

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Leon County Home & Garden Fair 2011

## General Rules

1. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Leon County Home and Garden Fair is open to all residents of Leon County and those who go to school in Leon County. All exhibits must be the work of the contestant.

2. This fair is established for participation by amateurs, not professional or commercial exhibitors being defined as sole support derived from sale of item(s).

3. All entries EXCEPT PHOTOGRAPHY are to be brought to the Fellowship Hall of the Centerville First United Methodist Church July 3, 2011, between 1:00 p.m. and 4 PM. All items, excepting photography, will be judged beginning at 1:00 PM that day. Photography may be entered anytime through June 30th (8 AM – 5 PM) at the Leon County Texas AgriLife Extension Office located in the Annex I on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in Centerville.

**4. Entry fees are \$1.00 per item per adult and \$.50 per item per youth except for photography. Photography entries will be \$5.00 per entry for youth and adults. This fee will cover mounting materials.**

5. All entries must be left on display until check-out time on July 4, 2011, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

6. Entries will be placed in appropriate division and class by the committee members and their decisions are final.

7. The Home and Garden Fair committee has the right to combine, create, or sub-divide classes if deemed necessary.

8. All articles that are soiled or unfit for exhibition will **NOT BE ACCEPTED** for display.

9. Awarding of ribbons shall be left to the discretion of the judges, with the decision based on the worthiness of the entry.

10. Participants may **NOT** enter MORE THAN ONE article in each class with an exception in food preservation and fresh fruits and vegetables.

11. All entries must be picked up during the times

stated in rule #5. The committee will not be responsible for items not picked up at the times stated above.

12. All youth participants will be required to write a "thank you" note to the buyer of their entry before receiving any auction monies.

13. Exhibits will be watched. Every precaution will be taken to protect all exhibits, but in no case will the Home and Garden Fair Committee be held responsible for loss, damage, theft, breakage and/or others forms of loss or damage. This includes all items left at the designated building during and immediately following the Fair.

14. Baked Goods and Fresh Fruits and Vegetables will be sold by silent auction on July 4, 2011; from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Proceeds of youth entries will be returned to youth. Proceeds of adult entries will benefit the Home and Garden Fair to defray costs and the FCS Program Fund to provide other educational programs. All items will be sold unless otherwise indicated on entry forms.

15. All items will be judged with a Blue, Red, or White Award designated with a ribbon. Best of class will receive a special ribbon. Best of Division will be chosen from all Best of Class awards in each division and will receive a rosette.

16. All items should have been made within the past year.

**17. The County Extension Agent will have the final say regarding acceptance of all entries.**

## Judging Categories

**Pee Wee Division.....Ages 7 and under**  
**Junior Division.....Ages 8-10**  
**Intermediate Division.....Ages 11-13**  
**Senior Division.....Ages 14-18**  
**Adult Division.....Ages 19 and up**  
**Exceptional Citizens - Classes will be created in all divisions as needed.**

## DIVISION GUIDELINES & RULES

### DIVISION I – SEWING

Class 1.....Casual  
Class 2 .....Dressy  
Class 3.....Costumes  
Class 4..... Home Decor  
Class 5..... Purses & Accessories  
Class 6..... Miscellaneous  
(Aprons, pillows, doll clothes, etc.)

1. Fabric and pattern information must be attached to the item. The contestant's **NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER** should be securely attached.
2. All entries should be well pressed and clean.
3. Clothing must be on a hanger.

## DIVISION II – PHOTOGRAPHY

### **Entry categories are:**

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| 1. People             | 8. Details & Macro    |
| 2. Animals-Wildlife   | 9. Digital Darkroom   |
| 3. Animals-Domestic   | 10. Theme *Clover     |
| 4. Marine-Aquatic     | 11. Night Photography |
|                       | 12. Food              |
| 5. Elements of Design | 13. Dominant Color    |
| 6. Nature & Landscape | 14. Catch All         |
| 7. Plant/Flora        | 15. Patriotic         |

1. Contestants may enter as many categories as they wish, **HOWEVER**, they may submit **ONLY ONE** photo per category.
2. Entries may be color or black and white, and **MUST** be submitted in 8"x10" size. See Rule 5 for matting instructions. Photos must have been taken within the past year.
3. Entries must have **NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER** displayed on back of photo.
4. All photography entries will be mounted upon entry.
5. **Mounting of Photographs:** All prints must be permanently mounted on photo mount board, 8 inches by 10 inches suitable for hanging without an additional frame. Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or thin poster board is not acceptable. (Use dry mounting if possible.) Matting (of any kind) is not allowed.
6. Classes 1-14 are State 4-H Classes and 4-H entries to advance to District Competition will be judged from these. All 4-H entries will adhere to 4-H guidelines. Please call 903-536-2531 for these guidelines.
7. Please go to <http://leon-tx.tamu.edu/> for a description of all categories.

## DIVISION III - ART

- Class 1.....Drawings in Charcoal, Pen & Ink, Pencil
- Class 2.....Paintings in Oils & Acrylics
- Class 3.....Paintings in Pastels & Water Colors
- Class 4.....Elementary Art - Age 4-12
- Class 5.....Folk Art
- Class 6.....Graphic Art
- Class 7.....Miscellaneous

### CLASS 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7

1. A contestant may have **ONLY ONE** entry per class. All entries should be completed in the past year and not previously shown in this fair.
2. Creativity and originality will be stressed in judging.

### CLASS 4

1. A contestant may have only one entry per class. Entries do not have to be matted or framed.
2. The following art mediums will be accepted: Finger Paints, Chalk, Water Colors, Pencils, Crayons, Magic Markers, Tempera Paints, Oils/Acrylics, & Colored Pencils.
3. Pictures do not have to be matted or framed. Please use standard size manilla or construction paper to mount smaller items.
4. The entrants **NAME, ADDRESS, AGE AND PHONE NUMBER** should be on the back of the art.

## DIVISION IV - BAKED GOODS

- Class 1.....Yeast Breads -2 loaves
- Class 2.....Quick Breads - 2 loaves
- Class 3.....Cookies - 13
- Class 4.....Brownies & Bar Cookies - 13
- Class 5.....Cakes, Iced - 1 cake
- Class 6.....Cakes, Not Iced or Glazed - 1 cake
- Class 7.....Decorated Cakes - 1 cake
- Class 8.....Candies - 13
- Class.....Creative Baked Goods from Mixes -  
1 item or 13 small
- Class 10.....Pies - 1 pie or 13 small
- Class 11.....Miscellaneous  
1 item or 13 small

1. All entries must be made from scratch, except Class 9. Decorated cakes will be judged on entire cake, not just decorations.
2. All work must be done by the exhibitor.
3. All entries **must** be in/on a disposable dish or thin board or paper plate and wrapped securely

with plastic wrap for display. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED COVERED IN FOIL.** Items entered in non-disposable dishes will **not** be accepted under any circumstances.

4. All entries must be clearly labeled with the **NAME OF THE PRODUCT, THE ENTRANT'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER on the bottom of the plate.**

5. A copy of the recipe **MUST** accompany the entry.

6. For food safety purposes, **NO** item requiring refrigeration will be accepted. This includes **ALL** cheesecakes, custards, meat pies, etc. Do not bring toppings that require refrigeration.

7. Use of bread machines is allowed in classes 1 and 2.

#### **DIVISION V - FOOD PRESERVATION**

- Class 1 .....Fruits
- Class 2.....Tomatoes
- Class 3.....Vegetables
- Class 4.....Jellies
- Class 5.....Preserves, Jams & Butters
- Class 6.....Sweet-type Pickles
- Class 7.....Sour & Dill Pickles
- Class 8.....Other Pickles (Peach, Beet, Onion, Okra, Pepper, etc.)
- Class 9.....Sauces & Relishes (Picante, Corn, Tomato, Pepper, Chili Sauce, etc.)
- Class 10.....Miscellaneous (Dehydrated Items, Honey, Meat, Soup, Etc.,)

#### **GENERAL JUDGING GUIDELINES**

1. All containers should be standard canning jars. **Mayonnaise jars, etc. WILL NOT be accepted. Rings and rims must be LEFT ON JARS.** Jars with rusted rings **WILL NOT be accepted.** Pectin may be used in jellies, jams and preserves.
2. Entrants may have a **limit of one** entry of each variety or flavor per class. (Limit 3 varieties or flavors.)
3. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must have been processed in the last year (since June, 2007).
4. All entries **MUST** be heat processed following current canning guidelines in Ball Blue Book or USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.
5. All jars must be labeled with **NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER, NAME OF PRODUCT,**

#### **DATE OF PREPARATION, PROCESSING METHOD, AND PROCESSING TIME.**

6. All jars are subject to be opened by the judges.
7. Damaged or improperly sealed jars will be disqualified.

#### **DIVISION VI - NEEDLEWORK & CRAFTS**

- Class 1.....Crochet & Knitted Bedspreads & Afghans
- Class 2.....Crochet & Knitted Items
- Class 3.....Quilted Items
- Class 4.....Decorated Clothing
- Class 5.....Pillows
- Class 6.....Needlework
- Class 7.....Holiday Accessories
- Class 8.....Wreaths & Arranged Flowers
- Class 9.....Toys
- Class 10..... Woodworking
- Class 11.....Ceramics
- Class 12..... Miscellaneous
- Class 13.....Scrapbooks

1. Articles may be exhibited only by the maker or producer.
2. Entries must be clearly labeled with **NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER** of the exhibitor.
3. Each exhibitor may enter **ONLY ONE** item per class.
4. Two BEST of DIVISION winners will be chosen - ONE for Needlework (Classes 1-6) and ONE for Crafts (Classes 7-12).

#### **DIVISION VII - QUILTS**

- Class 1(6).....Appliqué
- Class 2(7).....Piecework
- Class 3(8)..... Pictorial (theme quilt)
- Class 4(9).....Wall Hanging
- Class 5(10).....Mixed Media (includes any technique NOT covered in other categories).
- Classes 1-5 Hand Quilted
- Classes 6-10 Machine Quilted

1. Quilts of any size will be judged for the Leon County Home and Garden Fair.
2. Quilts from kits, machine stitched or handmade will be accepted for Leon County Home and Garden Fair.
3. Quilts will **NOT** be accepted unless prepared with a sleeve or casing for hanging. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** This will prevent any damage to

the entry. Casing must be 4" wide x the length of the quilt. Casing instructions are available at the Leon County Extension Office.

4. Only colorfast fabrics that have been preshrunk are to be used in the quilts entered in the contest.
5. Quilts entered must be constructed within the past two years.
6. Quilt may be made either by any individual or by a group of quilters.
7. Quilts may NOT be entered in this contest more than one time.
8. Maximum size permitted: 108" x 108". Smaller quilts or wall hanging will be accepted.
9. Quilts must be clean and in good condition.

### **DIVISION VIII - HORTICULTURE**

- Class 1..... Hanging Basket Foliage
- Class 2.....Hanging Basket in Bloom
- Class 3.....Potted Foliage Plants
- Class 4.....Potted Plants in Bloom
- Class 5.....Potted Herbs

1. Plants must be insect free.
2. Plants must have been owned and raised by exhibitor for at least 6 weeks or longer before entry show date.
3. Pots should not exceed a 16-inch diameter.
4. All entries are entered at owner's risk. Normal care will be exercised in caring for all entries.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for getting own plants in and out of building.
6. Pots must have saucers.

### **DIVISION IX -FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

1. Fruits and vegetables must be insect free.
2. Fruits and vegetables must have grown by exhibitor for at least 6 weeks or longer before entry show date.
3. Pots or baskets should not exceed a 16-inch diameter.
4. Vegetables shown in bunches should be tied with string or twine.

5. The general appearance of the entries including freshness will be the basis for judging.

### **VEGETABLES**

Classes: (A bunch = 4)

- Class 1.....Beans - 12 pods
- Class 2.....Beets - 1 bunch
- Class 3..... Carrots - 1 bunch
- Class 4.....Corn - 3 ears with shuck in
- Class 5.....Cucumber (pickling) - 3
- Class 6.....Cucumber (slicing) - 3
- Class 7.....Eggplant - 1
- Class 8.....Okra - 12 pods
- Class 9.....Onion - 1
- Class 10.....Peas - 12 pods
- Class 11.....Pepper - 3
- Class 12.....Potatoes - 4
- Class 13.....Radishes - 1 bunch
- Class 14.....Squash - 3
- Class 15...Tomato - 10 (cluster, grape, or cherry type)
- Class 16.....Tomato (slicing) - 3
- Class 17.....Turnips - 1 bunch
- Class 18.....Leafy Vegetables - bunch
- Class 19.....Others
- Class 20.....Mixed Vegetable Basket

### **FRUITS**

Classes: (A bunch = 4)

- Class 21.....Berries - pint
- Class 22.....Melons - 1
- Class 23.....Pitted Fruits - 1 bunch
- Class 24.....Other Fruit - 1 bunch
- Class 25.....Mixed Fruit Basket

### **DIVISION X- RECYCLED**

There is only one class in this division. Items in the recycled division must be made from recycled materials.

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