



2026 Ontario County Open Competition Exhibit Fairbook

Open to Anyone

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All entries must be entered in FairEntry system

Entries not entered must submit a completed manual form.

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DOMESTIC ARTS – YOUTH / ADULT

SUPERINTENDENTS: Shana Jo Hilton (585) 747-9698
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AGE DISTINCTION OF EXHIBITOR:

Youth: 19 years and younger (as of January 1 of the current year)

ENTRY FEE: Youth – None

Adult - \$1.00 / per class entry

PREMIUMS PAID per class: \$5, \$3, \$2 all ages, unless noted.

RULES:

- All entry registrations must be done online at Ontariocountyfair.fairentry.com
- **Entries will be accepted at the fairgrounds, in the Mercantile II building, Thursday, July 19th between 3:00 – 7:00 pm.**
- 4-H may enter last year's fair projects.
- No articles may be entered that have been shown in open classes at this fair previously.
- All work must be done by the exhibitor(s).
- Quilts must have been completed within the past 5 years.
- No imported work or work done by professionals. A professional can enter any class in which s/ he does not earn an income.
- Conditions of work must be clean, well pressed and not noticeably worn.
- Ceramics and sculptures are requested to be boxed to protect and assist in moving.
- Special ribbons will be awarded to outstanding articles chosen by the judge among all entries.
- All entries are displayed at the discretion of the superintendent.
- All entries will be displayed at the Ontario County Fair throughout the week.
Exhibitors can pick up their displays on Tuesday, July 28th between 6:00 -7:00 pm.
Entries not collected will be forfeited and become the property of the Fair Society, who may dispose of item as they see fit.

SPECIAL NOTE: Be sure to add a description to each entry.

Examples: Under Quilting –Add a description of: Hand or Machine & Item Type

JUDGING:

- Judging will take place Friday before Fair week. Judging is not open to the public.
- Judges have the authority to disqualify, or transfer to the correct class, any exhibit that does not meet the requirements of the division and class in which it was entered.
- Judge's decisions are final.

Department: Domestic Arts

Division: Home Arts & Crafts

- Class 01: Diamond Art-Picture, Any Size**
- Class 01a: Diamond Art-Any other item**
- Class 02: Tumbler Art**
- Class 03: 3D Printed Item**
- Class 04: Beaded Pens**
- Class 05: Quilting**
- Class 06: Sewn Items**
- Class 07: Knitting / Crochet**
- Class 08: Embroidery / Cross Stitch / Needlework**
- Class 09: Plastic Canvas**
- Class 10: Rugs / Basketry / Weaving / Fiber**
- Class 11: Holiday**
- Class 12: Dolls or Toys**
- Class 13: Jewelry**
- Class 14: Woodworking**
- Class 15: Ceramics**
- Class 16: Leather**
- Class 17: Collections (4 items)**
- Class 18: Paper Crafts**
- Class 19: Recycling & Environmental Stewardship**
- Class 99: Other**

Division: Paintings and Drawings

- Class 01: Paintings**
- Class 02: Drawings**

Division: Visual Arts

- Class 01: Photography, Black & White**
- Class 02: Photography, Color**
- Class 03: Graphic Design**
- Class 04: Webpage**
- Class 99: Other**

Division Communications & Expressive Art

- Class 01: Writing & Printing**
- Class 02: Posters & Displays**
- Class 99: Other**

SCHOOL ARTS AND CRAFTS

SUPERINTENDENT: Shana Jo Hilton (585) 747-9698
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ENTRY FEE: None

PREMIUMS PAID per class, per Grade: \$5, \$3, \$2

RULES:

- All entry registrations must be done online at Ontariocountyfair.fairentry.com
- **Entries will be accepted at the fairgrounds, in the Mercantile II building, Thursday, July 19th between 3:00 – 7:00 pm.**
- Entries open to students in grades Pre-K through 12 and College who attend schools within Ontario & surroundings counties during the current year.
- Each Division will be judged separately.
- Artwork submitted from a school as a group will be judged individually and will receive ribbons only.
- Ceramics and sculpture are requested to be boxed to protect and assist in moving.
- All entries are displayed at the discretion of the superintendent.
- All entries will be displayed at the Ontario County Fair throughout the week.
- **Exhibitors can pick up their displays on Tuesday, July 28th between 6:00 -7:00 pm.**
- Entries not collected will be forfeited and become the property of the Fair Society, who may dispose of item as they see fit.

SPECIAL NOTE: Be sure to add a description to each entry.

Example: Under Painting - Add a description of: Watercolor Purple Sky

Under Drawing-Add a description of: Crayon Dog

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- Judges decisions are final.

School Arts & Crafts

S01: Arts & Crafts

Class 01: Diamond Art, Picture Any Size

Class 01a: Diamond Art, Any other item

Class 02: Tumbler Art

Class 03: 3D Printed Item

Class 04: Beaded Pens

Class 05: Paintings

Class 06: Drawings

Class 07: Graphic Art

Class 08: Ceramics

Class 09: Textiles

Class 10: Woodwork

Class 11: Metal Work

Class 12: Jewelry

Class 13: Craft

Class 14: Holiday

Class 15: Photography, B & W

Class 16: Photography, Color

Class 99: Other

Excellence in School Arts Achievement

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Honorary Award for Outstanding Achievement in Arts & Crafts

- Outstanding ribbons will be given to outstanding entries in each grade level

Best of Grade

- Selected from the outstanding ribbon winners in each grade.
- One trophy awarded in each grade level.

Best of Show

- Award will be selected from the Best of Grade winners.
- Only one trophy awarded.

FLOWERS / FRUITS / VEGETABLES / HONEY

MAPLE PRODUCTS / GARDEN CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENT: Jessica Kanaley (585) 313-6565

Entry Fee: Youth – None
Adults - \$1.00 per class entered



Premiums Paid: Varies (see category below)

RULES:

- All entry registrations must be done online at Ontariocountyfair.fairentry.com
- **Entries will be accepted at the fairgrounds, in the Mercantile II building, Sunday July 19th between 11:30am - 3:30pm.**
- Exhibitor **MUST** grow all entries.
- Entries are limited to amateurs only. Amateurs are hobby gardeners who do not grow for commercial sale.
- Containers must be suitable to specimen exhibited, glass, plastic, or disposable jars; plates will be furnished, if needed.
- All containers that need to be returned **MUST** have exhibitors name on **BOTTOM** of container. Any container without a name shall be forfeited to the Fair Society.
- All entries are displayed at the discretion of the superintendent.
- Signs or markers stating who created each display can be positioned only after judging is completed and awards have been distributed.
- The Fair Society will not be responsible for any damage to display or stolen containers.
- All entries will be displayed at the Ontario County Fair throughout the week.
- **Exhibitors can pick up their displays on Tuesday, July 28th between 6:00-7:00 pm.**
- Entries not collected will be forfeited and become the property of the Fair Society, who may dispose of item as they see fit.

JUDGING:

- Judging will take place Sunday at 4:00 pm. Judging is not open to the public.
- Judges have the authority to disqualify, or transfer to the correct class, any exhibit that does not meet the requirements of the division and class in which it was entered.
- Judges decisions are final.

All classes will be judged as follows:

- Distinction (rarity, difficult culture)
- Color (pure, clear, bright, attractive, and fresh)
- Substance of foliage and stem firm and form is characteristic and true
- Maturity is prime (at peak of perfection, healthy)
- Condition (free of blemishes, groomed and staged for best appearance)
- Size (typical of species)

Cut Flowers

Premiums are: \$4, \$3, \$2

1. Aster (1 spray)
2. Black-eyed Susan (2 blooms)
3. Cannas (1 stem)
4. Chrysanthemum (1 spray)
5. Cosmos (2 stems)
6. Dahlias - Decorative (1 spray)
7. Dahlias -Cactus (1 spray)
8. Dahlia - Minis (1 spray- 4"and under)
9. Dahlias - Ball/Pompom (1 spray)
10. Dahlias - Water Lily (1 spray)
11. Dahlias -Large (1 spray- 6"-12")
12. Dahlias-Jumbo(1 spray-12"+)
13. Daisy (1 spray)
14. Gladioli (2 sprays)
15. Hollyhocks (2 sprays)
16. Larkspur (1 stem)
17. Lilies (1 spray)
18. Marigolds-Large (2 blooms)
19. Marigolds-Small (2 blooms)
20. Pansy or Viola (2 blooms)
21. Petunia (1 spray)
22. Phlox (1 spray)
23. Rose -all other varieties (1 single flower)
24. Rose -type shrub or climber (1 spray)
25. Salvia (2 stems)
26. Snapdragon (2 spray)
27. Straw flowers (3 stems)
28. Sunflower (1 stem)
29. Zinnias (2 blooms)
99. Any other not listed (1-2 blooms)

Herbs

Premiums are: \$4, \$3, \$2

1. Basil (2 sprays)
2. Dill (1 seed head)
3. Mints (2 sprays-specify variety)
4. Oregano (2 sprays)
5. Parsley (2 sprays)
6. Sage (2 sprays)
99. All other herbs (2 sprays)

Foliage

Premiums are \$4, \$3, \$2

1. Bonsai
2. Cactus
3. Ferns
4. Flowering Shrubs
5. Ivy
6. Jade
7. Miniature Non-Flowering Trees
8. Non-Flowering Shrubs
9. Perennial Grasses
10. Spider Plants
11. Tuber
98. Other Non-Flowering Foliage
99. Other Flowering Shrubs

Definitions:

Bloom-A single flower with no buds, foliage may be shown

Spray-A main stem with side branches and blooms on all sides

Stem-A main axis of a plant, which supports all other organs, leaves, branches and flowers

Floral Design

Premiums

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1. Mini floral arrangement, under 6 “ in height & diameter	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
2. Small floral arrangement, over 6” and under 12" in height and diameter	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
3. Large floral arrangement, over 12" and under 36" in height and diameter	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$3.00
4. Any theme floral arrangement, any size	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$3.00

Plant Design

Premiums

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1. Inside large landscape displays (using any variety of plantings such as topiaries, water gardens, terrariums or any closed eco system - may include some or all of the following: window boxes, hanging baskets, barrels, tubs, pots or miniatures). Dimensions are larger than small displays and under 48" x 36" x 48" (LxWxH)	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
2. Inside small landscape displays (using any variety of plantings such as topiaries, water gardens, terrariums or any closed eco system - may include some or all of the following: window boxes, hanging baskets, barrels, tubs, pots or miniatures). Dimensions under 24"x16"x24" (LxWxH)	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
3. Kokedama	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$1.00

Designs

Premiums

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1. Dried Flower Arrangement	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
2. Patio Container Garden	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
3. Outdoor Floral Design	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
4. Educational Display (create a display using a topic in Horticulture. For example, Conservation, Recycling, Ecosystems)	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
5. Hanging Basket Display	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

Fruit

All Fruit Premiums are: \$4, \$3, \$2

1. Blueberries (3 pieces)
2. Strawberries (3 pieces)
3. Blackberries (3 pieces)
4. Raspberries (3 pieces)
99. All Other Fruit not listed (3 pieces)



Honey

All Honey Products Premiums are: \$4, \$3, \$2

1. Honey - 1 pound container labeled with the variety of honey (wildflower or other)
2. Bee or Honey Products - Candles (at least 2)
3. Bee or Honey Products - lip balm (min. size 4 oz.)
4. Molded or dipped Comb (at least 2)
5. Honey Comb Only (1 rounded box)
6. Pineapple (chunk honey, includes both honey and comb, include weight and variety)
7. Honey or Bee Art - using any art form, create a project showing bee activity

Honey is judged on:

- Color and brightness
- Proper labeling
- Consistency
- Density
- Container appearance: cleanliness and uniformity
- Absence of granulation or crystallization

Maple Products

Maple Syrup Premiums are: \$4, \$3, \$2

1. Grade A Golden – 8 oz or larger
2. Grade A Amber – 8 oz or larger
3. Grade A Dark – 8 oz or larger
4. Grade A Very Dark – 8 oz or larger
5. Flavored - Cinnamon – 8 oz or larger
6. Flavored – Alcohol – 8 oz or larger
99. Any other flavored syrup – 8 oz or larger

Maple Products Premiums are: \$4, \$3, \$2

1. Candy (2 pieces)
2. Sugar
99. Any other maple product

Vegetables



All vegetables Premiums are: \$7, \$5, \$3 unless noted

* Please note quantity of vegetables needed for exhibit

1. Beans-Green (4)
2. Beans-Yellow (4)
3. Beets with tops (2)
4. Braids of garlic (1 braid with at least 3 bulbs used in braid)
5. Braids of onions (1 braid with at least 3 bulbs used in braid)
6. Cabbage with root (1)
7. Carrots with tops (2)
8. Cauliflower/Broccoli (1 head)
9. Celery with roots (1)
10. Chard with roots (1)
11. Corn with husk (2 ears)
12. Cucumbers (2)
13. Garlic
14. Lettuce (1)
15. Onions-Green or Scallions with tops (2)
16. Onions with tops (all other varieties excluding green) (2)
17. Peppers - hot, any variety (2)
18. Peppers - sweet, any variety (2)
19. Potatoes - Red (2)
20. Potatoes - White (2)
21. Radish with tops (2)
22. Spinach with root(1)
23. Squash-Summer (2)
24. Squash-Winter (1)
25. Tomatoes -all other varieties excluding plum, pear, cherry or grape (2)
26. Tomatoes -cherry or grape varieties (2)
27. Tomatoes -plum or pear varieties (2)
98. Any other vegetable not listed
99. Vegetable Art-home grown plants only- create an animal, caricature or person using a variety of vegetables, fruits, flowers and herbs.

GARDEN CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENT: Jessica Kanaley (585) 313-6565

Entry Fee: Youth - None
Adult - \$1.00 per entry



Premiums Paid: \$15, \$10, \$5

RULES:

- All entry registrations must be done online at Ontariocountyfair.fairentry.com
- Entries will be collected on Sunday, July 20th from 11:30 am-3:30 pm in the Mercantile II Bldg.
- Entry must be a living miniature garden. (No artificial plants.)
- Entry must be in good taste and pest free. The Ontario County Fair reserves all rights to reject any entry that is inappropriate.
- Entry should include a short paragraph describing the garden.
- Components (plants & accessories) can be obtained from any source.
- Contestants are responsible for carrying in and setting up (if needed) their own display.
- All entries will be displayed at the Ontario County Fair throughout the week.
- Exhibitors can pick up their displays on Tuesday, July 27th between 6:00-7:00 pm.
- Entries not collected by this time will be forfeited and become the property of the Ontario County Fair Society.

JUDGING:

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Class 01: Fairy Garden

Class 02: Succulent Garden

How to Submit Entries On-Line

(before dropping them off)

Go to the fair website www.ontariocountyfair.org



Home

Get Ready for the 2026 Ontario County Fair!

The Ontario County Fair Board is proud to celebrate our 183rd County Fair. We are committed to providing a venue where people can exhibit agricultural products of all types and to educate the public and foster the development of our youth. After all, our motto is 'Cultivating the Next Generation'. Featured events such as 4-H youth activities and events, youth livestock and animal shows, vendors and Exhibitors Hall, live music and food vendors and Midway rides by Playland Amusements will also occur daily. Other free featured attractions include Party Animals Petting Zoo, model train displays, and Ontario County sheriff demonstrations. Fairgoers can learn about Ontario County agriculture by visiting the animal exhibits, rooster crowing contests, dairy shows and livestock challenges.

[Start Thinking About Participating In The Fair!](#)

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2025 Ontario County Fair

Registration is currently **Open**

Registration dates: 6/4/2024 - 7/26/2025

Exceptions may apply [View Details](#)

Welcome to Ontario County Fair registration for all Open and 4-H shows, exhibits and events! If you're new to FairEntry, and **NOT** a 4-H family, click on the blue link below that says *Not in 4-H Online and need to create a FairEntry exhibitor account?* to get started. Those that used the system last year can just use your existing login and password.

Click [here](#) to go to the Ontario County Fair website for all fair books, rules and further details on how to get registered, and entry requirements.

NEW THIS YEAR - ALL registration must be paid for online using a credit card at the time of registration.

NOTE: ALL EXHIBITORS SHOWING ANIMALS MUST BE 5 YEARS OF AGE AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THIS YEAR.

One (or more) Weekly Vehicle Parking Pass may be purchased online through 7/10/24 by selecting that Department. Fee will be charged to your invoice. Passes will be mailed to your home. After that date, passes may be purchased in the office during fair week for cash. Reminder: one pass PER VEHICLE, non-transferrable.

We look forward to seeing you during fair week!

How would you like to participate?

As an Exhibitor



As Fair Staff/Volunteer



If you entered in the past, fill in your email and password to continue.

Otherwise, select need an account

Enter & confirm an email address

Next will be a password

- Continue to follow instructions and complete all information requested.
- Continue to Add an Entry & add all your entries – you can go back and add more at any time
- When completed, click on the payment tab – A summary will show you what you owe. **Note: School entries do not have entry fees**
- Agree to the Terms and then Submit
- You will then have payment options.

Fair Entry Manual Registration

All Information is REQUIRED

Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Email

Phone #

Birthdate

GRADE

Entry Category

Schools Arts & Crafts

Vegetables

Domestic Arts & Crafts-Youth

Maple Products

Domestic Arts & Crafts-Adult

Flowers

Garden

Pies

Briefly Describe Each Entry
