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If, after consulting this booklet regarding your entry you have questions about what Category an entry should go in, please call or e-mail the **Division Chairpeople**. They can assist you in placing the item. Call the Entry Chairperson only about entry form questions.

Physical Location:

Middlesex County Fair
655 Cranbury Road
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Mailing Address:

Middlesex County Fair
P.O. Box 400
Milltown, NJ 08850

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2023

1. **ENTRY DAY IS SUNDAY, AUG. 6, 2023 FROM 12 P.M. TO 5 P.M. ONLY.**
2. **ENTRIES MUST BE THE RESULT OF ANYTHING COMPLETED SINCE AUG. 1, 2022. YOU MAY ENTER 1 ITEM PER CLASS.**
3. **ENTER OUR 85TH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE AND PENNANT CHALLENGE.**
4. Baked Goods and Canning entries **WILL** be tasted unless government regulations in place at the time prevent it.
5. Visit the website for Baked Goods Judging Standards.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2023 FAIR

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW ALL THE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THEM MAY RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR ENTRY.

There is no entry fee. You do not have to live in Middlesex County to enter.

There are separate divisions for adults, children (by age) and special participants.

Special participant categories are provided for entrants of any age with special developmental needs and abilities.

All entries must be clean.

All entries must remain on display in the Home Arts building for the duration of the fair.

Visit the fair website or your local library to see the hundreds of classes in the 16 divisions you may enter and to obtain an entry form.

If you have any questions about the proper class for your entry, please call or e-mail the division chairperson listed at the beginning of each division. They will be happy to assist you. E-mail general questions to homearts@middlesexcountyfair.com

Please check each division you are entering for additional rules for that division.

Note on entry form and entry card if article is an original design created by the exhibitor.

Professionals, commercial exhibitors or anyone who sells their products are not permitted to enter.

Mail entry forms to the address on the form or listed under entry chairperson. **E-mail forms to entry@middlesexcountyfair.com.** If you e-mail your entry form, you will receive an e-mail confirmation that it was received. If you mail in your form, you will receive a phone call that it was received.

ENTRY CHAIRPERSON
Kathy Donahue - 732-826-3881
107 Broad St. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
E-mail: entry@middlesexcountyfair.com

Pre-registration deadline is July 28, 2023. If you do not pre-register, you may still enter by bringing your items to the fairgrounds on entry day Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. We will register you at that time.

HOW TO MAKE ENTRIES

1. **EXHIBITORS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE THEIR ENTRIES IN WRITING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. EARLY REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. IF YOU PRE-REGISTER, YOU MAY ADD ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON ENTRY DAY. THIS WILL SAVE YOU TIME ON ENTRY DAY.**
2. **IF YOU DO NOT PRE-REGISTER, YOU MAY STILL ENTER BY BRINGING YOUR ITEMS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS DURING ENTRY TIME ON SUNDAY, AUG. 6, 2023 FROM 12 P.M. TO 5 P.M. ONLY. WE WILL REGISTER YOU AND FILL OUT YOUR ENTRY CARDS AT THAT TIME.**
3. **IF YOU ARE NOT PRE-REGISTERED, PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE CLOSING TIME IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE ENTRY CARDS TO BE FILLED OUT AND YOUR ITEMS ACCEPTED BY THE DIVISION CHAIRPEOPLE. JUDGING BEGINS IMMEDIATELY AFTER ENTRY CLOSING TIME. ALL ARTICLES RECEIVED BY THE DIVISION CHAIRPEOPLE AFTER THE CLOSING TIME WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR DISPLAY ONLY, THEY WILL NOT BE JUDGED.**
4. An official Entry Form must be used. Two are provided in the Fair Catalog. You may also download them from our website <http://www.middlesexcountyfair.com> or by contacting the Entry Chairperson. **YOU MAY E-MAIL YOUR ENTRY FORM TO entry@middlesexcountyfair.com or mail it to the address on the form. You will receive a confirmation that it was received.**
5. The Entry Form shall be filled in by the Exhibitor, stating their name and mailing address, the Division, Section and Class number, and a description of the articles as indicated in the Fair Catalog which is also available online. **Adults may put A on age line instead of your age.**
6. All entries for that one Exhibitor should be listed on the same form regardless of the number of Divisions or Articles.
7. The Entry Form only should be mailed or e-mailed to the Chairperson of the Entry Committee by July 28, 2023 **IN ORDER TO SAVE TIME AND AVOID LINES AT THE FAIRGROUNDS.** (Otherwise, it will be accepted at the time the articles are brought to the Fairgrounds, and the cards written out then.)
8. You may include your e-mail address on the entry form if you wish to receive updates and reminders about entering the fair. You do not have to include an e-mail address in order to enter articles into competition.

ENTRY CARDS

After receipt of the Entry Form by the Chairperson of the Entry Committee, the

Exhibitor's name and address will be recorded and an Exhibitor's number assigned.

There will be an Entry Card with all this information written on it for each article listed on the Entry Form.

The Entry Cards are to be attached to the articles at the time they are accepted by the Entry Committee and a Receipt stub given to the Exhibitor.

THE RECEIPT MUST BE KEPT BY THE EXHIBITOR AND USED TO CLAIM THE ARTICLE AFTER THE SHOW IS OVER.

REJECTION OF EXHIBITS

The Management and the various committees shall reserve the right to reject any exhibits offered which are not being displayed for the promotion of agricultural, industrial or educational interests.

WITHDRAWAL OF EXHIBIT

No person having entered anything for competition may afterwards withdraw it. The article and the ribbon, if one is awarded, must remain on display until the end of the fair.

REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

Due to the extended fair hours on Sunday, August 13th, **NO ARTICLE SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE GROUNDS BEFORE 4:00 P. M., MONDAY, AUGUST 14th. NO EXCEPTIONS. This is being done for the safety of our exhibitors. ITEMS MAY BE PICKED UP ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14th FROM 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

Exhibitors must surrender the Receipt stubs from the Entry Card to a Committee Member in charge of the department and the article will be returned to the proper owner. No exhibit will be returned unless the stub is submitted. Ribbons will be picked up with entries. **None will be mailed.** The Fair Management will not be responsible for any items after this time.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Police and Watchmen for protection of exhibits will be provided and an ample force will be in attendance day and night during the Fair, however, the Middlesex County Fair Association Inc., or its officers or agents, will not be responsible in any way for any damage or loss by water, fire, wind, theft, or otherwise, to person or property, and upon this condition only are entries received. Wherever possible the exhibits will be covered for protection.

JUDGING

Entries will not be judged if the Class is not provided for in the Fair Catalog unless the Division Chairperson deems an unpublished class to be necessary.

Except for Division III and IV, there shall be competitive judging, with a first, second and a third prize awarded in each class that has three or more entries. If there are fewer than three entries in a class, it will be up to the discretion of the judges whether or not to award prizes, but, if they do, they must award a 1st and 2nd. There may be honorable mention ribbons awarded by the judges.

All Peewee participants in the craft and art divisions will receive one (1) participation ribbon for each item entered. Entries will not be judged.

IRREGULARITY OR FRAUD

Any irregularity in any entry, including changing any part of the entry card or fraud by misrepresentation as to the ownership, detected before or after the awards have been made, shall cause the forfeiture of the ribbon.

PROPER CLASSIFICATION

To be considered for a ribbon by the judges, the article should be entered in the proper category. If there is a question about the proper class for your entry, please contact the **Division Chairperson** to determine this before the entry form is filled out.

LIABILITY

The exhibitor hereby releases the Middlesex County Fair Association, Inc., from any and all responsibility or liability for injury or damages to any entry or exhibit and also releases and agrees to indemnify the Middlesex County Fair Association, Inc., against any damage claim, legal proceedings or judgment arising out of the transportation, entry or exhibition of the listed entries or exhibits at the said fair; and further agrees to hold the said Middlesex County Fair Association, Inc., harmless from any claim or suit for injury, damage or blame resulting from the transportation, entry or exhibition of the listed entries of exhibits.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To protect your projects as well as those next to yours in the display, please be advised that hot glue, rubber cement and other such adhesives may not hold your work securely for the duration of the fair due to the high heat and humidity. For the same reasons, unwrapped candy (ex. candy canes, hard candy, etc.) may melt into your project. The fair cannot be held responsible for the damage this may cause to your exhibits.

85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGES

In celebration of the fair's 85th anniversary, we are pleased to announce two special challenges for this year's fair.

The first is the 85th Anniversary Challenge. Every division will have a special category which is listed at the beginning of the division and there is a complete list starting on page 54. One winner of the 85th Anniversary Challenge in each division will receive a special ribbon.

The second is our new Pennant Challenge.

You will enter it under Division 17-A, Section P, Class 85 for entrants age 18 and over and Division 17-B, Section P, Class 85 for ages 17 and under. Only one entry per person. The winner in each division will receive a special ribbon.

Pennants not to exceed 12" x 20". They may be made of any material and any medium used in a division in the building. Be creative! They should be suitable for hanging. If an exception to the rules is necessary, please contact Sheila at 848-228-3551 or Kathy at 732-826-3881.

All entries will be on display in the Home Arts building for the duration of this year's fair. If you wish to donate your pennant to remain on display for future fairs, please write DONATE on your entry form. You do not have to donate your pennant in order to enter.

CHARITY CAKE CHALLENGE

This event will benefit Replenish, a food pantry serving Middlesex County. There are two ways for you to participate. 1. Enter a decorated item. 2. Vote for the winner by making a monetary donation.

All decorated items brought to the fairgrounds 655 Cranbury Rd. East Brunswick, NJ 08816 on entry day will automatically be entered into the contest. You vote for the winning item by placing your donation in the corresponding container of the item you wish to win. You will be able to place any amount of money in the container. 1 cent = one vote, \$1 = 100 votes etc. All proceeds will be donated to Replenish at the end of the fair. We hope you will be as generous as possible.

The contest will be open from Monday Aug. 7th at 5 p.m. until Sat. Aug. 12th at 11 p.m. Winner will be announced at 1 p.m. on Sunday Aug. 13th.

The item with the most votes will receive a special ribbon.

FAIRGOER'S CHOICE AWARD

We are giving our visitors the chance to tell us what you think is the best entry in the entire Home Arts Division! The winner will receive a special ribbon. Ballots will be available at the entrances of the Home Arts building and vegetable tent. One ballot per person, per day. Voting will take place during fair hours Mon. Aug. 7th from 5 p.m. until Sat., Aug. 12th at 3 p.m. Winner will be announced on Sat. Aug. 12th at 7 p.m.

CHAIRPERSONS **GENERAL ENTRY DIVISIONS:**

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DIVISION 1
VEGETABLE EXHIBITS
Chairperson: Joseph - 732-238-5142
E-mail: vegetables@middlesexcountyfair.com

Adults 18 years and over

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.
2. Only 1 entry per class.
3. All vegetables must be home grown.
4. Specimens should be cleaned, but not washed. Use soft cloth or brush.
5. All varieties must be correctly named on the entry cards, and ALL cards MUST be completely filled in.
6. Marketable size, quality, form, smoothness and uniformity of specimens will be considered in awarding ribbons.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Using vegetables, make an arrangement in the shape of the numbers 85.

SECTION A - BEANS & PEAS

Class 1 - Green Snap Beans, 10 specimens

Class 2 - Purple String Beans, 10 specimens

Class 3 - Romano Beans, 10 specimens

Class 4 - Wax Beans, 10 specimens

Class 5 - Lima Beans, 10 specimens

Class 6 - Any other Bean of Merit, 10 specimens

Class 7 - Any Pea of Merit, 10 specimens

SECTION B - CABBAGE FAMILY

Class 1 - Broccoli, 2 specimens

Class 2 - Brussels Sprouts, 8 specimens

Class 3 - Savoy Cabbage, 2 specimens

Class 4 - Flat Head Cabbage, 1 specimen

Class 5 - Round Head Cabbage, 2 specimens

Class 6 - Red Type Cabbage, 2 specimens

Class 7 - Any other Cabbage of Merit, 2 specimens

Class 8 - Cauliflower, 2 specimens

Class 9 - Kale, 2 specimens

Class 10 - Kohlrabi, 2 specimens

SECTION C - CELERY

Class 1 - Celery, 2 stalks in qt. Mason jar

Class 2 - Celeriac, 2 stalks in qt. Mason jar

SECTION D - CORN

Class 1 - Bi-color Corn, 3 ears with husks

Class 2 - White Corn, 3 ears with husks

Class 3 - Yellow Corn, 3 ears with husks

Class 4 - Any other Variety of Merit, 3 ears w/husks

SECTION E - CUCUMBERS

- Class 1** - Bush Cucumber, 2 specimens
- Class 2** - Pickling Cucumber, 8 specimens
- Class 3** - Slicing Cucumber, 2 specimens

SECTION F - EGGPLANT

- Class 1** - Purple Eggplant, 1 specimen
- Class 2** - White Eggplant, 1 specimen
- Class 3** - Japanese Eggplant, 1 specimen
- Class 4** - Pink Rosa Eggplant, 1 specimen

SECTION G - GOURDS AND OTHER ORNAMENTALS

- Class 1** - Gourd, Large (over 9") Any Variety of Merit, 1 specimen
- Class 2** - Gourd, Small (under 9") Any Variety of Merit 2 specimens
- Class 3** - Indian Corn, Any Variety of Merit, 3 ears with husks
- Class 4** - Any other Ornamental Vegetable of Merit, 2 specimens

SECTION H - HERBS (1) 3/4" diam. bunch in CLEAR PLASTIC SNAPPLE BOTTLE

- Class 1** - Chives
- Class 2** - Dill
- Class 3** - Fennel or Anise
- Class 4** - Mint
- Class 5** - Oregano
- Class 6** - Curled Leaf Parsley
- Class 7** - Hamburg or Turnip Rooted Parsley
- Class 8** - Plain Leaf Parsley
- Class 9** - Rosemary
- Class 10** - Sage
- Class 11** - Savory
- Class 12** - Tarragon
- Class 13** - Sweet Basil
- Class 14** - Sweet Marjoram
- Class 15** - Thyme
- Class 16** - Lemon Basil
- Class 17** - Any other variety of culinary herbs

SECTION I - LETTUCE

- Class 1** - Any Variety of Endive, 2 specimens
- Class 2** - Any Variety of Escarole, (1) 4" diam. bunch
- Class 3** - Any Variety of Lettuce, (1) head or 4" diam. bunch
- Class 4** - Any Variety of Radicchio, (1) 4" diam. bunch

SECTION J - MELONS

- Class 1** - Cantaloupe or Muskmelon, 1 specimen
- Class 2** - Honeydew Melon, 1 specimen
- Class 3** - Long Watermelon, 1 specimen
- Class 4** - Oval Watermelon, 1 specimen
- Class 5** - Round Watermelon, 1 specimen
- Class 6** - Any other Variety of Merit, 1 specimen

SECTION K - OKRA

Class 1 - Okra, 8 specimens

SECTION L - ONION FAMILY

Class 1 - Garlic, 2 specimens

Class 2 - Leeks, 4 specimens

Class 3 - Red Flat Onions, 8 specimens

Class 4 - Yellow Flat Onions, 8 specimens

Class 5 - White Globe Onions, 8 specimens

Class 6 - Yellow Globe Onions, 8 specimens

Class 7 - Any other Onion of Merit, 8 specimens

SECTION M - PEPPERS

Class 1 - Green Bell Peppers, 3 specimens

Class 2 - Habanero Peppers, 3 specimens

Class 3 - Cherry Peppers, 3 specimens

Class 4 - Italian Frying Peppers, 3 specimens

Class 5 - Purple Bell Peppers, 3 specimens

Class 6 - Sweet Banana Peppers, 3 specimens

Class 7 - Cayenne Peppers, 3 specimens

Class 8 - Jalapeno Peppers, 3 specimens

Class 9 - Any other hot pepper, 3 specimens

Class 10 - Any other long Pepper, 3 specimens

SECTION N - POTATOES AND YAMS

Class 1 - Cobbler Potato, 8 specimens

Class 2 - Chippewa Potato, 8 specimens

Class 3 - Green Mountain Potato, 8 specimens

Class 4 - Katahdin Potato, 8 specimens

Class 5 - Kennebec Potato, 8 specimens

Class 6 - Norgold Russet Potato, 8 specimens

Class 7 - Any other White Potato of Merit, 8 specimens

Class 8 - Any other Red Potato of Merit, 8 specimens

Class 9 - Sweet Potatoes, Any Variety of Merit, 8 specimens

Class 10 - Yams, Any Variety of Merit, 8 specimens

SECTION O - PUMPKINS

Class 1 - Cheese Pumpkin, 1 specimen

Class 2 - Connecticut Field Pumpkin, 1 specimen

Class 3 - Squash Pumpkin, 1 specimen

Class 4 - Small Sugar Pumpkin, 1 specimen

Class 5 - Any other Variety of Merit, 1 specimen

SECTION P - RHUBARB

Class 1 - Rhubarb, any Variety of Merit, 3 specimens

SECTION Q1- ROOT CROPS WITH 1" TOPS

Class 1 - Beets, Any Variety of Merit, 3 specimens

Class 2 - Carrots, Any Variety of Merit, 3 specimens

Class 3 - Horseradish, Any Variety of Merit, 3 specimens

- Class 4** - Parsnips, 3 specimens
- Class 5** - Radishes, 3 specimens
- Class 6** - Rutabagas, 3 specimens
- Class 7** - Salsify, 3 specimens
- Class 8** - Turnips, 3 specimens

SECTION Q2 -ROOT CROPS W/EDIBLE TOPS

- Class 9** - Beets, Any Variety of Merit, 3 specimens.
- Class 10** - Rutabagas, Any Variety of Merit, 3 specimens.
- Class 11** - Turnips, Any Variety of Merit, 3 specimens.

SECTION R - SPINACH

- Class 1** - Any Variety of Merit, (1) 4" diam. bunch

SECTION S - SQUASH

- Class 1** - Acorn Squash, 1 specimen
- Class 2** - Butternut Squash, 1 specimen
- Class 3** - Coozelle Squash, 1 specimen
- Class 4** - Crookneck Squash, 1 specimen
- Class 5** - Hubbard Squash, 1 specimen
- Class 6** - Patty Pan Squash, 1 specimen
- Class 7** - Straight neck Squash, 1 specimen
- Class 8** - Turban Squash, 1 specimen
- Class 9** - Zucchini Squash (under 12"), 1 specimen
- Class 10** - Any other Variety of Merit, 1 specimen

SECTION T - SWISS CHARD

- Class 1** - Swiss Chard, 1 bunch of 3 leaves in quart mason jar

SECTION U - TOMATOES

- Class 1a** - Cherry, 3 specimens
- Class 1b** - Yellow Cherry, 3 specimens
- Class 1c** - Grape, 3 specimens
- Class 2a** - Regular Plum, 3 specimens
- Class 2b** - Mini Plum, 3 specimens
- Class 3a** - Red Hybrid, 3 specimens
- Class 3b** - Yellow Hybrid, 3 specimens
- Class 4** - Large Fruited, 3 specimens
- Class 5** - Heirloom, 3 specimens

SECTION V - ANY OTHER VEGETABLE OF MERIT NOT LISTED ABOVE

- Class 1** - Any other Vegetable of Merit, 1 specimen

SECTION W - LARGEST SPECIMEN OF ANY VEGETABLE

- Class 1** - Beet
- Class 2** - Mangel Beet
- Class 3** - Cabbage
- Class 4** - Carrot, Longest
- Class 5** - Cucumber
- Class 6** - Eggplant

Class 7 - Muskmelon
Class 8 - Onion
Class 9 - Pepper
Class 10 - Pumpkin
Class 11 - Squash
Class 12 - Watermelon
Class 13 - White Potato
Class 14 - Tomato
Class 15 - Cocozelle Squash
Class 16 - Zucchini Squash
Class 17 - String Beans
Class 18 - Any Vegetable not listed above

SPECIAL VEGETABLE EXHIBIT

A selection of vegetables only, displayed on a base* the dimensions* of which shall be no greater than 18" x 24" nor less than 11" x 17". The only non-vegetable material allowed will be the base itself and filler to provide cushioning or depth to the display. Natural items such as hay or straw may be used as filler. Minimum of 3 varieties of vegetables to be judged as outlined below. (*) Questions pertaining to the selection of base or dimensions thereof MUST be addressed to the Exhibit Chairperson, at 732-238-5142. Call any time.

Originality and effectiveness of Arrangement 50 points
Number of Vegetables 25 points
Quality of Vegetables 25 points

DIVISION 1-A VEGETABLE EXHIBIT FOR TEENS

For Exhibitors Age 13-17
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 1-B VEGETABLE EXHIBITS FOR CHILDREN

For Exhibitors Age 7-12
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 1-C VEGETABLE EXHIBITS FOR PEEWEE

For Exhibitors 6 years and under
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

NOTE: There is NO Special Vegetable Exhibit in this Division

NOTE: In this Division, the Child MUST have grown entry (without parental help):

1. Planted the specimen
2. Cared for the specimen
3. Harvested the specimen

Rules of specimen entry are the same as the Adult Division and Jr. Division. Ribbons will be awarded according to DIVISION 1 procedures. See other notes under DIVISION 1 VEGETABLE EXHIBITS.

**DIVISION 1-S
VEGETABLE EXHIBITS FOR SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS**

For Exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities
Use same Sections and Classes as adults.

**DIVISION 2
FRUIT EXHIBITS**
Chairperson: Joseph - 732-238-5142
E-mail: vegetables@middlesexcountyfair.com

Adults 18 years and over
See Rules for Vegetable Exhibits - Same Rules Apply.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Using fruit, make an arrangement in the shape of the numbers 85.

SECTION A - APPLES - 5 specimens on a Plate

- Class 1** - Cortland
- Class 2** - Delicious
- Class 3** - Golden Delicious
- Class 4** - McIntosh
- Class 5** - Rome
- Class 6** - Starking
- Class 7** - Stayman
- Class 8** - Any other Variety of Merit not listed
- Class 9** - Crab Apple, Any Variety of Merit, 8 specimens
- Class 10** - Plate of Largest Apples, 3 specimens

SECTION B - BERRIES - 12 specimens on a 6" plate

- Class 1** - Any Variety of Blackberry
- Class 2** - Any Variety of Blueberry
- Class 3** - Any Variety of Raspberry
- Class 4** - Any Variety of Strawberry
- Class 5** - Any other Berry of Merit

SECTION C - CHERRIES - 12 specimens on a 6" plate

- Class 1** - Any Variety of Merit

SECTION D - GRAPES - 3 clusters on a plate

- Class 1** - Any Variety of Merit

SECTION E - NECTARINES - 5 specimens on a plate

- Class 1** - Any Variety of Merit

SECTION F - PEACHES - 5 specimens

Class 1 - White Varieties

Class 2 - Yellow Varieties

Class 3 - Plate of Largest Peaches, 3 specimens

SECTION G - PEARS - 5 specimens

Class 1 - Bartlett

Class 2 - Kieffer

Class 3 - Seckel

Class 4 - Any other Variety of Merit, not listed

SECTION H - PLUMS - 6 specimens on a plate

Class 1 - Any Variety of Merit

SECTION I - ANY OTHER FRUIT NOT LISTED, 5 specimens

Class 1 - Any Variety of Merit

**DIVISION 2-A
FRUIT EXHIBIT FOR TEENS**

For exhibitors ages 13-17

See Rules for Vegetable Exhibits – Same Rules Apply.

**DIVISION 2-B
FRUIT EXHIBIT FOR CHILDREN**

For exhibitors ages 7-12

See Rules for Vegetable Exhibits – Same Rules Apply.

**DIVISION 2-S
FRUIT EXHIBIT FOR SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS**

For exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities

See Rules for Vegetable Exhibits – Same Rules Apply.

**DIVISION 3 AND 3-A
FLOWER SHOWS**

Chairperson: Barbara – 908-227-3887

E-mail: flowers@middlesexcountyfair.com

Rules for both Adults and Junior Shows:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.
2. Only 1 entry per class.
3. Only exhibits which conform to schedule will be judged.
4. Placement of exhibits must be checked by a member of the Committee to ensure proper placement.
5. Entries will be judged according to Flower Show rules rather than to competitive judging standards. Judging begins immediately after entries are closed.

- Commercial growers and florists are excluded from entry both in the Junior and Adult Shows.
- Protective measures will be provided for all exhibits, but the Middlesex County Fair Association, Inc., its Officers or Agents, will not be responsible for damage, breakage or theft. **In the interest of safety, please use discretion on the size and weight of exhibit items. Please DO NOT use patio sized (weight) pots.**

6. No live fish or animals to be included in the entry.

**Special Award:
One Rosette for Most Outstanding Exhibit in this entire Division.**

DIVISION 3 ADULT FLOWER SHOW

Adults 18 years and over

HORTICULTURE RULES:

1. Flowers and plants must be grown by exhibitor. Potted plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor at least three months.
2. Only 1 entry per class.
3. All entries should be in **CLEAR GLASS CONTAINERS** that are large enough to support exhibit without props (soda bottle, Mason jar).
4. Entries must have a true set of leaves--no additional branches, foliage, or props should be used.
5. Length of stems should be relative to the size of bloom.
6. Leaves under water and/or damaged leaves should be removed.
7. Cards provided by the Fair must be attached to each exhibit.
8. Label entry with PROPER NAME (common name and horticulture name).
9. Grooming: Clean containers; remove dead leaves and flowers; do not use flowers past prime; check for insects.
10. No insect infestation or entry will be removed from display area.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Use your imagination to capture the meaning of the county fair to you.
The use of accessories is permitted along with potted and or cut flowers.

SECTION A - GLADIOLUS (Please include a leaf)

Class 1 - Three spikes, same variety
Class 2 - One spike, any variety or color
Class 3 - Three spikes, miniature variety

SECTION B - ZINNIAS (Please include a leaf)

Class 1 - Giant Hybrid, 5 blooms
Class 2 - Cactus, 5 blooms
Class 3 - Lilliput type, 5 blooms
Class 4 - Any type not listed, 5 blooms

SECTION C - PETUNIAS (Please include leaf)

Class 1 - Ruffled single, up to 7 blooms - one color

Class 2 - Unruffled single, up to 7 blooms - one color

Class 3 - Ruffled double, up to 7 blooms - one color

SECTION D - MARIGOLDS

Class 1 - Small Orange - 10 blooms

Class 2 - Small Yellow - 10 blooms

Class 3 - Large Orange - 5 blooms

Class 4 - Large Yellow - 5 blooms

Class 5 - Any other type - small - 10 blooms

Class 6 - Any other type - large - 5 blooms

SECTION E - ROSES (Label Variety)

Class 1 - Grandiflora - 1 spray

Class 2 - Floribunda - 1 spray or cluster

Class 3 - Peace - 1 bloom; creamy tinge on edge

Class 4 - Any other variety - 1 bloom

Class 5 - Hybrid Tea - 3 blooms, one variety

Class 6 - Miniatures

SECTION F - ANNUALS (Label with name)

Class 1 - Asters - 3 blooms

Class 2 - Celosia - 1 head or stalk

Class 3 - Dahlias - Tuberous - 1 Bloom under 3"

Class 4 - Dahlias - Tuberous - 1 Bloom over 3"

Class 5 - Any other annual not listed - under 3" to 5" diameter.

Class 6 - Any other annual not listed - over 5" diameter.

Class 7 - Sunflowers

SECTION G - PERENNIALS and BIENNIALS (Label with name)

Class 1 - Lilies - 3 blooms, naturally grown

a) Day lily

b) Asiatic

Class 2 - Hibiscus - 3 blooms, naturally grown

Class 3 - Phlox - 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown

Class 4 - Butterfly Bush - 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown

Class 5 - Echinacea - purple cone flower – 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown

Class 6 - Rudbeckia - black eyed Susan – 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown

Class 7 - Hydrangea - 1 bloom with stalk

Class 8 - Any other perennial not listed - 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown

Class 9 - Biennials - 3 blooms, sprays or stalks, naturally grown

SECTION H - CONTAINER GROWN PLANT (Label with name)

RULES:

1. ONE PLANT PER POT -- Except where noted
2. No Artificial Shine On Foliage
3. No Double Crown On Violets
4. Size Limited To 3 Feet In Any Direction
5. CLEAN CLAY POTS
6. Hanging Planters Acceptable

- Class 1** - Cactus
- Class 2** - Succulents
- Class 3** - Topiary (training & trimming plants into ornamental shape)
- Class 4** - Flowering Plant - Poinsettia (must be in bloom)
- Class 5** - Flowering Plant - Orchid
- Class 6** - Flowering Plant - Any other
- Class 7** - Foliage Plant
- Class 8** - Foliage Plant - Flowering
- Class 9** - Fern
- Class 10** - African Violets - Single Blooms
- Class 11** - African Violets - Double Blooms
- Class 12** - Hanging Baskets

SECTION I - FLOWERING ANNUALS-POTTED (Label with name)

- Class 1** - Impatiens
- Class 2** - Coleus
 - a) standard
 - b) other variety
- Class 3** - Geraniums
- Class 4** - Begonia
- Class 5** - Any other

SECTION J - BONSAI

SECTION K - POTTED ARRANGEMENTS

Accessories allowed.

- Class 1** - Terrarium - more than one plant
- Class 2** - Dish Garden - more than one plant

SECTION L - ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS (Label With Name)

RULES:

1. No artificial or dyed flowers, fruits or foliage permitted unless specified
2. Accessories permitted in all classes
3. Grooming and conditioning. Clean containers; remove dead leaves and flowers; do not use flowers past prime. Impatiens are impractical for arrangements.
4. NO FRESHLY CUT MELONS SHALL BE USED IN ANY ARRANGEMENT DUE TO THEIR RAPID DETERIORATION.

- Class 1** - In Honor of your Police, Fire and Rescue Depts.
- Class 2** - Wildflower and Herb arrangement
- Class 3** - Rainbow - arrangement using many colors
- Class 4** - Toys - arrangement with children in mind
- Class 5** - Garden - arrangement using fresh fruit and/or vegetables
- Class 6** - Greens - arrangement using greens and/or foliage
- Class 7** - Patio - arrangement for the out-of-doors
- Class 8** - Dried - arrangement using dried materials
- Class 9** - Celebrate - arrangement for any holiday or celebration, accessories allowed
- Class 10a** - Miniature Arrangement 5" and under
- Class 10b** - Miniature Arrangement over 5" up to 7" tall

Class 11 - Imagination - open category. May use accessories.

Class 12 - Patriotic - use of red, white and blue flowers in arrangement

Class 13 - Go Green - arrangement using recycled materials as accessories and container

DIVISION 3-A
FLOWER SHOW FOR JUNIORS

Teens:	13 to 17 years old)	Please write
Children:	7 to 12 years old)	age group
Pee Wee:	6 years old & under)	on Entry Form

RULES:

1. Horticulture containers must be clean.
2. Horticulture must be grown by exhibitor and must be in care of exhibitor for three months.
3. No artificial shine on house plants.
4. Design: plant material need not be grown by exhibitor.
5. Accessories are permitted in all classes in Section E.
6. Cards provided by the Fair must be attached to each exhibit.
7. Entries must give age of exhibitor.
8. Only exhibits that conform to the schedule will be judged.

HORTICULTURE .

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Use your imagination to capture the meaning of the county fair to you.
The use of accessories is permitted along with potted and or cut flowers.

SECTION A - CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

Class 1 - Best specimen, flowering plant in bloom

Class 2 - Best specimen, non-flowering foliage plant

Class 3 - Best specimen, cactus or succulent

Class 4 - Display a plant you've grown from a fruit pit or plant top. Example: citrus tree, pineapple, carrot, avocado, etc.

SECTION B - MARIGOLDS

Class 1 - Best large flowered - over 3", 1 bloom

Class 2 - Best small flowered, 3 blooms

SECTION C - ZINNIAS

Class 1 - Best large dahlia flowered - over 3", 1 bloom.

Class 2 - Best any other zinnia - over 3", 1 bloom, under 3", 3 blooms

SECTION D - FLOWER PATCH

Class 1 - Best any other annual - over 3", 1 bloom

Class 2 - Best any other annual - under 3", 3 blooms

Class 3 - Best any perennial over 3", 1 bloom and/or under 3", 3 blooms

Class 4 - Sunflower Show-offs - heads only

DESIGN

SECTION E - GARDEN DELIGHTS

Class 1 - An arrangement of flowers and herbs

Class 2 - Miniature arrangement - not to exceed 5" overall

Class 3 - An arrangement in a toy not to exceed 12" overall

Class 4 - Create a Pet - Pick your favorite vegetable and give it a name, a face, a form, include a card with the name

Class 5 - Holiday Arrangement

Class 6 - Any other artistic arrangement

DIVISION 4

BAKED GOODS

Chairperson: Brittany - 848-228-3551

E-mail: bakedgoods@middlesexcountyfair.com

Adults 18 years and over.

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all general rules and regulations. Details on the Baked Goods Judging Standard can be found on the fair website.
2. All entries, excluding decorated, must be brought on disposable plates or trays and wrapped for freshness. Home Arts is not responsible for any other plates.
3. Recipe sharing welcomed, but not mandatory. Shared recipes will be posted in the Home Arts Building for the duration of the fair, recipes may also be posted online.
4. All entries, excluding decorated, will be disposed at the end of the fair or when item becomes a health/safety concern, whichever comes first. Only awarded ribbons will be available for pick-up at end of fair.
5. Ribbons are to be picked up at the time indicated in the general rules. Present receipt stub to the Baked Goods Committee for the ribbon awards. No ribbons will be mailed.
6. Entire baked goods must be entered unless indicated.
7. Since there are no facilities for refrigeration prior to judging, items which are perishable/heavily affected by heat should not be brought to the fairgrounds prior to 4:30 p. m. if possible.
8. Please take into consideration the weather and heat. Items that are deemed inedible/damaged at the time of judging due to spoilage will not be judged.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Celebrate the 85th Anniversary Baked Goods Style!

Share with us your favorite memory, what the fair means to you, what you look forward to at the fair, or how you plan to celebrate this big anniversary in your favorite medium. Use your favorite Butter Cream, Fondant, Sugar, etc. with Cookies or Cakes of any size or on their own to make your creation.

SECTION A - CAKES

Class 1 - White

Class 2 - Chocolate

Class 3 - Yellow

Class 4 - Pound Cake

Class 5 - Cheesecake

- Class 6** - Cake with Fruit
- Class 7** - Cake with Vegetable
- Class 8** - Cake with Nuts
- Class 9** - Any other cake with icing
- Class 10** - Any other cake without icing

SECTION B - PIES

- Class 1** - Double crust, Fruit Filling
- Class 2** - Single crust, Custard/Cream/Yogurt
- Class 3** - Single crust, Meringues
- Class 4** - Single crust, Fruit Filling
- Class 5** - Single crust, Vegetable Filling
- Class 6** - Single crust, Any Other
- Class 7** - Tarts - 3 on a plate

SECTION C - BREADS

- Class 1** - Yeast Bread - White
- Class 2** - Yeast Bread - Dark
- Class 3** - Quick Bread - Plain
- Class 4** - Quick Bread - Fruit and/or Nut
- Class 5** - Vegetable Bread
- Class 6** - Any Other Bread
- Class 7** - Coffee Cake/Ring - Plain, Fruit and/or Nut
- Class 8** - Buns, 4 on a plate
- Class 9** - Biscuits, 4 on a plate
- Class 10** - Rolls, 4 on a plate
- Class 11** - Muffins, 4 on a plate

SECTION D - COOKIES & BARS (ENTER 4)

- Class 1** - Ginger
- Class 2** - Oatmeal
- Class 3** - Peanut Butter
- Class 4** - Chocolate Chip
- Class 5** - Brownies
- Class 6** - Macaroons
- Class 7** - Sugar
- Class 8** - Butter
- Class 9** - Pressed
- Class 10** - Filled
- Class 11** - Layer or Bar
- Class 12** - Any Other Cookies

SECTION E - CUPCAKES (ENTER 4)

- Class 1** - White
- Class 2** - Chocolate
- Class 3** - Yellow
- Class 4** - Any Other

SECTION F - FRIED DOUGHS (ENTER 4)

- Class 1** - Any Item

SECTION G - DECORATED

Exhibitor may pick up entry at end of fair.

Class 1 - Decorated Cake, Mold Pan

- a) Fondant
- b) Buttercream
- c) Any Other

Class 2 - Decorated Cake, Freeform

- a) Fondant
- b) Buttercream
- c) Any Other

Class 3 - Non-Edible Base, Mold

- a) Fondant
- b) Buttercream
- c) Any Other

Class 4 - Non-Edible Base, Freeform

- a) Fondant
- b) Buttercream
- c) Any Other

Class 5 - Gingerbread or Cookie House/Structure

Class 6 - Any Other Decorated Cookie

Class 7 - Sugar/Marzipan/Fondant Decorations

Class 8 - Any Other

SECTION H - CANDIES (ENTER 6)

Class 1 - Fudge

Class 2 - Hard Candy

Class 3 - Soft Candies

Class 4 - Candied Fruit

Class 5 - Any Other Fruit Candy

Class 6 - Toffee

Class 7 - Chocolate

Class 8 - Filled Candies

Class 9 - Molded Candies

Class 10 - Any Other

SECTION I - CULTURAL SPECIALITIES

Class 1 - Cakes

Class 2 - Pies

Class 3 - Breads

Class 4 - Cookies

Class 5 - Candies

DIVISION 4-A JUNIOR BAKED GOODS

For Exhibitors 17 years of age and under

Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

* Since there are no facilities for refrigeration prior to judging, these items, which are perishable, should not be brought to the fairgrounds prior to 4:30 P. M.

**DIVISION 4-S
SPECIAL PARTICIPANT BAKED GOODS**

For Exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

**DIVISION 5
CANNING**

Brittany - 848-228-3551

E-mail: canning@middlesexcountyfair.com

Adults 18 years and over

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the general rules and regulations on page 3.
2. Use white, clear standard canning jars only (without labels).
3. Canned foods preserved since date listed in general rules are eligible.
4. All canned foods should be presented without labels.
5. Exhibitors' identification tags should be presented with entries.
6. Uniform labels will be placed on jars by the Canning Committee.
7. There is a sample tasting jar required in Section A-5, B-10, & C thru J.
8. **The tasting jar should be one that can be disposed of when the judging has been completed.** It may be a small baby food jar, or other similar glass or plastic container, containing a small amount of the same ingredients as the display jar.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Any canned item using a recipe that is at least 40 years old. Modern canning techniques must be used for processing.

SECTION A - CANNED FRUIT

One standard quart or pint jar constitutes an exhibit.

Class 1 - Applesauce

Class 2 - Cherries - Red or White

Class 3 - Peaches

Class 4 - Pears

Class 5 - Any fruit juice (Sample Testing Jar Required. See Rules.)

Class 6 - Any other fruit not listed

SECTION B - CANNED VEGETABLES

One standard quart or pint jar constitutes an exhibit.

Class 1 - Beans - Green

Class 2 - Beans - Wax

Class 3 - Beets

Class 4 - Carrots - Whole or cut

Class 5 - Tomatoes - Whole

Class 6 - Tomatoes - Stewed

Class 7 - Tomatoes - Stewed with added ingredients

Class 8 - Tomato Puree

Class 9 - Corn - Pints only

Class 10 - Any vegetable juice (Sample Testing Jar Required. See Rules.)

Class 11 - Any other vegetable not listed.

(Peas or Lima Beans in Pints only)

SECTION C - SYRUPS AND SAUCES

One standard quart or pint jar constitutes an exhibit.

(Sample Testing Jar Required. See Rules.)

Class 1 - Fruit syrups or toppings

Class 2 - Non-fruit syrups or toppings

Class 3 - Bar-B-Que Sauce, Hot

Class 4 - Bar-B-Que Sauce, Mild

Class 5 - Spaghetti Sauce

Class 6 - Any other syrup or sauce not listed-dessert type

Class 7 - Any other sauce not listed-non dessert

SECTION D - RELISHES

One standard 1/2 pint or pint jar constitutes an exhibit.

(Sample Testing Jar Required. See Rules.)

Class 1 - Chili Sauce

Class 2 - Corn relish

Class 3 - Cucumber relish

Class 4 - Pepper relish

Class 5 - Chutney

Class 6 - Any fruit relish

Class 7 - Salsa - Hot

Class 8 - Salsa - Mild

Class 9 - Any other named relish

SECTION E - PICKLED VEGETABLES & FRUIT

One standard canning jar constitutes an exhibit.

(Sample Testing Jar Required. See Rules.)

Class 1 - Bread and Butter Pickles

Class 2 - Bread & Butter Zucchini

Class 3 - Mixed Pickles

Class 4 - Watermelon Rind

Class 5 - Beets - (MUST BE PROCESSED)

Class 6 - Fruit Pickles

Class 7 - Any spiced fruit

Class 8 - Any brandied fruit

Class 9 - Any other named pickle

Class 10 - Any other pickled item

Class 11 - Any brined item (not dill pickles, see Section F)

Class 12 - Tomatoes

SECTION F - PICKLES

One standard canning jar constitutes an exhibit.

(Sample Testing Jar Required. See Rules.)

Class 1 - Processed

Class 2 - Refrigerator

Class 3 - Brined

SECTION G - JAMS

One standard pint or 1/2 pint jar or jelly glass with top constitutes an exhibit.

(Sample Testing Jar Required. See Rules.)

Indicate on exhibit tag if freezer type jam.

Class 1 - Cherry

Class 2 - Grape

Class 3 - Peach

Class 4 - Blueberry

Class 5 - Raspberry

Class 6 - Strawberry

Class 7 - Blackberry Jam

Class 8 - Citrus Marmalade or Conserve

Class 9 - Conserves

Class 10 - Any jam or preserve made with vegetables

Class 11 - Any preserve not made with vegetables

Class 12 - Any other jam or marmalade not listed

Class 13 - Any low-sugar jam

Class 14 - Any no-sugar jam

Class 15 - Mixed Berry jam

Class 16 - Any Berry and Vanilla Combo Jam

SECTION H - JELLIES

One standard pint or 1/2 pint jar or jelly glass with top constitutes an exhibit.

(Sample Testing Jar Required. See Rules.)

Indicate on exhibit tag if freezer type jelly.

Class 1 - Apple

Class 2 - Cherry

Class 3 - Crabapple

Class 4 - Currant

Class 5 - Mint

Class 6 - Grape

Class 7 - Raspberry

Class 8 - Any combination(s) jelly

Class 9 - Any vegetable or herb jelly

Class 10 - Any other jelly not listed

Class 11 - Any low-sugar jelly

Class 12 - Any no-sugar jelly

Class 13 - Any Berry and Vanilla Combo Jelly

SECTION I - FRUIT BUTTERS

One standard pint or 1/2 pint jar constitutes an exhibit.

(Sample Testing Jar Required. See Rules.)

SECTION J - SPECIALTY TYPE CANNED OR BOTTLED ITEMS

(Sample Testing Jar Required. See Rules.)

Class 1 - Any Vegetable

Class 2 - Any Fruit

Class 3 - Vinegars

Class 4 - Condiments (i.e. mustards, catsup, horseradish, etc.)

Class 5 - Any other

Class 6 - Any item not usually canned locally (i.e. maple syrup, molasses, extracts, etc.)

SECTION K - Special Ruling:

All classes in sections K (except K-2) MUST BE PROCESSED. If there are any questions regarding this ruling, please call the chairperson listed at the beginning of DIVISION 5.

SECTION K - NOVELTY ITEMS

Class 1 - Any fruit or vegetable grown in and preserved in same jar.

Class 2 - Decorated jar top (Any item. Only lids judged.)

DIVISION 6

QUILTS

Chairperson: Laura - 732-846-6316

E-mail: quilts@middlesexcountyfair.com

Adults 18 years and over

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.
2. Please note on entry form and entry card quilt pattern name or if design is original.
3. Commercial or professionals are excluded from competition except for quilt tops quilted by commercial long-arm programmable or hand-guided machine (Section C).
4. Quilts will consist of two layers of fabric with batting between.
5. Group Projects (Section D-10 or E10) may be entered by any non-professionals when more than one person is involved in the work, listing the group involved on the entry form.
6. For judging purposes, name of quilter must be covered on projects (i.e., masking tape over quilting signatures).

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Help us celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Middlesex County Fair by making one 12" block (unquilted). The block should represent a fair theme, perhaps a special memory of your time at the fair. You may choose any technique to make your block, pieced, applique, embellishments, any combination. Please include a 3" x 5" index card describing your theme and technique used. The block will be judged on both technique and fair theme.

SECTION A - BED QUILTS (Quilting done by hand)

Class 1 - Pieced work

Class 2 - Appliqué (design is created entirely by appliqué and quilting)

Class 3 - Appliqué and Pieced combined (may include some decorative embroidery work)

Class 4 - Quilted only (i.e., white-on-white)

Class 5 - Combined techniques (i.e., machine-pieced/hand quilted)

Class 6 - Any other

SECTION B - BED QUILTS (Quilting done by machine)

Class 1 - Pieced work

- Class 2** - Appliqué (design is created entirely by appliqué and quilting)
- Class 3** - Appliqué and Pieced combined (may include some decorative embroidery work)
- Class 4** - Quilted only (i.e., white-on-white)
- Class 5** - Combined techniques (i.e., hand-pieced/machine-quilted)
- Class 6** - Any other

SECTION C - QUILTS

(Quilt tops made by exhibitor quilted by commercial long-arm programmable or hand-guided machine)

- Class 1** - Pieced (60" square or larger)
- Class 2** - Appliqué (60" square or larger)
- Class 3** - Appliqué and Pieced combined (60" square or larger)
- Class 4** - Lap Quilt (45" square or larger)
- Class 5** - Baby Quilt (approximately 30" x 48")
- Class 6** - Any other

SECTION D - MISCELLANEOUS QUILTS

- Class 1** - Mini quilts (under 24" square)
- Class 2** - Doll Quilts (24" to 36" square)
- Class 3** - Baby/Crib quilts (Approx. 30" x 48")
- Class 4** - Lap quilts (45" square or larger)
- Class 5** - Wall Hangings (ready to hang)
 - a) Hand stitched
 - b) Machine stitched
 - c) Iron-on appliqué (specify stitching involved)
- Class 6** - Pictorial Quilts (specify stitching involved)
- Class 7** - Memory Quilts (photo, autograph, etc.)
- Class 8** - "Charm" Quilts (same size pieces but all different fabrics).
- Class 9** - Embellished Quilts (buttons, lace, charms, etc.)
- Class 10** - Group Project (work done by more than one person, i.e. Girl Scouts, Church groups, clubs, etc.)
- Class 11** - Quilts using pre-printed panels or quilt designs
- Class 12** - Art Quilts
 - a) Quilts under 24" square
 - b) Quilts over 24" square
 - c) Three dimensional, any size
- Class 13** - Bargello
- Class 14** - Redwork (any color)
- Class 15** - Any other

SECTION E - "QUILTS," AND COVERLETS (Unquilted)

- Class 1** - Pieced
- Class 2** - Embroidered
- Class 3** - Appliqué
- Class 4** - Tied
- Class 5** - "Crazy Quilt"
- Class 6** - Yo-yo quilts
- Class 7** - Cross stitch
 - a) counted

b) stamped

Class 8 - Wool

Class 9 - Chenille (Frayed - edged)

Class 10 - Group project (work done by more than one person)

Class 11 - Any other

SECTION F - QUILTED ARTICLES

Class 1 - Wearables

a) Jackets

b) Vests

c) Fashion accessories

d) Any other

Class 2 - Holiday items

a) Stockings

b) Ornaments

c) Tree skirts

d) Wall hangings

e) Any other

Class 3 - Household accessories

a) Table runners

b) Place mats

c) Any other

DIVISION 6-A

QUILTS

For exhibitors 13-17 years of age

Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 6-B

QUILTS

For exhibitors 12 years and younger

Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 6-S

QUILTS

For exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities

Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 7

NEEDLEWORK

Chairperson: Linda - 908-754-2386

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Adults 18 years and over

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.
2. ALL pictures must be framed and ready to hang; all small articles must be mounted.

3. Design size, NOT FRAME SIZE, is to be used for pictures in Section C, Classes 6 thru 14.
4. Commemorative category to include weddings, births, graduations, etc.
5. Group Projects (Section C-22) may be entered by any non-professionals when more than one person is involved in the work, listing the group involved on the entry form.
6. For judging purposes, name of stitchers must be covered on projects (i.e., masking tape over signatures).
7. More than 15 entries in any class will be subdivided by Chairperson prior to judging.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - "In honor of the anniversary of the Middlesex County Fair, this special category will include any Needlework technique which would have been used in 1938, and have a subject relating to Middlesex County as it existed in 1938 when the Fair was established. Along with the item submitted there should be a 3"x5" index card with the technique listed and a brief explanation of the choice of subject matter. Items will be judged on both the technique and the subject matter."

SECTION A - COUNTED THREAD TECHNIQUES

Class 1 - Counted bead work - any item

Class 2 - Duplicate Stitch - any item

Class 3 - Waste canvas (x stitch) – any item

Class 4 - Hardanger

- a) large
- b) small
- c) ornament
- d) cards

Class 5 - Pulled thread work – any item

Class 6 - Swedish Weaving

- a) large
- b) small

Class 7 - Blackwork - any item

- a) large
- b) small

Class 8 - Decorative stitches (i.e., band samplers) - any item

Class 9 - Stitching over 1 thread - any item

Class 10 - Edgings (specialty stitches to finish items not in frames) - any item

Class 11 - Canvaswork - any item

Class 12 - Combined Techniques

Class 13 - Any other article

SECTION B - STAMPED CROSS-STITCH

Class 1 - Decorations (wall hangings, bell pulls, banners)

Class 2 - Household Accessories

- a) large (i.e.; tablecloths)
- b) small (i.e.; towels, pillowcases)

Class 3 - Pictures

Class 4 - Holiday item

Class 5 - "Wearables" - any item

Class 6 – Sampler

- Class 7** - Items in sets
Class 8 - Any other article

SECTION C - COUNTED CROSS-STITCH

- Class 1** - Decorations (wall hangings, bell pulls, banners)
a) non-holiday
b) holiday;
- Class 2** - Household Accessories (single items)
a) large items (tablecloths, runners, pillowcases, etc.)
b) medium items (fingertip towels, placemats, bread cloths, etc.)
c) small items (magnets, coasters, sachets, bookmarks, etc.)
- Class 3** - Decorated objects
a) large items (wooden jewel boxes, shelves, etc.) over 6"
b) medium items (keepsake boxes, address books, etc.)
c) small (tin-toppers, ring boxes, etc.)
d) three-dimensional objects (ornaments, mobiles, etc.)
e) items in acrylic (trivets, paperweights, snow globes, coasters, etc.)
- Class 4** - Cards and/or tags (birthday greeting cards, Christmas gift tags, etc.)
a) special occasion
b) holiday
- Class 5** - Stitching on needlework accessories (i.e.; biscornu, chatelaines, spindles)
- Class 6** - Pictures: design size UNDER 5" x 7", Aida
- Class 7** - Pictures: design size UNDER 5" x 7", other fabric
- Class 8** - Pictures: design size 5" x 7" to 9" x 12", Aida
- Class 9** - Pictures: design size 5" x 7" to 9" x 12", other fabric
- Class 10** - Pictures: design size 11" x 14" to 16" x 20", Aida
- Class 11** - Pictures: design size 11" x 14" to 16" x 20", other fabric
- Class 12** - Pictures: any other size - Aida
- Class 13** - Pictures: any other size - other fabric
- Class 14** - Pictures: 3-D
- Class 15** - Samplers
a) alphabet
b) verse
c) commemorative
d) band
e) motifs or medallions
f) pictorial
g) mini: design under 5" x 7"
- Class 16** - Computer-enhanced stitchery (e.g., x-stitch picture stitched from photo)
- Class 17** - Miniatures (design area less than 3 inches)
- Class 18** - Holiday item
a) large picture
b) small picture
c) stocking
d) ornament
e) tree skirt
f) decorations in acrylic (trivets, globes, etc.)
g) household accessories (towels, runners, etc.)
h) free-standing
i) any other

- Class 19** - Non-traditional base (x-stitch on paper, vinyl, Aida-Plus, etc., as in mugs, sippy cups, ornaments, etc.)
 a) Household
 b) Holiday
 c) Picture
- Class 20** - Items decorated with stitch-bands (Ribband ornaments, stitch-band baskets, etc.), any item
- Class 21** - Items in sets (mugs, coasters, towels, etc.)
 a) Household
 b) Holiday
- Class 22** - Group Project: work done by more than one person (i.e. Round-Robin Groups)
- Class 23** - Free-standing - any item
- Class 24** - Embellished items (x-stitch embellished with beads, buttons, and specialty fibers, etc.), any item
 a) large
 b) small
- Class 25** - Afghans/blankets (unquilted)
- Class 26** - Stitching on large stitch fabric (counts 4-12) - any item
- Class 27** - Stitching on small stitch fabric (40 count or greater) - any item
- Class 28** - Stitching on specialty fabric (i.e.; stamped or dyed) - any item
- Class 29** - Novelty design
- Class 30** - Any other article

SECTION D - COUNTED CROSS-STITCH “WEARABLES”

- Class 1** - Apparel (i.e.; collars, belts, hats, aprons, bibs, booties, hairclips, etc.)
 a) adult
 b) child
- Class 2** - Accessories (i.e.; tote bags, book covers, eyeglass cases, etc.)
 a) adult
 b) child
- Class 3** - Jewelry (i.e.; pins, watchbands, necklaces, etc.) - any items
- Class 4** - Any other item

DIVISION 7-A NEEDLEWORK

For exhibitors 13-17 years of age
 Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 7-B NEEDLEWORK

For exhibitors 12 years and younger
 Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 7-S NEEDLEWORK

For exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities
 Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 8

KNITTING

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Co-Chairperson: Ashley – 848-228-3551

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RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Any knitted item using a vintage pattern or using a style or technique that was first popular in a previous decade.

SECTION A - INFANT ARTICLES

Class 1 - Clothing

Class 2 – Accessories

Class 3 - Baby Bunting

Class 4 - Preemie Size (13" x 18") Baby's Blanket

SECTION B - SWEATERS

Class 1- Man's Sweater - a) Slipover; b) Coat type

Class 2 - Woman's Sweater - a) Slipover; b) Coat type

Class 3 - Child's Sweater - a) Slipover; b) Coat type

Class 4 - Baby's Sweater Set

SECTION C - CLOTHING

Class 1 - Child's Dress

Class 2 - Stole, Shrug or Shawl a) Thread; b) Yarn

Class 3 - Poncho

Class 4 - Vest

Class 5 - Any Other

SECTION D - FASHION ACCESSORIES

Class 1 - Socks, Slippers

Class 2 - Mittens or Gloves

Class 3 - Hats

Class 4 - Scarves

Class 5 - Collar

Class 6 - Purses, Tote Bags

Class 7 - Fashion Accessory

SECTION E - HOUSEHOLD ACCESSORIES

Class 1 - Accessory

Class 2 - Dresser Scarves or Wall Panels

Class 3 - Doily a) Under 18"; b) Over 18

SECTION F - TOYS, DOLLS

Class 1 - Toy a) Under 12"; b) Over 12"

Class 2 - Doll Clothes a) Thread; b) Yarn

SECTION G - AFGHANS - One Piece

Class 1 - Full Size Baby Blanket

Class 2 - Lap Robe

Class 3 - Afghan a) Thread; b) Yarn

Class 4 - Embroidered

Class 5 - Bedspread a) Thread; b) Yarn

Class 6 - Any Other

SECTION H - AFGHANS - Joined Sections

Class 1 - Full Size Baby Blanket

Class 2 - Lap Robe

Class 3 - Afghan a) Thread; b) Yarn

Class 4 - Embroidered

Class 5 - Bedspread a) Thread; b) Yarn

Class 6 - Group Project (work done by more than one person i.e. Church groups, clubs, etc.)

Class 7 - Any Other

SECTION I - MISCELLANEOUS

Class 1 - Special Occasion Item

Class 2 - Machine Knitted, Any Item

Class 3 - Loom Knitted (ex. Knifty Knitter, etc) Any item

Class 4 - Any Other Item

SECTION J - FELTED ARTICLES

Class 1 - Clothing

Class 2 - Fashion Accessories

Class 3 - Household Accessories

Class 4 - Any Other Item

DIVISION 8-A KNITTING

For Exhibitors 17 years of age and under

Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 8-S KNITTING

For exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities

Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 9 CROCHETING

Chairperson: Daerelle - 732-355-0919

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Adults 18 years and older

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Any crocheted item using a vintage pattern or using a style or technique that was first popular in a previous decade.

SECTION A - INFANT ARTICLES

Class 1 – Clothing

Class 2 - Accessories

Class 3 - Baby Bunting

Class 4 - Preemie Size (13” x 18”) Baby's Blanket

SECTION B - SWEATERS

Class 1- Man's Sweater - a) Slipover; b) Coat type

Class 2 - Woman's Sweater - a) Slipover; b) Coat type

Class 3 - Child's Sweater - a) Slipover; b) Coat type

Class 4 - Baby's Sweater Set

SECTION C - CLOTHING

Class 1 - Child's Dress

Class 4 - Vest

Class 5 - Any Other

SECTION D - FASHION ACCESSORIES

Class 1 - Socks, Slippers

Class 2 - Mittens or Gloves

Class 3 - Hats

Class 4 - Scarves

Class 5 - Collar

Class 6 - Purses, Tote Bags

Class 7 - Fashion Accessory

SECTION E - HOUSEHOLD ACCESSORIES

Class 1 - Accessory

Class 2 - Dresser Scarves or Wall Panels

Class 3 - Doily a) Under 18”; b) Over 18

SECTION F - TOYS, DOLLS

Class 1 - Toy a) Under 12”; b) Over 12”

Class 2 - Doll Clothes a) Thread; b) Yarn

SECTION G - AFGHANS - One Piece

Class 1 - Full Size Baby Blanket

Class 2 - Lap Robe

Class 3 - Afghan a) Thread; b) Yarn

Class 4 - Embroidered

Class 5 - Bedspread a) Thread; b) Yarn

Class 6 - Any other

SECTION H - AFGHANS - Joined Sections

Class 1 - Full Size Baby Blanket

Class 2 - Lap Robe

Class 3 - Afghan a) Thread; b) Yarn

Class 4 - Embroidered

Class 5 - Bedspread a) Thread; b) Yarn

Class 6 - Group Project (work done by more than one person i.e. Church groups, clubs, etc.)

Class 7 - Any other

SECTION I - MISCELLANEOUS

Class 1 - Special Occasion Item

Class 2 - Handkerchief, Towel or Pillow Case Edging

Class 3 - Luncheon Cloth

Class 4 - Full Size Tablecloth

Class 5 - Miscellaneous Crochet a) Tunisian or Afghan Stitch; b) Hairpin; c) Any Other

Class 6 - Any Other Item

SECTION J - FELTED ARTICLES

Class 1 - Clothing

Class 2 - Fashion Accessories

Class 3 - Household Accessories

Class 4 - Any Other Item

SECTION K - TATTING

Class 1 - Edgings

Class 2 - Wearing apparel

Class 3 - Jewelry

Class 4 - Special Occasion Items

Class 5 - Christmas Ornaments

Class 6 - Household Accessories a) Under 12"; b) Over 12"; c) Over 30"

Class 7 - Any other item

DIVISION 9-A CROCHET

For Exhibitors 17 years of age and under

Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 9-S CROCHET

For exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities

Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 10 HANDWORK

Chairperson: Kim - 732-221-1848

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Adults 18 years and over

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Using one of the techniques listed in Handwork, make any item that showcases something you would see at the fair.

SECTION A - BARGELLO

Class 1 - Pictures: must be framed ready to hang

Class 2 - Any other

SECTION B - EMBROIDERED ARTICLES

Class 1 - Household Accessories

- a) Large items (i.e., tablecloths, etc.)
- b) Medium items (i.e., table runners, etc.)
- c) Small items (i.e., towels, pillowcases, etc.)
- d) Sets

Class 2 - Pictures: must be framed ready to hang

Class 3 - Holiday Items:

- a) Picture
- b) Stocking
- c) Ornament
- d) Tree Skirt
- e) Large household items
- f) Small household items

Class 4 - Edging

Class 5 - Any other

SECTION C - REDWORK

Class 1 - Pictures: must be framed, ready to hang

- a) Non-holiday
- b) Holiday

Class 2 - Wall Hanging

- a) Non-holiday
- b) Holiday

Class 3 - Household item

- a) Non-holiday
- b) Holiday

Class 4 - Any other

- a) Non-holiday
- b) Holiday

SECTION D - RIBBON EMBROIDERY

Class 1 - Pictures: must be framed ready to hang

Class 2 - Clothing

Class 3 - Decorative items

Class 4 - Household items

Class 5 - Any other

SECTION E - SMOCKING

- Class 1** - Infants
- Class 2** - Children
- Class 3** - Child's accessory
- Class 4** - Adults
- Class 5** - Adult's accessory
- Class 6** - Ornament
- Class 7** - Any other

SECTION F - NEEDLEPOINT

- Class 1** - Pictures: must be framed ready to hang
- Class 2** - Household Accessories
- Class 3** - Fashion Accessories
- Class 4** - Free Standing
- Class 5** - Holiday
- Class 6** - Any other

SECTION G - PLASTIC CANVAS

- Class 1** - Household Accessories
 - a) Hanging
 - b) Free standing
 - c) Tissue box covers
 - d) Refrigerator magnets
- Class 2** - Toys
- Class 3** - Holiday Decorations
 - a) Hanging
 - b) Free standing
- Class 4** - Baby Articles
- Class 5** - Any other

SECTION H - PETIT POINT

- Class 1** - Pictures: must be framed ready to hang
- Class 2** - Fashion accessories
- Class 3** - Household accessories
- Class 4** - Any other

SECTION I - CREWEL

- Class 1** - Pictures: must be framed ready to hang
- Class 2** - Any other

SECTION J - RUGS UNDER 3 X 5

- Class 1** - Latch Hooked
- Class 2** - Hooked
 - a) Original
 - b) Non-original
- Class 3** - Penny
- Class 4** - Any other

SECTION K - RUGS - Over 3 x 5

- Class 1** - Latch Hooked

- Class 2 - Hooked**
 - a) Original
 - b) Non-original
- Class 3 - Any other**

SECTION L - WALL HANGING

- Class 1 - Needlework**
- Class 2 - Latch Hook**
- Class 3 - Holiday**
- Class 4 - Any other**

SECTION M - WEAVE IT LOOM

- Class 1 - Household Accessories**
- Class 2 - Any other**

SECTION N - PILLOWS

- Class 1 - Hooked**
- Class 2 - Latch Hooked**
- Class 3 - Bargello**
- Class 4 - Needlepoint**
- Class 5 - Crewel**
- Class 6 – Redwork**
- Class 7 - Embroidered**
- Class 8 - Ribbon Embroidered**
- Class 9 - Stamped Cross Stitch**
- Class 10 - Counted Cross Stitch**
- Class 11 - Hardanger**
- Class 12 - Candle wicking**
- Class 13 - Crocheted**
- Class 14 - Knitted**
- Class 15 - Quilted**
- Class 16 - Patchwork**
- Class 17 - Appliqué**
- Class 18 - Machine sewn**
- Class 19 - Hand sewn**
- Class 20 - Smocked**
- Class 21 - Novelty**
- Class 22 - Holiday**
- Class 23 - Felted**
 - a) Needle
 - b) Knit
 - c) Crochet
- Class 24 - Swedish weaving**
- Class 25 - Special occasion (ex. ringbearer, autograph, etc.)Mini under 10” - any type**
- Class 26 - Memory**
- Class 27 - Combination of Techniques**
- Class 28 - Mini under 10” - any type**
 - a) Non-holiday
 - b) Holiday
- Class 29 - Micro under 5” - any type**

a) Non-holiday

b) Holiday

Class 30 - Premade pillows you decorate

Class 31 - Any other

SECTION O - DOLLS AND TOYS

Class 1 - Needleworked Doll (i.e. embroidered fabric doll)

Class 2 - Needleworked Animal

Class 3 - Handkerchief or Pillowcase Doll

Class 4 - Soft Sculpture

Class 5 - Holiday Figure

Class 6 - Sets (More than one piece; Raggedy Ann and Andy)

Class 7 - Handmade Bears

a) Dressed

b) Not Dressed

Class 8 - Purchased Bears You Dress (i.e., needlepoint, cross stitch, sewn dress or accessories, etc.)

Class 9 - Any other

SECTION P - PUNCH NEEDLE EMBROIDERY

Class 1 - Household Item

Class 2 - Decorative item

Class 3 - Wearable item

Class 4 - Picture

Class 5 - Holiday item

Class 6 - Any other item

SECTION Q - SPECIALTY EMBROIDERY TECHNIQUES

Class 1 - Stumpwork, any item

Class 2 - Brazilian embroidery, any item

Class 3 - Bullion embroidery, any item

Class 4 - Paper embroidery, any item

Class 5 - Knotwork, any item

SECTION R - NEEDLE FELTING

Class 1 - Fashion accessory

Class 2 - Any other item

SECTION S - HANDSPUN FIBERS

Class 1 - Wool

Class 2 - Angora rabbit

Class 3 - Mohair (angora goat)

Class 4 - Plant fibers

Class 5 - Blended yarn

Class 6 - Any other yarn

DIVISION 10-A

HANDWORK

For Exhibitors 13-17 years of age

Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

**DIVISION 10-B
HANDWORK**

For exhibitors 12 years of age and younger
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

**DIVISION 10-S
HANDWORK**

For exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

**DIVISION 11
SEWING**

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Adults 18 years and over

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.
2. Articles may be made of any material.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Make any article using a vintage pattern or fabric. You may also use a current pattern as long as it is of a vintage design (ex. 1950's).

SECTION A - CLOTHING FOR ADULTS

Class 1 - Dressy Dress

Class 2 - Street Dress

Class 3 - Women's Sportswear

Class 4 - Jumper

Class 5 - Suit or Pant Suit

Class 6 - Slacks

Class 7 - Coat

Class 8 - Evening Gown

Class 9 - Tailored Blouse

Class 10 - Dressy Blouse

Class 11 - Skirt

Class 12 - Woman's Jacket

Class 13 - Man's Sport Clothes

Class 14 - Man's Jacket

Class 15 - Man's Dress Shirt

SECTION B - CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN

Class 1 - Dress

Class 2 - Play Clothes

Class 3 - Coat or Suit

Class 4 - Blouse or Shirt

Class 5 - Skirt

Class 6 - Jumper

Class 7 - Pants or Slacks
Class 8 - Christening Gown
Class 9 - Special Occasion Outfit

SECTION C - GENERAL SEWING

Class 1 - Apron
Class 2 - Bathing Suit
Class 3 - Fashion Accessories
Class 4 - Lingerie or Lounge Wear
Class 5 - Vest
Class 6 - Household Accessories
Class 7 - Doll Clothes
Class 8 - Costumes
 a) Halloween
 b) Historical or Period
Class 9 - Table Runners
Class 10 - Holiday Decorations
Class 11 - Any other

SECTION D - HAND SEWN ARTICLES

Class 1 - Lingerie
Class 2 - Household Accessories
Class 3 - Doll Clothes
Class 4 - Fashion Accessories
Class 5 - Any other

DIVISION 11-A SEWING

For Exhibitors 17 years of age and under
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 11-S SEWING

For exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 12 CRAFTS

Chairperson: Sheila - 848-228-3551
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Adults 18 years and over

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Using your chosen craft method, create a piece that celebrates 85 years of

the Middlesex County Fair. One entry per person - so choose your best craft style. Size limit - no larger than 24" x 24". Entries will be judged on creativity, execution, and how well they meet the challenge criteria (Celebrating 85 Years of the Middlesex County Fair). Questions should be directed to the Crafts Chairs.

SECTION A - ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS - 3 stems
(Flowers made by exhibitor)

SECTION B - ARTIFICIAL FLOWER ARRANGING
(Flowers need not be made by exhibitor.)

- Class 1** - Small bouquet, corsage or headpiece
- Class 2** - Large bouquet, corsage or headpiece
- Class 3** - Tabletop arrangement
- Class 4** - Any other

SECTION C - BASKETWORK

- Class 1** - Reed, wicker or natural (Basket MUST be made by exhibitor)
- Class 2** - Any other basket made by exhibitor
- Class 3** - Any basket decorated but not made by exhibitor

SECTION D - HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

- Class 1** - Table top decorations
- Class 2** - Tree ornaments
- Class 3** - Wall decorations
- Class 4** - Christmas stockings
- Class 5** - Any other

SECTION E - NON-HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

- Class 1** - Tabletop decorations
- Class 2** - Wall decorations
- Class 3** - Any other

SECTION F - WREATHS (Holiday or any occasion)

- Class 1** - Evergreen/Pine cone (Artificial or natural)
- Class 2** - Grapevine
- Class 3** - Straw
- Class 4** - Dried flower
- Class 5** - Any other

SECTION G - DECORATED EGGS

- Class 1** - Natural
- Class 2** - Plastic
- Class 3** - Ukrainian style

SECTION H - COLLAGE

SECTION I - FABRIC COVERED PHOTO ALBUMS

SECTION J - SCRAP BOOKING

Class 1 - Complete Book

Class 2 - Single Page

SECTION K - FELT & POMPOM CRAFT

Class 1 - Felt craft

Class 2 - Pompom craft

SECTION L - JEWELRY

(Fastened in a box or on plain cardboard)

Class 1 - Earrings

Class 2 - Pins

Class 3 - Bracelets/Anklets

Class 4 - Necklaces

Class 5 - Hair ornaments

Class 6 - Rings

Class 7 - Keychains/Lanyards

SECTION M - LEATHERWORK

SECTION N - STAINED GLASS

Class 1 - Traditional glass

Class 2 - Plastic - painted

Class 3 - Plastic - baked

SECTION O - NATURE ART

Class 1 - Sand art

Class 2 - Seed and grain art

Class 3 - Shell art

Class 4 - Pressed flower art

Class 5 - Any other

SECTION P - MODELS

Class 1 – Traditional

Class 2 - Made with building sets

a) footprint of 12” x 24” or smaller

b) footprint of at least 12” x 24” but no larger than 24” x 24”

SECTION Q - PAPER ART

Class 1 - Origami

Class 2 - Paper Mache

Class 3 - Quilling

Class 4 - Paper Twist

Class 5 - Rubber Stamping

Class 6 - Any other

SECTION R - RECYCLED CRAFTS

(Combining or reusing items and materials which were intended for other uses.)

Class 1 - Paper

Class 2 – Plastic

- Class 3** - Metal
- Class 4** - Any other material
- Class 5** - Any combination of materials

SECTION S - TOYS

- Class 1** - Decorative only
- Class 2** - Functional

SECTION T - STRING & YARN ART

- Class 1** - String
- Class 2** - Yarn

SECTION U - FABRIC ART

- Class 1** - Appliqué (glued, ironed-on, or painted—not sewn)
- Class 2** - Brush Painting
- Class 3** - Any other single technique
- Class 4** - Any combination of techniques

SECTION V - WOOD CRAFT

- Class 1** - Decorated/decorative item, not made by, but decorated by exhibitor
- Class 2** - Items made from toothpicks
- Class 3** - Items made from popsicle sticks
- Class 4** - Items made from clothespins/spools
- Class 5** - Wood burning

SECTION W - POLYMER CLAY (POLYMER CLAY ITEMS THAT DO NOT FIT IN ANY OTHER SECTION)

SECTION X - MOSAICS

- Class 1** - Garden stepping stone
- Class 2** - Table top or serving tray
- Class 3** - Wooden box, (whole box or top only)
- Class 4** - Mosaics on glass (candle holder, vase, etc.)
- Class 5** - Wall Art
 - a) Small picture
 - b) Large picture
 - c) Mirror frame
 - d) Any other wall piece
- Class 6** - Any other mosaic item

SECTION Y - MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTS

- Class 1** - Wet Felting
- Class 2** - Diamond Art

SECTION Z - ANY OTHER CRAFT NOT MENTIONED

NOTE: “Other” means NOT listed in prior entry classes. This section is NOT to be used to bypass the number of entries permitted per exhibitor per class, or to bypass the size restriction for models.

**DIVISION 12-A
CRAFTS**

**For Exhibitors 13 thru 17 years of age
(Please list exhibitor's age on entry card.)
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.**

**DIVISION 12-B
CRAFTS**

**For Exhibitors 7 thru 12 years of age
(Please list exhibitor's age on entry card.)
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.**

**DIVISION 12-C
CRAFTS**

**PEEWEEES - For Exhibitors 6 years of age and under
(Must list exhibitor's age on entry card.)**

**ALL PEEWEEES WILL RECEIVE ONE (1) PARTICIPATION RIBBON FOR
EACH ITEM ENTERED. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE JUDGED!**

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Using your chosen craft method, create a piece that celebrates 85 years of the Middlesex County Fair. One entry per person - so choose your best craft style. Size limit - no larger than 24" x 24". Entries will be judged on creativity, execution, and how well they meet the challenge criteria (Celebrating 85 Years of the Middlesex County Fair). Questions should be directed to the Crafts Chairs.

SECTION A - DECORATED EGGS

SECTION B - FELT & POMPOM CRAFT

SECTION C - PAPER CRAFT

SECTION D - NATURE ART (Seed and Grain, Sand, Shell, etc.)

SECTION E - WOODEN ARTICLES

SECTION F - NOVELTY SCRAP ART/RECYCLED CRAFTS

Class 1 - Scrap art

Class 2 - Recycled crafts (Combining or reusing items and materials which were intended for other uses.)

SECTION G - TOYS

SECTION H - HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

SECTION I - JEWELRY

SECTION J - MODELS

SECTION K - YARN OR STRING ART

SECTION L - ANY OTHER CRAFT NOT MENTIONED

**DIVISION 12-S
CRAFTS**

For exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 13
WOODWORKING AND FURNITURE REFINISHING
E-mail: woodworking@middlesexcountyfair.com

Adults 18 years and over

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.
2. Items made from kits should be identified as such.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Items made using hand tools (Any wooden item made without the use of power tools, that is, in the tradition of woodworking done 85 years ago)

SECTION A - DECORATED/DECORATIVE ITEM
(Item must be made and decorated by exhibitor)

SECTION B - MARQUETRY AND INLAYS

SECTION C - WOODTURNING/LATHE WORK

SECTION D - SCROLLWORK

SECTION E - NOVELTIES

SECTION F - WOODEN TOYS

SECTION G - ANY ITEM MADE WITHOUT THE USE OF POWER TOOLS

SECTION H - BIRD HOUSES AND FEEDERS

SECTION I - SIGNS AND LAWN ORNAMENTS

SECTION J - SMALL USEFUL ARTICLES

SECTION K - LAMPS AND TABLETOP ITEMS

SECTION L - FURNITURE THAT HANGS ON THE WALL

SECTION M - FURNITURE THAT RESTS ON THE FLOOR

SECTION N - HAND CARVING

SECTION O - ANY ITEM REFINISHED BY EXHIBITOR

**DIVISION 13-A
WOODWORKING AND FURNITURE REFINISHING**

**For exhibitors 13 thru 17 years of age
(Please list exhibitor's age on entry card.)**
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

**DIVISION 13-B
WOODWORKING AND FURNITURE REFINISHING**

**For exhibitors 12 years of age and under
(Please list exhibitor's age on entry card.)**
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

**DIVISION 13-S
WOODWORKING AND FURNITURE REFINISHING**

For exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

**DIVISION 14
ART
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RULES FOR ALL ART DIVISIONS (14, 14-A, 14-B, 14-C, 14-S)

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.
2. In the Ceramic and Plaster Section ONLY (Adult, Teen and Children's Sections M and O) sets of Ceramic or Plaster pieces (i.e., multiple objects) will be accepted. The sets MUST be attached or displayed on a sturdy board, platter, stand, etc. of dimensions not to exceed 12 inches by 12 inches.
3. Entries in the Charcoal, Drawing, Calligraphy, Pencil and Graphics sections MUST be covered with plastic or glass. The Fair will not accept the added responsibility of exhibiting unprotected artwork.
4. Artwork larger than 3 feet in any direction must be pre-registered with the Art Chairperson. Please call at least one week before entry day.
5. Be original and creative!! The judges' request: No coloring book pages, tracings, stencils, paint by number kits, copies of photographs or copies of famous artwork.

DIVISION 14
ADULT ART

Adults 18 years and over

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR ADULTS:

1. All pictures must be framed or mounted securely for hanging.
2. Due to high heat and humidity, entries must not rely on masking tape, clear tape, sticky tabs, etc. to support hangers. These items, from experience, cannot hold even light pictures for the duration of the fair. Please do not submit artwork wrapped in plastic wrap. Plastic wrap obscures the work of art and makes it difficult for judges and the viewing public to see the quality of the work. Sculptural and clay pieces do not require covering.
3. Entries that cannot hang securely will not be accepted in the ADULT division.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Create any drawing, painting or ceramic item with a county fair theme.

SECTION A - PAINTINGS WATERCOLORS

Class 1 - Portrait - Human/Animal

Class 2 - Still Life

Class 3 - Landscape/Seascape

Class 4 - Other/Not Listed

SECTION B - PAINTINGS - OIL COLORS

Class 1 - Portrait – Human

Class 2 - Still Life

Class 3 - Landscape

Class 4 - Seascape

Class 5 - Animal

Class 6 - Other/Not Listed

SECTION C - PAINTINGS - ACRYLICS

Class 1 - Portrait - Human

Class 2 - Still Life

Class 3 - Landscape

Class 4 - Seascape

Class 5 - Animal

Class 6 - Other/Not Listed

**SECTION D - MIXED MEDIA - MIX OF TYPES OF PAINT AND/OR
CHARCOAL, PASTELS, etc.**

SECTION E - CHARCOAL

SECTION F - DRAWINGS

Class 1 - Pen and Ink

Class 2 - Felt Markers

Class 3 - Crayon

SECTION G - CALLIGRAPHY

SECTION H - PENCIL

Class 1 - Black & White Portrait (Human/Animal)

Class 2 - Black and White Still Life

Class 3 - Other Black and White

Class 4 - Color

SECTION I - PASTELS

SECTION J - GRAPHICS

*** Broken or damaged items will not be accepted.**

SECTION K - CLAY SCULPTURE AND STONE CARVING

***Broken or damaged items will not be accepted.**

SECTION L - WIRE SCULPTURE

SECTION M - CERAMICS

Class 1 - Commercial Mold - glazed

Class 2 - Commercial Mold - over glazed and special techniques i.e., Mother of Pearl, gold, silver or textured

Class 3 - Commercial Mold - Stained

Class 4 - Commercial Mold - Stained - special techniques

SECTION N - POTTERY

Class 1 - Coil Work

Class 2 - Slab Work

Class 3 - Wheel Work

Class 4 - Pinch Pot

Class 5 - Sculpture

Class 6 - Free Form

Class 7 - Raku Fired

a) Wheel Work

b) Pinch Pot

c) Slab Work

d) Sculpture

e) Any Other Raku Piece

SECTION O - PLASTER WORK

Class 1 - Molded - Painted

Class 2 - Carved or Sculptured

SECTION P - COMPUTER ART

SECTION Q - OTHER ARTWORK

Class 1 - Any other painting/drawing

Class 2 - Any other ceramic or clay work. Please, no porcelain dolls.

Class 3 - Painting on objects (Note: Objects will be judged based on the painting.)

Class 4 - Any other item

Note: "Other" means NOT listed in prior entry classes. This section is NOT to be used to bypass the rule of one entry per exhibitor per class.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR TEENS, CHILDREN, PEEWEES AND SPECIAL

PARTICIPANT ARTWORK:

(Division 14-A, 14-B, 14-C, 14-S)

1. Any artwork done on paper, including items in the Charcoal, Drawing, Calligraphy, Pencil, Graphics, and Pee Wee/Special Participant Painting and Drawing sections MUST be covered with protective plastic.
2. Glass, Plexiglas, or zipper lock plastic bags are suitable, but all artwork in these sections must be protected.
3. The Fair will not accept the added responsibility of exhibiting unprotected artwork.

DIVISION 14-A TEEN ART

For Exhibitors 13 thru 17 years of age

Use same Sections and Classes as Adults. See additional rules for Teens above.

DIVISION 14-B CHILDREN'S ART

For Exhibitors 7 thru 12 years of age

Use same Sections and Classes as Adults. See additional rules for Children above.

DIVISION 14-C PEE-WEE ART

For Exhibitors under 6 years of age and under

Please write the child's age on the entry card. See additional rules for Pee-Wees above.

Only one entry per class per exhibitor, no pairs, no sets

ALL PEEWEES WILL RECEIVE ONE (1) RIBBON OF PARTICIPATION FOR EACH ITEM ENTERED. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE JUDGED!

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Create any drawing, painting or ceramic item with a county fair theme.

SECTION A - ANY PAINTING

Class 1 - Water color or Water-based paint

Class 2 - Oil/Acrylic Paint

Class 3 - Painting done by Finger Painting, Vegetable Printing or using other natural materials.

Class 4 - Painting with Household or Manufactured Objects

Class 5 - Other Paintings

SECTION B - DRAWINGS

Class 1 - Pen

Class 2 - Felt markers

Class 3 - Crayon

Class 4 - Chalk or Pastel

Class 5 - Pencil
Class 6 - Other Drawings

SECTION C - CERAMICS, CLAY, MODELING DOUGH OR PLASTER
(No Sets)

*** Broken or damaged items will NOT be accepted**

Class 1 - Mold - Painted
Class 2 - Handmade/Pottery/Carved
Class 3 - Painting on Objects

DIVISION 14-S
SPECIAL PARTICIPANT ART

For entrants of any age with special developmental needs and abilities
See additional rules for Special Participants above.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Create any drawing, painting or ceramic item with a county fair theme.

SECTION A - ANY PAINTING

Class 1 - Watercolor
Class 2 - Oil/Acrylic
Class 3 - Mixed Media - Painting done with different kinds of paint

SECTION B - DRAWING

Class 1 - Pen or Pencil
Class 2 - Felt Markers
Class 3 - Crayon, Chalk or Pastel

SECTION C - CERAMICS OR PLASTER WORK (No sets)

Class 1 - Mold - Painted
Class 2 - Handmade/Pottery/Carved

*** Broken or damaged items will not be accepted.**

DIVISION 15
PHOTOGRAPHY

Chairperson: Heather - 848-228-3551
E-mail: photography@middlesexcountyfair.com

ADULT AMATEUR DIVISION

Age 18 years and over

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.
2. Only 1 entry per class. You may enter as many different classes as you wish.
3. Prints must be a minimum of 5" x 7" and a maximum of 11" x 14" and must be mounted in or on a matt up to 16" x 20". Panoramas of all sizes are permitted.
4. A plastic covering is required to protect the piece. **PLEASE NO GLASS!** The Fair

- cannot accept the responsibility of exhibiting unprotected work or broken glass.
5. Black and white, color, digital or photo-illustration entries will be judged in one of the following classes: A) Portrait; B) Landscape; C) Still Life; D) Nature (flora); E) Nature (fauna); F) Action.
 6. Section C – Digital – is defined as a photograph taken by a digital camera. No manipulation or modification is permitted except resizing, cropping, selective lightening or darkening and restoration of original color of the scene (i.e., removing red eye.) No special effect filters can be applied. No elements may be moved, cloned, added, deleted, rearranged or combined.
 7. Section D – Photo-Illustration – is defined as a manipulated or modified pictorial image derived from a photographic (digital or analog) original. You must submit an original copy of the photograph, minimum size of 2 ½” x 3 ½” and no larger than 4” x 6”. You may show the photographs side by side, however the matting can be no larger than 16” x 20”. Photographs will be judged on the work done from the original. If you do not submit an original, then the work will NOT be judged and only put on display.
 8. Section E – Digital Illustration – is defined as a manipulated or modified image that Includes photographic and computer generated images.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - A photographic essay depicting life/fun at the fair. The essay must contain between 5 to 10 photographs. It must be displayed on some type of board, such as poster or illustration. Photographs can be any size. The overall display must be no larger than 30 inches by 40 inches. Only one entry per person.

A photo-essay (or photographic essay) is a set or series of photographs that are intended to tell a story or evoke a series of emotions in the viewer. A photo essay will often show pictures in deep emotional stages. Photo essays range from purely photographic works to photographs with captions or small notes to full text essays with a few or many accompanying photographs. Photo essays can be sequential in nature, intended to be viewed in a particular order, or they may consist of non-ordered photographs which may be viewed all at once or in an order chosen by the viewer.

SECTION A – BLACK AND WHITE

Class 1a - Portrait

Class 1b - Portrait (Animal)

Class 2a - Landscape (Natural)

Class 2b - Landscape (Man Made)

Class 3 - Still Life

Class 4 - Nature (Flora)

Class 5 - Nature (Fauna)

Class 6 - Action

SECTION B - COLOR

Class 1a - Portrait

Class 1b - Portrait (Animal)

Class 2a - Landscape (Natural)

Class 2b - Landscape (Man Made)
Class 3 - Still Life
Class 4 - Nature (Flora)
Class 5 - Nature (Fauna)
Class 6 - Action

SECTION C - DIGITAL

Class 1a - Portrait
Class 1b - Portrait (Animal)
Class 2a - Landscape (Natural)
Class 2b - Landscape (Man Made)
Class 3 - Still Life
Class 4 - Nature (Flora)
Class 5 - Nature (Fauna)
Class 6 - Action

SECTION D - PHOTO-ILLUSTRATION

Class 1a - Portrait
Class 1b - Portrait (Animal)
Class 2a - Landscape (Natural)
Class 2b - Landscape (Man Made)
Class 3 - Still Life
Class 4 - Nature (Flora)
Class 5 - Nature (Fauna)
Class 6 - Action

SECTION E - DIGITAL-ILLUSTRATION

DIVISION 15-A YOUTH DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

For Exhibitors 17 years of age and under
Use same Rules, Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 15-S PHOTOGRAPHY

For exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities
Use same Rules, Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 16 SEASONAL/HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Chairperson - Kathy 732-826-3881
E-mail: homearts@middleseccountyfair.com

Adults 18 years and over

RULES:

1. Please read and follow all the important information and rules starting on page 3.
2. This year the theme for this division is Winter which includes holidays such as Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, New Year's, Presidents Day, Valentine's Day, Mardi

- Gras, etc.
3. Items may be made of any material or combination of materials in the same project with the exception of Sections N and O.

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Make any item that reminds you of something you'd see at the fair.

SECTION A - ORNAMENTS

Class 1 - Hanging

Class 2 - Free Standing

SECTION B - PARTY FAVOR

SECTION C - CANDLE/CANDLEHOLDER

SECTION D - CARD

SECTION E - WREATH

SECTION F - MANTEL DECORATION

SECTION G - TABLE DECORATION

SECTION H - WALL DECORATION

SECTION I - FLOOR DECORATION

SECTION J - OUTSIDE DECORATION

SECTION K - LINENS

Class 1 - Table

Class 2 - Kitchen

Class 3 - Bed

Class 4 - Any Other

SECTION L - HOLIDAY OUTFIT

SECTION M - TOY

SECTION N - FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Class 1 - Real

Class 2 - Artificial

SECTION O - PHOTO

Class 1 - Seasonal

Class 2 - Holiday

SECTION P - TREE SKIRT

SECTION Q - STOCKING

SECTION R - ANY OTHER ITEM

DIVISION 16-A SEASONAL/HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

For Exhibitors 17 years of age and under
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 16-S SEASONAL/HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

For exhibitors of any age with special developmental needs and abilities
Use same Sections and Classes as Adults.

DIVISION 17 85TH ANNIVERSARY PENNANT CHALLENGE **Chairperson: Sheila – 848-228-3551** **Co-Chairperson: Kathy – 732-826-3881** **E-mail: crafts@middlesexcountyfair.com**

RULES:

1. Pennants not to exceed 12" x 20".
2. They may be made of any material and any medium used in a division in the building. Be creative!
3. They should be suitable for hanging.
4. If an exception to the rules is necessary, please contact Sheila at 848-228-3551 or Kathy at 732-826-3881.
5. Only one entry per person.
6. The winner of each division will receive a special ribbon.
7. You may donate your pennant to remain on display at future fairs by writing DONATE on your entry form. You do not have to donate your pennant in order to enter.

DIVISION 17-A, SECTION P, CLASS 85 for entrants age 18 and over
DIVISION 17-B, SECTION P, CLASS 85 for entrants age 17 and under

85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

DIVISION 1 - VEGETABLES

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Using vegetables, make an arrangement in the shape of the numbers 85.

DIVISION 2 - FRUIT

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Using fruit, make an arrangement in the shape of the numbers 85.

DIVISION 3 - FLOWERS

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Use your imagination to capture the meaning of the county fair to you.
The use of accessories is permitted along with potted and or cut flowers.

DIVISION 4 - BAKED GOODS

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Celebrate the 85th Anniversary Baked Goods Style!

Share with us your favorite memory, what the fair means to you, what you look forward to at the fair, or how you plan to celebrate this big anniversary in your favorite medium. Use your favorite Butter Cream, Fondant, Sugar, etc. with Cookies or Cakes of any size or on their own to make your creation.

DIVISION 5 - CANNING

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Any canned item using a recipe that is at least 40 years old. Modern canning techniques must be used for processing.

DIVISION 6 - QUILTS

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Help us celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Middlesex County Fair by making one 12" block (unquilted). The block should represent a fair theme, perhaps a special memory of your time at the fair. You may choose any technique to make your block, pieced, applique, embellishments, any combination. Please include a 3" x 5" index card describing your theme and technique used. The block will be judged on both technique and fair theme.

DIVISION 7 - NEEDLEWORK

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - "In honor of the anniversary of the Middlesex County Fair, this special category will include any Needlework technique which would have been used in 1938, and have a subject relating to Middlesex County as it existed in 1938 when the Fair was established. Along with the item submitted there should be a 3"x5" index card with the technique listed and a brief explanation of the choice of subject matter. Items will be judged on both the technique and the subject matter."

DIVISION 8 - KNITTING

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Any knitted item using a vintage pattern or using a style or technique that was first popular in a previous decade.

DIVISION 9 - CROCHET

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Any crocheted item using a vintage pattern or using a style or technique that was first popular in a previous decade.

DIVISION 10 - HANDWORK

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Using one of the techniques listed in Handwork, make any item that showcases something you would see at the fair.

DIVISION 11 - SEWING

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Make any article using a vintage pattern or fabric. You may also use a current pattern as long as it is of a vintage design (ex. 1950's).

DIVISION 12 - CRAFTS

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Using your chosen craft method, create a piece that celebrates 85 years of the Middlesex County Fair. One entry per person - so choose your best craft style. Size limit - no larger than 24" x 24". Entries will be judged on creativity, execution, and how well they meet the challenge criteria (Celebrating 85 Years of the Middlesex County Fair). Questions should be directed to the Crafts Chairs.

DIVISION 13 - WOODWORKING

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Items made using hand tools (Any wooden item made without the use of power tools, that is, in the tradition of woodworking done 85 years ago)

DIVISION 14 - ART

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

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DIVISION 15 - PHOTOGRAPHY

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DIVISION 16 – SEASONAL/HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

SECTION AC - 85th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Class 85 - Make any item that reminds you of something you'd see at the fair.