



## 2025 Warren County Fair Open Class Home, Farm & Garden Department

Display Area & Judging Location: **NEW LOCATION**

**Home Farm & Garden Building (Lean-to)**

Department Superintendent: Warren County Master Gardener Association

Senior Fair Board Representative: Dee Woebkenberg

### General Rules

1. Day of entries will not be accepted. Entries must be made online starting on May 1, 2025. The entry deadline is June 27, 2025. If you need assistance making entries, contact the fair office.
2. To make entries in this department, exhibitors must purchase a 2025 Warren County Fair Membership ticket or season pass. Youth 17 years and under may enter under a parent's membership ticket or season pass. **New for 2025: You may make Open Class entries without purchasing a Membership ticket or season pass by paying a \$10 Open Class entry fee. This fee does not include an entry pass for the fair.**
3. Warren County 4-H members are permitted and encouraged to make entries in this department. The purchase of a 4-H entry pass for the fair allows you to make entries in this open class department. Entries cannot be the same specimen as their Junior Fair entry.
4. There will be youth (18 years and under as of January 1, 2025) and adult divisions for each department and class listed except the Antique Tractors department.
5. Other than purchasing a membership ticket, season pass **or paying a \$10 Open Class entry fee**, there are no additional costs for entering this department. Ribbons will be awarded to the top five in each class. Rosettes will be awarded to the Department Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show. Youth and adult departments and classes will be judged separately. Cash awards will be given for first place in each class (\$10) and for second place in each class (\$5).
6. Open only to Warren County residents. All produce, flowers (except for floral displays) and farm products must have been grown in the county. All baked good entries must be handmade by a Warren County resident.
7. Only one entry permitted per class on each membership ticket or season pass, unless otherwise noted in the department's rules.
8. Exhibits deemed to be of inferior quality can be disqualified and not accepted for display. Failure to follow the display instructions for each class will be disqualified. Produce and baked goods must be suitable for consumption. **During the fair, any entry that becomes inferior in quality (cut flowers dying, etc.) or begins to smell (rotting produce, etc.) will be disposed of when those conditions arise at the discretion of the department superintendents.**
9. The Warren County Ag Society will take every precaution for the safe display of exhibits but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
10. All judge's decisions are final. In most cases, the judges for this department will be community members and not professional, certified judges.

**All entries must be brought to the Home, Farm, & Garden Building at the Warren County Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, July 12, 2025.**

Judging will occur on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. The Home, Farm, & Garden Building will be closed during judging. The building will reopen to the public at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Results will be posted by Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.

Pick-up of entries and awards will occur on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from Noon until 2:00 p.m. Entries do not have to be picked up. Anything that remains in the building after 2:00 p.m. will be disposed of by the department superintendents. No awards will be mailed.

## Antique Tractors

Department 150



Tractors must be put in place on the Warren County Fairgrounds between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and must remain in place until Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Tractors may only be entered in one class. **Multiple entries per class are permitted in this department.** Cash awards will be provided to the top 3 in each class. (1<sup>st</sup> - \$50; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$35; and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$15).

### Classes

- 1 Tractor, 1941 and older, wheel and crawler type, restored (Show Piece)
- 2 Tractor, 1941 and older, wheel and crawler type, unrestored
- 3 Tractor, 1942 to 1962, wheel and crawler type, restored (Show Piece)
- 4 Tractor, 1942 to 1962, wheel and crawler type, unrestored

Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will receive rosettes.

## Farm Products

Department 200: Adults

Department 201: Youth (18 and under as of 1/1/25.)



All farm products must have been grown by the exhibitor.

**Exhibitors are permitted to make two entries per class in this department.**

### Hay Samples

Your hay sample must be from this year's crop and should be between 2 and 12 inches thick. It should be tied with baler twine to prevent the sample from falling apart.

### Judging Criteria

Maturity, leafiness, color, presence of foreign matter, and condition.

### Classes

- 1 Mixed Hay – Any percentage of legume (alfalfa, clover, etc.) and grass.
- 2 Grass Hay – 100% grass, any grass permitted.

Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will receive rosettes.

# Vegetables

**Department 210: Adults**

**Department 211: Youth (18 and under as of 1/1/25.)**

**All vegetable entries must be homegrown by the exhibitor.**



**Exhibitors are permitted to make one entry per class in this department.**

## **Single & Multiple Item Vegetable Classes (Classes 1 through 13)**

### **Judging Criteria**

Single Item Vegetable Classes: Condition, Quality, True to Type, and Size.

Multiple Item Vegetable Classes: Condition, Quality, True to Type, Size, and Uniformity of Entry

### **Single Item Vegetable Classes**

**Bring only one vegetable per class. Vegetables in these classes will be displayed on plates.**

#### **Classes**

- 1 Cabbage
- 2 Zucchini Squash
- 3 Squash (not Zucchini)
- 4 Cucumber

### **Multiple Item Vegetable Classes**

**For these classes, bring enough vegetables to fill a bowl (approximately 8" long X 3" deep). See the picture in the heading for this department as a sample. The exhibitor will fill their bowls at check-in. Bring as many vegetables as needed to fill your entry bowl. (Example: A couple of large tomatoes, 10 radishes, 30 cherry tomatoes, etc.)**

#### **Classes**

- 5 Bell Peppers (Green, Orange, Red or Yellow). One variety permitted.
- 6 Peppers, All Other Varieties (Banana, Jalapeno, etc.). One variety permitted.
- 7 Carrots. One variety permitted. Any variety or color permitted.
- 8 Garlic
- 9 Green Beans
- 10 Onion (Cleaned. Outer husk removed.)
- 11 Radishes
- 12 Tomatoes (Large, over 2.5 inches) One variety. Any variety or color permitted.
- 13 Tomatoes (Small, under 2.5 inches) One variety. Any variety or color permitted.

**Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will receive rosettes. (Classes 1 through 13)**

## Market Basket Class (Class 14)

Best exhibit of vegetables. Must include three or more vegetables. Exhibits should reflect the total bounty of your garden. Vegetables will be displayed in your own basket. Total exhibit area must not exceed 18" x 18" x 18" and all vegetables must be displayed in the basket.

### Judging Criteria

100 points – Visual appearance & total effect (40), Condition (20), Quality (20), True to type and appropriate size for vegetables (20)

### Class

14 Market Basket Class

Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will receive rosettes.

## Freak of Nature (Class 15)

Do you have a vegetable that is freakishly large? Do you have a vegetable that looks like Abraham Lincoln? This is the class for you. Exhibitors are permitted to bring one "freak of Nature" for this class. Any vegetable permitted.

**Judging Criteria:** None: Judging based upon the judge's opinion as to which entry is the biggest freak of nature.

### Class

15 Freak of Nature

Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will receive rosettes.

## Baked Goods

Department 400: Adults

Department 401: Youth (18 and under as of 1/1/25.)

All baked good entries must be home baked by the exhibitor.



Exhibitors are permitted to make **two** entries in classes 1 through 8, but they must be different baked goods. **(Example: Cookie entries can be one peanut butter cookie entry and one chocolate chip cookie entry, but they cannot be two peanut butter cookie entries.)** Your name must be written on the paper plate/cardboard for identification/ownership purposes. Large Ziploc bags will be provided by the department superintendent for the storage and cleanliness of baked goods during the fair.

### Classes

- 1 Quick Breads
- 2 Yeast Breads
- 3 Cookies
- 4 Cakes
- 5 Frosted Cupcakes
- 6 Brownies
- 7 Pies
- 8 Cobblers

Best in Show & Reserve Best in Show will be selected from the eight classes and will receive rosettes.

### **Judging Criteria**

100 points – Visual Appearance (50), Taste & Texture (50)

### **Exhibition rules for baked goods:**

Entries in baked goods must be in wrap or bags and on paper plates/cardboard when submitted to the Committee for display and judging. No colored plastic wraps.

- 1     **Quick Breads:** One type of quick bread. Open to any type of quick bread, including but not limited to muffins, scones, coffee cake, cornbread, gingerbread, and vegetable bread loaf. Items displayed as individual pieces (muffins, etc.) must include four pieces. Items displayed as a loaf or in one piece, can be no larger than a 12" circle or a 12" X 12" rectangle/square.
- 2     **Yeast Breads:** One type of yeast bread. Open to any type of yeast bread, including but not limited to, white bread, wheat bread, sweet bread, cinnamon rolls, savory rolls, and sweet rolls. Items displayed as individual pieces (cinnamon rolls, etc.) must include four pieces. Items displayed as a loaf or in one piece, can be no larger than a 12" circle or a 12" X 12" rectangle/square.
- 3     **Cookies:** One type of cookie. Open to any type of cookie, including but not limited to, chocolate chip, peanut butter, snickerdoodle, sugar, etc. Six cookies must be included with your entry. Frosting is permitted.
- 4     **Cakes:** One type of cake. Open to any type of cake, including but not limited to, chocolate, angel food, fruit cake, pineapple upside down cake, etc. Entries can be no larger than a 12" circle or a 12" X 12" rectangle/square.
- 5     **Frosted Cupcakes:** One type of cupcake. Open to any type of cupcake, including but not limited to chocolate, vanilla, red velvet, etc. Must be frosted. Decorations are permitted. Four cupcakes must be included with your entry.
- 6     **Brownies:** One type of brownie. Nuts are permitted. No frosting. Brownies displayed as individual pieces must include four pieces. Brownies displayed in one piece, can be no larger than a 12" circle or a 12" X 12" rectangle/square.
- 7     **Pies:** One type of pie. Open to any type of pie, including but not limited to fruit, chocolate, peanut butter etc.
- 8     **Cobblers:** One type of cobbler. Open to any type of cobbler. Displayed in a pan that can be no larger than a 12" circle or a 12" X 12" rectangle/square.

## **Class 9: Special Baked Goods Class for the 2025 Warren County Fair**

### **Sourdough Bread**

Only one entry per exhibitor permitted for this special class.

Sourdough Bread must be displayed as a loaf no larger than a 12" circle or a 12" X 12" rectangle/square. Your name must be written on the paper plate/cardboard for identification/ownership purposes.

Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show for Sourdough Dough Bread will receive rosettes.



## Bee Products

Department 450: Adult

Department 451: Youth (18 and under as of 1/1/25.)



All bee products must have been produced by the exhibitor.

Exhibitors are permitted to make two entries per class in this department.

### Classes

- 1 Extracted Honey: Light Honey – 3 full one-pound containers (standard glass jar)
- 2 Extracted Honey: Light Amber Honey – 3 full one-pound containers (standard glass jar)
- 3 Frame of Honey – any size frame permitted.
- 4 Beeswax Product – one piece, any product (candle, shapes, etc.)

Best in Show & Reserve Best in Show will be selected from the four classes and will receive rosettes.

### Judging Criteria

- Honey: Visual appraisal only. Honey will not be tasted or measured for density. Visual appraisal will include appearance, freedom from crystals, cleanliness, and freedom from foam.
- Frame of honey: Visual appraisal only. Criteria will include appearance, uniformity, absence of uncapped cells, cleanliness, absence of travel stain, pollen & crushed wax, and freedom from granulation and pollen.
- Beeswax Product: Visual appraisal only. Criteria will include artistic merit, cleanliness of wax, color of wax, and freedom from imperfections.

## Needle Arts & Fashion

Department 500: Adult

Department 501: Youth (18 years and under as of 1/1/25.)



All entries must have been made by the exhibitor.

Only one entry permitted per class per exhibitor. Entries cannot have been exhibited previously at the Warren County Fair and must have been completed since last year's fair. Your name must be securely attached somewhere on your entry for identification/ownership purposes.

**Note: The Quilting classes this year will be limited to baby quilts. There will be two crochet classes this year, crocheted baby blankets or crocheted stuffed animals. Exhibitors will be given the option to donate their quilts, blankets, or stuffed animals to the Warren County Agricultural Society at the conclusion of the fair. All donated items will be given to a local charitable organization or hospital. Due to laundering requirements to donate these items to local charities, all donated items must be able to be laundered.**

Large, clear dry-cleaning bags will be provided by the department superintendent for the storage and cleanliness of needle arts and fashion exhibits during the fair.

## **Classes**

- 1 Quilting – Hand Sewn Baby Quilt
- 2 Quilting – Machine Sewn Baby Quilt
- 3 Crocheted Baby Blanket
- 4 Crocheted Stuffed Animal
- 5 Machine Sewn Garment
- 6 Knitting
- 7 Cross Stitch
- 8 Needlepoint



Best in Show & Reserve Best in Show will be selected from the eight classes and will receive rosettes.

## **Judging Criteria and Class Requirements**

### **1 Quilting – Hand Sewn Baby Quilt**

Judging Criteria: General appearance (design, color combinations, texture combinations, precision) and Workmanship (uniformity, setting, edge finish, quilting).

Class Requirements: Must be 100% handsewn. The maximum size is 40" X 30". No buttons, frills, or any other additions that could be dangerous for babies if removed.

### **2 Quilting – Machine Sewn Baby Quilt**

Judging Criteria: General appearance (design, color combinations, texture combinations, precision) and Workmanship (uniformity, setting, edge finish, quilting).

Class Requirements: Must be entered in this class if any machine sewing was used on the quilt. The maximum size is 40" X 30". No buttons, frills, or any other additions that could be dangerous for babies if removed.

### **3 Crocheted Baby Blanket**

Judging Criteria: Originality and design (50%), presentation of work – project must be clean and tidy (25%), and mastery of techniques (25%).

Class Requirements: Open only to crocheted baby blankets. The maximum size is 40" X 30". No buttons, frills, or any other additions that could be dangerous for babies if removed.

### **4 Crocheted Stuffed Animal**

Judging Criteria: Originality and design (50%), presentation of work – project must be clean and tidy (25%), and mastery of techniques (25%).

Class Requirements: Open only to crocheted stuffed animals. Must be 100% crocheted. No buttons, frills, or any other additions that could be dangerous for babies if removed.

### **5 Machine Sewn Garment**

Judging Criteria: General appearance; color texture combination; appropriateness of fabric for the design; neatness of work; choice and application of trims and finishing details; workmanship; choice and execution of seams, hems, finished and construction details; uniformity of seams, hems, finishes and construction details; and degree of difficulty.

Class Requirements: The garment must be delivered on a hanger that provides support.



## **6 Knitting**

Judging Criteria: Originality and design (50%), presentation of work – project must be clean and tidy (25%), and mastery of techniques (25%).

Class Requirements: Open to any type of knitting project, including but not limited to, Afghans, hats, scarves, mittens, socks, sweaters, shawls, etc.

## **7 Cross Stitch**

Judging Criteria: Stitches crossed in the same direction; all stitches crossed (except areas calling for half stitches); holes, stitches and fabric should not have distortions; even tension (i.e., nice, flat, full stitches; no twisted threads; no visible carry over from reverse side or hoop marks; backstitching straight and even); overall appearance of completed exhibit including finishing.

Class Requirements: Any even-weave fabric may be used for cross-stitch embroidery. The entry must be finished and blocked. Maximum size including the frame is 18" x 24".

## **8 Needlepoint**

Judging Criteria: Adequate coverage of canvas; multiple threads untwisted; smooth and even stitches; good compensation/composition; and even tension, canvas not distorted, needlework cleaned and blocked properly.

Class Requirements: Any fiber stitched on canvas permitted. Plastic grid entries are not acceptable. Maximum size including frame is 18" x 24".

# **Photography**

**Department 520: Adult**

**Department 521: Youth (18 years and under as of 1/1/25.)**

**Photos must have been taken by the exhibitor.**



**Exhibitors are permitted to make two entries per class in this department.**

**Entries cannot have been exhibited previously at the Warren County Fair and photographs must have been taken since last year's fair. Your name must be securely attached to the back of your photo for identification/ownership purposes. This competition is open to amateur photographers only.**

### **Classes**

- 1 Portrait (head & shoulder or full length of person(s) posed or informal, but not candid)
- 2 Nature/Scenic (i.e., landscapes, water, sunsets, flowers/plants, etc.)
- 3 Animals/Insects (i.e., any non-human living creature; pets, animals, fish, birds, insects, etc.)
- 4 Human Interest (candid, people interacting, action shots, events, storytelling, etc.)

Best in Show & Reserve Best of Show will be selected from the four classes and will receive rosettes.

Judging Criteria: Technical, visual, general characteristics and relevance.

Class Requirements: Photos must be mounted or framed. Submitted photos must be 8" x 10".



# Paintings, Drawings, & Artwork

Department 550: Adult

Department 551: Youth (18 years and under as of 1/1/25)



The exhibitor must be the person that created the art piece.

**Exhibitors are permitted to make two entries per class in this department.**

Entries cannot have been exhibited previously at the Warren County Fair and your entry must have been completed since last year's fair. Your name must be securely attached to the back or bottom of your artwork for identification/ownership purposes. This competition is open to non-professional artists only. The exhibitor must be the person that created the art piece.

**Classes – Classes are determined by the primary focus of the artwork.**

- 1 Painting – People and/or animals
- 2 Painting – Nature and/or scenic
- 3 Drawing - People and/or animals
- 4 Drawing - Nature and/or scenic
- 5 All other artwork (Must be less than 18" in all dimensions and must be self-supporting.)

Best in Show & Reserve Best of Show will be selected from the four classes and will receive rosettes.

Judging Criteria: Technical, visual, and general characteristics.

Class Requirements: Artwork must be displayed on self-supporting material, no larger than 14" x 18". Paintings can be done with oils or watercolors. Drawings can be done with chalk, charcoal, pens, ink, or pencils.

# Floriculture

Department 700: Adult

Department 701: Youth (18 years and under as of 1/1/25)



## Individual Specimen Flowers & Foliage

**Exhibitors are permitted to make two entries in Classes 1 through 11.**

Judging Criteria: Form, color, size, and condition.

Class Requirements: Must be cut fresh from your home landscape.

### **Classes**

- 1 Zinnia – One stem, up to two blooms, any color, any variety, disbudded, at least two sets of leaves.
- 2 Marigold (*Tagetes erecta*) – One bloom, disbudded.
- 3 Coneflower (*Echinacea*) – Any color, single flower, one bloom.
- 4 Rose – Any color, one bloom, disbudded.

- 5 Dahlia – One bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached.
  - 6 Celosia – Plume or Crested form
  - 7 Coleus – One stem, multiple leaves
  - 8 Caladium – One stem.
  - 9 Hosta – One leaf, any color, less than 6" at widest width.
  - 10 Hosta – One leaf, any color, more than 6" at widest width.
  - 11 Any other flower or foliage specimen not listed above.
- Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will receive rosettes.

## **Pots, Baskets, Floral Designs, & Market Bouquets**

**Exhibitors are permitted to make one entry in Classes 12 through 18.**

### **Potted Plants**

#### **Classes**

- 12 Foliage Potted Plant
- 13 Flowering Potted Plant

Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will receive rosettes.

#### **Judging Criteria:**

- Foliage Potted Plants: Health & vigor; form and symmetry; size of plants; foliage; and grooming.
- Flowering Potted Plants: Flowers (quantity and quality); form and symmetry; size of plants; health & vigor; and grooming.

#### **Class Requirements:**

- All flowers/foliage entered in the potted plant classes must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least 50 days prior to the start of the fair.
- Containers and plants should be clean and ready for display upon arrival.
- All pots must not exceed 14" in diameter and must have a water collection tray or they will be disqualified.
- The common plant name and variety must be included with each entry.

### **Hanging Basket**

#### **Class**

- 14 Hanging Basket

Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will receive rosettes.

#### **Judging Criteria:**

- Flowers (quantity and quality); form and symmetry; size of plants; health & vigor; and grooming.

#### **Class Requirements:**

- All flowers/foliage entered in the hanging basket class must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least 50 days prior to the start of the fair.
- Containers and plants should be clean and ready for display upon arrival.
- All baskets must not exceed 14" in diameter.

### **Amateur Floral Design**

**The flowers and foliage may be purchased for use in your floral design. Designs must be no larger than 24" in any dimension including the vase. If holes are present in the bottom of the vase/container, a water collection tray is required. This competition is open to non-professionals only.**

#### **Classes**

- 15      Traditional Floral Design
- 16      Themed Floral Design

Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will receive rosettes.

#### **Judging Criteria:**

- Traditional: Color combination; proportion and balance; suitability of materials; distinction and originality; and condition of plant material.
- Themed: Design elements and principles; creative expression, distinction, relationship of materials; and condition of plant material.

#### **Class Requirements:**

- Traditional: Must provide your own vase. Designs in this class are limited to a traditional vase, flowers, and foliage.
- Themed: Must provide your own container or vase. Non-traditional decorative containers/vases permitted. Themed decorations permitted in addition to flowers and foliage.

### **Amateur Market Bouquet Design (Wedding Bouquet, etc.)**

**The flowers and foliage may be purchased for use in your market bouquet design. A water collection container/vessel is required and must be provided by the exhibitor. This competition is open to non-professionals only.**

#### **Classes**

- 17      Small Market Bouquet (10 to 24 stems)
- 18      Large Market Bouquet (25 to 30 stems)

Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will receive rosettes.

#### **Judging Criteria:**

- Color combination; proportion and balance; suitability of materials; distinction and originality; and condition of plant material.