

46<sup>th</sup> annual

# MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR

## Home & Garden Competition



July 21-25, 2021

## To Enter Your Item in the Competition

Bring it to East Freehold Showgrounds (the Fairgrounds) on Kozloski Road in Freehold on the dates and times listed in the schedule. Fill out the entry forms at the Home & Garden tent.

**Please be sure you have read all the General Rules and Judging Criteria which apply to your specific entry division as there have been major adjustments to divisions and classes.**

[www.MonmouthCountyFair.com](http://www.MonmouthCountyFair.com)



# General Rules

**Please note there are significant changes to this year's competition. All items entered must be in one of the classes listed. There are no "other" classifications this year with the exception of gardening items as listed.** These rules apply to all classes. In addition, some categories have specific rules that are listed with those classes. Competition age groups are as follows: Child 6-12; Teen 13-17; Adult 18 and up.

1. Entries must be brought by the person creating said work to East Freehold Showgrounds at the time specified on the registration schedule.
2. This is an amateur competition open to all, regardless of residence. If you make or grow your product for sale on a regular basis, you are not considered an amateur.
3. Entries must stay in the Home & Garden tent for the duration of the Fair. Owners may remove them on Monday, July 26 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. After that date, please call Deep Cut Gardens at 732-671-6050, Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. All non-perishable items will be held at Deep Cut Gardens for a maximum of 30 days from delivery to the park and will become the property of the Monmouth County Park System after that time.
4. Ribbons will be awarded at the judges' discretion based on merit.
5. The Fair Committee reserves the right to refuse to accept inappropriate items or items in poor condition (i.e. not ready to display, not capable of withstanding the elements of the Home & Garden Tent). Work Must Be Current (no older than 2 years) and Original - No Reproductions.
6. Art, photographs and hanging needlecrafts will be disqualified if not properly mounted with hanging apparatus (eyelet and wire) attached. Entries must be labeled properly.
7. The Fair Committee may remove entries in poor condition.
8. Two Fair passes will be given to each adult, teen and child entering. You must enter in person to receive complimentary Fair passes. Work entered in the name of an individual not responsible for producing item will be rejected.
9. Children, ages 6-12, may enter any competition. Their ages will be on the entry forms and may be taken into consideration by the judges. Ribbons will be awarded to every child entering a competition.
10. A small card with the name and town of the entrant may be attached to the entry after judging. No advertising of any kind may be displayed.
11. Only one entry per class is allowed; however, you may enter as many classes as you like.
12. Security will be provided; however, the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners and their agents will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, wind, water, dust, theft or other cause to person or property. All reasonable efforts shall be made by the Home & Garden committee to protect and secure items entered.
13. Previous winning items are ineligible for competition.

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If you have questions about any category of the Home & Garden Competition, call 732-842-4000, ext. 3343, or Deep Cut Gardens at 732-671-6050, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. If you have any questions about other Monmouth County Fair events, activities or competitions, visit [www.MonmouthCountyParks.com](http://www.MonmouthCountyParks.com) or call 732-842-4000. The TTY/TDD number for people with hearing impairment is 711.

Judging results are not available by phone. Results are posted in the Home & Garden tent for the duration of the Fair and will be published on the Monmouth County Park System website, [www.MonmouthCountyParks.com](http://www.MonmouthCountyParks.com), by August 14, 2021.

# Registration/Drop-off Schedule

## General Registration

**Sunday, July 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Monday, July 19, 8-11 a.m.**

Accepting: • Art • Photo • Craft • Needlework

## Senior Center and Adult Day Programs

**Monday, July 19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Tuesday, July 20, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

For information on this competition, please contact Anne at 732-460-1167, ext. 24.

## Gardener's Day

**Friday, July 23**

**8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Accepting: • Flowers • Vegetables

**PLEASE REVIEW GENERAL RULES CAREFULLY**

## CRAFTS

### JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging will be based on excellence of workmanship, general appearance, neatness, beauty of design, originality, use and coordination of color, detail and suitability of item to purpose.

### DIVISION CERAMICS, POTTERY

- Hand-built pottery
- Cast piece
- Wheel-thrown pottery

### DIVISION WOOD-WORKING

- Furniture
- Small Item

### DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTS

- Tole painting - original design
  - Tole painting - kit or pattern
  - Jewelry - original design
  - Jewelry - kit or pattern
  - Scrapbook
  - Furniture
  - Shell Painting
  - Unconventional Canvas
- } Pinned to Felt Frame or Display

### DIVISION SCULPTURE

- Metal
- Stone
- LEGO® (No kits)
- Mixed Media

# NEEDLEWORK

## JUDGING CRITERIA

1. All work must be made by the person in whose name it is entered.
2. All work must be cleaned, blocked and finished appropriately.
3. Entrant must indicate on the entry form whether the work is an original design or from a pattern or kit. Work not so labeled will not be judged. A kit or pattern in which minor changes have been made is still not an original design and must be entered as a kit or pattern.
4. Judges will consider the following: neatness, beauty of design, choice of colors, suitability of item to purpose, and general appearance.

## DIVISION CROCHETING

- Doily less than 14"
- Doily greater than 14"
- Garment - original design
- Garment - pattern or kit
- Hat - original design
- Hat - pattern or kit
- Gloves or Mittens - original design
- Gloves or Mittens - pattern or kit
- Scarf - original design
- Scarf - pattern or kit
- Socks - original design
- Socks - pattern or kit
- Purses & Bags

## DIVISION KNITTING

- Hat - original design
- Hat - pattern or kit
- Gloves or Mittens - original design
- Gloves or Mittens - pattern or kit
- Scarf - original design
- Scarf - pattern or kit
- Socks - original design
- Socks - pattern or kit
- Purses & Bags

## DIVISION EMBROIDERY

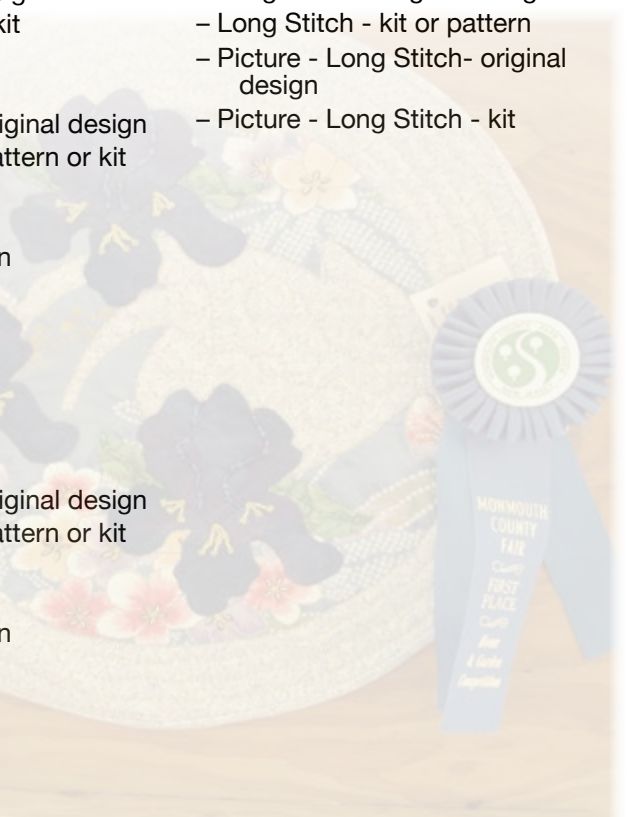
**Note:** Only items in picture format will be accepted. Items must be framed.

- Crewel, Embroidery or Candlewicking - kit
- Crewel, Embroidery or Candlewicking - original design
- Cross Stitch - from a stamped pattern or kit
- Counted Cross Stitch - original design
- Counted Cross Stitch - graph

## DIVISION NEEDLEPOINT & PLASTIC CANVAS

**Note:** All items must be framed.

- Picture - original design
- Picture - kit or printed canvas
- Long Stitch - original design
- Long Stitch - kit or pattern
- Picture - Long Stitch- original design
- Picture - Long Stitch - kit



# ART

## JUDGING CRITERIA

**Note:** All artwork must be properly framed with eyelet and wire for hanging. Wrapped canvases do not need to be framed but must have eyelet and wire for hanging. Unsuitable items will not be displayed or judged.

No reproductions. Please see Preparing Your Artwork below.

**NOTHING LARGER THAN 36" x 36"**

## DIVISION DRAWING

*Must be prepared to hang with eyelet and wire.*

- Pencil (Black/White/Color)
- Pen & Ink (Black/White/Color)
- Marker
- Crayon
- Charcoal

## DIVISION MIXED MEDIA

*Framed items only must be prepared to hang with eyelet and wire.*

- Mixed Media - Any combination of two-dimensional media in the art category
- Collage - Pasted materials and objects

## DIVISION PAINTING

*Framed items only must be prepared to hang with eyelet and wire.*

- Oil Pastels
- Chalk Pastels
- Acrylics
- Oils
- Watercolors

# PHOTOGRAPHY

## JUDGING CRITERIA

No slides or transparencies accepted.

All photographs must be properly framed with eyelet and wire hanger or mounted with eyelet and wire for hanging. Unsuitable items will not be displayed or judged. Please see Preparing Your Artwork below.

## DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

*Must be prepared to hang with eyelet and wire.*

- Black & White (No Theme)
- Color (No Theme)

## Preparing Your Artwork

The Home & Garden tent is HOT, HUMID & VERY BUSY. Help us display and care for your artwork by following these instructions.

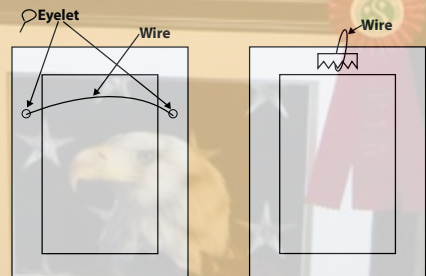
### Work Must Be...

- In a real frame - unless using a wrapped canvas
- Ready to hang w/ wire (before you arrive)

**NO Tape**

**NO Glue**

**NO Plastic Wrap**



# VEGETABLES

## JUDGING CRITERIA

1. The entrant is responsible for entering vegetables in the correct class. The class name of item must be on tag.
2. Uniformity in size, shape, color and maturity is important.
3. Specimens should be free of blemishes and show no sign of insect or disease attack or mechanical injury.
4. Stems and roots should be either all off or all on. Tops should be trimmed evenly.
5. Specimens should be of prime eating quality.
6. Entries must have been grown and harvested by the exhibitor in the current year.
7. Leafy stemmed vegetables should be in water.
8. Variety name must appear on the entry form.
9. It will be the Judges' decision whether or not to divide the class.

## DIVISION CUCURBITS

Collection of three (3) specimens, one (1) variety  
– Cucumbers – standard – pickling – other  
– Gourds – small ornamental  
– Summer Squash – zucchini – yellow – other

Collection of one (1) specimen, one (1) variety  
– Melon – Pumpkin  
– Winter Squash – Other

## DIVISION EGGPLANT

Collection of two (2) specimens, one (1) variety  
– Standard – long – other

## DIVISION LEAFY VEGETABLES

Collection of one (1) head, one (1) variety  
– Cabbage – red – green – other  
– Broccoli – Lettuce – Kohlrabi  
– Other

Collection of three (3) stems in water  
– Swiss Chard – Lettuce  
– Other

## DIVISION PEPPERS

Collection of three (3) specimens, one (1) variety  
– Bell – Hot – Sweet – Other

## DIVISION ROOT VEGETABLES

Collection of three (3) specimens, one (1) variety  
– Beets – Carrots – Turnips  
– Radishes – Other Root  
– Potatoes – red – white – gold – other

## DIVISION OTHER VEGETABLES

Collection of six (6) pods, one (1) variety  
– Okra

Collection of three (3) ears, one (1) variety  
– Corn – Other – not listed

## DIVISION LEGUMES: SHELL BEANS

Collection of six (6) pods, one (1) variety  
– Limas – Other

## DIVISION LEGUMES: SNAP BEANS

Collection of six (6) pods, one (1) variety  
– Yellow Beans – Green Beans  
– Broad Italian – Yard Long  
– Other

## DIVISION ONIONS

Collection of three (3) specimens, one (1) variety  
– Onions – red – yellow – Leeks  
– Shallots – Garlic – Other

## DIVISION TOMATOES

Collection of three (3) specimens, one (1) variety  
– Standard Red or Yellow  
– Green (no cherry tomatoes)  
– Small Tomato (no green):  
Cherry, Pear, Grape  
– Plum Tomato  
– Tomatilla  
– Largest Tomato 6" or more  
(1 Specimen)  
– Other

## DIVISION HERBS

One (1) bunch of five (5) stems, minimum length 5"  
– Basil – Thyme – Oregano  
– Rosemary – Mint – Parsley  
– Salvia (sage)

One (1) bunch of five (5) stems, minimum length 8"  
– Fragrant/Culinary – Other

# FLOWERS

## JUDGING CRITERIA

1. The entrant is responsible for entering flowers or plants in the correct class. The class name of item must be on tag.
2. Specimens should be of uniform size and ideal for cultivar. Oversized flowers are not a sign of superior culture.
3. Where multiple stems are required for an entry in a class, uniformity in size, shape and color is important. Flowers should be shown at their peak of perfection.
4. Stems should be in balance with the bloom. For instance, a 3" flower should have a stem at least 12".
5. Flowers should be free from blemishes, soil and signs of insects and disease. Unsightly petals may be removed if removal cannot be noticed.
6. Containers will be supplied for flowers, while supplies last.
7. It will be the Judges' decision whether or not to divide the class.

## DIVISION CUT FLOWERS, PERENNIALS

*Collection of three (3) stems, one (1) cultivar*

- Any perennial
- Phlox
- Echinacea
- Rudbeckia

## DIVISION BULBS, CORMS

*One (1) stem*

- Any bulb or corm
- Gladiolus

## DIVISION RHIZOMES, TUBERS

*One (1) stem*

- Any rhizome or tuber
- Dahlia
- Daylily

## DIVISION FLOWERING SHRUB

*One (1) stem or spray*

- Rose (any)
- Hydrangea
- Other

## DIVISION CUT FLOWERS, ANNUALS

*Collection of three (3) stems, one (1) cultivar*

- Marigolds
- Sunflowers
- Zinnias
- Other
- Giant Sunflower  
5" Across Center or Greater  
(1 bloom)

## DIVISION HANGING & CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

- Hanging - foliage
- Hanging - flowering
- Container - foliage
- Container - flowering
- Container - cactus
- Container - succulent
- Container - gesneriads
- Terrariums & dish gardens
- Trough gardens
- Recycled Container Garden





### **Daily Demonstrators Include:**

- Central Jersey Beekeepers Association  
Beekeeping Demonstration
- Park System Deep Cut Gardens Displays
- Park System Creative Arts Center, Wheel Thrown Pottery

Check the daily schedule for additional demonstrators.

Visit the Home & Garden tent to see Monmouth County residents' talents on display. From gardening to craft demonstrations, you can find it all at the Home & Garden tent.

