

DEPARTMENT 1004

4-H CLUB EXHIBITS AND CONTESTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Online/Mail/Email: Saturday, August 29th, 2026

Entry Receiving:

General Entries ONLY-

Saturday, September 12th, 2026 (9:00am-12:00pm) &
Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 (6:00pm-8:00pm)

Food & Horticulture ONLY - Thursday, October 1st, 2026
(5:00-7:00pm)

Entry Pick Up: Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 (1:00-6:00pm)
MUST CHECK IN AT GRANGE OFFICE - No Exceptions

If you cannot meet this timeframe, you MUST call

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 **2025-2026** Essex County 4-H Enrollment Form. All 4-H entry FORMS are to be received by August 29th, 2026 either online/mail/email. **THERE WILL BE NO PRINTED FAIRBOOK. It will be ONLINE only. Enter online at www.toppsfieldfair.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, 2026**. Cloverbuds (CB) ages 5-7 as of **January 1, 2026** 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.toppsfieldfair.org**. Cloverbuds must use Cloverbud entry form.
5. General entries will be accepted on **Saturday, September 12th, 2026 from 9:00am-12:00pm (Doors will be locked at 12:00pm) and Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 from 6:00pm-8:00 pm (Doors will be locked at 8:00pm) 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 1st, 2026 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 31st, 2025 WILL BE ELIGIBLE** to receive TROPHIES/AWARDS. **NEW: 1st year members ONLY have until July 1st, 2026 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 1st 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 12th, 15th or October 1st, 2026. NO WORK-NO PREMIUMS!**
10. All entries are to be picked up **between 1:00-6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026. 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 no larger than 11"x 17".**
12. **PLEASE FOLLOW RULES LISTED IN EACH DEPT THAT YOU ARE EXHIBITING IN.**
13. **Saturday, October 10th, 2026** is 4-H Day at Topsfield

Fair. 4-H Fashion Revue will be held **October 10th, 2026 at 1:00pm.**

14. **Strongly suggested, but not required unless exhibitor did not create the entire entry themselves.** Please submit with your entry a neatly typed 4"x6" sized index card explaining what elements of the entry were made by the exhibitor verses machine made elements or elements that have been done by an instructor/professional. If appropriate and space allows, your note may be displayed with your entry for fairgoers to see and appreciate. We want to encourage ALL new sewers/exhibitors of all ages to enter their items even if they had help making the items.
15. **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.**
16. **4-H Entries not done online should be sent to: Diane Krafton, 2 Krafton Way, Andover, MA 01810 or emailed to: diane@topsfieldfair.org by Saturday, August 29th, 2026.**

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, 2025**.
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 1st - 2nd - 3rd 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 1st, 2026. 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, 2026. 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. Pepperomia
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. Dipledeemia/ 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. Curbooy

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, no larger than 11x17 poster or standard notebook

DISPLAYS

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

LOT

1. Alternative Gardening Poster no larger than 11"x17"
2. Education Exhibit Poster no larger than 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, 1st through 5th 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

17. Sweater Shirt – pullover, zipper, hoodie, quarter zipper
18. T-Shirt – knit, long sleeve, baseball, polo
19. Vest
20. Other Garment – not listed (2)

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

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, no larger than 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 10th, 2026 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, 1st through 5th 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 1st, 2026. 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 – no larger than 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, 1st through 5th 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 no larger than 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, 1st through 5th 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 no larger than 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 no larger than 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 3rd, 2026 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, 1st through 5th will be chosen from all Excellent. (Except Cloverbuds)

Theme- “Red, White, and Moo!”

Entries will be judged EX, VG, GOOD, CB. Premiums paid only 1ST- 3RD 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 no larger than 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, 1st 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 no larger than 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, 1st through 5th 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. Hand Embroidered in hoop Mini <4", Small 4"-6", Large over 6"
10. Hand Embroidered on Clothing or Shoes
11. Machine Embroidery
12. Needlepoint
13. Plastic Canvas

14. Quick Point
15. Silk Ribbon Embroidery
16. Smocking
17. Weaving
18. Yo-Yo (3 DIFFERENT items)
19. Educational Exhibit no larger than 11"x17" poster/standard notebook
20. Other Needlework

DIVISION B - KNITTING

THREE DIFFERENT ALLOWED

Example: Hat, Scarf, Mittens, Blanket, Pet Article, etc.

Awards:

EXCELLENT \$4.00

VERY GOOD \$3.50

GOOD \$3.00

CLOVERBUD \$3.00

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

LOT

1. Knitting – 3 items

DIVISION C - CROCHETING

THREE ARTICLES ALLOWED

Example: Hat, Scarf, Mittens, Blanket, Pet article, etc.

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

LOT

1. Crocheting

NEEDLEWORK CHALLENGE

All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1st through 5th 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. **Strongly suggested, but not required unless exhibitor did not create the entire entry themselves.** Please submit with your entry a neatly typed 4"x6" sized index card explaining what elements of the entry were made by the exhibitor verses machine made elements or elements that have been done by an instructor/professional. If appropriate and space allows, your note may be displayed with your entry for fairgoers to see and appreciate. We want to encourage ALL new sewers/exhibitors of all ages to enter their items even if they had help making the items.

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 or Case
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 no larger than 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, 1st through 5th 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, 1st through 5th 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 no larger than 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 no larger than 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 10th, 2026 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

(no larger than 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 no larger than 11” x 17”
2. Farm Animal Poster no larger than 11” x 17”
3. Other Non –Animal Poster no larger than 11” x 17”

CLUB CHALLENGE

All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good. Winners, 1st through 5th 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 no larger than 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, 1st through 5th 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
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57. Trick Photo- i.e., double exposure, use of mirrors
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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 no larger than 11"x17" poster/standard notebook

PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

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

Awards:

FIRST \$4.00

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, 1st through 5th 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 no larger than 11"x17"
poster/standard notebook

METAL WORK CHALLENGE

**All challenges will be judged Excellent, Very Good, Good.
Winners, 1st through 5th 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
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OFFICIAL RULES

Topsfield Fair General Rules & Information

4-H members must have Verification Form on file.