

**2024 Warren County Fair**  
**Open Class**  
**Home, Farm & Garden Department**  
**Display Area & Judging Location: Welcome Hall (Building A)**  
**Department Superintendent: Warren County Master Gardener Association**  
**Senior Fair Board Representative: Dee Wuebkenberg**

1. Day of entries will not be accepted. Entries must be made online starting on May 1, 2024. The entry deadline is June 28, 2024. If you need assistance making entries, contact the fair office.
2. To make entries in this department, exhibitors must purchase a 2024 Warren County Fair Membership ticket or season pass. Youth 17 years and under may enter under a parent's membership ticket or season pass.
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, 2024) and adult divisions for each department and class listed except the Antique Tractors department.
5. Other than purchasing a membership ticket or season pass, there is no cost 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. 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). A gift certificate to a local business will be given to the Best of Show winners.**
6. **Cash Awards will be available to be picked up in the Senior Fair Office (Event Center) Tuesday July 16, 2024, through Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> from Noon till 9pm. Additional Pick up will be Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> in the Welcome Hall from Noon till 2pm. If cash awards are not picked up by Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2pm the cash awards will be returned to the Ag Society. No ribbons or monies will be mailed out.**
7. 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.
8. Only one entry permitted per class on each membership ticket or season pass, unless otherwise noted in the department's rules.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 Welcome Hall at the Warren County Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2024.**

**Judging will occur on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The Welcome Hall will be closed during judging. The Welcome Hall will reopen to the public at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Results will be posted by Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.**

**Pick-up of entries and awards will occur on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</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.**

### **Department 150: Antique Tractors**

Tractors must be put in place on the Warren County Fairgrounds between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and must remain in place until Sunday, July 21<sup>st</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 will be selected from the four class winners and will receive a rosette.

### **Department 200: Farm Products (Adults)**

### **Department 201: Farm Products (Youth 18 and under as of 1/1/24.)**

**Exhibitors are permitted to enter one entry per class.**

#### **Classes**

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

Best in Show will be selected from the three class winners and will receive a rosette.

### **Department 210: Vegetables (Adults)**

### **Department 211: Vegetables (Youth 18 and under as of 1/1/24.)**

#### **Largest & Best Class**

**Exhibitors are permitted to enter one vegetable per class which will be judged in both the largest and best class. Separate awards will be provided for the largest vegetable and best vegetable.**

#### **Judging Criteria**

Largest: Size is weight. Vegetables will be weighed at check-in.

Best: Condition, Quality, True to Type, and Size.

#### **Largest & Best Classes**

- 1 Largest & Best Cabbage
- 2 Largest & Best Tomato
- 3 Largest & Best Zucchini Squash
- 4 Largest & Best Squash (not Zucchini)
- 5 Largest & Best Cucumber

Best in Show will be selected from the five “best” class winners and will receive a rosette. There will not be a Best in Show for the largest class winners.

#### **Market Basket Class**

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)

Best in Show will be given to the class winner and will receive a rosette.

**Department 400: Baked Goods (Adults)**

**Department 401: Baked Goods (Youth 18 and under as of 1/1/24.)**

**Exhibitors are permitted to make one entry in each class. Your name must be written on the paper plate/cardboard for identification/ownership purposes.**

### **Classes**

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

Best in Show will be selected from the eight class winners and will receive a rosette.

### **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.

**Department 450: Bee Products (Adult)**  
**Department 451: Bee Products (Youth 18 and under as of 1/1/24.)**

**Only one entry permitted per class per exhibitor.**

**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 will be selected from the four class winners and will receive a rosette.

**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.

**Department 500: Needle Arts and Fashion (Adult)**  
**Department 501: Needle Arts and Fashion (Youth 18 years and under as of 1/1/24)**

**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.**

**Classes**

- 1 Quilting – Hand Quilted
- 2 Quilting – Machine Quilted
- 3 Machine Sewn Garment
- 4 Crochet
- 5 Knitting
- 6 Cross Stitch
- 7 Needlepoint

Best in Show will be selected from the seven class winners and will receive a rosette.

**Judging Criteria and Class Requirements**

**1 Quilting – Hand Quilted**

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

Class Requirements: Quilt top may be pieced by hand or sewing machine but quilted entirely by hand. Quilting technique may be traditional or big stitch. The maximum length on the longest side is 96". The minimum length on the shortest side is 24".

## **2 Quilting – Machine Quilted**

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

Class Requirements: This class is for quilts that are quilted by machine (including standard home sewing machine or long arm quilting machine. The maximum length on the longest side is 96". The minimum length on the shortest side is 24".

## **3 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.

## **4 Crochet**

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 crochet project, including but not limited to, Afghans, hats, scarves, mittens, socks, sweaters, shawls, etc.

## **5 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 crochet project, including but not limited to, Afghans, hats, scarves, mittens, socks, sweaters, shawls, etc.

## **6 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".

## **7 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".

**Department 520: Photography (Adult)**  
**Department 521: Photography (Youth 18 years and under as of 1/1/24)**

**Only one entry permitted per class per exhibitor. 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 will be selected from the four class winners and will receive a rosette.

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

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

**Department 550: Paintings, Drawings & Artwork (Adult)**  
**Department 551: Paintings, Drawings & Artwork (Youth 18 years)**

**Only one entry permitted per class per exhibitor. 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 of your photo for identification/ownership purposes. This competition is open to non-professional artists only.**

**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 will be selected from the five class winners and will receive a rosette.

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.

**Department 700: Floriculture (Adult)**  
**Department 701: Floriculture (Youth 18 years and under as of 1/1/24)**

**Only one entry permitted per class per exhibitor.**

### Specimen Flowers & Foliage

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 Daylily (*Hemerocallis*) – One scape, any color.
- 4 Coneflower (*Echinacea*) – Any color, single flower, one bloom.
- 5 Rose – Any color, one bloom, disbudded.
- 6 Dahlia – One bloom, any color, disbudded, foliage attached.
- 7 Hosta – One leaf, any color, less than 6" at widest width.
- 8 Hosta – One leaf, any color, more than 6" at widest width.
- 9 Any other flower or foliage specimen not listed above.

### Potted Plants

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 12" 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.

#### Classes

- 10 Foliage Potted Plant
- 11 Flowering Potted Plant

### 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.**

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.

**Classes**

12 Traditional Floral Design

13 Themed Floral Design