

## **Youth and Junior Youth Needlework**

- Two entries allowed per class number – entries must be different.
- Read all the rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All needle work exhibits will be evaluated by the judges.
- Youth will not talk to the judges during the evaluation.
- Any article which has been entered in the needlework department in a previous year is not eligible to enter again.

Entries in this department must have been completed since last year's fair.

- All articles entered for premiums in this department must have been made by the exhibitor.
- Articles stained or soiled will be disqualified.
- Articles not properly hanging will be disqualified.
- All wall hangings must be ready for hanging.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their entries.
- In the sewing section all clothing items must be on hangers.
- Only one entry per class number, except youth crocheting, youth needlework, youth knitting, youth sewing and youth quilting are allowed to have two per class number.
- Names are not allowed on projects or they will be disqualified.

**Judging Criteria: Color harmony, workmanship, neatness, appearance, and suitability of materials used.**

## **Youth and Junior Youth Culinary Arts (Foods)**

- Read all the rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All culinary arts (foods) will be evaluated by judges.
- All entries in the culinary arts (foods) department must have been made by the exhibitor
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their entries.
- Cookies must be on a plastic or Styrofoam plate and in a one-quart zip lock baggie.
- Canned good entries must have been processed since last year's fair.

- Jars may be opened at the judge's discretion.
- All jelly and jams must be sealed with lid and ring, no wax.
- Each jar must be labeled.
- Only one entry per class number.
- Labeling for canning – The following information should be used in labeling each entry in this section (Contents, Date Canned and How Processed). Label to be put on the top of each lid.

**Judging Criteria: Appearance, shape, texture, flavor, moisture, aroma, and knowledge of the exhibitor as to the preparation, baking/cooking of the item.**

**Judging Criteria For Youth Canning: Appearance, pack, contents, label and knowledge of the exhibitor as to the preparation, and canning process.**

## **Youth and Junior Youth Fine Arts**

**General Rules for the following: Ceramics, crafts, scrap booking, rubber stamping, woodworking, painting, sketching, creative writing, and sculpture.**

- Read all the rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All fine arts will be evaluated by judges.
- All entries in the fine arts department must have been made by the exhibitor.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their entries.
- Any article which has been entered in the fine arts department in previous years is not eligible to enter again.
- Entries must have been completed since last year's fair.
- Articles stained or soiled will be disqualified.
- All wall hanging must be ready for hanging.
- Projects with grades and comments visible will be disqualified.
- Names are not allowed on projects or they will be disqualified.
- All projects must be created from scratch and be original work, NO packaged kits.
- Only one item per class number except for: youth ceramics, youth crafts, scrubs and soap making, youth painting, youth sketching, youth sculpting and youth creative writing are allowed to have two entries per class number.

- Youth painting: acrylic paintings of buildings, animals, people and oil paintings of buildings and animals must be mounted on foam core poster board if done on paper.
- Youth sketching: pencil and colored pencil, marker, charcoal, pastel, pencil, colored pencil, pencil and ink, ink, crayon, sketch/traced, mixed media and any other sketch not listed must be mounted on foam core poster board if done on paper.
- Youth creative writing: news items, poem-collection of 3, script, short story, speech, historical barns of Otsego County, and any other creative writing not listed must be in a folder.
- Junior Youth Painting (5-8 year olds): Any painting must be mounted on foam core poster board if done on paper.
- Junior Youth Sketching (5-8 year olds): Any sketching must be mounted on foam core poster board if done on paper.
- Junior Youth Creative Writing (5-8 year olds): Any creative writing must be mounted on foam core poster board if done on paper.

**Judging Criteria for ceramics, crafts, painting, sketching, creative writing and sculpture: workmanship, creativity, neatness, appearance and appropriate materials used.**

**Judging Criteria For Youth Woodworking: quality, general appearance, neatness, finish and construction.**

### **Youth and Junior Youth Photography**

- Read all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All photography will be evaluated by the judges.
- Exhibitors need (1) picture 5x7 or 8x10, per class number, mounted on foam core poster board 11"x14" cut neatly.
- No rolled tape to fix the pictures to the foam core poster board,
- Choose either black and white or color photos for each class.
- Entry tags shall be displayed on the upper right-hand corner of the display, tape string to the back of the photo and flip over so the ribbon can be attached and not disrupt the view of other entries. String will be available.
- All entries in the photography department must have been taken by the exhibitor.

- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Any article which has been entered in a previous year is not eligible to enter again.
- Entries must have been taken since last year's fair.
- Articles stained or soiled will be disqualified.
- Names are not allowed on projects or they will be disqualified.
- Absolutely no stickers and writing on pictures of mounting board or it will be disqualified.
- No scrap books entered in this department.
- Only one entry will be accepted per class number, except: birds, wild animals, farm animals, domestic animals, insects, reptiles, sunrise/sunset, human sports, animal sports, plants, trees, flowers, water scene, snow scene, land scene, night scene, building/structure, portrait, rural life, city life, holiday celebration, Otsego County Fair, historic barns of Otsego County, mixed media, sequence of 3-5 photos that tell a story (numbered as to order and all photos must be the same size and mounted on an 11"x14" foam core poster board), any other black and white not listed, any other color not listed, and amphibian is allowed to have two entries per class number.
- Photos brought in on a regular poster board will be disqualified.

### **Youth Antiques**

- Read all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All antiques will be evaluated by judges.
- Exhibits must be 50 years old or older.
- Articles must be clearly identified as to what they are.
- No article if previously shown can be entered again for 3 years.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their entries.
- Only one items per class number.

**Judging Criteria: Appearance, quality of display and educational information presented.**

### **Youth Agriculture**

- Read all the rules governing the Otsego County Fair.

- All grains and grasses will be evaluated by the judges.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing their entry tags securely on their entries.
- Grain entries must be displayed in clean quart glass jars with lid and ring.
- Grass entries must be displayed in bundles of 10 pounds or more.
- Only one item per class.

### **Youth and Junior Youth Floriculture**

- Read all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All floriculture will be evaluated by the judges.
- Exhibits in this department must be grown by the exhibitor.
- Exhibitor must provide a vase for their exhibit.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing their entry tags securely on their entries.
- Single flower means one blossom, no buds.
- Only one item per class number.

**Judging Criteria For Cut Flowers: Form, color, substance, stem and foliage size.**

**Judging Criteria For Potted Plants: Color, condition, stem, foliage size and knowledge of exhibit.**

### **Youth and Junior Youth Horticulture**

- Read all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All horticulture will be evaluated by the judges.
- All entries in this department must have been grown by the exhibitor.
- Vegetables can be displayed on a plastic or Styrofoam plate.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing their entry tags securely on their entries.
- Only one item per class number.
- For more gardening projects see Youth Educational Gardening.

**Judging Criteria: Judges will look for the following: freedom from roughness, trueness to type, freshness, cleanliness, trimming, size, shape, color, and maturity.**

### **Youth, Junior Youth and Special Education Educational Projects**

- Read all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All educational projects will be evaluated by the judges.
- Any article that has been entered in a previous year is not eligible to enter again.
- Entries in the educational department must have been completed since last year's fair.
- All entries must have been made by the exhibitor.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing their entry tags securely on their entries.
- Articles stained or soiled will be disqualified.
- Exhibits in this department must be of the educational nature.
- Names are not allowed on the projects or they will be disqualified.
- Projects with grade, names or comments visible will be disqualified.
- Posters must be done on foam core poster board.
- Displays can be any size.
- Only one project per class number.
- All educational exhibits in conservation, recycling and natural resources must consist of scrapbook with pictures and a written report of activities or a display of articles.
- All educational exhibits in leisure recreation must consist of a scrapbook with pictures and a written report of activities or a display of articles.
- All exhibits in educational safety must consist of a notebook and a display of pictures.
- All educational exhibits listed in educational animal must consist of a notebook and a display of pictures on a poster.

**Judging Criteria: Will be based on creativity, neatness, appropriateness of materials used, appearance and workmanship.**

## **Youth Educational Miscellaneous**

- Follow the youth educational projects general rules.
- Space will be on a first come first serve basis. Please check with the building superintendent for details on the size of your display space.
- All exhibits in the following classes will consist of a notebook, poster and/or educational exhibit.

## **Youth Educational Club/Group Display**

- Only one entry per class per club or group. Entry must be on a separate entry form in the club/group leader's name.
- No part of this exhibit may be an entry in any other class.
- Booth space is limited and will be on a first come serve basis. Please check with the building superintendent for details on the size of your display space.
- Booth will be put together by club/group members who also set-up and dismantle the display.
- Exhibit should consist of club/group name, posters, notebooks, pictures, articles, videos, etc.

## **Open, Senior Citizen and Special Needs Needlework**

- Read all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- Any article which has been entered in the needlework department in a previous year is not eligible to enter again.
- Entries in this department must have been completed since last year's fair.
- All articles entered for premiums in this department must have been made by the exhibitor.
- Articles stained or soiled will be disqualified.
- All wall hangings must be ready for hanging or they will be disqualified
- Articles not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their entries.
- No kits, must be original work.
- Only one entry per class number except: open crocheting, open embroidery, open knitting, open counted cross stitch, open fabric canvas needlepoint, open plastic

canvas needlepoint, open miscellaneous needlecraft, open quilting, open costumes, open children's clothing, open adult clothing, open miscellaneous sewing, senior citizen crocheting, senior citizen embroidery, senior citizen knitting, senior citizen counted cross stitch, senior citizen fabric canvas needlepoint, senior citizen plastic canvas needlepoint, senior citizen miscellaneous needlecraft, senior citizen quilting, senior citizen costumes, senior citizen children's clothing, seniors citizen adult clothing, senior citizen miscellaneous sewing, special needs needlework are allowed two different entries per class number.

**Judging Criteria: Standards for judging in this department will be based on color harmony, workmanship, good design, good proportion, neatness, appearance, cleanliness, creativity and suitability of materials used.**

### **Open, Senior Citizen and Special Needs Culinary Arts (Foods)**

- Read all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All entries in the culinary arts (foods) department must have been made or prepared by the exhibitor.
- Food must be ready for display on a plastic or Styrofoam plate and inserted into a clear quart baggie. No glass, ceramic or pie plates.
- No commercial mixes or frostings allowed. Products made from commercial mixes will be disqualified.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their entries.
- Only one entry per class number.

**Judging Criteria: Yeast and quick breads, egg and butter cakes and cookies will be based on general appearance, lightness, tenderness, texture, moisture control, flavor aroma and crumb. Icing, frostings and fillings will be judged on appearance, consistency and texture and flavor. Pies are judged on texture, flavor, aroma and color.**

### **Open and Senior Citizens Canning**



- Read all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All entries in the canning section must have been made by the exhibitor.
- All canned goods should be displayed in clean quart or pint jars. Jars used should be standard, colorless jars, sealed with a canning jar sealed lid and ring. Do not put fabric over the lid, jars with fabric over the lid will be disqualified.
- Jams, jellies and preserves should be in standard jelly glass jars. No was can be used to seal jars. No freezer jam or jelly.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their entries.
- Make sure jars and clean.
- Entries must have been processed since last year's fair.
- Jars may be opened at the judge's discretion.
- Each jar must be labeled. SEE LABELING
- Only one entry per class number.

**Labeling: The following information should be used in labeling each entry in this section (Contents, Date canned and How Processed). Label to be on the top of the lid. Do not use whiteout on the label.**

**Judging Criteria: Appearance, pack, contents, label and knowledge of the exhibitor as to the preparation, and canning process.**

### **Open, Senior Citizen and Special Needs Fine Arts**

- Read all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All entries in the fine arts department must have been made by the exhibitor.
- All wall hangings must be ready for hanging with eyelets, string or wire for hanging on a nail. Wall hangings not ready for hanging will be disqualified.
- We do not recommend glass but it can be displayed with glass, with the understanding that the Otsego County Fair is not responsible for glass breakage.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their entries.
- Any article which has been entered in the fine arts department in a previous year is not eligible to enter again.
- Entries must have been completed since last year's fair.
- Articles stained or soiled will be disqualified.
- All wall hanging must be ready for hanging.

- All projects must be created from scratch and be original work, No packaged kits.
- Only one item per class number except: open soft sculpture, open beadwork, open candle making, open ceramics, open decoupage, open basketry, open lapidary, open leather, open liquid embroidery, open macrame, open wood working, open sculpture art, open acrylic painting, open oil painting, open China painting, open watercolor painting, open sketching, open creative writing, open creative twist, senior citizen soft sculpture, senior citizen beadwork, senior citizen candle making, senior citizen ceramics, senior citizen decoupage, senior citizen basketry, senior citizen lapidary, senior citizen leather, senior citizen liquid embroidery, senior citizen macrame, senior citizen woodworking, senior citizen sculpture art, senior citizen acrylic painting, senior citizen oil paintings, senior citizen China painting, senior citizen watercolor painting, senior citizen sketching, senior citizen creative writing, senior citizen creative twist, special needs crafts are allowed two different entries per class number.
- Open sketching, charcoal, ink black and white, ink colored, pastel, pencil black and white, pencil colored and mixed media must be mounted on foam core poster board if done on paper.
- Senior citizen sketching, charcoal, ink black and white, ink colored, pastel, pencil black and white, pencil colored, mixed media must be mounted on foam core poster board if done on paper.
- No notes to judges on scrap booking classes.

**Judging Criteria for ceramics, crafts, painting, sketching, creative writing and sculpture: workmanship, creativity, neatness, appearance, and appropriateness of material used.**

**Judging Criteria for woodworking: quality, general appearance, neatness, finish and construction.**

**Judging Criteria for senior citizen woodworking: quality, general appearance, neatness finish and construction.**

## **Open Senior Citizen Folk Arts**

- Read all the rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All entries in the fine arts department must have been made by the exhibitor.

- All wall hanging must be ready for hanging with eyelets, string or wire for hanging on a nail. Wall hangings not read for hanging will be disqualified.
- We do not recommend glass but it can be displayed with glass, with the understanding that the Otsego County Fair is not responsible for glass breakage.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their entries.
- Any article which has been entered in the fine arts department in a previous year is not eligible to enter again.
- Entries must have been completed since last year's fair.
- Articles stained or soiled will be disqualified.
- All wall hanging must be ready for hanging
- All projects must be created from scratch and be original work, no packaged kits.
- Only one item per class number except for open country craft painting, open weaving hand woven or spun, senior citizen country craft painting, senior citizen weaving hand woven or hand spun are allowed two entries per class number.

**Judging Criteria for ceramics, crafts, painting, sketching, creative writing and sculpture: workmanship, creativity, neatness, appearance and appropriateness of material used.**

### **Open Photography**

- Read all the rules governing the Otsego County Fair
- You are exhibiting your photography with the understanding that the Otsego County Fair is not responsible for damage.
- Photos are to be mounted on foam core poster board.
- Photos can be any size, but no larger than 11"x14" mounting board. It may be displayed either vertically or horizontally.
- Mounting board size 11"x14". Attach the photo to the mounting securely, please, no rolled tape to mount photos onto mounting board, do not have photos ready for hanging as they will not be hung.
- Exhibitor may only use 11"x14" single matte board, no double matting.
- Sequence of (5) photos sized to fit and to be mounted on an 11"x14" sheet of foam core poster board.

- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their entries. Entry tags must be hung in the upper right-hand corner of the front of the photo; tape string to the back and flip over, so the ribbon can be placed on the tag without disrupting the view of other entries. String will be available.
- Photos with frames will not be accepted, with or without glass. Photos brought in for exhibit in frames will be disqualified and not displayed.
- Any article which has been entered in a previous year is not eligible to enter again.
- Entries must be taken by the exhibitor.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Entries must have been taken since last year's fair.
- Articles stained or soiled will be disqualified.
- Amateurs Only, please.
- Only one item per class number except black and white photography, color photography, and professional photography are allowed to enter two per class number.
- The same photo may only be entered once.

### **Open Antiques**

- Real all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of exhibits; however, the Otsego County Fair will not be responsible for loss or damaged to exhibits.
- Exhibits must be 50 years or older.
- No article if previously shown can be entered again for 3 years.
- Articles must be clearly identified as to what they are.
- Only one item per class number except for historical items are allowed to have two entries per class number.

### **Open Agriculture**

- Real all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- Grain entries must be displayed in a clean quart glass jar with lid and ring.
- Grain entries are to be from last year's crop.
- Grass entries must be displayed in bundles of 10 pounds or more.
- Only one item per class number.

## **Open And Special Needs Floriculture**

- Read all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- Building superintendent will water exhibits as needed.
- Exhibits in this department must be grown by the exhibitor.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their entries.
- Single flower means one blossom, no buds. Not judged on container or vase that it is in.
- Armatures only, please.
- Only one item per class number.

### **Judging Criteria:**

- **Cut flowers: Form, color, substance, stem and foliage size**
- **Flower Arrangements: originality and distinction, design, scale, proportion, balance, color harmony and condition.**
- **Potted Plants: Color, condition, stem and foliage size.**

## **Open and Special Needs Horticulture**

- Read all rules governing the Otsego County Fair.
- All entries in this department must have been grown during the current year.
- Exhibits in this department must be grown by the exhibitor.
- Entries not properly entered will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are responsible for properly placing entry tags securely on their items.
- All entries in this department must be on plastic or Styrofoam plates or trays of or appropriate size, except for the basket of 6 varieties and dill, parsley, and any other herb which should be in a vase or jar.
- Only one item per class number.

**Judging Criteria: Judges will look for the following: freedom from roughness, trueness to type, freshness, cleanliness, trimming, size, shape, color and maturity.**

