

Sheridan County Fair Open Class

INFORMATION

July 30th - August 2nd, 2026

Exhibit Hall Open Daily: 9am - 6pm





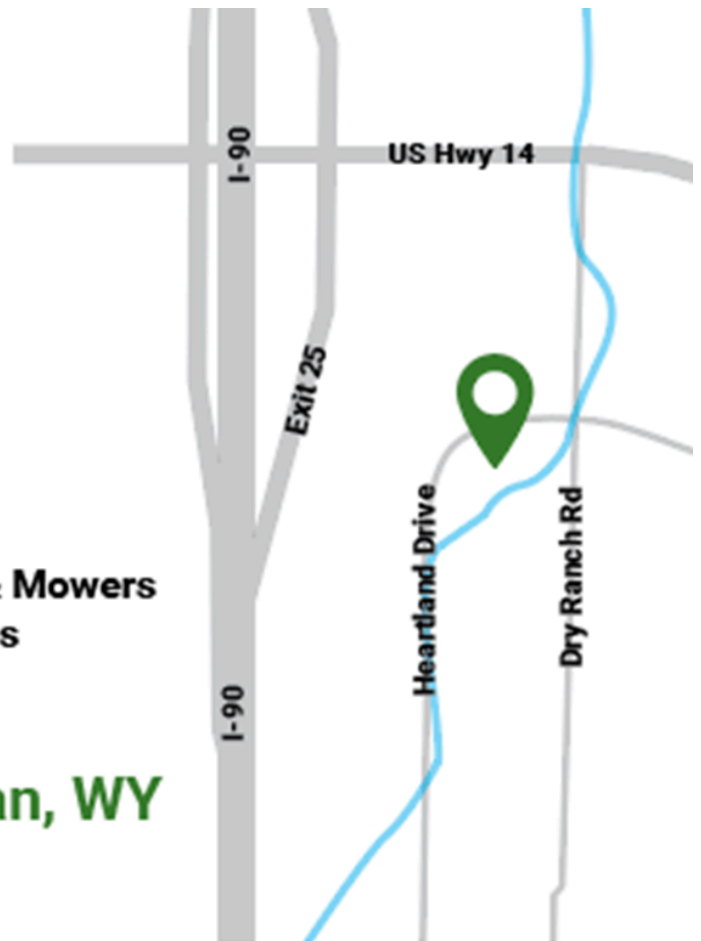
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Open Class Entries - General Rules

CHECK IN - for Departments A-Q will be held July 30th between 8 am and 5:30 pm at the Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall.

PICK UP ENTRIES & PRIZES AFTER FAIR - August 3rd between 8 am and 11 am.

OPEN - to anyone residing in Sheridan County Wyoming; Big Horn, Powder River or Rosebud counties, Montana.

PROFESSIONAL - refers to anyone whose work is produced primarily for the purpose of selling, or who has diploma, certificate or degree, or teaches classes in the related field.

NON-PROFESSIONAL - refers to anyone who has not taught or sold their work AND has had little or no training.

YOUTH - Youth A refers to ages 12-18, Youth B refers to ages 11 and under.

NO ENTRY FEES - for open class entries.

EXHIBITORS - are limited to **five items per division to be judged**. Additional items may be entered for display only. **All preserved culinary items** must have been made within the **last year**. All other entries must have been made within the **last two years**.

EXHIBITORS - are responsible for getting their entries to the Sheridan County Fair.

ENTRY TAGS - are available at Check-In. Each exhibit must have a separate entry tag completely filled out and attached to each entry. (Suggestion - you may use return address labels that include your name and address).

ENTRY DISPLAY - entries will be displayed by Department during the Sheridan County Fair.

JUDGING - begins at 6 pm on Check-In Day, July 30th. No exhibitors or spectators are allowed in the Exhibit Hall during judging. Judge's decision is final.

Who Gets the Blue Ribbon?

What is the Group Method: The Group Method is a method of evaluating entries or exhibits in a particular class or contest according to the standards developed for that class or contest. The entries, exhibits or contestants are evaluated and arranged into groups for recognition of their achievement based upon how close the exhibit meets the pre-established standards.

How do you use the Group Method: After evaluation of each item in the class, the entire class may be subdivided into four groups according to their own merit. All exhibits in this approach are judged in comparison with a standard as opposed to comparison with other exhibits in a class. The standard for each exhibit is established by the characteristics of the "ideal" product in each category.



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The Groupings:

Excellent or Blue: A blue is give to those entries that most nearly meet the standards established for the particular class or level of performance. Excellent does not indicate perfection, but is a wide grouping indicating a high degree of achievement toward the elements in the standards for the exhibit. There is no monetary value for this award.

Good or Red: The second or red grouping indicates those exhibits that rank good in relation to the particular standards or expected achievement of the class or contest. Either the general level of the accomplishment is less than excellent or enough specific shortcomings are found to cause the placing to drop from excellent to good. There is no monetary value for this award.

Fair or White: The white grouping contains those exhibits that upon evaluation are found lacking and rate only average, acceptable, or satisfactory rating for the standards established. There is no monetary value for this award.

No Award or No Ribbon: May be given if an exhibit does not meet the level of achievement which can be reasonably expected in relation to the specific class or performance in which they are entered. Damaged, soiled, odors, or excessive pet hair may not be judged at the discretion of the super attendant and or judge.

Rosettes

Each department will award one set of rosettes per exhibitor class, unless otherwise stated in the department description and rules. Exhibitor classes include Professional, Adult, Youth A and Youth B.

Professionals may be awarded a rosette, but will not be eligible for the corresponding cash prize. Non-Professionals & Youth will receive a rosette and the corresponding cash prize.

Rosettes and cash prizes per exhibitor class are as follows:

1st Place - Purple Rosette

2nd Place - Blue Rosette

3rd Place - Red Rosette



Adult 19+	Youth A 12-18	Youth B 11 & Under
1 st : \$50	1 st : \$30	1 st : \$20
2 nd : \$35	2 nd : \$20	2 nd : \$15
3 rd : \$15	3 rd : \$10	3 rd : \$10



**Not responsible for lost
or stolen items!**



OPEN CLASS

Department A - Arts

Articles will be judged on quality work, compliance with good art principles.

Divisions:

- Oil & Acrylic Painting
- Water Colors
- Pastel, Charcoal, Crayon, Pencil
- Pen & Ink, Scratch Board
- Any Other Media



Department B - Photography

Pictures and photographs must be properly framed and/or matted and ready to hang with secure fixtures. Photographs must be at least 8"X10".

Articles will be judged on quality work, compliance with good photography principles.

Divisions:

- Color
- Black & White

Department C - Crafts

Divisions:

- Beadwork
- Sculpture & Pottery
- Ceramics
- Fiber Arts
- Dolls
- Print Making
- Fabric Painting
- Bear Dressing
- Miscellaneous



Department D - Shop

Divisions:

- Carving
- Woodwork
- Metal
- Leathercraft



Department E - Quilting

Definitions:

Quilt - should be constructed from fabric with a top piece and a back piece with batting between the fabrics and it must be quilted and bound.

Mixed Media - is the combination of two or more techniques (example: applique and pieced work or a combination of applique, beadwork, embroider (machine or hand), and pieced work, etc.)

Divisions:

- **Comforter**
- **Quilts**
 1. Hand Pieced, Hand Quilted
 2. Hand Pieced, Machine Quilted
 3. Machine Pieced, Hand Quilted
 4. Machine Pieced, Machine Quilted
 5. Applique - Hand or Machine, Hand Quilted
 6. Applique - Hand or Machine, Machine Quilted
 7. Machine - Embroidered Quilt
 8. Mixed Media, Hand Quilted
 9. Mixed Media, Machine Quilted
 10. Group Quilt
 11. Wall Hanging, 2' x 2' & Greater
 12. Wall Hanging, Miniature, 2' x 2' & Less
 13. Wall Hanging, Seasonal
 14. *Art Quilt, Small - Length & Width 40" or Less
 15. *Art Quilt, Large - Length & Width 41" or Greater, Any Style or Technique
 16. Any Wool Quilted
 17. Any Other
- **Other Quilted Items**

Quilt Dimensions:

Crib/Baby: Up to 30" x 54"

Lap/Throw: Up to 31" x 55"

Twin/Full/Double: Up to 65" x 95"

Queen/King: 86" x 106" and Up

*Art quilts that do not follow customary lines or designs, form or function. They can contain multiple techniques and textures, basically the sky is the limit.

Department F - Knit/Crochet

Divisions:

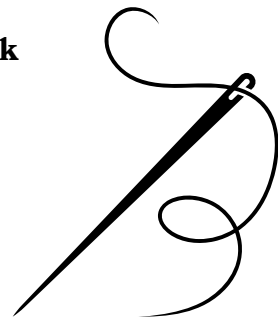
- **Crocheted Items**
- **Crocheted Clothes**
- **Hand Knitted Items**
- **Hand Knit Clothing**
- **Machine Knit Items**



Department G - Needlework

Divisions:

- **Clothing/Sewing**
- **Needlepoint Items**
- **Machine Appliqued Items**
- **Counted Cross Stitch**
- **Crewel & Hand Embroidered**
- **Hand Appliqued Items**
- **Miscellaneous Needlework**



Department H - Culinary - Preserved

- **READ ALL CULINARY CLASS GENERAL RULES CAREFULLY**

- Please note any jar may be opened by the judge.
- Only articles, which are the product of the exhibitors “home kitchen” are eligible and must have been prepared since last year’s fair.
- Canned fruits, meats and vegetables must be sealed in uniform and standard canning glass jars. (Standard Ball and Mason Jars). You must include your recipes.
- All jellies must be in standard jelly glasses and should be water bathed. (Standard Ball and Mason canning jars.)
- Food should be exhibited on paper plates with clear covering or in sealed plastic bags.
- **No commercially prepared mixes allowed.**

All Canned fruits, vegetables, meats and pickle products must follow the 2015 Updated US Department of Agriculture (USDA) “Complete Guide to Home Canning” guidelines.

Click [HERE](#) or visit: <https://nchfp.uga.edu/resources/category/usda-guide>

ALL CANNED GOODS MUST BE LABELED WITH THE NAME OF THE PRODUCT, PROCESSING METHOD, AND TIME PROCESSED.

MUST BE ADJUSTED FOR SHERIDAN ALTITUDE: 4,150 FT, CANNED TO 6,000 FT.

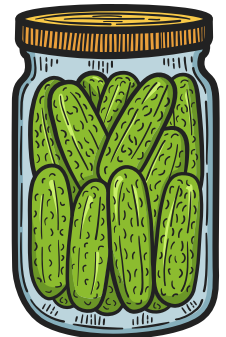
Divisions:

- Liquids
- Jelly
- Syrup
- Preserves
- Jam
- Marmalade
- Butter
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meat
- Pickles
- Relishes
- Sauces



• Other - Examples:

- Cheese
- Salami
- Popcorn Balls
- Dried Fruit
- Dried Vegetables
- Fruit Leather
- Jerky
- Hard Cheese
- Honey
- Pepper Relish
- Dried Herbs
- Vanilla
- Any Other





Department I - Culinary - Fresh

- Only articles, which are the product of the exhibitors “home kitchen” are eligible
- Food should be exhibited on paper plates with clear covering or in sealed plastic bags.
- **No commercially prepared mixes allowed.**

Divisions:

- **Yeast Bread**
- **Quick Bread**
- **Cakes**
- **Cookies**
- **Candy**



Department J - Adult Beverages

Please note this department is for ADULT ENTRY ONLY.

Divisions:

- **Wine**
- **Beer**
- **Seltzer (Alcoholic)**
- **Cider (Alcoholic)**



CULINARY FRESH /ADULT BEV.

Department K - Floriculture (Adult & Professional Only)

! DEPARTMENT K WILL PAY OUT BY DIVISION !

All floriculture exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor in order to qualify, except for material in the arrangement division, which need not be grown by the exhibitor.

READ ALL FLORICULTURE CLASS GENERAL RULES CAREFULLY

1. Exhibitor must be able to identify flowers being entered.
2. Each entry must be of a different nature.
3. After judging is done, exhibitors may replace wilted flowers if they wish.
4. No exhibits may be removed until the show closes.
5. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE INSECT FREE

DIVISION 1 — INDOOR POTTED PLANTS

All plants must be identified on the entry tag. NO LEAF DRESSING - potted plants must be traditional house plants.

DIVISION 2 — CUT FLOWERS

Entries must not have more than 3 stems or spikes, or more than 1 spray. When placing flowers in container see that no foliage is in water. **Grasses are not eligible.** Use the appropriate size glass container for your exhibit. A portion of the stem should be visible above the top of the container.

DIVISION 3 — FLORAL ARRANGEMENT OR DESIGN

Accessories may be used with all arrangements. No artificial flowers or foliage may be used.

Definitions:

Stem: Any main or lateral axis of a plant, which develops from a bud, possesses and buds at the nodes.

Spikes: A lengthened flower cluster in which the flowers are practically stemless nodes and internodes that bare leaves.

Spray: One main stem with side branches with blooms on all sides.

For floriculture division examples, please see the posted floriculture pages on our website, or click here: [**FLORICULTURE**](#)



Department L - Vegetables & Fruit (Adult & Professional Only)

READ ALL VEGETABLE & FRUIT CLASS GENERAL RULES CAREFULLY

1. Uniformity is the key to success in exhibiting size, shape, color, etc.
2. Specimens must be clean and free of insect, disease, weather and mechanical damage.
3. Specimens must be clean, not scrubbed. Rinse with water.
4. Keep stems on entries; may be stored in a sealed plastic bag or displayed on a paper plate.

Quantities for Display:

- Large fruits & vegetables - 1
Ex: Lettuce, Eggplant
- Medium fruits & vegetables - 3
Ex: Apples, Peppers
- Small Vegetables - 8
Ex: Beans, Peas
- Berries - 12
Ex: Strawberries, Currants

Exhibitors may enter a mixed plate of 5 different fruits or vegetables. Exhibitors may enter both a fruit plate and a vegetable plate.

For fruit and vegetable size reference, please see the posted [Fruit & Vegetable](#) reference guide. Posted list is not a complete list of possible entries.

Department M - Herbs (Adult & Professional Only)

Multiple varieties per type permitted. Each variety must be displayed separately. Please exhibit herbs in small glass containers with water.

All herbs should be displayed as 1 bunch, or 3 stems for Dill.



Children's Gardens - Youth A & B ONLY (18 & Under)

Department N -- Children's Flower Garden

Please see Department K Rules - Youth will follow the same rules.
Youth may buy flowers for arrangement ONLY.

Types

1. Bouquet
2. Cut Flowers
3. Arrangement
4. Potted Plant
5. Fairy Garden



Department O - Children's Fruit & Vegetable Garden

Please see Department L Rules - Youth will follow the same rules.

Quantities for Display:

- Large fruits & vegetables - 1
Ex: Lettuce, Eggplant
- Medium fruits & vegetables - 3
Ex: Apples, Peppers
- Small Vegetables - 8
Ex: Beans, Peas
- Berries - 12
Ex: Strawberries, Currants

Exhibitors may enter a mixed plate of 5 different fruits or vegetables. Exhibitors may enter both a fruit plate and a vegetable plate.

For fruit and vegetable size reference, please see the posted [Fruit & Vegetable](#) size examples. Posted list is not a complete list of possible entries.



Department P - Children's Herb Garden

Multiple varieties per type permitted. Each variety must be displayed separately.
Please exhibit herbs in small glass containers with water.

All herbs should be displayed as 1 bunch, or 3 stems for Dill.



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Department Q - America's 250th Celebration

In honor of America's 250th birthday, we proudly introduce a special department celebrating the spirit, history, and pride of our nation. This open category invites exhibitors of all ages and talents to showcase what America means to them.

Entries may include (but are not limited to) art, culinary creations, quilting, crafts, and more –anything that captures a patriotic theme or reflects the American experience. Let your creativity shine as you interpret the colors, culture, traditions, and stories that make our country unique.

Please note: entries in this department may not be entered in any other department. Aside from that, the only requirement is that each entry clearly represents a patriotic or American-inspired theme.

Celebrate, create, and be part of this historic celebration!

Department R - Pie

Pie Crust Recipe Must Be Included

Entries Accepted: August 2nd, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Refrigerator will be available.

Location: Exhibit Hall Kitchen

Judging: Will start at 11:30 am. No entries will be accepted after judging starts.

Judging Criteria: Overall Appearance, Crust, Flavor, Filling

Rules:

1. Contest open to people of all ages.
2. **NON-PROFESSIONALS ONLY**
3. Entrant must bake pie.
4. Pies will be released at 2 pm on the day of the contest.
5. No pre-made or mixes will be allowed.
6. Piecrust must be homemade by the exhibitor and include the recipe. ***Recipe will be seen by Superintendent & Judge only***
7. Fruit and cream/custard pies eligible (refrigeration available).



Contestants are encouraged to enter a pie and bring a duplicate pie to be auctioned before the tasting. After the pies are judged, they will be released for a tasting. Tasting will occur immediately after the auction.

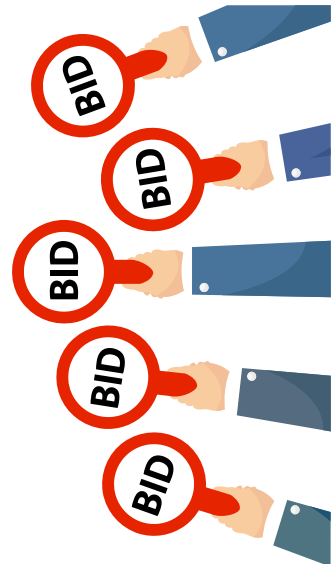
Auction details on page 14.

OPEN CLASS AUCTION

The auction will begin at 11:45 am on Sunday, August 2nd while pies are being judged. The auction is open to duplicate pies from the pie contest, and other exhibited items. Duplicate culinary items are permitted. All items eligible for auction are at the discretion of department superintendents.

Exhibited items for auction will be marked when entries are dropped off on Thursday, July 30th from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. Duplicate culinary items can be delivered on Sunday during Pie Entries from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO BACK TO OPEN CLASS TO FUND OPEN CLASS PREMIUMS AND PROJECTS. The goal of the auction is to support the work of the exhibitors while supporting the Sheridan County Fair Open Class.



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