

DEPARTMENT 2113

BEEKEEPING & HONEY SHOW EXHIBIT

GENERAL INFORMATION

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**183rd Edition- America's Largest International Award
Winning Beekeeping and Honey Show**

Established 1844

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Inc. since 1923

**There are numerous changes and rearrangements for the 2026 Exhibition. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to carefully read and comply with all General Rules & Regulations, as well as those for each division following.*

*Exhibits may be subject to movement, relocation or consolidation, after judging completed.

Only one entry in each lot is allowed per person. There is no limit to the number of classes and lots that can be entered.

IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026 -
Divisions 1, 2, 3 ONLY

Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 - **Division 4 ONLY**

Entry Receiving: Friday, September 25th, 2026 (7:00-9:00pm)
and Saturday, September 26th, 2026 (9:30-11:00am) –
Divisions 4 ONLY

Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 (7:00-9:00pm) and
Thursday, October 1st, 2026 (9:30-11:00am)

Entry Pick Up: Monday, October 12th, 2026 (7:00-9:00pm)
and Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 (10:00-5:00pm)

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

PLEASE READ ALL RULES THOROUGHLY.

To view the judging criteria sheets for all Classes and Lots, go to <http://essexcountybeekeepers.org/topsfield-fair>

Youth Exhibits

Youths under the age of 18 may enter any class in the Beekeeping Department with the exception of **Division 1;**

Class C; Lot 2, Class D; Lots 1 and 3 and **Division 4;** Class P, lots 1 thru 6. Youth exhibits will be judged separately and will be awarded prizes as stated.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Apply to ALL Divisions within the Beekeeping Department)

1. All entries in **Division 1, 2, and 3** should be brought to the Beekeeping Building for registration and set up on Friday, September 25th between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. and/or Saturday, September 26th between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. **NO EXHIBITS IN DIVISIONS 1, 2, OR 3, WILL BE REGISTERED AFTER 11:00 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 2026.** All exhibits must be set up and ready for judging, by 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 26th, 2026.
2. Entries in **Division 4**, will be accepted for exhibit on Wednesday, September 30th from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. and on Thursday, October 1st from 9:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. **NO EXHIBITS IN DIVISION 4 WILL BE REGISTERED AFTER 11:00 A.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 2026.**
3. Exhibits will be released on Monday, October 12th from 7:00 P.M. till 9:00 P.M. and again on Tuesday, October 13th from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. **except exhibits in Division 1, Class D, Lots 1 and 2. Which must be picked up on Sunday, September 27th between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M.**
4. All exhibits entered in the Beekeeping Department must promote the art and science of honeybees & beekeeping. All images or likenesses must be of honeybees only. Any images of bumblebees, yellow jackets, hornets or wasps will be disqualified and not displayed, unless used for comparison in educational displays.
5. **All exhibits must be produced by and/or prepared by the exhibitor and only ONE entry may be entered in a lot by any one exhibitor.**
6. All Classes in all **Divisions** are open to amateurs provided that all qualifications are met. **Division 1; Class C; Lot 2**, is open only to representatives of national manufacturers of beekeeping supplies.
7. Entry forms for all Divisions, Classes, and Lots may be printed and mailed or completed online. Exhibitors must supply their address and phone number. **Pre-registration is requested.** Send entry forms to: Topsfield Fair, Attn: Beekeeping Dept., Box 134, Topsfield, MA 01983
8. Exhibit space will, unless pre-registered, be assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. Exhibits and displays are to be displayed in an area no larger than thirty-two (32) inches wide by up to (44) inches deep, except Educational displays **Div. 1, Class D, Lots 3 and 4.** Commercial

- displays in **Div. 1, Class C, Lot 2** will have an area no larger than five (5) feet in width and five (5) feet in depth.
9. **Any exhibits in Division 1, Class C, Lot 2 or Class D, Lots 3 or 4 that are designed with side panels or “wings”, must be attractively covered or finished on the “back” side so as not to detract from adjoining exhibits.**
 10. In Division D, all classes Feeder jars will be removed for judging and during fair hours. Sufficient stores should be provided within the hive. Jars will be in place while the fair is closed to the public.
 11. Exhibitors **MUST SUPPLY** their own extension cords, push pins, scotch tape, candle holders or other such articles necessary for their exhibit(s). **THE BEEKEEPING DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE SUPPLIES OR TOOLS AVAILABLE FOR EXHIBITOR USE.**
 12. **Items previously in competition shall not be entered for a second time and will be disqualified.**
 13. The Superintendent, Fair Committee Chairman and Division Chairman reserve the right to reject any entry or exhibit in any class which fails to conform to the Regulations or fails to promote the **honey bee and beekeeping**, or which tends to lower the standards of the Beekeeping Department.
 14. **GROUP ENTRIES:** Any entry prepared by more than one person must be entered under a group name. Prizes/Ribbons will be issued to that group. The display will be identified by the group’s name. Please identify if entry is youth or adult.
 15. All decisions of the judges are final.
 16. **All exhibitors should print their entry form after completion and bring it with them when they are bringing their entry to the fair.**
2. Color classification of liquid honey will be determined at a time prior to judging. Entries of a single exhibitor, which are determined to be duplicates will have one entry disqualified by the judges.
 3. Sticky jars, discolored/damaged covers, the use of non-standard or incorrect honey containers (unless otherwise stated) or the noting of obvious defects in product(s) will result in automatic disqualification. Any honey with moisture content above 18.6% will be disqualified. Honey with moisture content 16% will receive full points. Below or above will have points deducted.
 4. Frames of honey, **Class A, Lots 4, 5, 6, & 7** must be totally enclosed in a rigid case with clear glass or clear rigid plastic on both sides.*All outside edges of the frame must be visible in the case. (minimum ¼” on all sides). No plastic frames or foundation.
 5. No identifying labels indicating the exhibitor’s name or address may be placed on any honey entry in **Division 1** except entries in **Class C, Lot 2**.
 6. Honey products entered in **Class C, Lot 1** should be from various sources; i.e. Orange Blossom, Tulip Poplar, etc. and must be labeled as to type. Entries need not be the products of the exhibitor.
 7. All honeybees must be exhibited in escape-proof observation hives. Observation hives shall have been a working hive for at least one (1) month prior to the opening of this year’s fair. A “**marked**” queen must be present. Observation hives must be able to be displayed on stands provided by the department and will be inspected before being allowed for exhibition. **Exhibitors in Class D, Lots 1 & 2 shall be responsible for removing their hives at the conclusion of judging on Sunday, September 27th, 2026 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and returning them on Friday, October 2nd, 2026 by 1:00 p.m. for exhibit during the fair.**
 8. Entries in **Class E, Lot 1** should have a text, as part of the exhibit, giving the origin, use, age, etc. to the extent known, unless the use is obvious.

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

BEEKEEPING DIVISION 1- HONEY PRODUCTS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Beekeeping General Rules & Regulations apply as well as the following)

1. All honey must be packed in leak-proof containers of the correct size and type: i.e. Liquid honey, **Class B, Lots 3 through 6** in 1 lb. **Queenline style GLASS Jars only**, with white plastic caps; creamed & chunk honey in wide-mouthed jars; comb honey in clear plastic cut-comb boxes; round comb honey in round plastic containers with clear covers on both sides, etc. Jars containing liquid honey must be filled to the top

COMB HONEY

Awards made for quality & appearance of product(s).

Awards:

FIRST \$15.00
 SECOND \$10.00
 THIRD \$5.00

CLASS A

LOT

1. 3 sections square comb honey in window cartons
2. 3 sections cut comb honey 4" square, clear plastic box
3. 3 sections round comb honey with clear covers both sides
4. Shallow cut comb frame of honey
5. Shallow extracting frame of honey
6. Medium (6 ¼ in.) extracting frame of honey
7. Full depth extracting frame of honey

CREAMED, CHUNK, & LIQUID HONEY

Awards made for quality of honey product(s).

Awards:

- FIRST \$15.00
- SECOND \$10.00
- THIRD \$5.00

CLASS B

LOT

1. 3 one lb. Jars of creamed honey packed in large mouthed jars
2. 3 one lb. Jars of chunk honey
3. 3 one lb. Jars of light extracted honey in queenline style glass jars
4. 3 one lb. Jars of light amber extracted honey in queenline style glass jars
5. 3 one lb. Jars of amber extracted honey in queenline style glass jars
6. 3 one lb. Jars of dark extracted honey in queenline style glass jars

FEATURE HONEY DISPLAYS

Awards made for originality, promotional value of product(s) & public appeal.

Awards:

- FIRST \$35.00
- SECOND \$25.00
- THIRD \$15.00

CLASS C

LOT

1. Display of Honey products- various types, flavors. Theme- "*Honey Across America*"
2. Commercial display of Beekeepers' Supplies.

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS, LIVE HONEYBEES

Awards made for educational value, promotional value & design.

Adult Awards:

- FIRST \$50.00
- SECOND \$40.00
- THIRD \$30.00
- FOURTH \$20.00

Youth Awards:

- FIRST \$25.00
- SECOND \$20.00
- THIRD \$15.00
- FOURTH \$10.00

CLASS D

LOT

1. Observation hive of bees, with marked queen- adult
2. Observation hive of bees, with marked queen- youth
3. Educational display by adult
4. Educational display by youth

OTHER EXHIBITS

Awards made for interest stimulation, uniqueness and merit.

Awards:

- FIRST \$15.00
- SECOND \$10.00
- THIRD \$5.00

CLASS E

LOT

1. Beekeeping antiques (none larger than a beehive).
2. Other bee related items (no crafts).

SPECIAL AWARDS

Adult Awards

THE DR. FRANK R. SHAW MEMORIAL AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc. to the individual ADULT exhibitor in Division 1 who has the greater number of prize winning entries based upon a point system as follows: 1st prize, 3 points; 2nd prize, 2 points; 3rd prize, 1 point.

THE ERNEST M. MORTIMER AWARD will be presented by the Essex Agricultural Society to the ADULT winner of "Best of Show" in Division 1.

THE GIFFORD AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc., for the best ADULT entry of cut-comb honey in Class A, Lot 2.

ESSEX COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will present an award for the best ADULT entry of round comb honey.

THE BEECULTURE MAGAZINE AWARD will be presented for the best ADULT frame of honey, Class A, Lots 4-7.

THE STEPHEN W. DYER MEMORIAL AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc. for the best ADULT single exhibit of honey in Class B, Lots 1 or 2.

THE JOHN J. MIKOLUK MEMORIAL AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc. for the best ADULT single exhibit of honey in Class B, Lots 3 thru 6.

THE DANVERS FARM & HOME of Danvers, MA will present an award for the best ADULT observation hive of honeybees, Class D, Lot 1.

Youth Awards

THE DONALD D. HISLOP MEMORIAL AWARD will be presented by the Essex Agricultural Society to the individual YOUTH exhibitor in Division 1 who has the greatest number of prize winning entries based upon a point system as follows: 1st prize= 3points; 2nd prize= 2 points; 3rd prize= 1 point.

THE ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY will present an award to the YOUTH winner of "Best of Show" in Division 1.

THE ALICE & CARLTON BROWN AWARD will be presented for the best YOUTH entry in Division 1, in any Class for Honey, Class A, Lots 1 thru 7 or Class B, Lots 1 thru 6.

THE LOUIS ALLARD AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc. for the best YOUTH observation hive of honeybees, Class D, Lot 2.

BEEKEEPING DIVISION 2 - BEESWAX PRODUCTS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Beekeeping General Rules & Regulations apply as well as the following:)

1. Entries in Class G, Lots 1-8 and 18 using natural beeswax – natural beeswax must be collected, cleaned and processed by the exhibitor. Cakes of wax must be wrapped in plastic film.
2. Entries in Class G, Lots 1 thru 18 must be the products of the exhibitor. Cakes of wax **must** be wrapped in clear plastic film.
3. Candles in Class G, Lots 5-9 & 13, **must be displayed and fit** candle holders of the exhibitor's choice. Pairs of candles should be mirror images of each other. The department cannot supply candle holders.
4. Candles in Class G, Lot 8: decorations need not be made of beeswax.
5. Candles **must be securely inserted in their holder**. Points will be deducted for unstable candles.
6. Candles in Class G, Lots 5-8 may be natural or dyed beeswax.

FEATURE BEESWAX DISPLAYS

Awards made for originality, promotional value of product(s) & public appeal.

Awards:

FIRST \$35.00

SECOND \$25.00

THIRD \$15.00

CLASS F

LOT

1. Display of NATURAL BEESWAX CANDLES.
2. Display of COLORED BEESWAX CANDLES.
3. Display of BEESWAX ITEMS- Theme: "*Spirit of America*"

BEESWAX, BEESWAX CANDLES

Awards made on cleanliness of beeswax, excellence of product, uniqueness of molds, design, degree of difficulty & natural beeswax scent.

Awards:

FIRST \$15.00

SECOND \$10.00

THIRD \$5.00

CLASS G

LOT

1. Natural beeswax, under 2 lbs. (plain molded cake)
2. Natural beeswax, over 2 lbs. (plain molded cake)
3. Natural beeswax, under 2 lbs. (molded cake artistic)
4. Natural beeswax, over 2 lbs. (molded cake artistic)
5. Beeswax candles, dipped colonial type, 1 pair- (unfinished bottom- uncut wick)
6. Beeswax candles, 1 pair in holders- molded
7. Beeswax specialty candle, undecorated, single- no holder- must be freestanding
8. Beeswax specialty candle, decorated, single- no holder- must be freestanding
9. Colored embossed honeycomb specialty candle- single- no holder – must be freestanding
10. Colored embossed honeycomb specialty candles in holders- 1 pair
11. Colored embossed honeycomb candles- set of 4 matching- in holders (one color)
12. Colored embossed honeycomb candles- set of 4 matching- in holders (two or more colors)
13. Colored unembossed Beeswax specialty candle- single- no holder- must be freestanding
14. Colored unembossed Beeswax specialty candles in holders- 1 pair
15. Colored unembossed Beeswax candles- set of 4 matching- in holders (one color)
16. Colored unembossed Beeswax candles- set of 4 matching- in holders (two or more colors)
17. Mixed embossed and unembossed beeswax candles- 1 pair in holders
18. Challenge Candle- 1 pair poured molded candles – Mann Lake Kaleidoscope – PM989 – candle mold

SPECIAL AWARDS

Adult Awards

THE DR. ROGER A. MORSE MEMORIAL AWARD

will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc. to the individual ADULT exhibitor in Division 2 who has the greatest number of prize winning entries based upon a point system as follows: 1st prize= 3 points; 2nd prize= 2 points; 3rd prize= 1 point.

THE AYLMER J. JONES AWARD will be presented by the Essex Agricultural Society to the ADULT winner of "Best of Show" in Division 2.

THE ROBERT LAMONTAGNE MEMORIAL AWARD

will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc. to the ADULT winner for the best Beeswax Cake, Division 2, Class G; Lots 1 thru 4.

THE SUPERINTENDENTS AWARD will be presented to the best single ADULT exhibit, Class G; Lots 5 thru 8.

Youth Awards

THE JOHN & BEATRICE ROSS AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc. to the individual YOUTH exhibitor in Division 2 who has the greatest number of prize winning entries based upon a point system as follows: 1st prize= 3 points; 2nd prize= 2 points; 3rd prize= 1 point.

THE ROY S. DEARBORN AWARD will be presented by the Essex Agricultural Society to the YOUTH winner of "Best of Show" in Division 2.

THE ALICE & CARLTON BROWN AWARD will be presented for the best YOUTH entry in Division 2, in any Class for Beeswax, Section F or Section G.

BEEKEEPING DIVISION 3 - ARTS & CRAFTS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Beekeeping General Rules & Regulations apply as well as the following: All images or likenesses must be of honeybees only. Any images of bumblebees, yellow jackets, hornets or wasps will be disqualified and not displayed, unless used for comparison in educational displays.)

1. Entries in Class H; Lots 1, 2, 3 & J9-J10, J11 **must be labeled** but **must exclude** any information that identifies the exhibitor.
2. Class H, Lots 2 and 3 entries are to be displayed in a manner typical of a gift basket. Lot 2 entries should contain a variety of bee-related products with all honey & beeswax of U.S. origin. Lot 3 entries should contain 4 to 6 non-perishable items that are labeled and made by the exhibitor in which honey and/or beeswax is an ingredient, such as cosmetics, polishes, beverages, honey vinegar, lotions, soap, etc.
3. Items exhibited in Class I; Lot 3 are **small** "collectible type" items. The Beekeeping Department will provide each exhibitor with natural finish, **wall mounted** wooden shelf measuring twenty-nine (29) inches long by five (5) inches wide.
4. Entries in Class I, Lot 4 are to be a typical place setting with a theme: "**Patriotic Picnic**"

5. Exhibits in Class I, Lot 4 will be provided with a 30" round, skirted table.
6. **Paintings, drawings and photographs entered in Class J; Lots 1 thru 8 must be able to be hung on a wall by a picture hook, for display purposes, during the fair. (Exhibitor must have a wire or other device to accommodate a picture hook for hanging). Entries must be matted and/or framed.**
7. In Class J, Lots 7 and 8 at least 7" x 9" of the photograph must be visible.
8. Items exhibited in Class K, Lot 3 are to be practical items or gadgets of original design produced by the exhibitor to assist in his or her beekeeping practices. Exhibit must be accompanied with an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper describing the use of the item exhibited.
9. All entries in Class L, Lots 6-7 (Quilts) must have a hanging sleeve securely attached to the back at the top of the quilt, sufficient in size to accommodate a hanging rod. ***The rod will be supplied by exhibitor.***
10. No paint-by-number items will be accepted **except** entries by youths.
11. Cosmetics entered in Class N, Lot 5 should include one sample of a cosmetic item (hand cream, lip balm, soap, etc.) made using beeswax and/or honey displayed in packaging suitable "for sale" and must include the "recipe" on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper.
12. All articles in Division 3 must be related, in some way, to **beekeeping or have a beekeeping, honeybee or honeycomb design**, except Class N.
13. Class J, Lots 10-11 videos must be submitted on a non-returnable data thumb drive/data stick. AND MUST BE .MP4 FORMAT, in landscape. Note text will be added at the bottom for display. Must exclude any identifying information identifying the exhibitor.
14. Videos should show only honey bees, unless labeled for educational comparative purposes.

FANCY CONTAINERS & GIFT PACKS

Awards made for attractiveness of pack & domestic origin.

Awards:

FIRST \$15.00
SECOND \$10.00
THIRD \$5.00

CLASS H

LOT

1. 3 jars of domestic honey packed in fancy containers, alike or different, with labels.
2. Gift pack of domestic bee-related products- two or more types (honey, wax)

3. Gift pack of home produced products made with honey or beeswax

COLLECTIONS

Awards made for interest stimulation & variety of items.

Awards:

FIRST \$15.00
SECOND \$10.00
THIRD \$5.00

CLASS I

LOT

1. Bee Jewelry Collection- minimum 6 items
2. Honey Pot Collection- minimum 6 items
3. Curio Shelf Collectibles- small honeybee related items only
4. Table place setting- "***Patriotic Picnic***"
5. Bee related collections- minimum 6 items

ART RELATED TO BEEKEEPING

Awards are made for originality, workmanship and relationship to beekeeping, honeybees or honeycomb in design or theme.

Awards:

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

CLASS J

LOT

1. Painting- oil
2. Painting- acrylic
3. Painting- watercolor
4. Encaustic Art
5. Drawing- pastel, pencil, ink
6. Computer generated art- original design
7. Photograph- black & white 7" x 9" minimum visible after matting
8. Photograph- color 7" x 9" minimum visible after matting
9. Original design honey label- displayed on a 1 pound jar of honey
10. 90 second video- artistic
11. 120 second video- informative

CRAFTS RELATED TO BEEKEEPING

Awards are made for originality, workmanship, quality of items and use of beekeeping, honeybee, or honeycomb design or theme.

Awards:

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

CLASS K

LOT

1. Wood carving
2. Wood burning
3. Exhibitor produced practical item
4. Découpage
5. Metal crafts, mobiles, wind chimes, etc.

NEEDLEWORK CRAFTS RELATED TO BEEKEEPING

Awards made for originality of design, colors used and workmanship, with beekeeping, honeybee or honeycomb design of theme in item exhibited.

Awards:

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

CLASS L

LOT

1. Appliqué
2. Needlepoint
3. Embroidery or crewel
4. Knitting- crocheting
5. Sewing
6. Quilting- hand-quilted
7. Quilting- machine quilting
8. Counted Cross-Stitch
9. Hooked or punched needlework

PAPER, CERAMIC, POTTERY, GLASS, PLASTIC CRAFTS

Awards are made for originality, workmanship, and quality of items made by the exhibitor and relationship to beekeeping, honeybees or honeycomb design or theme.

Awards:

FIRST \$10.00

SECOND \$7.50

THIRD \$5.00

CLASS M

LOT

1. Paper maché
2. Pottery, ceramics or glass
3. Stained and/or Leaded glass
4. Plastic crafted item- mobiles, wind chimes or other item
5. Beaded item
6. Scrapbook page or Memory book page
7. Rubber Stamped Item

ART OR CRAFTING

Awards made for originality of design, workmanship and quality of items made by exhibitor using beeswax.

Awards:

FIRST \$20.00
SECOND \$15.00
THIRD \$10.00

CLASS N

LOT

1. Decorated Egg- Pysanka- Ukrainian relief/batik method- with holder
2. Decorated Egg- Kraslica- Slovakian applied beeswax method- with holder
3. Beeswax ornament- decorated, with hanger (single ornament)
4. Beeswax ornaments- 1 matched pair, undecorated
5. Cosmetic item made with honey or beeswax
6. Batik
7. Craft item made using beeswax

OTHER CRAFTS- MISCELLANEOUS

Awards made for other crafts not specified in Classes K, L, M & N with a beekeeping, honeybee or honeycomb design or theme.

Awards:

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

CLASS O

LOT

1. Other crafts- original design
2. Other crafts- purchased design

SPECIAL AWARDS

Adult Awards

THE RICHARD W. & ELIZABETH F. CORRIGAN MEMORIAL AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc. to the individual ADULT exhibitor with the greatest number of prize winning entries based upon a point system as follows: 1st prize= 3 points; 2nd prize= 2 points; 3rd prize= 1 point.

THE HERMAN E. DODD AWARD will be presented by the Essex Agricultural Society to the ADULT winner of "Best of Show" in Division 3.

THE DOREEN S. TURNER AWARD will be presented to the winner of the best ADULT exhibit in Division 3, Class L.

Youth Awards

THE STEPHEN A. LOVEJOY AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc. to the individual YOUTH exhibitor in Division 3 who has the greatest number of prize winning entries based upon a point system as follows: 1st prize= 3 points; 2nd prize= 2 points; 3rd prize= 1 point.

THE GEORGE O. AND LENA W. RIGBY MEMORIAL AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc. to the YOUTH winner of "Best of Show" in Division 3.

BEEKEEPING DIVISION 4 - COOKING WITH HONEY & SPIRITS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Beekeeping General Rules & Regulations apply as well as the following)

(Duplication of any recipe within any one class, submitted by more than one member of the same family, will be disqualified.)

1. All entries in **Division 4**, except Class T, Lot 1, must have recipes attached on 8 ½" x 11" sheet(s) of paper, double-spaced, with writing or printing on **ONE SIDE ONLY**. Recipes must contain ingredients as well as directions for mixing, cooking, baking, canning, etc. **This rule includes piecrusts, pie fillings, frostings, or any other items used. Failure**

to submit full recipes will mean automatic disqualification.

2. Only the end product must be the entry of the exhibitor, not the ingredients.
3. All entries in Class P **must** contain honey. A recipe must accompany the entry on an 8½"x11" sheet of paper.
4. Entries in Class P, Lot 1 **must** be in a reusable, glass, beer type bottle, containing 12 oz. or more and have plain crown caps.
5. Honey beer must be of a pilsner or ale style, pale yellow to gold in color, contain 2 or more pounds of honey per 5 gallons. Honey must be apparent in taste.
6. Entries in Class P, Lots 2 thru 5, should be exhibited in standard clear wine bottles containing 750 ml. Bottles should have well-rounded shoulders. Sparkling meads **must be** exhibited in champagne type bottles. Natural cork stoppers **must be** used for still meads and domed plastic stoppers must be used for sparkling meads.
7. Still meads should be so filled that when the cork is pushed home, the air space is between ¼ and 1½ inches in depth. Sparkling meads should have an air space of 1 to 1 ½ inches.
8. Liqueurs **must** use a 375 ml. clear wine bottle with well-rounded shoulders.
9. No labels or markings of any kind allowed on the caps or bottles.
10. Entries in Class Q, thru Class Y, unless otherwise stated, **must** contain at least 25% honey as a sweetening agent. Example: use ¾ cup of sugar and ¼ cup of honey. Piecrusts and frostings are exempt from the 25% requirement.
11. Class X, Lot 7 – infused honey must be exhibited in a clear glass jar and strained to remove any solid particles. Label jar with infusion ingredients **ONLY**. The infusion process typically involves heating honey gently and then adding the desired ingredients to infuse the flavors into the honey. The honey is allowed to steep for a certain period, allowing the flavors to meld and then strained.
12. Class T, Lot 1 is for a Challenge Recipe as follows:

NANA SAMPLE'S CHOCOLATE PECAN PIE WITH HONEY

Prep Time: 1 hour
Cook Time: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Total Time: 2 hours, 30 minutes
Makes: 8 large slices

INGREDIENTS:

Pie Crust:

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour (180 gms)
- ¼ tsp salt, skip if using salted butter
- 2 Tbsps sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter, cold and cubed
- 2 Tbsps ice cold water

Filling:

- 2 ½ cups pecans
- 6 Tbsps unsalted butter, at room temp
- 2 ounces dark cooking chocolate, chopped
- ½ cup honey
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 tsps vanilla extract
- 2 Tbsps whiskey
- ¼ tsp salt
- 3 eggs, at room temp

Instructions:

- In a mixing bowl, stir the flour, salt, and sugar together, then add the cubed butter. Rub the butter into the flour with your fingertips until the mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs and there are pea-sized bits of butter scattered through it.
- Slowly add the ice water and stir with a spatula to combine, then use your hands to bring it together in a soft dough. Place the dough on a large piece of clingfilm, flatten into a disc, wrap tightly and refrigerate for at least one hour. I actually prefer to make the dough the previous day and let it rest overnight in the fridge and keep the filling and the baking for the day two.
- Remove the chilled dough from the fridge, unwrap and place on a silicone mat. (You can also do this on a floured kitchen counter, but I prefer the mat to prevent sticking.)
- Lightly flour the top of the dough and roll out into a 12 inch circle. I like to do this with clingfilm on top because I find that in warmer temperatures, this prevents the butter from melting onto the rolling pin and making the dough messy.
- Transfer the rolled out dough back to the fridge for 10 minutes, keeping the top covered with clingfilm.
- Lightly grease a 9" pie dish. Lift and place in the pie dish, then unfold and press it onto the sides and base. Trim the edges and use the scraps to patch up any bits that may have torn.
- Transfer the pie dish to the fridge for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 375 F.
- Prick the base of the dough with a fork several times.
- Bake for 20 minutes until the crust is lightly browned on the bottom and the edges. Set aside to cool while you make the filling.
- Lower the oven temperature to 350 F.
- First, spread the pecans out in a single layer on an ungreased baking tray. Place it in the oven for about 10 minutes until fragrant and toasted (but not burnt!). Set aside to cool.
- In a saucepan on low heat, melt the butter and chocolate, stirring constantly until smooth. If there are a few small lumps of chocolate left, turn off the heat and continue stirring to let them melt down. Pour into a mixing bowl and let the mixture cool for 15 minutes.
- Stir in the honey, brown sugar, cocoa, flour, vanilla, and whiskey. Whisk in the eggs, one at a time until the mixture is smooth. *Be gentle with this step, because beating too vigorously will cause a lot of air to be whisked in, and the filling will crack as it bakes.*
- Scatter half of the toasted pecans on the base of the pie crust. Pour the filling over, then scatter the remaining pecans on top, arranging them in circles if you wish.
- Place the pie dish on a baking tray and bake for 30 to 40 minutes until the center appears set or has a very slight wobble.
- Lower the temperature to 300 F, cover the pie with foil and continue baking for another 30 to 40 minutes until a toothpick poked in the center comes out with only gooey, sticky sauce on it, no pure liquid. It will continue to set as it cools so be careful not to over-bake it. Depending on the honey and sugar you use, this baking time might vary, so it's helpful to do the toothpick test a couple of times.
- Let the pie cool at room temperature before slicing. During this time, any puffiness on the top will fall a little and if cracks formed on top, they will close up. Tastes best warm or at room temperature and can be stored covered for one day, but in humid areas, place it in the fridge where it will keep for 4 to 5 days.

“COOKING WITH HONEY HINTS”

- Substitute 3/4 cup of honey for 1 cup of sugar. Reduce total amount of other liquids by 1/4 cup per cup of honey.

- Lower baking temperature 25 to 30 degrees to prevent over-browning.
- When using honey in cooking, moisten the measuring spoon or cup first with water or oil and then measure the honey. This will eliminate sticking.
- To neutralize honey's natural acidity, add 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda to the ingredients per cup of honey. However, when sour milk is used with honey in a recipe, you may omit the extra soda.
- Foods sweetened with honey will have a better flavor if kept until the day after baking before being served. Store honey at room temperature, not in the refrigerator. Always keep the container tightly closed and in a dry place.
- To bring crystalized honey back to its natural liquid state, place container of honey in a pan of warm water until crystals disappear.

BEER, MEAD, LIQUEURS

Awards made for taste, clarity, etc.

Awards:

FIRST \$15.00
SECOND \$10.00
THIRD \$5.00

CLASS P

LOT

1. Honey Beer (2 bottles)
2. Mead- dry- traditional
3. Mead- sweet- traditional
4. Mead made with fruit, berries, etc.
5. Mead- sparkling, made with or without fruit or berries
6. Liqueurs- clear glass bottle- 375 ML

PIES

Awards made for taste, texture and appearance of cooked products.

Awards:

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

CLASS Q

LOT

1. Apple Pie
2. Nut Pie

3. Pumpkin or Squash Pie
4. Blueberry

CAKES

Awards made for taste, texture and appearance of cooked products.

Awards:

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

CLASS R

LOT

1. Frosted Cake
2. Cheesecake
3. Unfrosted Cake
4. Cupcakes- frosted- 1/2 dozen

YEAST BREAD

Awards made for appearance, texture and eating quality of cooked products.

Awards:

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

CLASS S

LOT

1. White bread
2. Whole-grained bread
3. Bread rolls- 1/2 dozen
4. Coffee cake – with yeast
5. Tea ring
6. Danish or Sweet Roll- 1/2 dozen

CHALLENGE RECIPE

Awards made for appearance, texture and eating quality of cooked products.

Awards:

FIRST \$25.00
SECOND \$7.50
THIRD \$5.00

**CLASS T
LOT**

1. Nana Sample's Chocolate Pecan Pie

QUICK BREAD (LOAF, SWEET)

Awards made for appearance, texture, and eating quality of cooked products.

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

**CLASS U
LOT**

1. Banana Bread
2. Nut Bread
3. Muffins- 1/2 dozen
4. Coffee Cake (not challenge recipe)
5. Scones- 1/2 dozen

COOKIES, BARS

Awards made for appearance, texture and eating quality of cooked products.

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

**CLASS V
LOT**

1. Drop, rolled, refrigerator rolled, filled frosted, unfrosted, glazed or dusted- 6 each
2. Brownies, date bars, baked granola bars, frosted, unfrosted, glazed or dusted- 6 each
3. Baklava- 6 squares
4. Cookie (other)- 6 each

JELLIES, JAMS, PRESERVES, CONSERVES

Awards made for appearance, suitability, container, consistency & flavor.

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

CLASS W

1. Jam, marmalade or conserves- from fruit purees, whole fruit or crushed fruits
2. Jelly- from fruit juices

CONDIMENTS, SALAD DRESSINGS, BARBECUE SAUCES

Awards made for appearance, consistency & flavor.

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

**CLASS X
LOT**

1. Barbecue Sauce
2. Ketchup
3. Mustard
4. Pickles
5. Relish
6. Salad Dressing
7. Infused Honey

HONEY CANDY

Awards made for texture, flavor, appearance and handling quality of candy. 25% of the sweetener used must be honey, except fudge, which must use at least 5% honey or more.

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

**CLASS Y
LOT**

1. Fudge- 12 pieces
2. Other Candy- 12 pieces

SPECIAL AWARDS

Adult Awards

THE HAROLD S. LIVINGSTON MEMORIAL AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc. to the individual ADULT exhibitor with the greatest number of prizewinning entries based upon a point

system as follows: 1st prize= 3 points; 2nd prize= 2 points; 3rd prize= 1 point.

THE RONALD & ESTHER PERLEY AWARD will be presented by the Essex Agricultural Society to the ADULT winner of “Best of Show” in Division 4.

THE PRESIDENTS AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers’ Association, Inc. to the best single exhibit of Honey Beer in Class P, Lot 1.

THE GEORGE & PATRICIA BURROWS MEMORIAL AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers’ Association, Inc. for the best single exhibit of mead in Class P, Lots 2 thru 5.

THE FRANKLIN T. ELLIS AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers’ Association, Inc. for the best ADULT entry in the Challenge recipe in Division 4, Class T; Lot 1.

Youth Awards

THE GUY T. MOORE, SR. AWARD, funded by a Moore Family Endowment to the Neunzer Memorial Trust, will be presented to the individual YOUTH exhibitor in Division 4 who has the greater number of prize winning entries based upon a point system as follows: 1st prize= 3 points; 2nd prize= 2 points; 3rd prize= 1 point.

THE HENRY G. AND THERESA G. NEUNZER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND will present an award for the YOUTH “Best of Show” in Division 4.

THE HENRY ALLEY AWARD will be presented by the Essex County Beekeepers’ Association, Inc. for the best YOUTH entry for the Challenge recipe in Division 4, Class T; Lot 1.

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