

2026 Poweshiek County Fair



July 11th & 14th - 19th

Open Class

(non-livestock only)

NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED
NO CLASS ENTRY FEES

General Rules:

1. Classes are open to any resident of Poweshiek County or an adjoining county and past Poweshiek County 4-H/FFA members no matter where they live.
2. Exhibitors will fill out entry tags when they check in their exhibits. See #4-5 for date and time. Exhibits should not have previously been shown at the Poweshiek County Fair
3. Each exhibit must be labeled in an inconspicuous place with class number and exhibitor's name.
4. Open Class judging including Horticulture will be held on Tuesday, July 14th starting at **4:00 p.m.** Spectators are welcome. All exhibits are to be brought to the fairgrounds between **4 & 7 pm.** **Please no early entries.**
5. Ribbons will be awarded to exhibitors. Outstanding exhibits will be awarded special ribbons by the judges.
6. All possible caution will be taken in care of exhibits. The Poweshiek County Fair and/or its superintendents will NOT be responsible for loss or breakage. If an item is sentimental or very valuable please do not bring it to the judging.
7. All past Poweshiek County 4-H/FFA members should indicate past club name on entry tag.
8. **NEW** All exhibits are to remain in place until **10 am, Sunday, July 19th.** **The Exhibit Building will be open until 5 p.m. for exhibitors to remove their items.** Exhibits must be removed by 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 19th. Any items left at the fairgrounds will be held in the fair office for 30 days. After 30 days the items will be donated to charity.
9. Exhibitors under age 12 by 9/15/26 should use a "J" before the class number. Exhibitors in nursing homes or over age 70 should use "S" and exhibitors who often make articles for sale should use "P" before the class number on entry tags.

DIVISION A FINE & CREATIVE ARTS

1. Please read general rules.
2. Articles are to be made by exhibitor (decorated, finished etc.)
3. Include a 3"x5" card with exhibit to explain process, materials, design etc. that might be interesting to the judge and fair-goers.
4. Each exhibit must be labeled in an inconspicuous place with class number and exhibitor's name.
5. Excessively fragile, tiny or large items are not acceptable.
6. All possible caution will be taken in care of exhibits.

Class 1 Oil, Tempera, Acrylic, Mixed Media

2 Watercolors

Class 3 Tole & Decorated Painting

4 Prints & Drawings

5 Sculpture

6 Pottery

FINE & CREATIVE ARTS
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- 7 Ceramics
- 8 Fiber Craft
- 9 Leather Craft
- 10 Woodworking
- 11 Dolls
- 12 Seasonal Decorations
- 13 Nature Materials
- 14 Scrapbooking/ a. 1-2 pages/b. Book
- 15 Children's Class, 3rd Grade & Under
- 16 Jewelry
- 17 Other Creative Arts

DIVISION C
CLOTHING & TEXTILES

1. Please read general rules.
2. Articles are to be made, decorated, finished etc. by exhibitor.
3. Include a 3" x 5" card with exhibit to explain process, materials, design etc. that might be interesting to the judge and fair-goers. **Quilt classes include on the card if it is machine-sewn & quilted, pieced & quilted by hand or pieced but quilted by someone else.**

- Class 1 Crewel Embroidery
- 2 Embroidery
 - 3 Counted Thread Embroidery
 - 4 Needlepoint
 - 5 Other Needlework

Quilts & Quilting

- Class 6 Bed Size Quilt
- a. Hand Quilted
 - b. Machine Quilted

- Class 7 Crib or Doll Size
- 8 Wall Hanging
 - 9 Other

Needlework B

- Class 10 Knitting
- 11 Crocheting
 - 12 Other

Clothing Construction – Other

- Class 13 For Children to Age 14
- 14 Mens
 - 15 Womens
 - 16 Dolls
 - 17 Other Sewing

DIVISION F
FOOD

1. Please read general rules.
2. Include a 3"x5" card with the recipe for each prepared food item.
3. Baked products should be placed on a firm plate or flat cardboard extending beyond edge of the product. Where possible bring baked products in plastic bag.
4. Number of items (cookies, bars rolls etc.) should include 8 pieces on plate or cardboard.
5. As food exhibits are judged, one portion will be cut from food, placed on a small plate with entry tag and ribbon, then displayed. Remainder of food will be distributed among fair goers to enjoy and sample.
6. All exhibits except children's classes are to be made from scratch.

Breads – Whole loaf to be brought

Class 1 Yeast Breads

- 2 Yeast Rolls
- 3 Yeast Sweet Bread
- 4 Yeast Sweet Rolls
- 5 Poweshiek County Cinnamon Rolls
- 6 Quick Breads
- 7 Other Breads

Cakes – Frosting Optional

Class 8 Two Layer Cake

- 9 Cake Baked In A Tube Pan
- 10 Single Layer

Cookies

Class 13 Bars – Made From Scratch

- 14 Drop Cookies
- 15 Refrigerated & Rolled
- 16 Molded or Shaped
- 17 Other Cookies

Children's Class – Open to children under 12 by 9/15/26

Class 18 Cookies

- a. Made From Scratch
- b. Made From Mix

Class 19 Cupcakes

- a. Made From Scratch
- b. Made From Mix

Class 20 Bars

- a. Made From Scratch
- b. Made From Mix

Pies

Class 21 One-Crust Fruit Filling

- a. Homemade Crust
- b. Purchased Crust

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- 22. Two-Crust Fruit Filling
 - a. Homemade Crust
 - b. Purchased Crust

DIVISION FC
CANNING

1. Please read general rules.
2. New USDA rules will be followed in judging. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
3. Entries must be shown in regular ½ pint, pint or quart colorless jars.
4. Jars may or may not be opened for tasting, depending on the class.
5. Judging criteria: Appearance, package, flavor, selection of products, consistency, container smoothness, color texture, label & combination of fruits.

Class 1 Canning

DIVISION P
PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Please read general rules.
2. Photographs may be 18" x 22" or smaller. All photographs should be matted or mounted. Indicate if done by self or professional. Exhibitor should decide on color, size and width of border. **NO FRAMES.**
3. Prints may be cropped to improve composition.
4. Photographs may be produced by the entrant or a commercial laboratory. For all classes, the entrant must have composed and exposed the photograph.
5. If applicable, include a 3"x5" card with exhibit to explain subject, process or details etc. that might be interesting to judge and fair-goer.
6. Professional photographers should put a "P" before class number on entry tag.
7. All photos must have been taken by exhibitor.

Class 1 Black and White/Toned any subject

2 Color any subject

3 Junior Black and White/Toned or Color any subject

4 Photographic Essay or Story - More than one related picture mounted on same mat.

5 Just For Fun – Trail Cam photos. These photos will be judged for uniqueness, humor, curiosity, beauty of nature etc.

DIVISION HO
HORTICULTURE & FLOWER SHOW

1. Please read general rules.
2. Entry **MUST** conform to the class description.
3. All containers must be furnished by exhibitor.
4. Each exhibit must be labeled in an inconspicuous place with class number and exhibitor's name.
5. Please state the name or variety of exhibit if known.

HORTICULTURE SPECIMENS – JUDGE MAY EXAMINE THOROUGHLY

Annuals – Some of the plant's own foliage should always be included in exhibits.

Class 1 Asters, 3 blooms, any color

2 Bachelor Button, 3 blooms, any color

3 Calendula, 3 blooms

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4 Celosia (cock's comb), 1 stalk

5 Marigolds

- a. Large, any color, 3 blooms
- b. Small, any color, 3 blooms
- c. Any variety, any color, collection of 5

6 Nasturtium, 3 blooms

7 Pansy, 3 blooms

Class 8 Petunia, 3 blooms

9 Snapdragon, 1 spike

10 Zinnia, 3 blooms

11 Collection of 5 annual blooms in container

12 Any other annual bloom not scheduled

Perennials, Corms, Roots, Bulbs – some of the plant's own foliage should always be included in exhibits.

Class 13 Dahlia

- a. Large, 1 bloom
- b. Medium, 1 bloom
- c. Small, 1 bloom

14 Daisy, 3 stems

15 Delphinium, 12 spike

16 Gaillardia, 3 blooms

17 Lilies, any variety

18 Gladiolas

- a. Dark color, 1 spike
- b. Medium color, 1 spike
- c. Light color, 1 spike
- d. Two-tone color, 1 spike

19 Any other blossom from a perennial plant, corm, root or bulb that isn't otherwise scheduled.

20. Any other plant grown in container outdoors.

House Plants

Class 21 Flowering plant

22 Fruited plant

23 Foliage plant

24 Cacti or succulent

25 Vining plant

Roses

Class 26 Hybrid tea-disbudded

- a. Pea – 1
- b. Any other – 1
- c. Assorted colors or cultivars – 3

27 Floribunda – spray

28 Graniflora – 1 bloom

29 Miniature – 1 spray

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Fruits

Class 30 A decorative display of homegrown fruits in a basket, bowl or tray. Include 5 kinds or more.
Exhibitor furnishes containers.

31 Berries, ½ pint

32 Apples – 3

33 Cherries, ½ pint

34 Cantaloupe – 1

35 Watermelon – 1

36 Tomato – 3

37 Any other fruit, 1 large or 3 small

Herbs

Class 38 One of a kind

39 collection of 5 or more, name, in one container

Vegetables

Class 40 A decorative display of homegrown vegetables in a basket, bowl or tray. Include 5 kinds or more. Exhibitor furnishes containers.

41 Beans, any variety, 6 pods

42 Beets, 5 specimens

43 Broccoli, 1 head

44 Cabbage, 1 head

45 Carrots, 6 specimens

46 Cauliflower, 1 head

47 Cucumbers, 3 specimens

48 Potatoes, 3 specimens

49 Squash, 1 large or 3 small

a. Summer

b. Winter

50 Sweet Corn, 3 specimens

51 Turnips, 3 specimens

52 Any other vegetable, 1 large or 3 small

Have Fun

Class 53 Funny folks from garden town, people or animals made using fruits, vegetables and/or foliage.

Artistic Arrangements

1. No artificial flowers or foliage permitted. Treated plant materials are allowed only if specified. No color art to be used on fresh plant materials.
2. Backgrounds and bases may be used in all design classes if desired. All exhibitor's property should be inconspicuously marked with owner's name and address.
3. Judge does not touch artistic arrangements.

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Class 55 Ornamental grasses

- a. 3-5 same specimen foliage
- b. 3-5 different specimen foliage
- c. 3-5 same specimen foliage with flower plumes
- d. 3-5 different specimen foliage with flower plumes

Class 56 Ornamental plant foliage

- a. 3-5 same specimen foliage
- b. 3-5 same specimen foliage with flowers

Class 57 Tricolor, all plant materials must be fresh. Accessories are permitted, but plant material must be dominant.

Class 58 Creativity, exhibit is to be the designer's choice of fresh and/or dried materials, with or without other components. Accessories or features allowed. Dry treatment material is allowed.

Class 59 Petites, conforms to all principles of design, except that it is greatly reduced in size and scale. Plant material must be naturally small in size and the container, base and accessories to scale.

- a. Under 3"
- b. Under 5"
- c. Under 8"

Artistic Arrangements

County Fair Theme: "Glow Big or Glow Home"

DIVISION M

MISCELLANEOUS

Class 1 Formerly heritage, woodworking, recycling, creative inventions and place settings.

If in the future there are enough entries in any or all of these divisions they will be brought back as individual divisions.

