

# 2025 Mecosta County Fair Youth & Adult Still Exhibits

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**General Rules:**

- Exhibitors are allowed one entry per class in each department.
  - Cloverbuds may enter a total of 6 items in the Cloverbud Department
  - Differently abled may enter a total of 6 items in the differently abled department.
- All still exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor and completed/finished by the exhibitor after July 14, 2024 (last year’s fair).
- Exhibits may NOT be shown at any other county fair during the current calendar year.
- All entries must stay on exhibit for the entire fair week (except for youth live auction items)
- Any exhibit item improperly entered will be reclassified, if more than 2 items entered in a class you will be asked to remove one – if we are unable to reach you to choose – superintendent will select one to remove.
- Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of exhibits, but in no case will the management be responsible for loss or damage of exhibits.
- Refer to each department for specific rules.
- See the need for a new category or item to be added? Contact us!!

<b><u>Registration and Deadlines</u></b>	
Registration forms can be found on page 4, on the fair website: <a href="https://www.mecostafreefair.com/">https://www.mecostafreefair.com/</a> , or picked up at the MSU Extension office (14485 Northland Dr., Big Rapids).	
<b>Age groups</b> (as of July 1st of the current year):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clover Buds: ages 5 - 7</li> <li>• Differently Abled Adults/Youth: No age requirements. <i>The above categories will receive a participation ribbon and will not be judged.</i></li> <li>• Youth: ages 8 - 19</li> <li>• Adult: ages 20 and up</li> </ul>	
<b>Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday June 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10:30am - 4:00pm</b>	<b>Early Registration</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Faster, easier process, strongly encouraged!!</b></li> <li>• Turn in registration forms (and non-perishable items) to the MSU Extension office <b>or</b> email registration form to <a href="mailto:ripkekar@msu.edu">ripkekar@msu.edu</a> by 4:00 pm, Friday June 27th.</li> <li>• <b>4-H Youth:</b> Please enter your still exhibit entries via the fair entry system</li> </ul>	
<b>Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>: 8am - 11am</b>	<b>Fair Week Registration</b>
Turn in registration forms <u>and</u> exhibit items at the fairground exhibit building	
<b>Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> 9am – 11am</b>	<b>Perishable Exhibits (Department 40, 45, 50 &amp; 55)</b>
Items should be dropped off during this time to ensure freshness for judging. If you cannot drop off at this time, please contact the superintendent for other arrangements.	
<b>Monday July 7<sup>th</sup></b> Exhibit building closed until 4:30pm	<b>Exhibit Building Judging</b>
<b>Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm</b> <b>Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 9-11am</b>	Items will be released back to exhibitor

## Judging

- Judging will be based on content, workmanship, creativeness, and complexity of exhibit and will reflect the age of the exhibitor.
- All entries will receive an A, B, C award based on age group (Cloverbuds and differently abled will receive participation ribbons).
- Exhibit items that do not follow the department rules are only eligible for a B award.
- Entries receiving an A award will be judged for a Best of Division Award and honorable mention.
- Youth Still Exhibit Department Premiums are: A = \$5.00 B = \$3.00 C = \$1.00
- Best of division & homemaker of the year premiums are \$10.00.
- There are no additional premiums for honorable mention.
- Premiums are not awarded for adult exhibits.
- Where there is only one entry in a class/division there will not be a best of division award.
- *\*No guarantee that late registration/exhibits will be judged or receive premiums.*

## Live YOUTH Culinary Arts Auction *(does not include Cloverbud/Differently Abled departments)*

<p><b>When:</b> Monday, July 7, 2025</p> <p><b>Time:</b> Registration 5:30pm Auction starts at 6:00pm</p> <p><b>Where:</b> Exhibit Building</p>	<p><b>Exhibits for live auction will be on display 1 hour prior to the auction</b></p> <p><i>The exhibit building has limited cold storage and will be reserved for 4-H youth participating in livestock shows</i></p>
<b>Eligible Department and Divisions</b>	
<p><b>Department 40: Open Youth Culinary Arts</b></p> <p><b>Division A:</b> Baking  <b>Division B:</b> Breads  <b>Division C:</b> Novelty  <b>Division D:</b> Decorated <i>(excluding dummy cake entries)</i>  <b>Division F:</b> Specialty Foods <i>(excluding dried items)</i></p>	
<p><b>Auction Rules</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One item per exhibitor allowed.</li> <li>• Items in the live auction will be released to buyers once the auction concludes, and payment is accepted.</li> <li>• Youth exhibitors wishing to participate in the still exhibit live youth auction <b>must</b> indicate on entry form.</li> <li>• Exhibitors must be present for the auction (exception: sheep participants can send a representative).</li> <li>• All items sold <b>must</b> be duplicates of the project that has been judged.</li> <li>• All food items must be whole or contain at least a full dozen items and must have an ingredient card attached.</li> <li>• All food items must be properly stored prior to the auction.</li> <li>• <b>If these rules are not followed, the item will not be allowed for auction.</b></li> </ul>	

## Mecosta County Agricultural Free Fair 2025 Still Exhibits Entry Form

**Return completed form to:**  
 Mecosta County MSU Extension Office  
 14485 Northland Drive  
 Big Rapids, MI 49307  
 Or submit via email to [ripkekar@msu.edu](mailto:ripkekar@msu.edu)

**Exhibitors are allowed only one entry per class.**

**Only one participant per form.**  
 (If more space is needed, fill out another form.)

**Early Registration June 27 (encouraged)  
 Same day registration July 6**

**Please Check One (age as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025)**

- Cloverbud (age 5-7) Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- Youth (age 8 – 19) Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- Adult (Age 20 and up) Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- Differently Abled

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club Name (if member): \_\_\_\_\_

Department	Division	Class	Description of item <i>Example: red bracelet, horse (drawing), cow print (blanket)</i>	Check if selling at <b>Youth Live Auction</b> Department 40	Is exhibit from a kit? (Check if yes)
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**FORM MUST BE SIGNED** – As a condition of your signature, photos taken of you and/or your exhibit(s) at the 2025 Mecosta County Fair (MCF) become property of the MCF for non-profit promotional tools. The owner of exhibit(s) releases the MCF from any liability for loss or damage to exhibits, or other property while such property is on the Mecosta County fairgrounds. Items not picked up within 7 days of the end of the fair MCF and may be disposed of. I have read and understand the rules and regulations in the Still Exhibit Fair Book.

Exhibitors Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

## DEPARTMENT 39

### Open Cloverbud and Differently Abled Still Exhibits

- Cloverbud age is 5 - 7 as of July 1st of the current year.
- There are no age restrictions for differently able individuals.
- This department is non-competitive, and the exhibits are not placed.
  - They are judged for their participation and will receive a participation ribbon.
- A total of 8 items (1-2 exhibits per class) per exhibitor will be allowed.
- This department is not eligible for Still Exhibit Youth Live Auction
- Please refer to Open Youth departments for guidance.
  - Rules for this department are relaxed.

Class	Details
3901. Artwork	Refer to department 42 for guidance and ideas
3902. Collection	A collection of 10 related items
3903. Craft Item	Any craft items, refer to department 41
3904. Culinary Arts Item	Refer to department 40 for guidance
3905. Educational Project	Refer to department 47 for guidance – topics can be outside the scope of what is listed
3906. Farm Crop	3 specimens or a bundle. Refer to department 46 for guidance
3907. Fruit or Vegetable	3 specimens on paper plate. Refer to department 46 for guidance
3908. Plant or Flower Arrangement	Live or Silk. Refer to department 45 for guidance, rules do not need to be strictly followed
3909. Needle work item	Refer to department 43 for guidance
3910. Pet Project	Refer to department 48 for guidance
3011. Photography	4x6 or 5x7 photos matted on cardstock or construction paper, no frames or glass please

# OPEN YOUTH STILL EXHIBITS

## DEPARTMENT 40: Open Youth Culinary Arts

- Food items cannot be kits or store-bought mixes.
- Baked goods must be attractively presented on plastic or Styrofoam plates/trays or cardboard cut to size and in a plastic re-sealable bag.
- Novelty exhibits should be placed on candy paper, or in an appropriate display container.
- A 3 x 5 or 4 x 6 index card with a complete ingredient list (recipe is not required) must accompany the food item. This includes frosting and toppings.
- No refrigeration will be provided for food exhibits. (Except for youth live auction items)
- Required numbers of products for entry are shown in parentheses. The first number indicates the number/amount required for judging. The second is the number of items or size needed to sell at the youth live auction.
- Exhibit items may be smaller for cakes, pies, & bread. If the exhibit item is full size, a portion must be left on display, and the remainder may be taken home after judging.
- Decorated Cakes:
  - Dummy cake forms are allowed, judging on decoration only.
  - Exhibits may not be bigger than 20"x 20" and no more than 2 tiers.
- Canning & Preserves (*not eligible for youth auction*)
  - Jars must be clean, dated, and identified.
  - Must be canning jars. Sealed with 2-piece vacuum caps with ring on.
  - Product of the current or previous season.
  - Jars will not be opened for judging.

<p><b><u>Division A: Baking</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4000. Bars (3 + 12)            4001. Brownies (3 + 12)            4002. Cake (1 + 1)            4003. Cookies (3 + 12)            4004. Cupcakes (3 + 6)            4005. Pie (1 + 1)            4006. Other - Baking</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Breads</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4010. Biscuits (3 + 6)            4011. Muffins (3 + 6)            4012. Quick/Sweet Bread (1 + 1)            4013. Rolls (3 + 6)            4014. Yeast Bread (1 + 1)            4015. Other - Breads</p> <p><i>Breads: 4" x 6" foil pan size or similar is acceptable</i></p>	<p><b><u>Division C: Novelty</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4020. Fudge            4021. Honey            4022. Honeycomb            4023. Maple Syrup            4024. Molded Chocolate            4025. Other -Novelty</p> <p><i>4 pieces for judging &amp; appropriate amount for auction</i></p>
<p><b><u>Division D: Decorated</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4030. Decorated Cake            4031. Decorated Cookies (3 + 6)            4032. Decorated Cupcakes (3 + 6)</p> <p><i>NOTE: Box cakes, scratch cakes or a false base may be used for this division.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Division E: Canning &amp; Preserves</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4040. Jar of Fruit            4041. Jar of Jam            4042. Jar of Jelly            4043. Jar of Pickles            4044. Jar of Relish            4045. Jar of Salsa            4046. Jar of Vegetable (includes tomatoes)            4047. Other Canning/Preserves</p> <p><i>Division not eligible for auction</i></p>	<p><b><u>Division F: Specialty Foods</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4050. Summer sausage (3 slices + 1 log)            4051. Jerky (3 Sticks + ½ lb.)            4052. Meat Sticks (3 sticks + ½ lb.)            4053. Any Dried Fruit            4054. Any Dried Vegetable            4055. Any Dried Meat</p>

## DEPARTMENT 41: Open Youth Creative Crafts

- The exhibitor is responsible for ensuring a secure wire to exhibits designed to hang.
- If the item is from a kit – It must be identified.

<p><b><u>Division A: Indoor Crafts</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4100. Basketry            4101. Bead Work/Jewelry            4102. Candle Making            4103. Ceramics            4104. Macrame/Paracord            4105. Sand Art            4106. Sculpture            4107. Soap Making            4108. Stained Glass/Sun catcher            4109. Weaving</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Metalworking</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4110. Abstract Art Design            4111. Metal Article Formed/Forged            4112. Metal Craft/Sculpture            4113. Welded Article            4114. Other Metalworking</p>	<p><b><u>Division C: Outdoor Crafts</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4120. Birdhouses            4121. Fishing Lures            4122. Leather Crafts            4123. Taxidermy            4124. Tied Flies            4125. Wreath</p>
<p><b><u>Division D: Paper Crafts</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4130. Calligraphy            4131. Cards            4132. Collage            4133. Origami            4134. Paper Art            4135. Scrapbook, 1 page            4136. Other paper craft</p>	<p><b><u>Division E: Woodworking</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4140. Furniture Creating            4141. Furniture Refinishing            4142. Wood Art            4143. Wood Burning            4144. Wood Carving            4145. Other Woodworking</p>	<p><b><u>Division F: Other Crafts</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4150. Creative Writing            4151. Lego or model (kit)            4152. Lego or model (non-kit)            4153. Poetry            4154. Recycled Craft            4155. Stamping            4156. Other Creative craft</p>

## DEPARTMENT 42: Open Youth Fine Arts

- All pictures (with exception of oil or canvas paintings) must be matted on a firm surface or in a frame (matting board, cardstock, foam board, stiff poster board, etc.)
  - Matting should be 1-inch larger than the actual artwork.
- Framed items must be wired to accept the weight of the item on a pegboard hook.
  - **No glass frames please**
  - Any items showing signs of falling will be removed from display and stored.
- Maximum size for artwork will be 48” in any direction.
- All work must be original, No wet paint, No tracing.

<p><b><u>Division A: Drawings</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4200. Charcoal            4201. Marker            4202. Mixed            4203. Pen            4204. Pencil</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Painting</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4210. Acrylic            4211. Mixed            4212. Oil            4213. Pastels            4214. Watercolor</p>	<p><b><u>Division C: Other Medium</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            4220. Crayon            4221. Finger paint            4222. Multiple/mixed mediums            4223. Textiles            4224. Any Other</p>
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## DEPARTMENT 43: Open Youth Needlework

- Clothing entered should be on a hanger.
- Quilts must be finished in the last year.
- Wearable (Any clothing type)
- Non-wearable (tablecloth, napkin, placemat potholder, etc.)

<p><b><u>Division A: Clothing</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>          4300. Accessory          4301. Apparel          4302. Recycled/Enhanced</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Crocheting</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>          4310. Blanket/Afghan          4311. Non-Wearable          4312. Wearable</p>	<p><b><u>Division C: Knitting</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>          4320. Blanket/Afghan          4321. Non-Wearable          4322. Wearable</p>
<p><b><u>Division D: Quilts</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>          4330. Appliqued (machine or hand)          4331. Group Made Quilt          4332. Hand Pieced Quilt          4333. Machine Pieced Quilt          4334. Quilted Pillow or Wall Hanging          4335. Quilt Tied off          4336. Other Quilt</p>	<p><b><u>Division E: Other Needlework</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>          4340. Cross-stitch          4341. Embroidery          4342. Fleece Article          4343. Latch Hook          4344. Rugs          4345. Toys (bear, doll, doll clothes, etc.)          4346. Tye-Dye          4347. Other Needlework</p>	

## DEPARTMENT 44 Open Youth Photography

- All single pictures must be 8 x 10.
- Related Series of 6 can be 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 photos, mounted on a foam board.
- Photography must be matted and have a wire or heavy cord securely fastened and ready to hang. Frame is optional, no glass please. Duct tape is not a secure fastener.
- All photography must be the original work of the exhibitor.
- **NO NUDE PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

<p><b><u>Division A: Color</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>          4400. Action          4401. Animal          4402. Farm Scene          4403. Nature          4404. Portrait          4405. Special Effects/Digitally Enhanced          4406. Still Life          4407. Structure (<i>equipment, auto, building, etc.</i>)          4408. Related Series: 6 photos on one board          (Must include title to series)</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Black and White</u></b> (includes Sepia)</p> <p><b>Class</b>          4410. Action          4411. Animal          4412. Farm Scene          4413. Nature          4414. Portrait          4415. Special Effects/Digitally Enhanced          4416. Still Life          4417. Structure (<i>equipment, auto, building, etc.</i>)          4418. Related Series: 6 photos on one board          (Must include title to series)</p>
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## DEPARTMENT 45 Open Youth Floriculture

- Cut flower division: Exhibitors must grow their own floriculture.
- Flower arrangements may be home grown, wild, or purchased.
- An index card with common name, variety, and type (home grown, wild, or purchased) must accompany live flower exhibits.
- No plants from Michigan protected list allowed.
  - See: <https://mnfi.anr.msu.edu/species/plants>
- Cut flowers and bouquets should be clear container or vase.
  - Do not remove foliage/greenery from stems above the waterline or add an extra stem of foliage.
- Flowers and plants must be free of disease, insect damage and in a healthy condition.
- Similar variety, bloom, and stem length should be chosen.

<b><u>Division A: Cut Flowers</u></b>	<b><u>Division B: Live Flower Arrangements</u></b>	<b><u>Division C: Silk Flowers</u></b>
<b>Class</b> 4500. Annual Flower 4501. Gladiolus 4502. Hydrangeas 4503. Perennial Flower 4504. Rose 4505. Other Cut Flower	<b>Class</b> 4510. Bouquet 4511. Corsage 4512. Dried Flowers 4513. Green Foliage 4514. Table/Centerpiece 4515. Other Live Flower Arrangement	<b>Class</b> 4520. Bouquet 4521. Corsage 4522. Table/Centerpiece 4523. Wall Hanging 4524. Other Silk Flower
<b><u>Division D: Flower Gardening</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dish gardens/terrariums must contain at least 3 different plants. No artificial plant materials allowed.</i></li> <li>• <i>Plants must be the property of the exhibitor for at least three months.</i></li> <li>• <i>Accessories are allowed in terrariums.</i></li> <li>• <i>Exhibitors should plant their project and begin caring for it by April 15<sup>th</sup>.</i></li> </ul> <b>Class</b> 4530. Dish Garden/Terrarium 4531. Hanging Plant/Basket 4532. Houseplant Arrangement (foliage or bloom) 4533. Patio Planter (at least 4 types) 4534. Succulents or Cacti 4535. Other Flower Garden		

## DEPARTMENT 46 Open Youth Agriculture and Horticulture

- Corn stalks must be tied and with husks:
- Herbs should be 1-inch diameter bunch and tied.
  - Fresh cut bunches in water containers
  - Herbs should not be exhibited in full bloom.

<p><b><u>Division A: Farm Crops</u></b>  <b>Class</b>          4600. Corn, 5 ears (any variety)          4601. Corn, 3 stalks (any variety)              <i>(with husks, must be tied)</i>          4602. Forage, bundle          4603. Gourd, 3-5 specimens          4604. Grain, bundle or 1qt jar              <i>(Bundles must show seeds)</i>          4605. Haylage, gallon bag          4606. Silage, gallon bag          4607. Sunflower, 3-5 specimens          4608. Other Farm Crop</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Fruits</u></b>  <b>Class</b>          4610. Blueberries, 1 pint          4611. Cherries, 1 pint          4612. Raspberries, 1 pint          4613. Strawberries, 1 pint          4614. Other Fruit, 1 pint</p>	<p><b><u>Division C: Vegetables</u></b>  <b>Class</b>          4620. Cabbage, 1 specimen          4621. Cucumbers, 3 specimens          4622. Eggplant, 3 specimens          4623. Lettuce, 1 specimen          4624. Onions, 3 specimens          4625. Peppers, 3 specimens          4626. Radishes, 6 specimens          4627. String beans, 6 specimens          4628. Summer squash, 3 specimens          4629. Sweet corn, 3 specimens          4630. Potatoes, 3 specimens          4631. Basket (6 or more, assorted)          4632. Other Vegetable</p>
<p><b><u>Division D: Herbs (Dried or fresh)</u></b>  <b>Class</b>          4640. One Herb          4641. Three Types of Herbs          4642. Six types of Herbs</p>	<p><b><u>Division E: Container Garden</u></b>  <b>Class</b>          4650. Container Garden with one vegetable          4651. Container Garden with two or more vegetables</p>	

## DEPARTMENT 47 Open Youth Educational Projects

**GOAL:** Encourage youth to explore, investigate, and experience new events/topics through improving their skills and knowledge related to area of study.

**Learning Objectives:** Youth will be able to demonstrate and share knowledge of exhibits.

### Exhibits should:

- Clearly identify the topic and explain what the exhibitor learned.
- Explain the importance and benefits to people, animals, community, environment, etc.
- A list of resources used. (articles, interviews, etc.)
- Exhibit should be a “display” constructed or collected to tell an appropriate story as learned from the project or activities and may consist of one or more of the following:
  - Poster 24” x 36” depicting some aspect of learning in the project area.
  - Notebook with collection of information learned in the project.
  - Three-dimensional display (size maximum 16” x 16” x 16”)
  - Model (i.e., Lego Connex, Pinewood Derby Car, etc.)
  - Item made by exhibitor.

<p><b><u>Division A: Natural Resources/Conservation</u></b>  <i>Objective: Learn what natural resources are, how and why they exist, and how they connect with each other, the environment, and people</i>  <b>Class</b>            4700. Conservation (Wildlife, water, soil, forest, etc.)            4701. Entomology (insects)            4702. Natural Resources (wildflowers, ecology, rocks, and minerals, bee keeping, etc.)            4703. Other Natural Resources/Conservation</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Mechanics &amp; Technology</u></b>  <b>Class</b>            4710. Automotive            4711. Electrical Science            4712. Pinewood Derby Car            4713. Small Engines/Motors            4714. Tractor            4715. Other Mechanics &amp; Technology</p>
<p><b><u>Division C: Animal Science</u></b>  <b>Class</b>            4720. Basic Anatomy            4721. Physiology            4722. Sanitation and/or cause of disease &amp; immunology            4723. Other Animal Science</p>	<p><b><u>Division D: Other Sciences/Technology</u></b>  <b>Class</b>            4730. Computer            4731. Crop Science            4732. Genealogy            4733. Human Biology            4734. Nutrition            4734. Other Science &amp; Technology</p>

## DEPARTMENT 48 – Open Youth Pet Project

General Rules:

1. **Share and show off your pet on a posterboard size display.**
  - a. Must include 4 Photos (4 x 6) of pet (various ages, activities, etc.)
  - b. Poster can be a foam board (encouraged) or general poster board (no three dimensional or tri-fold boards).
2. **Required Pet Information**
  - a. Name, breed, age.
  - b. What is a fun fact about this type of pet?
3. **History of pet (answer at least 3)**
  - a. How old was your pet when you got it?
  - b. Why did you get this type of pet?
  - c. How/why did you pick your pet's name?
  - d. What do you feed them?
  - e. What are their favorite treats?
  - f. How does your pet stay clean?
  - g. Have you learned anything from your pet?
4. **Fun stuff**
  - a. What tricks can your pet do?
  - b. Do they have any favorite toys/hiding spots?
  - c. What is your favorite thing about your pet?
5. This can be a current pet or a beloved pet that has crossed the rainbow bridge.

### **Division A Youth Pet Project**

#### **Class**

- 4800. Dog or Cat
- 4801. Aviary (Birds)
- 4802. Fish & Reptiles
- 4803. Small animal (rabbit, guinea pig, gerbils, etc.).
- 4804. Large animal (livestock)
- 4805. Other Pet



## DEPARTMENT 51: Open Adult Creative Crafts

- All work exhibited must be completed by the exhibitor.
- The exhibitor is responsible for ensuring a secure wire to exhibits designed to hang.
- If the item is from a kit – It must be identified.

<p><b><u>Division A: Indoor Crafts</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5100. Basketry            5101. Bead Work/Jewelry            5102. Candle Making            5103. Ceramics            5104. Macrame/Paracord            5105. Sand Art            5106. Sculpture            5107. Soap Making            5108. Stained Glass/Sun catcher            5109. Weaving</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Metalworking</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5110. Abstract Art Design            5111. Metal Article Formed/Forged            5112. Metal Craft/Sculpture            5113. Welded Article            5114. Other Metalworking</p>	<p><b><u>Division C: Outdoor Crafts</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5120. Birdhouses            5121. Fishing Lures            5122. Leather Crafts            5123. Taxidermy            5124. Tied Flies            5125. Wreath</p>
<p><b><u>Division D: Paper Crafts</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5130. Calligraphy            5131. Cards            5132. Collage            5133. Origami            5134. Paper Art            5135. Scrapbook, 1 page            5136. Other paper craft</p>	<p><b><u>Division E: Woodworking</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5140. Furniture Creating            5141. Furniture Refinishing            5142. Wood Art            5143. Wood Burning            5144. Wood Carving            5145. Other Woodworking</p>	<p><b><u>Division F: Other Crafts</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5150. Creative Writing            5151. Lego or Model (kit)            5152. Lego or Model (non-kit)            5153. Poetry            5154. Recycled Craft            5155. Stamping            5156. Other Creative Craft</p>

## DEPARTMENT 52: Open Adult Fine Arts

- All pictures (with exception of oil or canvas paintings) must be matted on a firm surface or in a frame (matting board, cardstock, foam board, stiff poster board, etc.)
  - Matting should be 1-inch larger than the actual artwork.
- Framed items must be wired to accept the weight of the item on a pegboard hook.
  - **No glass frames please**
  - Any items showing signs of falling will be removed from display and stored.
- Maximum size for artwork will be 48" in any direction.
- All work must be original, No wet paint, No tracing.

<p><b><u>Division A: Drawings</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5200. Charcoal            5201. Marker            5202. Mixed            5203. Pen            5204. Pencil</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Painting</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5210. Acrylic            5211. Mixed            5212. Oil            5213. Pastels            5214. Watercolor</p>	<p><b><u>Division C: Other Medium</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5220. Crayon            5221. Finger paint            5222. Multiple/mixed mediums            5223. Textiles            5224. Any Other</p>
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## DEPARTMENT 53: Open Adult Needlework

- Clothing entered should be on a hanger.
- Quilts must be finished in the last year.
- Wearable (Any clothing type)
- Non-wearable (tablecloth, napkin, placemat potholder, etc.)

<p><b><u>Division A: Clothing</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5300. Accessory            5301. Apparel            5302. Recycled/Enhanced</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Crocheting</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5310. Blanket/Afghan            5311. Non-Wearable            5312. Wearable</p>	<p><b><u>Division C: Knitting</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5320. Blanket/Afghan            5321. Non-Wearable            5322. Wearable</p>
<p><b><u>Division D: Quilts</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5330. Appliqued (machine or hand)            5331. Group Made Quilt            5332. Hand Pieced Quilt            5333. Machine Pieced Quilt            5334. Quilted Pillow or Wall Hanging            5335. Quilt Tied off            5336. Other Quilt</p>	<p><b><u>Division E: Other Needlework</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5340. Cross-stitch            5341. Embroidery            5342. Fleece Article            5343. Latch Hook            5344. Rugs            5345. Toys (bear, doll, doll clothes, etc.)            5346. Tye-Dye            5347. Other Needlework</p>	

## DEPARTMENT 54: Open Adult Photography

- All single pictures must be 8 x 10.
- Related Series of 6 can be 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 photos, mounted on a foam board.
- Photography must be matted and have a wire or heavy cord securely fastened and ready to hang. Frame is optional, no glass please. Duct tape is not a secure fastener.
- All photography must be the original work of the exhibitor.
- **NO NUDE PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

<p><b><u>Division A: Color</u></b></p> <p><b>Class</b>            5400. Action            5401. Animal            5402. Farm Scene            5403. Nature            5404. Portrait            5405. Special Effects/Digitally Enhanced            5406. Still Life            5407. Structure (<i>equipment, auto, building, etc.</i>)            5408. Related Series: 6 photos on one board            (Must include title to series)</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Black and White</u></b> (includes Sepia)</p> <p><b>Class</b>            5410. Action            5411. Animal            5412. Farm Scene            5413. Nature            5414. Portrait            5415. Special Effects/Digitally Enhanced            5416. Still Life            5417. Structure (<i>equipment, auto, building, etc.</i>)            5418. Related Series: 6 photos on one board            (Must include title to series)</p>
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## DEPARTMENT 55 Open Adult Floriculture

- Cut flower division: Exhibitors must grow their own floriculture.
- Flower arrangements may be home grown, wild, or purchased.
- An index card with common name, variety, and type (home grown, wild, or purchased) must accompany live flower exhibits.
- No plants from Michigan protected list allowed.
  - See: <https://mnfi.anr.msu.edu/species/plants>
- Cut flowers and bouquets should be clear container or vase.
  - Do not remove foliage/greenery from stems above the waterline or add an extra stem of foliage.
- Flowers and plants must be free of disease, insect damage and in a healthy condition.
- Similar variety, bloom, and stem length should be chosen.

<b><u>Division A: Cut Flowers</u></b>	<b><u>Division B: Live Flower Arrangements</u></b>	<b><u>Division C: Silk Flowers</u></b>
<b>Class</b> 5500. Annual Flower 5501. Gladiolus 5502. Hydrangeas 5503. Perennial Flower 5504. Rose 5505. Other Cut Flower	<b>Class</b> 5510. Bouquet 5511. Corsage 5512. Dried Flowers 5513. Green Foliage 5514. Table/Centerpiece 5515. Other Live Flower Arrangement	<b>Class</b> 5520. Bouquet 5521. Corsage 5522. Table/Centerpiece 5523. Wall Hanging 5524. Other Silk Flower
<b><u>Division D: Flower Gardening</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dish gardens and terrariums are to contain a mixture of at least three different plants. No artificial plant materials allowed.</i></li> <li>• <i>Plants must be the property of the exhibitor for at least three months.</i></li> <li>• <i>Accessories are allowed in terrariums.</i></li> <li>• <i>Exhibitors should plant their project and begin caring for it by April 15<sup>th</sup>.</i></li> </ul> <b>Class</b> 5530. Dish Garden/Terrarium 5531. Hanging Plant/Basket 5532. Houseplant Arrangement (foliage or bloom) 5533. Patio Planter (at least 4 types) 5534. Succulents or Cacti 5535. Other Flower Garden		

## DEPARTMENT 56 Open Adult Agriculture and Horticulture

- Each exhibitor must be the producer.
- Corn stalks must be tied and with husks.
- Herbs should be 1-inch diameter bunch, tied and should not be in full bloom.
  - Fresh cut bunches in water containers

<p><b><u>Division A: Farm Crops</u></b>  <b>Class</b>          5600. Corn, 5 ears (any variety)          5601. Corn, 3 stalks (any variety)              <i>(with husks, must be tied)</i>          5602. Forage, bundle          5603. Gourd, 3-5 specimens          5604. Grain, bundle or 1qt jar              <i>(Bundles must show seeds)</i>          5605. Haylage, gallon bag          5606. Silage, gallon bag          5607. Sunflower, 3-5 specimens          5608. Other Farm Crop</p>	<p><b><u>Division B: Fruits</u></b>  <b>Class</b>          5610. Blueberries, 1 pint          5611. Cherries, 1 pint          5612. Raspberries, 1 pint          5613. Strawberries, 1 pint          5614. Other Fruit, 1 pint</p>	<p><b><u>Division C: Vegetables</u></b>  <b>Class</b>          5620. Cabbage, 1 specimen          5621. Cucumbers, 3 specimens          5622. Eggplant, 3 specimens          5623. Lettuce, 1 specimen          5624. Onions, 3 specimens          5625. Peppers, 3 specimens          5626. Radishes, 6 specimens          5627. String beans, 6 specimens          5628. Summer squash, 3 specimens          5629. Sweet corn, 3 specimens          5630. Potatoes, 3 specimens          5631. Basket (6 or more, assorted)          5632. Other Vegetable</p>
<p><b><u>Division D: Herbs (Dried or fresh)</u></b>  <b>Class</b>          5640. One Herb          5641. Three Types of Herbs          5642. Six types of Herbs</p>	<p><b><u>Division E: Container Garden</u></b>  <b>Class</b>          5650. Container Garden with one vegetable          5651. Container Garden with two or more vegetables</p>	

## Department 57 - Adult Open Class Homemaker of the Year

A homemaker is an individual that resides in Mecosta or adjoining counties, who successfully manages their life in a way that benefits both their family and their community. They effectively manage their household, create a home where they celebrate their creativity, skills, and work ethic, and provide inspiration and guidance to others. They contribute to society by performing community service that reflects their values and beliefs.

Exhibitors must complete a still exhibit entry form and must exhibit a total of 4 items from at least 3 of the Open Adult Still Exhibit departments (2 items may be from the same department). These do not need to be in addition to still exhibit entries.

Homemaker application and questions must be completed by **Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>** and emailed to [Ripkekar@msu.edu](mailto:Ripkekar@msu.edu) or dropped off to the Extension office. Non-perishable items can be turned in at this time as well. **Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>** is exhibit building set-up at the fairgrounds, all items not already turned in must there by 11am.

On Tuesday of fair week, homemaker displays will be arranged for all participants. This class will then be judged to determine the 2025 Homemaker of the year.

Judging will be based on initial department awards, neatness, detail & creativity of exhibits, and questions answered on application.

