. Parsley, two branches, in vase of water
17. Parsley, flat Italian, two branches, in vase of water
18. Peppers, hot, five
19. Peppers, sweet, five, same number of lobes
20. Potatoes, red, five
21. Potatoes, white, five
22. Potatoes, other, five
23. Pumpkin, field, two
24. Pumpkin, sugar, two
25. Squash, butternut, two
26. Squash, summer, green, two
27. Squash, summer, yellow, two
28. Squash, winter, two (more than 1 variety allowed)
29. Tomatoes, cherry, green, ten (stems on)
30. Tomatoes, cherry, red, ten (stems on)
31. Tomatoes, green, five (stems on)
32. Tomatoes, red, five (stems on)
33. Tomatoes, plum, green, ten (stems on)
34. Tomatoes, plum, red, ten (stems on)
35. Any other vegetables, two, five, ten - not previously listed \*Refer to Dept. 115 Vegetables in Exhibitor Handbook for correct quantities.

#### SECTION D: COLLECTIONS AND DISPLAYS

##### Awards:

EXCELLENT \$7.00  
 VERY GOOD \$6.00  
 GOOD \$5.00  
 CLOVERBUD \$3.00

#### COLLECTIONS

##### CLASS DA - Jr./Sr., DAA - Cloverbud LOT

1. Garden **PEST** insects, ten labeled, control-**Photos only**
2. Garden weeds, ten, labeled, control, dried and pressed
3. Herbs, five plants, labeled
4. Herbs, ten dried and pressed, labeled
5. Educational exhibit, 11x17 poster or standard notebook

#### DISPLAYS

##### CLASS DB - Jr./Sr., DBB - Cloverbud LOT

1. Alternative Gardening Poster 11"x17"
2. Education Exhibit Poster 11"x17"

#### SECTION E: GARDEN ART

##### Awards:

EXCELLENT \$7.00  
 VERY GOOD \$6.00  
 GOOD \$5.00  
 CLOVERBUD \$3.00

#### GARDEN ART

##### CLASS EA - Jr./Sr., EAA - Cloverbud LOT

1. Painted Clay Pot (6" or smaller)
2. Decorative Stepping Stone (12" or smaller)
3. Garden Stake 4"-6" fence post
4. Fairy/Gnome house
5. Butterfly/Bee feeder from clay pots (6" or 8" pots)
6. Clay pot wind chime (3 or 4 graduated decorated pots – MUST include a bell)

#### SECTION F: HORICULTURE CHALLENGES

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)**

##### Awards:

FIRST \$5.00  
 SECOND \$4.50  
 THIRD \$4.00  
 FOURTH \$3.50  
 FIFTH \$3.00  
 CLOVERBUD \$3.00

#### HORICULTURE CHALLENGES

##### CLASS FA LOT

1. Arrangement Challenge
2. Club project
3. Container – vegetable plant
4. Houseplant
5. Plant started by seed / bulb
6. Cloverbud

## DEPARTMENT H - CLOTHING EXHIBIT

**Chairpersons:** Tammy Fabre- Salem, MA, Kam Fabre- Peabody, MA, Emily Fabre- Salem, MA

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

All garments should be cleaned, pressed, and hung on hangers or they will not be accepted.

#### **Trophies:**

BEST JUNIOR – In Memory of Edna Homa

BEST SENIOR –

BEST CHALLENGE – By Essex County 4-H Advisory Council

BEST OVERALL CLOTHING ENTRY – In Memory of Pedro P. Fabre by the Fabre Family

### **GARMENTS**

#### **Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

#### **CLASS HA - Jr./Sr., HAA - Cloverbud**

##### **LOT**

1. Apron
2. Bathrobe
3. Blouse/Button-Down Shirt
4. Cape or Poncho
5. Costume (under 3 hours' worth of work)
6. Dress of Knit, Wool/Wool Blend or Woven Material
7. Jumper
8. Jumpsuit
9. Leggings
10. Nightgown, Pajamas – 2 pc.
11. Pants – button, jeans, capri, cargo
12. Shorts
13. Skirt – A-line straight, straight, gathered, wraparound
14. Sports Athletic shorts, Jersey (2 or more pieces)
15. Sun Dress
16. Sweatpants/ lounge pants – elastic waist or drawstring
17. Sweater Shirt – pullover, zipper, hoodie, quarter zipper
18. T-Shirt – knit, long sleeve, baseball, polo
19. Vest
20. Other Garment – not listed (2)

## MISCELLANEOUS

#### **Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

#### **CLASS HB - Jr./Sr., HBB - Cloverbud**

##### **LOT**

1. Animal Clothing, Limit 3 DIFFERENT Items
2. Bag- Drawstring, Canvas, Garment
3. Belt
4. Doll or Baby Clothes
5. Face Mask - COVID, Sleep/Eye
6. Hat- Brimmed, Bucket, Newsboy Cap
7. Headband/Scrunchie
8. Head Scarf or Neck Scarf
9. Holiday Accessory
10. Necktie/Bow Tie
11. Pet Bed
12. Pot Holder or Mitt
13. Recreational Sewing, Backpack, Sports Bag
14. Slippers
15. Stuffed Animal or Toy
16. Technology Case (Tablet or cell phone)
17. Other Article - not listed (2)
18. Educational Exhibit 11"x17" poster/ standard notebook

### **ADVANCED SEWING- NO CLOVERBUD**

#### **Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$5.00

VERY GOOD \$4.00

GOOD \$3.50

#### **CLASS HC - Jr./Sr.**

##### **LOT**

1. Bathing Suit
2. Best Dress
3. Coat - winter, trench, puffer, pea, rain
4. Doll and Outfit, both sewn from pattern
5. Formal Dress - layered, prom, floor length
6. Jacket- blazer, jean, hooded, outdoor
7. Matched Plaid/ Matched Pattern Garment
8. Overalls- Denim, Corduroy, Canvas
9. Pant Suit - 2 pc outfit- Track, Power
10. Reconstructed Accessories/Household (limit 2)
11. Reconstructed Clothing (limit 2)
12. Other – not listed

### COORDINATED OUTFIT – NO CLOVERBUD

#### Awards:

EXCELLENT \$12.00  
VERY GOOD \$10.00  
GOOD \$8.00

### CLASS HD LOT

1. 3 piece outfit, no accessories

### 5 PIECE COORDINATED OUTFIT –NO CLOVERBUD

#### Awards:

EXCELLENT \$20.00  
VERY GOOD \$16.00  
GOOD \$12.00

### CLASS HE LOT

1. 5 piece outfit, no accessories

### 4-H FASHION REVUE

Entry form must be submitted with Class HF1 or HFF1  
To be held Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:00pm in the  
GRANGE Building

#### Awards:

MODELING \$5.00  
CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### CLASS HF - Jr./Sr., HFF - Cloverbud LOT

1. Fashion Revue/ Modeling

### CLOTHING CHALLENGE CLASS

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good.  
Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent.  
(Except Cloverbuds)**

Awards as follows: All to be judged: Excellent, Very Good,  
Good. From all **Excellents** (EXCEPT Cloverbuds.)

#### Awards:

FIRST \$5.00  
SECOND \$4.00  
THIRD \$3.00  
CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### CLASS HG - Jr./Sr., HGG - Cloverbud LOT

1. Clothing Challenge

### SECTION I: 4-H FOODS EXHIBIT

**Chairpersons:** Linda Agersea, Saugus, MA

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Food exhibits must arrive between 5:00 - 7:00pm, Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.
2. Printed or written recipe on 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper MUST be submitted with all food entries with Exhibitor # and Class # on the back except class IJ, IK, IL & IM. **Food without recipes will be eliminated from judging.**
3. Exhibitors MAY NOT be present when their exhibits are judged.
4. All items needing refrigeration WILL NOT be accepted. All food exhibits and recipes become the property of the Essex County 4-H Advisory Council.
5. All food items except Class **IJ, IK, IL** are to be made from scratch.
6. ALL PLATES AND/OR CONTAINERS WILL BE CONSIDERED DISPOSABLE.
7. All CANDY must arrive in clear cellophane bags or white cardboard candy boxes.
8. ALL Foods will be **donated on behalf of Essex County 4-H Program.**

### DIVISION A – FOOD PREPARATION

#### Awards:

EXCELLENT \$4.00  
VERY GOOD \$3.50  
GOOD \$3.00  
CLOVERBUD \$3.00

#### Trophies:

JUDGES CHOICE – Perpetual Trophy – In Memory of Doris Parisi

BEST OF CLASS IN EACH CATEGORY – DIVISION A-  
ESSEX COUNTY 4-H ADVISORY COUNCIL

## COOKIES

### CLASS IA - Jr./Sr., IAA - Cloverbud LOT

1. Bar Cookies (4)
2. Brownies (4)
3. Dropped (4)
4. Molded (4)
5. Pressed (4)
6. Refrigerator (4)
7. Rolled Cookies (4)

## BISCUITS/MUFFINS

### CLASS IB – Jr./Sr., IBB – Cloverbud LOT

1. Blueberry Muffins (4)
2. Cornmeal Muffins (4)
3. Non-Fat Muffins (4)
4. Other Muffins (4)

## QUICK BREAD

### CLASS IC – Jr./Sr., ICC – Cloverbud LOT

1. Banana Bread – one loaf
2. Date Nut Bread – one loaf
3. Zucchini Bread – one bread
4. Other – one loaf

## CAKES (UNFROSTED)

### CLASS ID – Jr./Sr., IDD – Cloverbud LOT

1. Angel Food
2. Chocolate Color
3. Coffee
4. Jelly Roll
5. Light Color
6. Non-Fat/ Low-Fat
7. Pound
8. Sponge
9. Other

## PIES

### Disposable pie plate only will be accepted

### CLASS IE – Jr./Sr., IEE- Cloverbud LOT

1. One Crust (no cream)
2. Two Crust (no cream)

## YEAST BREADS

### Awards:

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### CLASS IF- Jr./Sr., IFF – Cloverbud LOT

1. Bread Machine – Wheat
2. Bread Machine – White
3. Bread Machine – Other
4. Dark Yeast Bread (1 loaf)
5. Fancy Yeast Bread (1 loaf)
6. White Yeast Bread (1 loaf)
7. Yeast Rolls (4)

## HERITAGE OR ETHNIC DESSERT

### CLASS IG – Jr./Sr., IGG – Cloverbud LOT

1. Cakes
2. Cookies (4)
3. Cupcakes (4)
4. Finger Foods (4)
5. Other Food (not previously listed)

## DISPLAY

### CLASS IH- Jr./Sr., IHH - Cloverbud LOT

1. Educational – 11”x17” Poster / Standard notebook
2. Place setting – No glassware, include placemat, napkin & table setting.

## CANDY ¼ LB. OR 6 PCS

### CLASS II – Jr./Sr., III – Cloverbud LOT

1. Dipped



2. Fudge
3. Other

### DIVISION B – DECORATIVE FOOD

Decorated foods will be judged by presentation, appearance & technique only. Recipes are NOT necessary in Division B.

#### Awards:

EXCELLENT \$5.00  
VERY GOOD \$4.00  
GOOD \$3.00  
CLOVEBUD \$3.00

BEST OF CLASS IN EACH CATEGORY – DIVISION A-  
ESSEX COUNTY 4-H ADVISORY COUNCIL

### CREATIVE FOOD DESIGN

Entries ARE REQUIRED to have an 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper listing adornments, decorations, and embellishments.  
Example: IJ-3 Cupcakes: Use lifesavers for eyes, M & M for nose, Spaghetti for hair, and Twizzlers for mouth.

#### CLASS IJ – Jr./Sr., IJJ – Cloverbud LOT

1. Using bread dough
2. Using cake
3. Using candy (molded)
4. Using cupcakes
5. Using dried fruits & nuts

### CAKE DECORATION TRADITIONAL

Using traditional tools of cake decorating, exhibited on cardboard cake forms. **Must be ready for display in a clear covered cake container.**

#### CLASS IK - Jr./Sr., IKK - Cloverbud LOT

1. Decorated Cake
2. Decorated Candy (4)
3. Decorated Cookies (4)
4. Decorated Cupcakes (4)

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE

#### Trophy:

In memory of Anne Coleman

Entries **must have** 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper listing all decorations used.

#### CLASS IL - Jr./Sr., ILL - Cloverbud LOT

1. Decorated Gingerbread House- Use gingerbread to create fun type dessert centerpiece.
2. Decorated House –Non Gingerbread

### FOOD CHALLENGE

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)**

#### Trophy:

The Homa Family, Andover

#### Awards:

FIRST \$5.00  
SECOND \$4.00  
THIRD \$3.00  
Cloverbud \$3.00

#### CLASS IM – Jr./Sr., IMM - Cloverbud LOT

1. Foods Challenge- Create a new Food Pyramid and display on poster 11”x17”

### SECTION J: FOOD PRESERVATION – CANNING

**Chairperson-** Emily Enos - Beverly, MA

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Enter TWO JARS of uniform size in each class.
2. Each product must be labeled as to product, date processed, processing method, processing time and your exhibitor number.
3. Acid Foods - Fruits, tomatoes and pickled vegetables may be processed in a boiling water bath canner. For tomatoes, use the hot pack method, process pints 35 minutes, quarts 45 minutes. To ensure consumer safety and remove doubt about acidity levels in tomatoes, add ¼ teaspoon citric acid per pint or ½ teaspoon per quart; or add 1 tablespoon reconstituted lemon juice per pint or 2 tablespoons per quart. (Fresh lemon juice should not be used because the acidity varies.)
4. Vegetables- Including Garden Special- Process in pressure canner.

5. Jellies, Jams, Preserves and Marmalades - use canning jars and process in boiling water- bath-canner. Paraffin tends to loosen and break on those products.
6. Jars with broken seals will be disqualified.
7. Some of the criteria the judges will be considering are:
  1. Condition of the Product
  2. Color of Product
  3. Packing, Size, clarity of liquid
  4. Overall Appearance- Jars and lids must be clean
  5. All gift packages will be opened to judge Preserved Products and Presentation of contents.
  6. Judging will follow criteria listed in Rule 7
  7. No alcohol/ tobacco may be used in preparing Gift Packages.

**Trophies/Awards:** In Memory of Sandy George & Ed Cormier for their dedication to 4-H, Topsfield Fair and the Canning Department.

VEGETABLE: In Memory Augustus- Lucky Horse Shoes

FRUIT: In Memory of George / McCarthy Family

SOFT SPREAD: In Memory George & Carolyn George

BEST GIFT PACKAGE JR.: In Memory- Zachary – Lucky Horse Shoes

BEST GIFT PACKAGE SR.

BEST JUICE

PICKLES/RELISHES: In Memory of Ashley-Lucky Horse Shoes

BEST OTHER CANNING: In Memory of Carlisle Chelsea-Lucky Horse Shoes

BEST JAM, BEST JELLY, BEST PRESERVE

CHALLENGE TROPHY/AWARD: In Memory of Eddie Cormier

BEST OVERALL FOOD PRESERVATION: Canning Trophy Award - In Memory of Sandy George

### **Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$5.00

VERY GOOD \$4.50

GOOD \$4.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

## **VEGETABLES**

### **CLASS JA - Jr./Sr., JAA - Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Asparagus
2. Beans, baked
3. Beans, string, green
4. Beans, wax, yellow
5. Beets

6. Carrots
7. Corn
8. Squash, winter, cubed
9. Tomato Sauce
10. Tomato, whole
11. Other vegetables - limit 3 types, not previously listed

## **PICKLES/ RELISHES**

### **CLASS JB - Jr./Sr., JBB - Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Dilled Beans
2. Beets Pickled
3. Bread & Butter Pickles
4. Dill Pickles
5. Other Pickles
6. Sweet Pickles
7. Relish, corn
8. Relish, sweet

## **FRUITS**

### **CLASS JC - Jr./Sr., JCC - Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Applesauce
2. Peaches
3. Pears
4. Other Fruits – limit 3 types, not previously listed
5. Other Fruit Sauces, not apple – limit 3 types

## **JUICE**

Must be **TWO** uniform jars or bottles

### **CLASS JD - Jr./Sr., JDD - Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Fruit Juice- limit 3 flavors
2. Tomato Juice
3. Vegetable Juice

## **JAM**

### **CLASS JE - Jr./Sr., JEE- Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Apple
2. Blueberry
3. Grape
4. Peach
5. Raspberry
6. Strawberry

7. Mixed Berry – limit 3 different types
8. Mixed Fruit – limit 3 different types
9. Mixed Berry/Fruit – limit 3 different types
10. Other Berry – limit 3 different types
11. Other Fruit – limit 3 different types
12. Vegetable – limit 3 different types (carrot, tomato, etc.)

## JELLY

### CLASS JF - Jr./Sr., JFF - Cloverbud

#### LOT

1. Apple
2. Blueberry
3. Grape
4. Herb – limit 3 different types
5. Mixed Berry – limit 3 different types
6. Mixed Fruit – limit 3 different types
7. Mixed Berry/Fruit – limit 3 different types
8. Other Berry – limit 3 different types
9. Other Fruit – limit 3 different types
10. Vegetable – limit 3 different types

## PRESERVES

### CLASS JG - Jr./Sr., JGG - Cloverbud

#### LOT

1. Butter - limit 3 different types
2. Chutney – limit 3 different types
3. Conserve - limit 3 different types
4. Marmalade - limit 3 different types
5. Preserves - limit 3 different types

## OTHER CANNING

### CLASS JH - Jr./Sr., JHH - Cloverbud

#### LOT

1. Dried Foods - 2 pints
2. Other Canned Food, except fruits and vegetables
3. Syrup - limit 3 flavors - 2 matched jars/ bottles
4. Vinegar, flavored – 2 matched jars/bottles
5. Educational Exhibit 11"x17" poster/ standard notebook

## GIFT PACKAGES

#### Awards:

EXCELLENT \$7.00  
VERY GOOD \$6.00  
GOOD \$5.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### CLASS JI - Jr./Sr., JII - Cloverbud

#### LOT

1. Gift Package - minimum 3 Jars
2. 3 Home canned Ball Jars / **MUST INCLUDE** menu for day

## CHALLENGE CLASS

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)**

#### Awards:

FIRST \$5.00  
SECOND \$4.50  
THIRD \$4.00  
FOURTH \$3.50  
FIFTH \$3.00  
SIXTH \$3.00  
CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### CLASS JK- Jr./Sr., JKK - Cloverbud

#### LOT

1. Food Preservation Challenge

## SECTION K: 4-H CREATIVE ARTS – ORIGINAL WORK

**Chairperson:** Lorraine Morando- Saugus

#### Best Drawing, Painting, Sketch:

#### Judge's Choice:

#### Best Mixed Media:

**Pookie Award:** Best Drawing, Painting, Sketch, Sculpture of Cat(s) by Morando Family

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Articles will be judged according to quality of article, difficulty, skill, neatness, and use of color and design.
2. Mat should be clean, free from blemishes.
3. **No Construction Paper Mats or Poster board allowed.**
4. All Drawings, Paintings and Sketches **Must Be Matted/ Framed and Ready for Hanging. NO GLASS.** All entries not meeting this criteria will be disqualified. Foam board & shrink-wrap allowed in lieu of frame.
5. Charcoal or pastels must be set and/ or shrink-wrapped.

6. All exhibits must be original work of exhibitor. Include Exhibitor #, Class # and Lot # on back of work.
7. COPYRIGHTED materials will NOT be allowed.
8. Paint By Number - **CLOVERBUDS ONLY** use **KAA 16**
9. **Maximum mat /frame size 11"x 17" NO GLASS, Oversized NOT accepted NO EXCEPTIONS.**
10. Exhibitors Name **MUST NOT BE VISIBLE** for judging.

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00  
VERY GOOD \$3.50  
GOOD \$3.00  
CLOVERBUD \$3.00

**DRAWING / PAINTING / SKETCHING**

**CLASS KA - Jr./Sr., KAA - Cloverbud  
LOT**

1. Acrylic
2. Calligraphy – text writing
3. Candy Art 8"x10" maximum - must be shrink wrapped
4. Charcoal
5. Colored Pencil
6. Crayon
7. Graphic
8. Marker
9. Mixed Media
10. Oil
11. Pastels
12. Pen and Ink
13. Pencil
14. Tempera
15. Watercolors
16. Other – limit 3
17. Paint by Number (**CLOVERBUD Only**)

**MIXED MEDIA**

**CLASS KB - Jr./Sr., KBB - Cloverbud  
LOT**

1. Book- written/ illustrated by exhibitor
2. Collage
3. Paper Mache - no preformed
4. Pottery
5. Puzzle/ Homemade
6. Sculpture
7. Sculpture, abstract, large – max: 2'L x 2'H x 2'W
8. Other Original – limit 4

9. Educational Exhibit 11"x17" poster/ standard notebook

**COMPUTER GRAPHIC DESIGN**

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00  
VERY GOOD \$3.50  
GOOD \$3.00  
CLOVERBUD \$3.00

A. Color or black & white showing the mastering of design techniques displaying imagination. Must show use of computer generated graphics, artwork, design and/ or typography. Clip art should be kept at a minimum.

B. Typography design- Artwork with type using computer/ hand printing/ mixed media. Example: Newsletters, fliers, fine art with added type. Readability and presentation to be judged.

Note- Quality of printers will not be judged.

**CLASS KD - Jr./Sr., KDD- Cloverbud  
LOT**

1. Computer Generated Art
2. Typography Design

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Trophies:**

**BEST EXHIBIT:**

Highlighting 4-Hers' ability to produce, direct & act in theater and movie productions. All work & music must be original and signed consent forms from each participant must accompany entry. All performance/ video must not exceed 15 minutes. Plays will be judged first Saturday of Fair. Times will be given on drop-off date.

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$10.00  
VERY GOOD \$8.00  
GOOD \$6.00  
CLOVERBUD \$3.00

## STAGE PRODUCTIONS/ LIVE PERFORMANCE

### CLASS KE - Jr./Sr., KEE - Cloverbud LOT

1. One act play comedy/ drama/musical 15 min. limit- Judged on creativity, content, costumes, & format.
2. Performance of song and/ or dance/ play musical instrument etc. 15 min. limit Must have written script & sheet music (if applicable) to be judged. Judged on creativity, content, costumes, & format.
3. Reading of poem-minimum 4 lines each stanza- Maximum 4 stanzas

## VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

All videos must have name of movie on thumb drive. (YouTube allowed) NO CD-ROMS. Video movie must be shown on exhibitors laptop or tablet on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 before 12:00pm. Credits must be given on separate paper for each person taking part in video. All productions must be “G” movie rating. Chairpersons have the right to disqualify a video deemed offensive. Consent forms from all actors must be returned with entry or video will be disqualified. Copyrighted characters must be kept to a minimum.

### CLASS KE - Jr./Sr., KEE – Cloverbud LOT

4. Movie - Live action 30 min. limit. Must have written credits. Director/ Producer must be 4-H members. Actors may be non – 4-H. Judged on creativity, content, costumes, format & videography.
5. Movie- Animation 30 min. limit. Any stop motion animation allowed. i.e. Drawing, clay, computer. Producer/ Director creator must be 4-H member. Judged on creativity, content, format, art criteria & videography.

## WRITTEN WORKS

Must be original work under 100 pages. Written works must be printed out. Flash drives NOT ACCEPTABLE for written work.

### CLASS KE - Jr./Sr., KEE - Cloverbud LOT

6. Screenplay- Must be neat & well defined with director’s notes. Judged on creativity, content, neatness & format.
7. Written Play/ Musical - Up to 3 acts. Script or music must be neat & well defined. If musical, original

sheet music must accompany script. Judged on creativity, content, costumes, neatness & format.

8. Written poem-minimum 4 lines each stanza- Maximum 4 stanzas

## CREATIVE ART CHALLENGE

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)**

### Theme- “Prize Winning Fun”

Entries will be judged EX, VG, GOOD, CB.

Premiums paid only 1<sup>ST</sup>- 3<sup>RD</sup> from all Excellents.

### Awards:

FIRST \$5.00

SECOND \$4.00

THIRD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### CLASS KF - Jr./Sr., KFF - Cloverbud LOT

1. Creative Art Challenge 11”x17” Collage (foam core or canvas) - *see theme*

## SECTION L: 4-H HANDICRAFTS

**Chairpersons:** Lee Ann Sanchez- Londonderry, NH,  
Becky Krafton- Andover, MA

### Trophies/Awards:

BEST CHALLENGE SR., JR.: 4-H Advisory Council

MOST UNIQUE: In Memory of Brian McCarthy

JULIA PLASSMAN TROPHY: Best General Handicraft

BEST HOLIDAY CRAFT: 4-H Advisory Council

BEST DOG THEMED CRAFT: In Memory of Jacob

BEST CHICKEN THEMED CRAFT: By Sara Ponikvar

MOST OUTSTANDING 4-H CRAFT: In Memory of Edna,  
Sandy & Eddie by Krafton Family

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The craft articles will be judged according to quality of exhibit, difficulty, skill, creativity and time involved. Committee reserves the right to exclude any exhibit.

## GENERAL HANDICRAFTS

### Awards:

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

**CLASS LA - Jr./Sr., LAA - Cloverbud**

**LOT**

1. 4-H themed handicraft
2. Altered Art item
3. Art Journal
4. Awareness item (autism, cancer, etc.)
5. Batik fabric, handmade, in 6" hoop
6. Beading
7. Block Print
8. Bracelet - in display box/card
9. Camp Craft
10. Candle
11. Cat Toy (pet safe)
12. Ceramics
13. Christmas
14. Colonial/Heritage
15. Community Hero craft (fire, police, 1<sup>st</sup> responder, nurse)
16. Craft Felt item
17. Decoupage – limit 3 different (1 each type)
18. Decorative Painting on glass
19. Decorative Painting on stone
20. Decorative Painting on wood
21. Dog Toy (pet safe)
22. Doll (spool, yarn, etc.) – list type
23. Earring (1 pair) - in display box/card
24. Felt item – not from craft felt
25. Fimo Clay item
26. Flowers, paper (must make 3 of the same type)
27. Flowers, other (must make 3 of the same type)
28. Game, homemade, no kits
29. Gimp
30. Glass, stained/blown (not oven baked)
31. Halloween Craft
32. Hanukkah Craft
33. Holiday Craft, other, not listed – 2 different
34. Leather Craft
35. Legos – model or kit
36. Magnet Craft
37. Mobile
38. Model
39. Mosaics
40. Nature Craft
41. Necklace - in display box/card
42. Origami item
43. Paint pouring
44. Paper Craft
45. Paper, homemade
46. Pin – in display box/card
47. Popsicle Stick craft

48. Quilling – limit 1 item

49. Recycled Craft

50. Rubber Stamped item

51. Rubber Stamped, embossed

52. Salt Dough

53. Sand Art

54. Scrapbook – single page layout/item

55. Shell Craft

56. Shoe Box Diorama, maximum 8 ½" x 11"

57. Soap, homemade

58. Stationary (6 pcs. with envelopes)

59. Stenciled item (wood, slate, fabric) – limit 3 different types

60. String Art

61. Textile Craft, painted/embellished

62. Thanksgiving Craft

63. Tie Dye

64. Other Article – not previously listed (limit 5 different items)

65. Educational Exhibit 11"x17" poster/ standard notebook

**DIFFICULT CRAFT**

**Trophy:**

JUDGES' CHOICE: In Memory of Anna Leva

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$5.00

VERY GOOD \$4.00

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

Multi-step (explain on 3x5 card how it was made and approximate number of hours reqd. Leader approval required.)

**CLASS LB - Jr./Sr., LBB- Cloverbud**

**LOT**

1. Difficult Craft

**HANDICRAFT CHALLENGES**

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)**

**Awards:**

FIRST \$5.00

SECOND \$4.00

THIRD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

**CLASS LC - Jr./Sr., LCC- Cloverbud**

1. Handicraft Challenge

**SECTION M: 4-H FIBER ART**

**Chairpersons:** Donna Marie Ryan- Topsfield, MA

**Awards:**

BEST NEEDLEWORK ENTRY: In Memory of Dr. Judith B. Wallin

BEST KNITTED ARTICLE: In Memory of Antone, Kathleen, Mabel Pacheco & Robert F. Salter.

BEST CROCHETED ARTICLE: In Memory of Virginia Welch

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE FINISHED AS REQUIRED: i.e., PILLOWS (Stuffed), PICTURES (framed) etc.
2. Articles will be judged with emphasis on NEEDLEWORK. Decorative i.e., (wall hanging, picture) Functional: i.e., (on pillows, tablecloth, towels, apron)
3. Exhibits will also be judged according to quality of exhibit, difficulty, skill, creativity, and time involved.

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

**DIVISION A - NEEDLEWORK**

**CLASS MA - Jr./Sr., MAA - Cloverbud LOT**

1. Applique
2. Bargello
3. Candlewicking
4. Chicken Scratch
5. Counted Cross Stitch
6. Crewel
7. Cross Stitch Stamped
8. Huck Work (Swedish Weaving)
9. Japanese Bunka Embroidery
10. Machine Embroidery
11. Needlepoint
12. Plastic Canvas
13. Quickpoint
14. Silk Ribbon Embroidery

15. Smocking

16. Weaving

17. Yo-Yo (3 DIFFERENT items)

18. Educational Exhibit 11"x17" poster/ standard notebook

19. Other Needlework

**DIVISION B - KNITTING**

THREE DIFFERENT TYPES of ARTICLES ALLOWED  
Example: Hat, Scarf & Mittens (**NOT** 2 Hats, 1 Mittens)

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

**CLASS MB - Jr./Sr., MBB - Cloverbud LOT**

1. Knitting – 3 DIFFERENT items

**DIVISION C - CROCHETING**

THREE DIFFERENT TYPES of ARTICLES ALLOWED  
Example: Hat, Scarf & Mittens (NOT 2 Hats, 1 Mittens)

**CLASS MC - Jr./Sr., MCC- Cloverbud LOT**

1. Crocheting- 3 DIFFERENT Items

**NEEDLEWORK CHALLENGE**

All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)

**Awards:**

FIRST \$5.00

SECOND \$4.00

THIRD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

**CLASS MD - Jr./Sr., MDD- Cloverbud LOT**

1. Needlework Challenge

## SECTION N: HOME ENVIRONMENT- HOME DESIGN

**Chairperson:** Sara Ponikvar- Topsfield, MA

### **Awards/Trophies:**

BEST HOME ENVIRONMENT:

BEST QUILTING: Trophy

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

All articles will be judged according to quality of exhibit, difficulty, skill, creativity, and good use of color and design.

### **Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

## **HOME DESIGN**

### **CLASS NA - Jr./Sr., NAA - Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Advent Calendar
2. Banner or Flag
3. Bedspread/Mini Quilt
4. Bulletin Board
5. Centerpiece
6. Cloth Wall Hanging
7. Decorative item with 4-H Clover
8. Dish Garden, artificial succulent/cactus
9. Dresser Scarf/Table Runner
10. Dried Arrangement
11. Felt Wall Hanging
12. Floral Arrangement, silk or artificial
13. Framed Paper Quilling
14. Inspirational Quote
15. Lamp
16. Lampshade
17. Latchwork Pillow
18. Mirror with decorative edge
19. Mobile
20. Natural Material Wall Hanging
21. Other Pillow
22. Patchwork Pillow
23. Pillow Sham
24. Recycled/Repurposed decorative item
25. Sachet
26. Stuffed Pillow
27. Swag Wall Hanging
28. Topiary
29. Wind Chime
30. Wind Sock

31. Wreath

32. Yarn Wall Hanging

33. Other Article

34. Educational Exhibit 11"x17" poster/ standard notebook

## **REFINISHED FURNITURE/ RUGS/ LINENS**

### **Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### **CLASS NB - Jr./Sr., NBB - Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Braided Rug
2. Cane, Rush, other Reseating
3. Hooked Rug
4. Latch, hooked rug
5. Napkins – (4), made by exhibitor
6. Painted Furniture
7. Placements – (4), made by exhibitor
8. Stained Furniture
9. Tablecloth

## **QUILTING – UNDER 60"**

### **Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$14.00

VERY GOOD \$12.00

GOOD \$10.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### **CLASS NC - Jr./Sr., NCC - Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Hand- tied
2. Hand- quilted
3. Machine – quilted

## **QUILTING – LARGE LAP/ BED 60"+**

### **Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$14.00

VERY GOOD \$12.00

GOOD \$10.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### **CLASS ND - Jr./Sr., NDD- Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Hand- tied



2. Hand- quilted
3. Machine - quilted

#### **HOME ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGE**

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)**

**Awards:**

FIRST \$5.00  
SECOND \$4.00  
THIRD \$3.00  
CLOVERBUD \$3.00

#### **CLASS NE - Jr./Sr., NEE- Cloverbud LOT**

1. Home Environment Challenge A
2. Home Environment Challenge B

#### **SECTION O: STEM CLASSES**

**Chairperson:** Sara Ponikvar, Tammy Fabre, Emily Fabre, Kam Fabre

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00  
VERY GOOD \$3.50  
GOOD \$3.00  
CLOVERBUD \$3.00

#### **CLASS OA- Jr./Sr., OAA - Cloverbud LOT**

1. Aerospace/Rocketry - model kit/non-kit
2. Battlebot
3. Catapult – trebuchet kit/non-kit
4. 3D Printed Original Design
5. 3D Printed Non-Original Design
6. Electronics Kit Item
7. Laser Cutting
8. Outer Space - model kit/non-kit
9. Robot Kit
10. Robot, electronic (non-kit)
11. Robot, non-electronic (non-kit)
12. Rube Goldberg machine, electronic
13. Rube Goldberg machine, non-electronic
14. Scratch Code, game/app
15. Educational Exhibit 11"x17" poster/ standard notebook
16. Other Electronics, non-kit item (2)

#### **STEM CHALLENGE**

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)**

**Awards:**

FIRST \$5.00  
SECOND \$4.00  
THIRD \$3.00  
CLOVERBUD \$3.00

#### **CLASS OB – Jr./Sr., OBB - Cloverbud LOT**

1. STEM Challenge

#### **SECTION P: 4-H CLUB EXHIBITS & PRESENTATIONS**

4-H Club exhibits represent the work of an entire club. **Club Exhibits MUST be assembled at the GRANGE Building BY YOUTH MEMBERS ONLY – NO LEADERS.**

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$10.00  
VERY GOOD \$8.00  
GOOD \$6.00

**CLUB EXHIBITS/ CLUB WORK**  
(MUST INCLUDE 4-H CLOVER, CLUB NAME)

#### **CLASS PA- Club Exhibits/Banner/Scrapbook LOT**

1. Club Banner 3' x 3' Max Size & Hang Vertical
2. Club Exhibit MUST BE 11" x 17" Maximum According to 4-H Exhibit Guidelines.
3. Club Memory Scrapbook

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00  
VERY GOOD \$3.50  
GOOD \$3.00  
CLOVERBUD \$3.00

#### **CLASS PB- Club Posters - Maximum 11" x 17" LOT**

1. 4-H Camp Leslie
2. 4-H Project Area
3. Promote 4-H
4. Other

## **VISUAL PRESENTATIONS**

4-H Visual / Talent Presentations are to be held on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **Awards:**

4-H \$5.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### **CLASS PC - Jr./Sr., PCC - Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Visual Presentation / Talent

## **INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS**

(11" x 17" Maximum MUST include 4-H Clover)

### **Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### **CLASS PD - Jr./Sr., PDD - Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Domestic Animal Poster 11" x 17"
2. Farm Animal Poster 11" x 17"
3. Other Non –Animal Poster 11" x 17"

## **CLUB CHALLENGE**

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)**

### **Awards:**

FIRST \$5.00

SECOND \$4.00

THIRD \$3.00

### **CLASS PE**

#### **LOT**

1. Club Challenge – Exhibit must be matted 8" x 10" photo of Club display and include 4-H Clover

## **SECTION Q: 4-H NATURE & CONSERVATION CLASSES**

**Chairpersons:** Dicky Krafton- Andover, MA  
Frank Sanchez- Londonderry, NH

### **Trophies:**

JUDGES CHOICE: Essex County 4-H Advisory Council

BEST BIRDHOUSE OR BIRDFEEDER

### **Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### **CLASS QA - Jr./Sr., QAA - Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Animal/Bird Feeder
2. Animal/Bird House
3. Other Nature Item
4. Educational Exhibit 11"x17" poster/ standard notebook

## **CONSERVATION SPECIMENS**

Specimens must be properly mounted and labeled. **(NO INSECTS)** Minimum 10 specimens each class. Please be careful not to collect specimens that are protected and/or endangered. Photograph will be accepted. Wildflower sketches also accepted.

### **CLASS QB - Jr./Sr., QBB- Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Insects- Photos or sketches only (10)
2. Leaves – dried & pressed (10)
3. Rocks & Minerals (10)
4. Sea Shells (10)
5. Wild Bird Observation Journal
6. Wildflowers (Photos or Sketches ONLY) (10)
7. Other Collection 10 Specimens

## **NATURE & CONSERVATION CHALLENGE**

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)**

### **Awards:**

FIRST \$4.00

SECOND \$3.50

THIRD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

### **CLASS QC - Jr./Sr., QCC- Cloverbud**

#### **LOT**

1. Nature & Conservation Challenge

SECTION R: 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY

**Chairpersons:** Nancy McCarthy- Salem, MA

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. ALL photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor DURING THE PREVIOUS 12 months.
  - a. Only MATTED photos will be accepted for judging. Mats must be neat & clean. Previous years mats with staple holes accepted but MUST be CLEAN.
2. Prints including Mat may be no larger than 8"x10" and no frames (acrylic, glass, or other) due to space limitations.
3. NO CAPTIONS except Series Class and Challenge Class or Specified.
4. There will be only 1 print per mount except for "Series."
5. Division A: **Photos must have Exhibitor number, Class # and Lot placed on the back of print.**
6. FOR DIVISION B- Black & White, traditional print only no digital. In addition to Exhibitor #, Class #, and Lot # you must include: Developed negative Y or N and made print Y or N.

**Awards:**

JUDGES CHOICE FOR BEST PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

IN PHOTOFINISHER- In Memory of John W. Rouse

BEST HORSE PHOTOGRAPH- Last Chapter Award

BEST DOG PHOTOGRAPHY- Sassy Award- The Morando & Robbins Family

BEST SUNRISE/SUNSET AWARD

BEST PET PHOTOGRAPH: Judges' Choice

BEST POULTRY- Pokey Award – Larson Family

BEST CAT – Scarlett Award – Larson Family

BEST FLOWER PHOTO – Larson Family

BEST OUTDOOR SEASCAPE (Must include a boat or ship)  
– John M. & Edna C. Homa Award

BEST GRANDPARENT PHOTO – Nana Award – Morando Family (Must be labeled grandparent on back of photo)

BEST FARM LIFE (Must include barn)

BEST NATURE

BEST GOLDEN RETRIEVER – In Memory of Dinah-by the Argos Dog Club

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

DIVISION A- PHOTOFINISHER

**CLASS RA - Jr./Sr., RAA - Cloverbud  
LOT**

1. 4-H Activity
2. 4-H Competition
3. Abstract
4. Agricultural Fair
5. Airplane
6. Amphibian
7. Architecture
8. Barnyard Friends – animal limit 2
9. Berries
10. Bird
11. Boat/Sailboat/Working Boat
12. Bridge
13. Candid
14. Cat
15. Clouds
16. Designs
17. Dog
18. Dolls
19. Eggs
20. Fall Foliage
21. Family
22. Farm Equipment
23. Farm Life
24. Favorite Picture
25. Firetruck
26. Fishing
27. Flowers
28. Fresh Water Scene
29. Goat
30. Grandparent
31. Historical - identify on back
32. Horse
33. Insect
34. Lake Scene
35. Landscape
36. Lightning/Fireworks/Night Display
37. Moon
38. Mountain Scene
39. Ocean Waves – no land
40. People
41. Pig
42. Plant- NOT Flower
43. Pocket Pet
44. Pollinator
45. Posed Photo
46. Poultry
47. Rabbit or Cavy
48. Rainbow
49. River Scene
50. Seascape (include land)

51. Selfie
52. Series- 3 related pictures & captions
53. Sports
54. Still Life (no animals, no humans)
55. Sunrise/Sunset
56. Trains
57. Trick Photo- i.e., double exposure, use of mirrors
58. Turkey/Quail
59. Wild Animal
60. Other - not previously listed (limit 3)

### **DIVISION B – PHOTOS DEVELOPED BY EXHIBITOR (Black & White Photos)**

Must be INDIVIDUAL Exhibits as in Division A. Class 1-60  
**Photo Developed and Printed by Exhibitor**

#### **CLASS RB - Jr./Sr., RBB - Cloverbud LOT**

1. 4-H Activity
2. 4-H Competition
3. Abstract
4. Agricultural Fair
5. Airplane
6. Amphibian
7. Architecture
8. Barnyard Friends – animal limit 2
9. Berries
10. Bird
11. Boat/Sailboat/Working Boat
12. Bridge
13. Candid
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16. Designs
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56. Trains
57. Trick Photo- i.e., double exposure, use of mirrors
58. Turkey/Quail
59. Wild Animal
60. Other - not previously listed (limit 3)

### **4-H PICTURE STORY**

#### **CLASS RC - Jr./Sr., RCC - Cloverbud LOT**

1. 4-H Picture Story- Minimum 6 pictures showing all phases of the exhibitor's projects. Include captions and put in a notebook. Can be pictures from your 4-H records, club meetings, community service, working/showing at the Topsfield Fair, etc.

### **EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT**

#### **CLASS RD - Jr./Sr., RDD - Cloverbud LOT**

1. Educational Exhibit 11"x17" poster/ standard notebook

### **PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE**

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#### **Awards:**

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SECOND \$3.50

THIRD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

**CLASS RE – Jr./Sr., REE- Cloverbud  
LOT**

1. Photography Challenge

**SECTION S: WOODWORKING**

**Chairpersons:** Dicky Krafton- Andover, MA, Frank Sanchez- Londonderry, NH

**Awards:**

BEST WOODWORKING: In Memory of Weston B Jackson by the Salter/ Jackson Families

BEST METALWORKING: by Essex County 4-H Advisory Council

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

**HOME ARTICLE WOOD**

Article will be judged on construction only.

Limit: 1 item wood for each class

**WOOD**

**CLASS SA - Jr./Sr., SAA - Cloverbud  
LOT**

1. Breadboard/Cutting Board
2. Bookcase/Bookends
3. Carving
4. Clock
5. Cornhole/Game
6. Jewelry Box/Container
7. Lamp
8. Lathe Item
9. Picture Frame
10. Planter
11. Peg Rack
12. Sculpture
13. Shelf
14. Stool/Table
15. Walking Stick or Cane
16. Other kit item (limit 1)
17. Other non-kit item (limit 1)
18. Educational Exhibit 11"x17" poster/ standard notebook

**WOODWORKING CHALLENGE**

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)**

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

**CLASS SB - Jr./Sr., SBB- Cloverbud  
LOT**

1. Woodworking Challenge

**SECTION T: METAL WORK**

Article will be judged on construction only.

Limit 1 item metal for each class.

**Awards:**

BEST METAL WORK: By Essex County 4-H Advisory Council

**Awards:**

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

**METAL**

**CLASS TA - Jr./Sr., TAA - Cloverbud  
LOT**

1. Casting
2. Clock
3. CNC Machined
4. Forged Item
5. Jewelry Box
6. Lathe Item
7. Sculpture
8. Tool
9. Other kit item (limit 1)
10. Other non-kit item (limit 2)
11. Educational Exhibit 11"x17" poster/standard notebook

**METAL WORK CHALLENGE**

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)**

**Awards:**

FIRST \$4.00

SECOND \$3.50

THIRD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

**CLASS TB - Jr./Sr., TBB- Cloverbud****LOT**

1. Metal Work Challenge

**READ ALL SECTIONS CAREFULLY****THERE ARE MANY CHANGES THIS YEAR!****OFFICIAL RULES**

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