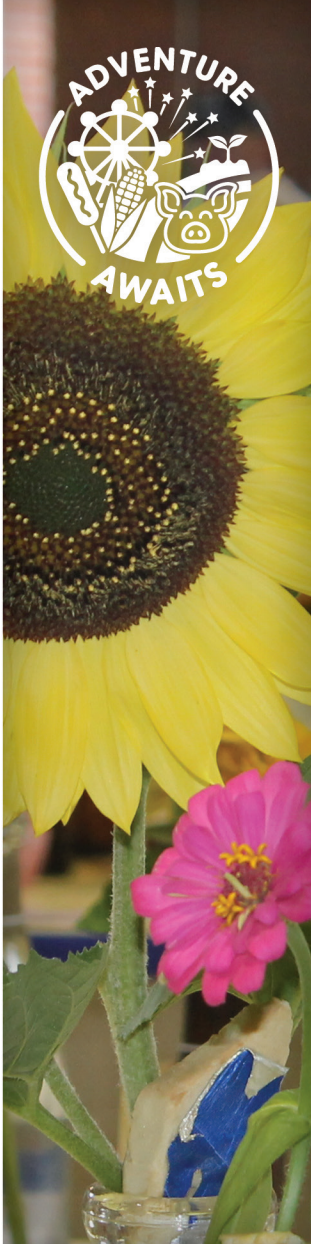




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Agriculture



DUQUOIN
STATE FAIR
AUG 22 - SEPT 1, 2025

HOMESHOW

PREMIUM BOOK

Du QUOIN STATE FAIR

August 22 - September 1, 2025

ADMISSIONS

Adults (13 & over).....	<i>Free</i>
Children (12 & under)	<i>Free</i>

PARKING	\$10.00
INSIDE PARKING.....	\$15.00

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Voice/TTY (618) 542-1515 or (866) 287-2999 - FAX (618) 542-1541

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any attendee requiring a reasonable accommodation, should notify us of their needs by August 10, 2025

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 1, 2025
LATE ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 8, 2025

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Welcome to the 2025 Du Quoin State Fair!

Illinois is proud to host two state fairs each year – one in Du Quoin and one in Springfield. While each is unique, both bring hundreds of thousands of visitors from far and wide to enjoy all that Illinois has to offer.

The 2025 Du Quoin State Fair is the 102nd annual event. The beautiful grounds cover 750 acres including a Grandstand, racetrack, camping sites and so much more. Hundreds of thousands of visitors stream through the iconic main gates each year. The fairgrounds are bustling with activity throughout the year, and this spring, we were honored to host more than 5,000 visitors from around the world to observe the total solar eclipse.

We have invested in significant repairs to the administration building as well as construction of additional permanent pavilion structures for increased rental space. These improvements require tremendous effort from the Illinois Department of Agriculture Buildings and Grounds crew who work year-round to beautify the space for us to enjoy.

While the Du Quoin State Fair is a major economic engine in southern Illinois with an estimated impact of \$6 million, it is only one part of what makes our state great. Central to our success is agriculture. It's our number one industry with more than 27 million acres of land in Illinois dedicated to farms. Agricultural commodities contribute \$26 billion to Illinois' economy. Illinois leads the nation in the production of soybeans, horseradish and pumpkins, and our state is second in corn and fourth in pork.

Agriculture is fundamental to Illinois, and I applaud the hardworking men and women who ensure the industry will continue to prosper for generations to come. I also want to acknowledge those who make the Du Quoin State Fair bigger and better each year. This team works diligently to create an enjoyable, affordable and safe experience for all who attend, and I appreciate their efforts.

Thank you for attending the Du Quoin State Fair. We hope you cherish the memories made here, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Thank you,



JB Pritzker, *Governor* MK Pritzker, *First Lady*



It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 103rd Du Quoin State Fair!


These beautiful grounds are a crown jewel in southern Illinois, and we are proud to open our doors to visitors from around the world. To ensure this special space remains viable for generations to come, we continue to invest in revitalization efforts throughout the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds.

In addition to a variety of buildings and grounds upgrades, we have also made significant investments in the environment through numerous conservation projects. We are working diligently to restore and enhance wildlife on the grounds, creating natural habitats and fighting invasive species. Master gardeners are planting pollinator beds using native plants, and we are adding hiking trails through the rolling hills on the grounds.

We are proud residents of southern Illinois, and we have spent many summers at the Du Quoin State Fair with our three children and now a grandchild as well. It holds special meaning for our family, and it's a privilege to share it with you. We encourage you to take full advantage of all the Du Quoin State Fair has to offer.

Whether you attend a concert or a horse race, ride the Ferris wheel or fill up on fair food, you are sure to find endless opportunities for fun. We hope you enjoy your time here making memories that bring you and your family back each year.

Thank you,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Jerry Costello II' and the signature on the right is 'Lori Costello'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerry and Lori Costello



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION

Entries Close August 1

Late Entries Close August 8

Rule 1

"No Employee of the Department of Agriculture, Division of State Fair or any members of their immediate family shall own or exhibit any articles in any Competitive Department in which they are affiliated".

Rule 2

All articles in the Textile, Art, and Hobbies Department are to be delivered to the Exhibition Hall on Friday, August 15, 2025 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All articles in the Agriculture, Floriculture, and Culinary Departments are to be delivered to the Exhibition Hall on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Articles not in the building by 5:00 p.m. will not be judged. All exhibits must be picked up between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. No items will be returned by the Du Quoin State Fair. Exhibitors who are unable to pick up their items on the designated day and time must make prior arrangements. The Du Quoin State Fair will not be responsible for items remaining on the grounds after Wednesday, September 3, 2025. **NO ARTICLE MAY BE ENTERED IF IT HAS BEEN EXHIBITED AT THIS FAIR PREVIOUSLY. WE MUST DEPEND UPON THE COOPERATION AND INTEGRITY OF EACH EXHIBITOR.**

Rule 3

Each exhibitor must list his or her social security number in the proper place on the entry blank. Failure to do so delays the entry and can result in loss of premium.

Rule 4

Before making entries, read all of the rules very carefully. Incomplete entries will not be accepted. The Du Quoin State Fair management reserves the right to reject any entry. Mail all entries to Competitive Events Department, Du Quoin State Fair, 655 Executive Drive, Du Quoin, IL 62832. Make all entries plain, using blanks furnished by the Du Quoin State Fair, supplying all required information. **ENTRY BLANKS MUST BE COMPLETED IN INK.**

Rule 5

BEST OF SHOW classes are limited to first place winners. Do not make entries in these classes.

Rule 6

Closing date for entries is August 1, 2025 @ \$3.50 per division. No entries will be accepted post-marked after August 8, 2025, unless late entries fees are paid.

LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT A CHARGE OF \$4.50 PER CLASS (NOT

DEPARTMENT) THROUGH AUGUST 8, 2025. POSITIVELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED POST-MARKED AFTER AUGUST 8, 2025.

Rule 7

If more than one department is entered, use a separate blank for each department. Additional entry blanks may be obtained from the Competitive Events Department by calling 618-542-1509 (voice and TTY) or 618-542-1525 or entry forms can be copied.

Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the judges, be transferred to or from the class entered and placed in the proper class previous to the judging. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be reopened, and ineligible or late entries will be disqualified.

If it is ascertained any exhibitor has made or caused any false statement in regard to any entry, or ownership of same, he will be disqualified. **WE MUST DEPEND UPON THE COOPERATION AND INTEGRITY OF EACH EXHIBITOR.**

Rule 8

Arrival schedule for placing entries to be judged is given at the beginning of the various sections. Please read these instructions carefully.

Rule 9

Premiums will be paid as quickly as possible after awards have been made. Judge's books are used as evidence for payment of premiums. **RIBBONS AND/OR TAGS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE WON A RIBBON AND DID NOT RECEIVE IT THROUGH THE MAIL, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMPETITIVE EVENTS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (618) 542-1509 OR (618) 542-1525.**

ERRORS IN PREMIUM STATEMENTS WILL BE CORRECTED UNTIL OCTOBER 30, 2025 FOLLOWING THE FAIR, AFTER WHICH TIME THE BOOKS ARE CLOSED.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO SECURE SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS TO FUND PREMIUMS. IN ANY YEAR FOR WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FAILS TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION SUFFICIENT TO PAY SUCH PREMIUM. PREMIUM AMOUNTS MAY NOT BE ACCURATELY REFLECTED IN THE HOME SHOW PREMIUM BOOK.

Rule 10

Designation of Ribbons
Blue First
Red Second
White Third
Rosette BEST OF SHOW

Rule 11

Ribbons and or trophies will be presented to the exhibitors at the time of judging. The Du Quoin State Fair will not be responsible for loss or issue duplicates.

Rule 12

Care will be exercised to prevent accident or damage of any kind. The Du Quoin State Fair will not in any way hold themselves responsible for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss. All exhibits are entered at the owner's risk.

Rule 13

Awards will be made by the judges in each section. Judges are to report to the Superintendents of their respective headquarters set for awarding premiums, unless notified differently by their respective Superintendent.

No person will act as judge in any class in which she/he may be interested as the Exhibitor, agent of employee or an exhibitor, or otherwise, and if such circumstances should occur, the Superintendent of the department may remove such judge or substitute another temporarily. In case an official judge is not present, the Superintendent of this department has the privilege to appoint a capable judge, providing he/she is not one of the officials or an exhibitor in the section to be judged.

No entry deemed unworthy shall be awarded a premium. Should any question arise concerning any entry or other matter which the judge feels incompetent to decide, he shall report it to the Superintendent whose decision is final.

If it is ascertained any exhibitor or spectator shall attempt to interfere with the judge in the performance of his/her duty in any matter, they will be disqualified from further competition and forfeit any premiums and/or ribbons already awarded.

Rule 15

All protests concerning entries in any department must be made in writing, accompanied by affidavit setting forth grounds for protest.

Protests concerning an award must be filed within six (6) hours after the award was made and such protests will be considered by the Fair Management only after a deposit \$100.00 is made to cover necessary expense of the protest. The deposit will be returned if the protest is sustained. Interested parties will be notified, and an opportunity given them to submit evidence. The Du Quoin State Fair Management will make the final decision.

Rule 16

IN ORDER TO RETURN ENTRIES, THEY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH SUFFICIENT POSTAGE. MONEY ORDERS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE IN ORDER TO RETURN ARTICLES. CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

FOR RETURNING EXHIBITS. Perishable items will be disposed of. The fair will not be responsible for any exhibits left after 5:00 p.m. **Wednesday, September 3, 2025.** If an exhibitor is unable to pick up items at specified time, prior arrangements **MUST** be made.

DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS AND CLERKS

The Superintendent of each Section shall instruct the clerk to check the entries as shown in the Entry Book, and mark the entry books to show the item is shown and passed upon by the Judges. Clerks in the Department will certify the awards with the Judges at the Superintendent's supervision, and the Entry Book will be returned to the Entry Department for vouchering of the premiums awarded. Payments of premiums will be authorized only upon entries contained in these books.

Entering The Du Quoin State Fair Is As Easy As 1-2-3

1. Find The Class You Want To Enter
2. Fill Out The Entry Form For Each Department.
3. Pay \$3.50 For Each Division.

EXAMPLE

1. She Finds Apples In Dept. I-Agriculture, Division 4- Fruits Class No. 312893. Jane Finds Chocolate Cake In Department L - Culinary, Division 1- Baked Products-Layer Products, Class #14764.
2. She Fills Out 2 Forms (One For Each Department) Also, Unless You Are Entering A Professional Class, You Can Only Enter One For Each Class.
3. She Pays \$7.00 For Both Entries And Mails Them To Du Quoin State Fair Competitive Events Department, 655 Executive Drive, Du Quoin, IL 62832

DEPARTMENT I

AGRICULTURE

VEGETABLES

MISCELLANEOUS

DEPARTMENT I - AGRICULTURE
(Farm Products)

PREMIUM OFFERED\$750.00

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 1, 2025

Entry Fee of \$3.50 per division within each Dept.

RULES

All exhibits should be delivered to the Exhibition Hall between the hours of **1:00p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 20, 2025**. Exhibits should be set up and ready. Articles not in the building and ready by **5:00 p.m.** will not be judged. Exhibitors may use Gate 1 or Gate 3 for entries and pick-ups.

You may purchase a Homeshow Seasonal Pass for \$30.00. Homeshow Seasonal pass is for inside parking only.

LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL AUGUST 8, 2025 AT A COST OF \$4.50 PER CLASS (NOT DEPARTMENT). NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN POST-MARKED AFTER AUGUST 8, 2025.

Entry tags or claim checks are prepared for each article entered. These are mailed to you and are to be attached to each article entered for identification.

All articles competing for premiums must be exhibited by the producer or his/her authorized agent. **WE MUST DEPEND UPON THE COOPERATION AND INTEGRITY OF EACH EXHIBITOR.**

Exhibitors are limited to one entry under each class number.

Any entry manifestly unfit for exhibition may be disqualified by the Superintendent and removed from exhibition.

All exhibits must be products during the current growing year except in the corn, soybean, and edible nut classes which must be from 2025 crop. Judges are instructed to reject all entries which have any indication of not meeting these standards.

Containers such as plates, trays will be furnished by the Du Quoin State Fair. Fruit and vegetable exhibitors should furnish their own bushel baskets.

After exhibits are in place, no one will be permitted to handle them without the permission of the Superintendent.

Entries are to be picked up between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Entries that are highly perishable will be disposed of by department personnel. The exhibitor need not return to claim them. If ribbons are not called for by the end of the fair, they will be mailed to exhibitor. **IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE WON A RIBBON AND DID NOT RECEIVE IT THROUGH THE MAIL. PLEASE CONTACT THE COMPETITIVE EVENTS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (618)542-1509 OR (618) 542-1525.**

WHEN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES BECOME WILTED, THE EXHIBITS MAY BE REPLACED WITH FRESH EXHIBITS ON APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT.

JUDGING GUIDELINES GARDEN (VEGETABLES, MELONS, ETC)

Quality.....	40
In best and prime eating condition (NOT necessarily biggest)	
Condition.....	25
Clean, free from blemishes	
Uniformity.....	20
Typical of Variety	15

Division 1 – VEGETABLES Entry fee \$3.50 per division within each Department

Class No.	1	2	3
12662 Beans, Green Snap, 12 pods	6.00	5.00	4.00
12663 Beans, any other variety, 12 pods	6.00	5.00	4.00

12664	Cabbage.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12665	Carrots long slender 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12666	Cucumbers, pickling, under 3", plate of 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12667	Cucumbers, pickling, over 3", Plate of 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12668	Eggplant, display of 2.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12669	Okra, plate of 12.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12670	Onions, red, plate of 3.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12671	Onions, white, plate of 3.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12672	Onions, any other variety, plate of 3.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12673	Peppers, sweet bell, plate of 3.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12674	Peppers, hot, any other type, plate of 3.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12675	Peppers, hot, Jalapeno, plate of 3.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12676	Peppers, sweet banana type, plate of 3.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12677	Potatoes, Red Irish, plate of 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12678	Potatoes, White Irish, plate of 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12679	Potatoes, Sweet, plate of 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12680	Squash, zucchini, plate of 2.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12681	Squash, butternut, plate of 2.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12682	Squash, acorn, plate of 2.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12683	Squash, any other variety, plate of 2.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12684	Sweet Corn, yellow, 5 ears in husk.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12685	Tomatoes, red, plate of 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12686	Tomatoes, pink, plate of 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12687	Tomatoes, yellow, plate of 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12688	Tomatoes, Roma, plate of 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12689	Tomatoes, Red Cherry, plate of 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12690	Tomatoes, any other variety, plate of 5.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12691	BEST OF CORN.....	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in 12691)			
12692	BEST BEANS, GREEN SNAP.....	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in 12692)			
12693	BEST PEPPERS.....	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in 12693)			
12694	BEST SQUASH.....	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in 12694)			
12695	BEST ONIONS.....	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in 12695)			
12696	DECORATED VEGETABLE.....	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in 12696)			

Division 2 - MISCELLANEOUS

Entry fee \$3.50 per division within each Department

Class No.		1	2	3
12820	Muskmelon, any type, 5 lbs and over, one (1).....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12821	Muskmelon, any type, 5 lbs and under, one (1) ...	6.00	5.00	4.00
12822	Watermelon, striped oblong, one (1)	6.00	5.00	4.00
12823	Watermelon, solid color, oblong, one (1).....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12824	Watermelon, round, striped, one (1).....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12825	Watermelon, round, solid color, one (1)	6.00	5.00	4.00
12826	Large Pumpkin, 10 lb.	6.00	5.00	4.00
12827	Small Pumpkin, Pie Type, 5 lb.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12828	Pumpkin, Mini Decorative Type (Plate of 3)	6.00	5.00	4.00
12829	BEST MELON	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in Class #12829)			
12830	Heaviest Muskmelon	5.00		
12831	Heaviest Watermelon	5.00		
12832	Heaviest Pumpkin	5.00		
12833	Heaviest Tomato.....	5.00		
12834	Heaviest Potato.....	5.00		
	Award to be given in Class No. 12829, 12830, 12831, 12832, 12833, and 12834			
12835	Longest ear of corn, yellow Dent.....	5.00		
	(Award to be given to Class No. 12835)			
12836	Display basket of mini pumpkins (6-8)	5.00		
12837	Salad Bowl – Vegetables and greens used for making salads in an attractive Container. (Vegetables are to remain whole)	5.00		
12838	Du Quoin State Fair basket of Fresh Vegetables.	12.00	8.00	
	(This does not include popcorn). The basket will be tipped to resemble horns. The display will consist of a plain or decorated bushel basket containing a well balanced assortment of not less than seven, nor more than ten kinds of vegetables from a family garden.			
12839	Tallest cornstalk.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12840	BEST Miscellaneous	ROSETTE		

NOT MORE THAN TWO VARIETIES A KIND to be judged as follows:

Quality and edibility of vegetables	65%
Assortment of vegetables	10%
Arrangement of vegetables	10%
Basket and Decorations	5%
Neatness & attractiveness of exhibit	10%
The space allotted for each basket is 24" wide and 36" deep	

DIVISION 3 – FRUITS

Entry Fee of \$3.50 per division within each Department

Class No.	1	2	3
12901 Nuts, pecans, plate of 10.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12902 Nuts, hickory, plate of 10	6.00	5.00	4.00
12903 Nuts, black walnut, plate of 10	6.00	5.00	4.00
12904 Nuts, any other variety, plate of 10.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12905 Gourds, Pear, Small	6.00	5.00	4.00
12906 Gourds, Any Other.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12907 Dress A Gourd.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
12908 BEST NUT DISPLAY	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #12908)			
12909 BEST GOURD DISPLAY.....	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #12909)			

SUPERINTENDENT AWARD

This will be given to an entrant in each Department. Judging will be the Superintendents of each Department and will be based on uniqueness, size, appeal, eye appeal, personal preference, etc. Recipients need not necessarily be premium award.

DEPARTMENT J

FLORICULTURE

DEPARTMENT J – FLORICULTURE

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division within each Department

PREMIUM OFFERED\$600.00

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 2, 2025

RULES

All exhibits should be delivered to the Exhibition Hall on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Articles not in the building by 5:00 p.m. will be not judged.

A one time entry fee of \$3.50 per division within each Department. An exhibitor may enter ALL items within the same department for a total of \$3.50. Exhibitors may purchase a Homeshow Seasonal pass for \$30.00. Homeshow Seasonal pass is for inside parking only. Flowers must be grown by the exhibitor in all classes. This show is for amateurs only.

LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL AUGUST 8, 2025 AT A COST OF \$4.50 PER CLASS (NOT DEPARTMENT). NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 8, 2025.

ENTRIES WILL BE RELEASED ON Wednesday, September 3, 2025, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1:00 p.m. AND 5:00 p.m. Exhibitors who are unable to pick up their items at the specified time must make prior arrangements with the Competitive Events Department.

Exhibitors are limited to one entry under each class number. Entry tags will be mailed to you and are to be attached to each article.

Vases will be furnished by the Du Quoin State Fair for all cut flower specimens. Department personnel will care for the plants during the Fair if instructions are included with the plant on entry day. The Department staff will not be responsible for any plant that does not include care instructions on card staked in the pot or basket. Include requirements for water. No fertilizer will be applied by any Department employee. All hanging plants must be presented for competition, ready to hand. Flowering varieties should be in flower.

Exhibitors must furnish presentable containers, with drainage trays for all potted plants and hanging basket classes. Management will furnish vases for cut plant materials.

JUDGING GUIDELINES

POTTED PLANTS

Abundance of blooms at their peak
Foliage
Clearness of color
Size and form of plant, according to variety
Grooming
Rarity
Culture perfection

SPECIMENS OF CUT FLOWERS

Blooms at their peak
Clearness of color
Length and size of stem
Foliage
Culture perfection
Size and form, according to variety

DIVISION 1 – POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.	1	2	3
13170 African Violet, any type, any color	6.00	5.00	4.00
13171 Begonia, any type except trailing, any color	6.00	5.00	4.00
13172 Geranium, any type except trailing, any color	6.00	5.00	4.00
13173 Geranium, trailing, any color	6.00	5.00	4.00
13175 Hanging Basket.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
13176 Patio tree or shrub, flowering variety.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
13177 Any potted flowering plant not mentioned above .	6.00	5.00	4.00
13178 Wave petunia, any color.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
13179 BEST POTTED FLOWER PLANT	ROSETTE		

(Do not make entry in 13179)

DIVISION 2 – ROSES

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

The Rose Show is open to all amateur exhibitors. An amateur is hereby defined as one who does not derive any part of their regular livelihood from the sale of flowers or flower arrangements for gain nor any one employed by any concern who sells flowers or flower arrangements commercially. Each rose must be named to qualify for a premium, unless otherwise stated.

BEST SPECIMEN FLORIBUNDA

Class No.		1	2	3
13265	Red	6.00	5.00	4.00
13266	Pink	6.00	5.00	4.00
13267	Yellow	6.00	5.00	4.00
13268	White	6.00	5.00	4.00
13269	Blends	6.00	5.00	4.00
13270	Collection of Rose Bouquet (1 Per Color)	6.00	5.00	4.00
13271	Collection Rose Bouquet (Mixed)	6.00	5.00	4.00
13272	BEST FLORIBUNDA	ROSETTE		

(Do not make entry in #13272)

DIVISION 3 – HOUSEPLANT

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.		1	2	3
13460	Tropical Plant	6.00	5.00	4.00
13461	Fern, Any Variety	6.00	5.00	4.00
13462	Any Herb Potted Plant	6.00	5.00	4.00
13463	Philodendron	6.00	5.00	4.00
13465	Any other houseplant-grown primarily for foliage	6.00	5.00	4.00
13466	BEST HOUSE PLANT	ROSETTE		

(Do not make entry in 13466)

DIVISION 4 – CUT FLOWERS

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.		1	2	3
13480	Marigold, single vases	6.00	5.00	4.00
13481	Marigolds, collection	6.00	5.00	4.00
13482	Zinnia, single vases	6.00	5.00	4.00
13483	Zinnia, collection	6.00	5.00	4.00
13485	Any Other Flower, Vases	6.00	5.00	4.00
13486	Sunflower, single	6.00	5.00	4.00
13487	Sunflowers, collection	6.00	5.00	4.00
13488	BEST CUT FLOWER	ROSETTE		

(Do not make entry in #13488)

DIVISION 5 – SUNFLOWERS

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.		1	2	3
13490	Large head	6.00	5.00	4.00
13491	Tallest stem	6.00	5.00	4.00
13492	Most blooms	6.00	5.00	4.00
13493	Best of Sunflowers	ROSETTE		

DIVISION 6 – ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENT

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Each arrangement must be accompanied with a 3" x 5" card with the title.

ARTIFICIAL OR SILK FLOWERS ONLY

Class No.		1	2	3
13760	Decorated Lanterns.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
13761	Summer Artificial Wreath.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
13762	Summer Artificial Arrangement.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
13763	Christmas Artificial Wreath	6.00	5.00	4.00
13764	Christmas Artificial Arrangement.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
13765	Best Fair Themed: Adventure Awaits Artificial Arrangement	6.00	5.00	4.00
13766	BEST ARRANGEMENT	ROSETTE		

(Do not make entry in 13766)

DIVISION 7 – CONTAINER GARDEN

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.		1	2	3
13770	Succulent.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
13772	Mix Garden.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
13773	Best Container Garden.....	ROSETTE		

(Do not make entry in 13773)

DEPARTMENT K

TEXTILES

DEPARTMENT K – TEXTILES

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division within each Department

PREMIUM OFFERED\$1,420.00

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 1, 2025

RULES

All exhibits should be delivered to the Exhibition Hall on Friday, August 15, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Articles not in the building by 5:00 p.m. will not be judged.

ALL ARTICLES MUST BE CLEANED AND NOT YELLOWED. Soiled or discolored articles will not be accepted. ANY ARTICLE PREVIOUSLY ENTERED IS INELIGIBLE FOR COMPETITION. WE MUST DEPEND UPON THE COOPERATION AND INTEGRITY OF EACH EXHIBITOR.

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LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL AUGUST 8, 2025 AT A COST OF \$4.50 PER CLASS (NOT DEPARTMENT). NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 8, 2025.

ENTRIES WILL BE RELEASED ON Wednesday, September 3, 2025, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1:00 AND 5:00 p.m. Exhibitors who are unable to pick up their items at the specified time must make prior arrangements with the Competitive Events Department.

Only one article may be entered under one class number.

Articles must be the handiwork of the exhibitor, and not previously exhibited at the Du Quoin State Fair. ALL ITEMS ENTERED IN THIS DEPARTMENT MUST BE OF FABRIC OR THREAD.

Any article manifestly unfit for exhibition may be disqualified by the Superintendent and removed from exhibition.

Entry tags are prepared for each article entered. These are mailed to you and are to be attached to each article. Entry tags must be affixed with a safety pin to each article unless otherwise stated. If there is more than one article per entry, each article must be safety-pinned together. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Exhibitors who are unable to accompany their exhibits may send them by United Parcel or Parcel Post, addressed to the Textile Department, Du Quoin State Fair, 655 Executive Drive, Du Quoin, IL 62832, who shall care for them and properly place them for exhibit. Exhibitor's name and address must be plainly written on outside of package. Money orders must be made payable to the UNITED STATES POST OFFICE. CHECK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

QUILTING

WORKMANSHIP	45
Top (precision of cutting and stitching); quilting techniques; binding/edging (precision and finishing techniques)	
DESIGN	45
Choice and use of pattern for top and borders; choice and use of quilting pattern; choice and use of color; suitability of materials to design use of color; suitability of materials to design and function; originality or use of traditional pattern	
GENERAL APPEARANCE	10
Total impact, neat, clean	

DIVISION 1 - KNITTED OR CROCHET ITEMS

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.	1	2	3
14000 Afghan, Knitted.....	10.00	8.00	6.00
14001 Afghan, Crochet in One Piece.....	10.00	8.00	6.00
14002 Afghan, Crochet in more than 1 Piece	10.00	8.00	6.00
14003 Infant Crib Blanket, Knitted.....	10.00	8.00	6.00
14004 Infant Crib Blanket, Crochet	10.00	8.00	6.00
14005 Washcloths	6.00	5.00	4.00
14006 Crochet stuffed animals	6.00	5.00	4.00
14007 Textile Crossover (Material - Crochet Border)	6.00	5.00	4.00
14008 Miscellaneous	6.00	5.00	4.00
14009 Beginners & Beginning Stiches - Easy Patterns	6.00	5.00	4.00
14010 Crochet Clothing	6.00	5.00	4.00
14011 BEST KNITTED OR CROCHET ITEM.....	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #14011)			

DIVISION 2 - NEEDLEWORK

Entry Fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.	1	2	3
14100 Embroidered/Crewel Pillow	10.00	8.00	6.00
14101 Embroidered/Crewel Item.....	10.00	8.00	6.00
14102 Counted Cross Stitch Pillow	10.00	8.00	6.00
14103 Counted Cross Stitch Item	10.00	8.00	6.00
14104 Machine Embroidered Pillow.....	10.00	8.00	6.00
14105 Machine Embroidered Item	10.00	8.00	6.00
14106 Hand Quilted Pillow	10.00	8.00	6.00
14107 Beginners & Beginning Easy Patterns	6.00	5.00	4.00
14108 Pillowcases - embroidered/cross stitch/counted ..	6.00	5.00	4.00
14109 Any other item	6.00	5.00	4.00
14110 BEST OF NEEDLEWORK	ROSETTE		

(Do not make entry in Class #14110)

DIVISION 3 - HOLIDAY CRAFT

Entry Fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.	1	2	3
14200 Christmas Picture.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14201 Christmas Stocking	6.00	5.00	4.00
14202 Christmas Tree Skirt.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14203 BEST OF HOLIDAY CRAFT.....	ROSETTE		

(Do not make entry in #14203)

DIVISION 4 - QUILTS

Entry Fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.	1	2	3
14322 Quilt, applique, hand quilted.....	15.00	10.00	5.00
14323 Quilt, applique, machine quilted	15.00	10.00	5.00
14324 Quilt, pieced, hand quilted.....	15.00	10.00	5.00
14325 Quilt, pieced, machine quilted	15.00	10.00	5.00
14326 Quilt, hand embroidered, hand quilted	15.00	10.00	5.00
14327 Quilt, hand embroidered, machine quilted.....	15.00	10.00	5.00
14328 Quilt, machine embroidered, hand quilted.....	15.00	10.00	5.00
14329 Quilt, machine embroidered, machine quilted	15.00	10.00	5.00
14330 Quilt, with creative original design.....	20.00	15.00	10.00
14331 Quilt, vintage	20.00	15.00	10.00
14332 Group Quilt, made by 2 or more people	25.00	20.00	15.00
14333 Crib Quilt, appliqué.....	15.00	10.00	5.00

14334	Crib Quilt, pieced.....	15.00	10.00	5.00
14335	Crib Quilt, embroidered	15.00	10.00	5.00
14336	Wall Hanging, pieced	15.00	10.00	5.00
14337	Wall Hanging, appliqué	15.00	10.00	5.00
14338	Tied Comforter	15.00	10.00	5.00
14339	T-Shirt Quilt	15.00	10.00	5.00
14340	Rescue Quilts - Finding Quilts blocks: hand embroidered, applique, or pieced	15.00	10.00	5.00
14341	Any other quilted article	15.00	10.00	5.00
14342	BEST QUILTED ARTICLE.....	ROSETTE		
(DO NOT MAKE ENTRY IN #14342)				

DIVISION 5 - QUILT TOPS

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

(Tops are not to be hand or machine quilted)

Class No.		1	2	3
14380	Appliqué	6.00	5.00	4.00
14381	Pieced	6.00	5.00	4.00
14382	Machine Embroidered	6.00	5.00	4.00
14383	Hand Embroidered	6.00	5.00	4.00
14384	BEST QUILT TOP NOT QUILTED.....	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #14384)				

DIVISION 6 - SEWN ARTICLES

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.		1	2	3
14390	Purse.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14391	Tote Bag.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14392	Backpack.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14393	Toiletry or Make-Up Bag.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14394	Fabric Toy.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14395	Apron.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14396	Garmets.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14397	Any other item.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14398	BEST SEWN ARTICLE	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #14398)			

DIVISION 7 - MISCELLANEOUS

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.		1	2	3
14400	Rug Making with yarn material	6.00	5.00	4.00
14401	Needle felting - picture or animal.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14402	BEST MISCELLANEOUS	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #14402)			

DIVISION 8 - JUNIOR TEXTILES

(17 years and under)

Entry Fee of \$1.50 per division

AGE OF THE EXHIBITOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE TOP HALF OF ENTRY TAG AS WELL AS ON THE GENERAL ENTRY BLANK. EXHIBITOR MUST INCLUDE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON THE ENTRY FORM.

A one time entry fee is required in this Division. An exhibitor may enter ALL items within Division 8 for a total of \$1.50.

MISCELLANEOUS

Class No.		1	2
14560	Tye Dye Shirt.....	5.00	4.00
14561	Decorated Shoes.....	5.00	4.00
14562	Hair Bow.....	5.00	4.00
14563	Sock Animal.....	5.00	4.00
14564	Decorated Handbag	5.00	4.00
14565	Decorated Jewelry.....	5.00	4.00
14566	Crocheted Blanket.....	5.00	4.00
14567	Loom Weaving (pot holders)	5.00	4.00
14568	Any Other Miscellaneous	5.00	4.00
14569	BEST MISCELLANEOUS.....	ROSETTE	
	(Do not make entry in #14569)		

DEPARTMENT L CULINARY

DEPARTMENT L - CULINARY

PREMIUM OFFERED\$1599.00

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division
ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 1, 2025
RULES

All exhibits should be delivered to the Exhibition Hall between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Articles not in the building by 5:00 p.m. will not be judged.

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division within each Department. An Exhibitor may enter all items within the same Division for a total of \$3.50. You may purchase a Homeshow Seasonal pass for \$30.00. Homeshow Seasonal pass is for inside parking only.

LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL AUGUST 8, 2025 AT A COST OF \$4.50 PER CLASS (NOT DEPARTMENT). NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 8, 2025.

List on said "entry blank" article or articles to be exhibited using care to give correct Division and Class Number according to catalog.

Mail completed entry blank by AUGUST 1, 2025, to Competitive Events Department, Du Quoin State Fair, 655 Executive Drive, Du Quoin, IL 62832.

Entry tags will be mailed to you when your entries are entered in the judges books. Be sure to TIE ENTRY TAG through punched hole to the article before it is brought in for judging.

Each jar displayed shall have a label on the outside of the jar with the Exhibitor's number, date of preservation and contents.

Closed judging will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

Entries will be released on **Wednesday, September 3, 2025** between the hours of **1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** In the event that exhibitor is unable to pick up their items, prior arrangements must be made with the Competitive Events Department.

Food that is no longer edible will be destroyed and ribbons mailed to the Exhibitor.

Any entry manifestly unfit for the exhibition may be disqualified by the Superintendent and removed from exhibition.

NO CULINARY ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED BY THE Du Quoin STATE FAIR.

EXHIBITORS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO SELL FOOD IN THE EXHIBITION HALL.

GENERAL RULES ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO ILLINOIS RESIDENTS

Exhibitors are limited to one entry in each class number. Duplicate entries in the same class will not be judged. Member of the same family must not use identical recipes.

IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION, THE AGE OF THE EXHIBITOR MUST APPEAR ON TOP HALF OF ENTRY TAG AS WELL AS ON THE ENTRY BLANK.

Exhibits must be labeled true to name. Those not conforming to this rule will be barred from judging. Labels should be suitable, uniform, and neat. Variety of kind and date of canning must be placed on all glass containers.

All exhibitors must observe State and Federal Food Restrictions.

All entries will be under the care of the Superintendent and under constant protection. Every care will be taken to prevent damage, but in no event will the Superintendent or Management be responsible for any injury or loss that may occur.

Perishable items will be destroyed if molding occurs.

Use **PLASTIC PLATES OR WAX COATED PAPER PLATE.** NO STYROFOAM plates. Foods such as bread, cookies, etc. **MUST BE IN PLASTIC BAGS with entry tags securely tied to plates.**

BUTTERS, JAMS, MARMALADES AND PRESERVES MUST BE IN STANDARD ONE HALF PINT JARS. Use new lids and **NO RINGS.** Entry tags must be secured on a rubber band and around top of jar before it is brought in for judging.

All entries must have been made since the last Du Quoin State Fair.

Process with hot water bath, jellies for 5 minutes; jams, preserves, and marmalades for 10 minutes. Check a new canning book for hot water bath method. This will eliminate molding and spoilage. Please use this process with no paraffin.

JUDGING

Judging will be closed. Competent judges will be secured. Their decision will be considered final.

Judges are instructed not to award premiums unless exhibits are deemed worthy of merit. If no competition exists and an exhibit is not worthy of first premium, the judges may award a second premium or none, according to their judgement. Any article not up to standard in the class in which it is exhibited can be disqualified by the judge.

Judges are instructed that if they have reason to believe that an exhibitor, by false entry or otherwise (example - two entries of cookies from the same batch, one entry in one name and the other in another name) attempts to deceive and obtain an award by misrepresentation. (Example - items purchased from individuals other than said exhibitor shall not be awarded any prizes).

Several slices will be cut from real cakes when being judged. This amount gives the "spectator" an opportunity to view the texture and color of the cake.

All cakes which do not pass a perfect appearance tests will not be opened for judging.

Great care must be taken to make the exhibit attractive, exhibits are first judged according to appearance.

JUDGING GUIDELINES

CAKES

FLAVOR	35
Delicate and pleasing, well-blended	
TEXTURE	35
Cakes with butter/shortening: tender, moist, fine even cells; light cakes without fats: tender, feathery, resilient fine even cells.	
APPEARANCE	30
Shape: straight sides; slightly rounded top crust: smooth uniform color, not cracked or sticky; frosting: glossy smooth, not too thick, suitable to cake; filling: minimum 1/4" fluffy, good flavor, suitable to cake	

CANNING: JELLIES, PRESERVES, JAMS, MARMALADES

PRODUCT	50
Absence of defects (seeds, peel); quality and maturity of fruit: color clear, bright, typical of fruit used; proper consistency; jelly tender to firm, retains shape without	

	weeping, no crystals; preserves: thick, fruit tender, plump, whole small fruits or uniform pieces, fruit evenly distributed; jam holds shape but less firm than jelly; marmalade tender with pieces of fruit evenly distributed	
FLAVOR	Characteristic of fruit used, without excessive sweetness of spices	25
PACK	Headspace: 1/4"; no air bubbles	15
CONTAINER.....		10

COOKIES

FLAVOR	Well-blended natural flavor in ingredients	50
TEXTURE.....	Tender, small even cells, not crumbly or hard, consistent with type of cookie: thin cookie crisp; drop cookie soft, bar cookie moist	30
APPEARANCE	Shape regular, color uniform, free from darkened edges	20

DECORATED CAKE

OVERALL APPEARANCE.....	Balance, color harmony, consistency of pattern	40
ARTISTIC QUALITY	Originality, difficulty of techniques, overall eye appeal	35
NEATNESS	Texture of icing, uniformity of repeat pattern	25

QUICK BREAD

SHAPE, COLOR, VOLUME	Well proportioned, evenly rounded or flat top (depending on type); uniformly brown, light weight in proportion to size	30
CRUMB	Well raised and equally light throughout; moist, elastic, tender; medium fine; round even cells, flaky lightness; no tunnels; not dry or soggy; nuts or fruit well distributed	30
FLAVOR	Blended flavor of well baked ingredients; free from flavor of fat, baking soda or salt	30
CRUST	Crisp, usually rough surface; tender, thin, no cracks	10

YEAST BREADS

FLAVOR	30
Blend of well-baked ingredients, free from sourness	
TEXTURE.....	25
Tender, free from dryness or doughiness	
GRAIN	15
Fine cells, evenly distributed	
CRUST	15
Uniform browning, free from cracks and bulges	
COLOR	10
Characteristic of ingredients used, free from dark streaks	

DIVISION 1 - BAKED PRODUCTS

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

BREADS

Class No.	1	2	3
14676 Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit	8.00	6.00	4.00
14677 Blueberry Biscuit	8.00	6.00	4.00
14678 White	8.00	6.00	4.00
14679 Whole Wheat 100%.....	8.00	6.00	4.00
14680 Yeast Rolls (6)	8.00	6.00	4.00
14681 Sweet Rolls (6)	8.00	6.00	4.00
14682 Coffee Cake (yeast)	8.00	6.00	4.00
14683 Muffin (6) any kind	8.00	6.00	4.00
14684 Banana	8.00	6.00	4.00
14685 Cranberry	8.00	6.00	4.00
14686 Pumpkin	8.00	6.00	4.00
14687 Chocolate Chip.....	8.00	6.00	4.00
14688 Other than classified (yeast).....	8.00	6.00	4.00
14689 Other than classified (non-yeast)	8.00	6.00	4.00
14690 BEST BREAD.....	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #14690)			

DIVISION 2 - DECORATED CAKES

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

This category only. You do not have to decorate an actual baked cake. You may decorate a styrofoam round or square or rectangle shape. A small bucket turned upside down or large bowl upside down. Anything other than a real cake. This category is judged only on overall appearance, artistic quality, and **NEATNESS**. Your decorated entry must be on a sturdy white covered cardboard or plastic board, which must not exceed over 2" from sides of decorated entry. The majority of decorations on entry must be made of icing. Limit the use of artificial decorations.

Class No.	1	2	3
14771	Decorated Birthday Cake, Bridal Shower or Baby Cake		
	15.00	10.00	8.00
14772	Decorated Wedding or Anniversary Cake		
	15.00	10.00	8.00
14773	Decorated Cupcake, Plate of 6		
	6.00	5.00	4.00
14774	BEST DECORATED CAKE..... ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #14774)		

CAKES

Class No.	1	2	3
14790	White, iced.....		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14791	Chocolate, iced.....		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14792	Any other kind		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14793	Cake Pops, Plate of 12.....		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14794	BEST CAKE ROSETTE		
	(DO NOT MAKE ENTRY IN #14794)		

DIVISION 3 - COOKIES, ETC

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Cookies are to be displayed on **WAX COATED PAPER or PLASTIC PLATES. No Styrofoam plates.** Show exactly 6 on a plate

Class No.	1	2	3
14804	White chocolate macadamia nut		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14805	Chocolate Brownies		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14806	Bars, any other, may be iced.....		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14807	Refrigerator		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14808	Chocolate Chip.....		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14810	Peanut Butter		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14811	Lemon		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14812	Sugar.....		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14813	Oatmeal.....		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14814	Any other, give name.....		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14815	Snickerdoodle.....		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14816	Cake Mix Cookies		
	8.00	6.00	4.00
14817	BEST COOKIE ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #14817)		

JUDGES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REMOVE LIDS AND OPEN JAR AND SAMPLE THE JELLY, PRESERVES, JAMS AND BUTTERS

DIVISION 4 - CANNED PRODUCTS

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

JELLY

(JARS WILL BE OPENED)

Fruit jellies are made from extracted juices of various kinds of fruits cooked with granulated sugar. Good jellies are clear sparkling and have a fresh flavor of the fruit from which it is made. It is tender enough to quiver when moved but holds angles when cut. All jellies are to be in standard one-half pint jars with new lids and no rings.

Class No.		1	2	3
14926	Grape	6.00	5.00	4.00
14927	Blackberry	6.00	5.00	4.00
14928	Strawberry.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14929	Any other kind	6.00	5.00	4.00
14930	BEST JELLY.....	ROSETTE		

(Do not make entry in #14930)

JAMS

(JARS WILL BE OPENED)

Jams are made of crushed fruits, mixed with sugar and cooked until thick. Should not be firm enough to jell. Mold on top of jam disqualifies exhibit for judging. Good jam has a soft even consistency without distinct pieces of fruit, a bright color and semi-jelled texture that is easy to spread without any fruit liquids. All jams are to be in standard one-half pint jars with new lids and no rings.

Class No.		1	2	3
14978	Blackberry	6.00	5.00	4.00
14979	Strawberry.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14980	Grape	6.00	5.00	4.00
14981	Apple Butter.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
14982	Any other kind	6.00	5.00	4.00
14983	BEST JAMS	ROSETTE		

(Do not make entry in #14983)

EXTRACTED HONEY

1 JELLY GLASS JAR (NO LABELS ALLOWED. JARS WILL BE OPENED)

Class No.		1	2	3
15000	Alfalfa	6.00	5.00	4.00
15001	Clover	6.00	5.00	4.00
15002	Very light honey, other than above	6.00	5.00	4.00
15003	Medium colored honey, other than above	6.00	5.00	4.00
15004	Dark honey, other than above	6.00	5.00	4.00
15005	BEST HONEY	ROSETTE		

(Do not make entry in #15005)

DIVISION 5 - JUNIORS

17 Years and Under

A one time entry fee is required in this Division. An exhibitor may enter ALL items within the same Division 5 for a total of \$1.50. Exhibitor may purchase a Homeshow Seasonal pass for \$30.00.

Any entry manifestly unfit for exhibition may be disqualified by the Superintendent and removed from exhibition.

All real cakes and decorated artificial cakes must be on covered boards which do not exceed more than 2" from side of item entered.

All decorated cakes must be decorated with icing and the trim and flowers are to be made out of icing. Limit artificial decorations.

AGE OF THE EXHIBITOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE TOP HALF OF ENTRY TAG AS WELL AS ON THE GENERAL ENTRY BLANK. EXHIBITOR MUST INCLUDE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON THE ENTRY FORM.

A special award will be presented to the "BEST HOMEMAKER" in the Junior Department.

CAKES

Class No.		1	2	3
15356	White, iced.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
15357	Chocolate, iced.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
15358	Any other kind	6.00	5.00	4.00
15359	BEST CAKE	ROSETTE		

(DO NOT MAKE ENTRY IN # 15359)

DECORATED CAKES
(Class #15362, #15363 & #15364 Can Be Artificial)

Class No.		1	2	3
15362	Decorated Cake,	10.00	8.00	6.00
15363	Decorated Cupcakes, Plate of 6	8.00	6.00	3:00
15364	Decorated Cookies, plate of 6	6.00	5.00	4:00
15365	BEST DECORATED CAKE.....	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #15365)			

COOKIES

Show exactly 6 on PLASTIC OR WAX COATED PAPER PLATE

Class No.		1	2	3
15371	Sugar.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
15372	Oatmeal.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
15373	Peanut Butter	5.00	4.00	3.00
15374	Chocolate Chip.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
15375	Cookie made with candy	5.00	4.00	3.00
15376	Any other	5.00	4.00	3.00
15377	BEST COOKIE	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #15377)			

DEPARTMENT M ART SHOW

DEPARTMENT M - ART SHOW

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 1, 2025

PREMIUM OFFERED\$1,233.00

RULES

All Exhibits should be delivered to the Exhibition Hall **Friday, August 15, 2025, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Articles not in the Exhibition Hall by 5:00 p.m. will not be judged.

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LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL AUGUST 8, 2025 AT A COST OF \$4.50 PER CLASS (NOT DEPARTMENT). NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 8, 2025.

Articles must be the original completed work of the exhibitors and cannot be borrowed, purchase, etc.

Only 1 entry must be entered under 1 class. Items previously entered are not eligible again. Only current projects.

Pictures must be mounted on Poster Board only. NO MAT BOARD. NO FRAMING.

Any entry manifestly unfit for exhibition may be disqualified by the Superintendent and removed from exhibition.

Stamped paintings, items made with the use of a kit, pre-molded ceramics, copies "Paint by Number" and nudes will not be accepted in any class.

Entry tags are prepared for each article entered. These are mailed to you and are to be attached to each article entered for identification.

DIVISION 1 - AMATEUR PAINTING

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

OIL PAINTING

Class No.		1	2	3
15762	Portrait or Figure	12.00	10.00	8.00
15763	Landscape, Snowscape or Water Scene	12.00	10.00	8.00
15764	Still Life.....	12.00	10.00	8.00
15765	BEST OIL PAINTING.....	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #15765)				

WATERCOLORS

Class No.		1	2	3
15787	Portrait or Figure	12.00	10.00	8.00
15788	Landscape, Snowscape or Water Scene	12.00	10.00	8.00
15789	Still Life.....	12.00	10.00	8.00
15790	BEST WATERCOLOR.....	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #15790)				

ACRYLIC

Class No.		1	2	3
15791	Portrait or Figure	12.00	10.00	8.00
15792	Landscape, Snowscape or Water Scene	12.00	10.00	8.00
15793	Still Life.....	12.00	10.00	8.00
15794	BEST ACRYLIC.....	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #15794)				

DIVISION 2 - DECORATIVE PAINTING

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Paints can be oil or acrylic. Items that can be decorated Wood-Tin-Glass
Decorated theme could be "seasonal" Christmas, Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, etc.

Class No.		1	2	3
15802	Rocks	12.00	10.00	8.00
15803	Flower Pots / Pottery.....	12.00	10.00	8.00
15804	Painting on repurpose stem	12.00	10.00	8.00
	(Ex. windows, screens, saw blades, etc)			
15805	Miscellaneous.....	12.00	10.00	8.00
15807	BEST DECORATIVE PAINTING	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #15807)			

DIVISION 3 - BARN QUILT PAINTING

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Size of the painting is no bigger than 20" x 20"

Class No.		1	2	3
15850	Minis	12.00	10.00	8.00
15851	Geometric Shapes..... (triangles, circles, rectangles)	12.00	10.00	8.00
15852	Four-Patch..... (four squares in a 2x2 pattern)	12.00	10.00	8.00
15853	BEST OF BARN QUILTING	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #15853)			

DIVISION 4 - SENIOR ADULTS - Ages 75 & Up

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.		1	2	3
15901	Painting - any kind including pastels	12.00	10.00	8.00
15902	Drawings, Prints, Digital Generated Art.....	12.00	10.00	8.00
15903	Clay, Ceramics, China Painting, Sculptures.....	12.00	10.00	8.00
15904	BEST OF SENIOR ADULTS	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #15904)			

DIVISION 5 - PHOTOGRAPHY

Entry fee of \$3.50 per each division

The size of the pictures and the mountings are as follows: Picture maximum 8"x 12", minimum 3 1/2" x 5". Mounting margin, maximum 2", minimum 1". Pictures must be mounted on white poster board. This rule applies in all cases. NO CUT MATS. Please make sure poster board is clean and have no markings on them.

BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS

Class No.		1	2	3
15910	Nature (flowers, trees, leaves etc.,..... landscape, sky/weather, water)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15911	Animals..... (live animals only - no teddy bears, dinosaurs, etc.)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15912	Architecture	6.00	5.00	4.00
	(building or close-up of part of building)			
15913	City - Name City on Exhibitor Tag	6.00	5.00	4.00
	(capture the flavor of a city; photo must be recognizable as being taken in a city; examples: skyline, rush-hour traffic, sidewalk crowd, etc.)			
15914	Country.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
	(capture the flavor of a country setting; examples: rural town, farm, field in hay bales, dusty road, etc.)			

15915	People	6.00	5.00	4.00
	Children (emphasis of photo is children)			
15916	People	6.00	5.00	4.00
	Adults (emphasis of photo is adults)			
15917	Still Life (non-living objects ONLY: fruit, vegetables, cut flowers permitted; people and animals NOT permitted as subject of photo)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15918	Seasonal - Summer, Spring, Fall, Winter	6.00	5.00	4.00
15919	Any other Black & White Prints	6.00	5.00	4.00
15920	Special Effects..... (double exposures, time-lapse, special developing or printing techniques, etc.)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15921	Transportation Picture	6.00	5.00	4.00
15922	Weather Picture.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
15924	BEST BLACK & WHITE	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #15924)			

DIVISION 6 - COLOR PRINTS

Entry fee of \$3.50 per each division

(NO DIGITALLY GENERATED COMPUTER PHOTOS)

Class No.		1	2	3
15927	Nature..... (Flowers, trees, leaves, etc., landscape, sky/weather, water)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15928	Animals..... (live animals only - no teddy bears, dinosaurs, etc.)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15929	Architecture	6.00	5.00	4.00
	(building or close-up of part of building)			
15930	City - Name City on Exhibitor Tag	6.00	5.00	4.00
	(capture the flavor of a city; photo must be recognizable as being taken in a city; examples: skyline, rush-hour traffic, sidewalk crowd, etc.)			
15931	Country.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
	(capture the flavor of a country setting; examples: rural town, farm, field in hay bales, dusty road, etc.)			
15932	People	6.00	5.00	4.00
	Children (emphasis of photo is children)			
15933	People	6.00	5.00	4.00
	Adults (emphasis of photo is adults)			
15934	Still Life.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
	(non-living objects ONLY; fruit, vegetables, cut flowers permitted; people and animals NOT permitted as subject of photo)			
15935	Night Scenes	6.00	5.00	4.00
15936	Special Effects.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
	(double exposures, time-lapse, special developing or printing techniques, etc.)			
15937	Any other Color Prints	6.00	5.00	4.00
15938	Seasonal Spring Picture.....	6.00	5.00	4.00

15939	Seasonal Summer Picture.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
15940	Seasonal Fall Picture	6.00	5.00	4.00
15941	Seasonal Winter Picture.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
15942	Shadows Picture	6.00	5.00	4.00
15943	Weather.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
15944	BEST COLOR	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #15944)				

DIVISION 7 - DIGITALLY GENERATED COMPUTER PHOTOS

Entry fee of \$3.50 per each division

Class No.		1	2	3
15950	Landscape or Water Scene.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
15951	Animals and/or Birds	6.00	5.00	4.00
15952	Any Other	6.00	5.00	4.00
15953	BEST OF DIGITALLY GENERATED COMPUTER PHOTOS.....	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #15953)			

DIVISION 8 - FAIR

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

The size of the pictures and the mountings are as follows: Picture maximum 8"x12", minimum 3 ½" x 5". Mounting margin, maximum 2", minimum 1". Pictures must be mounted on white poster board. This rule applies in all cases. NO CUT MATS Please make sure poster board is clean and have no marking on them.

COLORS PRINTS

Class No.		1	2	3
15960	Through a child's eyes (From a child's perspective)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15961	Hidden Fair Gems (Focus on unnoticed details, textures, shadows or small elements at the fair)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15962	Before the gates open (Early morning preparations, setting up rides, animals, ready for show, during parade, cooking food)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15963	Fair by night..... (Highlight vibrant lights, long exposures, nighttime energy)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15964	Candid Fair moments (Unposed pictures, spontaneous captures of people or animals at the fair, authentic)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15965	The Fair Experience..... (photos showcasing sights, emotions, energy of the fair)	6.00	5.00	4.00
15966	BEST OF FAIR (Do not make entry in #15966)	ROSETTE		

DIVISION 9 - WELCOME TO NEW AGE

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.	1	2	3
15970	Storyline 6.00	5.00	4.00
	(3 to 4 pictures that tell a story)		
15971	Cell Phone Photo/People 6.00	5.00	4.00
	(Cell phone picture of a person)		
15972	Cell Phone/Scenic 6.00	5.00	4.00
	(Cell phone picture of a scenery)		
15973	A/I photo of a person 6.00	5.00	4.00
	(Photo of a person that AI has created)		
15974	Eco-Narratives 6.00	5.00	4.00
	(Two to four photos showing a visual story of an environmental theme or scene - ex. tree first planted to now, old area that has buildings on it)		
15975	Whimsical Realities 6.00	5.00	4.00
	(Blending surreal elements with real life scene. ex. Star Wars characters in the dirt that looks like Dunes, fairy in a whimsical tree)		
15976	BEST OF NEW AGE PHOTO ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #15976)		

DIVISION 10 - PENCIL DRAWING

Entry fee of \$3.50 per each division

Article must be in the handwork of the exhibitor.

All entries should be mounted on white poster board.

Class No.	1	2	3
15980	Portraits 6.00	5.00	4.00
15981	Still Life 6.00	5.00	4.00
15982	Landscape 6.00	5.00	4.00
15983	BEST OF PENCIL DRAWING ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #15983)		

DIVISION 11 - JUNIOR ART

Entry fee of \$1.50 per division within each Department

A one time entry fee is required in this Division. An Exhibitor may enter ALL items within the same Division for a total of \$1.50. Exhibitor may purchase a Homeshow Seasonal pass for \$30.00. Homeshow Seasonal pass is for inside parking only.

Article must be the handiwork of the exhibitor.

All entries should be mounted on white poster board.

Stamped paintings, items made with the use of a kit, pre-molded ceramics, copies, "Paint by Number", nudes and pages from coloring books will not be accepted in any class.

Junior Division Classes Defined:

Class A: Limited to exhibitors who are 9 years of age and under 14 as of December 31, 2025.

Class B: Limited to exhibitors who are 14 years of age and under 18 as of December 31, 2025.

AGE OF THE EXHIBITOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE TOP HALF OF THE ENTRY TAG AS WELL AS ON THE GENERAL ENTRY BLANK. EXHIBITOR MUST INCLUDE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

CLASS A

Class No.	1	2	3
16016 Crayon or Pastels.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16017 Creative design, print or collage.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16018 Oil Painting, acrylic, Tempura.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16019 Pencil, charcoal, or India Ink	5.00	4.00	3.00
16020 Watercolor or tempera.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16021 Felt Pen	5.00	4.00	3.00
16022 Miscellaneous.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16023 BEST OF CLASS A	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #16023)			

CLASS B

Class No.		1	2	3
16044	Pencil, charcoal, or India Ink	5.00	4.00	3.00
16045	Watercolor	5.00	4.00	3.00
16046	Felt Pen	5.00	4.00	3.00
16047	Miscellaneous.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16048	BEST OF CLASS B.....	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #16048)				

DIVISION 12 - DECORATIVE PAINTING

Entry fee of \$1.50 per each division

Class No.		1	2	3
16053	Rocks	5.00	4.00	3.00
16054	Miscellaneous.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16055	BEST OF DECORATIVE	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #16055)				

DIVISION 13 - PHOTOGRAPHY

Class A & Class B

Entry fee of \$1.50 per each division

The size of the picture and the mounting are as follows: Picture 8" x 12", minimum 3 1/2" x 5". Mounting margin: maximum 2", minimum 1". Pictures must be mounted on white poster board. This applies in all classes. **Matted works will not be accepted.**

BLACK & WHITE PRINTS

Class No.	1	2	3
16071 Shadows.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16072 Animal Life.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16073 Insects and Bugs.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16074 People	5.00	4.00	3.00
16075 Miscellaneous.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16076 Silly Picture.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16077 Transportation Picture	5.00	4.00	3.00
16078 Holiday Picture	5.00	4.00	3.00
16079 BEST BLACK & WHITE PRINT	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry #16079)			

COLOR PRINTS

Class No.		1	2	3
16080	Sports Action	5.00	4.00	3.00
16081	Animal Life.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16082	Floral	5.00	4.00	3.00
16083	People	5.00	4.00	3.00
16084	At the Fair Picture.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16085	Party Picture.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16086	Holiday Picture	5.00	4.00	3.00
16087	Miscellaneous.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16088	BEST COLOR PRINTS	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry #16088)			

DEPARTMENT N HOBBIES

DEPARTMENT N - HOBBIES

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 1, 2025

PREMIUM OFFERED\$781.00

RULES

All exhibits should be delivered to the Exhibition Hall on **Friday, August 15, 2025, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Articles not in the Exhibition Hall by **5:00 p.m.** will not be judged.

Entries in this Department will be released on **Wednesday, September 3, 2025 between hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Exhibitor who are unable to pick up their items at the specified time must make prior arrangements with the Competitive Events Department.

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division. Any Exhibitor may enter ALL items within the same department for a total of \$3.50. Exhibitor may purchase a Homeshow Seasonal pass for \$30.00. Homeshow Seasonal pass is for inside parking only.

LATE ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL AUGUST 8, 2025 AT A COST OF \$4.50 PER CLASS (NOT DIVISION). NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 8, 2025

All exhibits must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor. Entry tags will be mailed to you. Be sure to tie the entry tag to the article before it is brought in for judging. No exhibitor or part thereof may be entered in more than one class.

Only one entry may be entered under one class number.

Cards may be attached to entries giving information that would be of interest to the public.

DIVISION 1 - HAND CRAFTED HOBBIES

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.	1	2	3
16342	Any article in metal and/or wire, handcrafted		
	includes jewelry	6.00	5.00 4.00
16343	Stained or other glass work		
	Max. 10" x 10" - 1 only	6.00	5.00 4.00
16344	Basket, any style		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16345	Handcrafted wooden toy - not to exceed		
	12"x 12"x 18" - 1 only	6.00	5.00 4.00
16346	Mesh Wreath - no size limit - 1 only		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16347	Book Art		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16348	Epoxy/Resin Art - Jewelry, Tumblers/Cups,		
	Trays, Coasters, Bowls	6.00	5.00 4.00
16349	Wood Carving (20" limit)		
	1 only (any article except toy)	6.00	5.00 4.00
16350	Leather craft (max. 3) belts, wallet, purse		
	coin purse, etc	6.00	5.00 4.00
16351	Sculpture - Ceramic, clay - non metal		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16352	Diamond Painting - any size, framed		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16353	Holiday Craft		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16354	Jewelry - No Plastic		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16355	Handcrafted Wood Items		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16357	Miscellaneous Item		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16358	Handcrafted molded or made, silver/gold		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16359	BEST OF HAND CRAFTED HOBBIES		
	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in 16359)		

DIVISION 2 - SCRAPBOOKS

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

(Enter ONE page with plastic sheet protector in each class)

Class No.	1	2	3
16410	Holiday		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16411	Sports		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16412	Baby		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16413	Heritage		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16414	Seasons		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16415	Any other not listed		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16416	Vacation		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16417	Du Quoin State Fair		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16418	Party		
		6.00	5.00 4.00
16419	BEST OF SCRAPBOOKING		
	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #16419)		

DIVISION 3 - DU QUION STATE FAIR

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.		1	2	3
16500	Memorabilia 1950 & after	6.00	5.00	4.00
16501	Glassware	6.00	5.00	4.00
16502	Pins (lapel)	6.00	5.00	4.00
16503	Pictures, post cards.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16504	Ribbon or award	6.00	5.00	4.00
16505	BEST OF DU QUION STATE FAIR	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #16505)				

DIVISION 4 - REPURPOSE OR UPSCALE

Entry fee of \$3.50 per division

Class No.		1	2	3
16600	Furniture	6.00	5.00	4.00
16601	Clothing	6.00	5.00	4.00
16602	Kitchen Utensils.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16603	Glassware	6.00	5.00	4.00
16604	Silverware.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16605	Miscellaneous Articles	6.00	5.00	4.00
16606	BEST OF REPURPOSE OR UPSCALE	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #16606)				

DIVISION 5 CRICUT/SILHOUTTE

Entry fee of \$3.50 per each division

Using vinyl, paper, material, wood, or glass

Class No.		1	2	3
16616	Paper crafts	6.00	5.00	4.00
16617	Stickers.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16618	Magnets.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16619	Decorated a purchased fabric item	6.00	5.00	4.00
16620	None of the above	6.00	5.00	4.00
16621	BEST OF FAIR.....	ROSETTE		
(Do not make entry in #16621)				

DIVISION 6 WINDCHIMES

Entry Fee of \$3.50 per division

16631	Any wood windchime.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16632	Any metal windchime	6.00	5.00	4.00

16633	Any other windchime.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16634	BEST OF WINDCHIMES	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #16634)			

DIVISION 7 JIGSAW PUZZLE

Entry fee of \$3.50 per each division

Puzzles must be either vertical or landscape with the measurements 19"x 13" for landscape or 13" x 9" vertical, glued to a poster/foam board and not framed

PHOTOMOSAIC

Class No.		1	2	3
16641	Animal	6.00	5.00	4.00
16642	Landscape	6.00	5.00	4.00
16643	Flowers.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16644	Characters.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16645	Any Other	6.00	5.00	4.00
16646	BEST OF PHOTOMOSAIC	ROSETTE		
	(Do Not make entry in #16646)			

2D

16647	Nature/Water scene	6.00	5.00	4.00
16648	Animal	6.00	5.00	4.00
16649	Flowers.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16650	City	6.00	5.00	4.00
16651	Any other	6.00	5.00	4.00
16652	BEST 2D	ROSETTE		
(DO NOT MAKE ENTRY IN #16652)				

DIVISION 8 - YOUTH

(17 Years and under by January 1, 2025)

Entry fee of \$1.50 per division

Exhibits must be mounted to foam board or poster board

AGE OF THE EXHIBITOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE TOP HALF OF THE ENTRY TAG AS WELL AS ON THE GENERAL ENTRY BLANK. EXHIBITOR MUST INCLUDE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON THE ENTRY FORM.

Class No.		1	2	3
16656	Butterfly (5).....	6.00	5.00	3.00
16657	Insects (5).....	6.00	5.00	3.00
16658	Leaf (5).....	6.00	5.00	3.00

16659	Coin (5).....	6.00	5.00	3.00
16660	Any other.....	6.00	5.00	3.00
16661	BEST OF COLLECTION.....	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #16661)			

CONSTRUCTED ARTICLES

Must be the work of the Exhibitor

Class No.		1	2	3
16665	Bird House or Bird Feeder (height not to exceed 12")	5.00	4.00	3.00
16666	Diamond Painting - any size, framed	5.00	4.00	3.00
16668	Toothpick, popsicle stick, clothespin creation (not to exceed 12" in height).....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16669	Woodworking (max 3 not to exceed 12 x 12)	5.00	4.00	3.00
16670	Models - made from kit or original design (max 3, not to exceed 18 wide x 24 Long x 18 High Lego- submitted on a legobase affixed to foam...	5.00	4.00	3.00
16671	Textile Painting - Shirt or other article.....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16672	Rock Painting (min. 3 - max 5).....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16673	Miscellaneous articles (not to exceed 12" in height).....	5.00	4.00	3.00
16674	BEST CONSTRUCTED ARTICLE.....	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #16674)			

SCRAPBOOKS

(Enter ONE page with plastic sheet protector in each class)

Class No.		1	2	3
16678	Holiday.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16683	Any other not listed.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16684	Vacation.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16685	Du Quoin State Fair.....	6.00	5.00	4.00
16688	BEST OF SCRAPBOOKING.....	ROSETTE		
	(Do not make entry in #16688)			

DEPARTMENT O COOKING CONTESTS

GENERATION SHOWDOWN - KIDS VS KIN

4-H FOOD CHALLENGE PRETZEL IN A BAG

GINGER BARN

WAFFLE ADVENTURELAND SHOWDOWN

GO BANANAS COOKING CHALLENGE

CAKE DECORATING

MY FAVORITE STATE FAIR FOOD

MYSTERY SACK COOKING CONTEST

CRAZY FOR CUPCAKES

CHARCUTERIE BOARD

AFTERNOON TEA FOOD CONTEST

GENERATION SHOWDOWN: KIDS VS KIN

Sponsored by:

Kalin's Cafe

Saturday, August 23, 2025

9:00 a.m. - Stage @ Expo Hall

Did your parents or Grandparents teach you everything you know about cooking? Did they teach you TOO much? Well, come out to our contest and prove it! Judges will pick who they think has the better dish, dessert or soup.

1. Each contestant will have to challenge their kin on an item they both have cooked.
2. The challenger needs to be a child against their kin (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, Etc)
3. Each contestant will bring the same item that they cooked or baked at home
4. The judges will do a blind taste test and decide who brings home the bragging rights for that dish!
5. Entry forms are in the back of the Home Show Book. Entries can be mailed to the Du Quoin Stae Fair Competitive Events 655 executive Dr DuQuoin, IL or by calling the office 618-542-1509.
6. NO ENTRY FEE
7. Entries for this contest must be submitted by August 22, 2025

Entries will be judge on:

Taste	50%
Creativity	30%
Overall Appearance	20%

Awards will be given:

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

**4-H FOOD CHALLENGE
PRETZELS IN A BAG**

Sponsored by:

U of I Extension

Franklin, Jackson, Perry, Randolph & Williamson Counties

Saturday, August 23, 2025

11:00 a.m. - Stage @ Expo Hall

1. **Open to all youth 8-18. You do not have to be a 4-H member.**
2. Contestants come at 8:30 a.m. to the EXPO HALL to set up.
3. All ingredients will be provided.
4. You may bring garnishment and your own plates for presentation.
5. You will be given an hour to finish your pretzels.

Entry forms are in the back of this book which can be mailed to the DuQuoin State Fair Competitive Events 655 Executive Drive, DuQuoin IL 62832, or on-line at ***dsf.illinois.gov/competitions/home-show/cooking-contests***.

Entries for this contest must be submitted by August 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. No late entries will be accepted.

No Entry Fee for this contest.

Judging will be done by:

Entries will be judged on:

Presentation	50%
Taste	30%
Best Use of Product	20%

Awards will be given in two age categories 8-12 and 13-18.

- 1st Place - Gift Card
- 2nd Place - Gift Card
- 3rd Place - Gift Card

GINGER BARN CHALLENGE

Sponsored by:

Banterra Bank of Du Quoin

Saturday, August 23, 2025

1:00 p.m. - Stage @ Expo Hall

Put your decorating kills to good use and turn a gingerbread house into a barn to celebrate the agriculture at the Du Quoin State Fair!

1. Each contestant will be given a gingerbread house, and it is up to them to turn in into a ginger barn!
2. Contestants are allowed to bring 3 items from home to decorate their barn.
3. We will provide some icing and candy pieces.

Entry forms are in the back of the Home Show Book or online. Entries can be mailed to the Du Quoin State Fair Competitive Events 655 Executive Dr. Du Quoin, IL. Or by calling the office 618-542-1509.

No Entry Fee.

Entries will be judged on:

Creativity	50%
Originality	30%
Overall neatness & look	20%

Be Creative!

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

WAFFLE ADVENTURELAND SHOWDOWN

Sponsored by:

Eclipse Insurance

Saturday, August 23, 2025

2:30 p.m. - Stage @ Expo Hall

1. Be creative and put your best waffle art mind to use!
2. Each contestant will get 4 waffles to use for their decorations.
3. Decorate the waffle(s) in a creative way
4. Contestants can use the waffles for decorations and some for waffle art.
5. Contestants need to bring what they want to decorate the waffle with.
6. THE WAFFLE WILL BE DECORATED AT THE CONTEST.

Pre-registration is required for this contest.

Entry forms are in the back of the Home Show Book. Entries can be mailed to the DuQuoin State Fair Competitive Events 655 Executive Dr. DuQuoin, IL or by calling the office 618-542-1509

NO ENTRY FEE

Entries must be submitted by August 19, 2025

Entries will be judged on:

Creativity	50%
Use of decorations	30%
Overall appearance	20%

Awards will be given:

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

GO BANANAS CONTEST

Sponsored by:

Dairy Queen of Christopher, IL

Sunday, August 24, 2025

5:30 pm – Stage @ Expo Hall

Whip up your most A-PEEL-ING banana recipe!

Contestants come to the Expo Hall at 5:30pm with their food.

Provided plates for judges (4-5)

Entry forms are in the back of the Home Show Book. Entries can be mailed to the DuQuoin State Fair Competitive Events 655 Executive Dr. DuQuoin, IL or by calling the office 618-542-1509

NO ENTRY FEE

Entries must be submitted by August 23, 2025

Entries will be judged on:

Taste	50%
Creativity	30%
Appearance	20%

Awards will be given:

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

4-H FOOD CHALLENGE CAKE DECORATING

Sponsored by:

U of I Extension

Franklin, Jackson, Perry, Randolph & Williamson Counties

Monday, August 25, 2025

6:00 a.m. - Stage @ Expo Hall

1. **Open to all youth 8-18. You do not have to be a 4-H member.**
2. Contestants come at 5:30 p.m. to the EXPO HALL to set up.
3. All equipment and ingredients will be provided.
4. You may bring food coloring of your choice to add to icing.
5. You may bring special decorations for your project if you want.
6. You will be given an hour to finish your cake.

Entry forms are in the back of this book which can be mailed to the DuQuoin State Fair Competitive Events 655 Executive Drive, DuQuoin IL 62832, or on-line at ***dsf.illinois.gov/competitions/home-show/cooking-contests***.

Any questions can be answered by calling the office at 618-542-1509.

Entries for this contest must be submitted by August 25, 2025, at noon. No late entries will be accepted.

No Entry Fee for this contest.

Judging will be done by:

Entries will be judged on:

Presentation	50%
Taste	30%
Best Use of Product	20%

Awards will be given in two age categories 8-12 and 13-18.

- 1st Place - Gift Card
- 2nd Place - Gift Card
- 3rd Place - Gift Card

MY FAVORITE STATE FAIR FOODS

Sponsored by:

Checkered Flags and Lemonade

Stands Tuesday, August 26, 2025

6:00 pm- stage @ Expo Hall

Recreate your favorite fair food!

1. Contestants come to the Expo Hall at 6:00 pm with their recreated fair food.
2. Contestants will explain why they love it!
3. Provide plates for judges (4-5)
4. Provided a recipe of what was used to create your food and be sure to include your name.
5. Entry forms are in the back of the Home Show book. Entries can be mailed to DuQuoin State Fair Competitive Events 655 Executive Dr DuQuoin, IL or by calling the office 618-542-1509
6. NO ENTRY FEE. Entries for this contest must be submitted by August 25, 2025

Entries will be judged on:

Taste	50%
Creativity	30%
Presentation	20%

Awards will be given:

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

MYSTERY SACK COOKING CONTEST

Sponsored by:

The W Restaurant

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

7:00 p.m. - Stage @ Expo Hall

Bring an electric skillet, utensils, and three (3) condiments or spices of your choice. Salt & Pepper will be available. Along with oil and water for cooking.

At time of contest, you will be given the MYSTERY BROWN BAG with various products purchased by Farm Fancy.

You will be given one hour to prepare your own creation from the bag. While cooking and stirring, you must come up with a name for the unique original recipe.

Entry forms are in the back of the Home Show Book or online. Entries can be mailed to the Du Quoin State Fair Competitive Events 655 Executive Dr. Du Quoin, IL. Or by calling the office 618-542-1509.

Deadline to enter is Friday, August 23, 2025

No Entry Fee.

Entries will be judged on:

Presentation	50%
Taste	30%
Best Use of Product	20%

*Be creative in your design of foods & dips, can add fresh flowers or greens for décor

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place

CRAZY OVER CUPCAKES

Sponsored by:

Emily's Eatery and Events

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:00 pm- stage@ Expo Hall

GO CUPCAKE CRAZY! Do you have what it takes to make the most unique cupcake or the craziest! Show us your talent!

1. Enter only one cupcake!
2. Contestants will come to the EXPO Hall at 6:00 pm with their prepared cupcake on a serving dish.
3. Provide plates for judges (4-6)
4. Be creative with your cupcake!
5. Provide a recipe with ingredients and baking instructions and be sure to include your name.
6. Entry forms are in the back of the Home Show Book. Entries can be mailed to the Du Quoin State Fair Competitive Events 655 Executive Dr. DuQuoin, IL or by calling the office 618-542-1509
7. NO ENTRY FEE and entries for this contest must be submitted by August 26,2025

Entries will be judged on:

Creativity	50%
Taste	30%
Appearance	20%

Awards will be given:

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

CHARCUTERIE BOARD CONTEST

Sponsored by:

Fare Foods

Thursday, August 28, 2025

6:00 pm- stage @ Expo Hall

1. Contestants come to the Expo Hall at 6:00 pm to set up their boards
2. Board size should be at least 9x13
3. Provide plates for judges (4-6)
4. Think up a name for your charcuterie board. Be creative in your design of foods & dips, can add fresh flowers, greens or any other props for decor to go along with your theme. You can do sweet, savory or spicy.
5. Have a typed copy of what is used on your board and any recipe that may have been used (in sauce, dip or spread). Be sure your name is included.
6. Entry forms are in the back of the Home Show book. Entries can be mailed to DuQuoin State Fair Competitive Events 655 Executive Dr DuQuoin, IL or by calling the office 618-542-1509
7. NO ENTRY FEE.
8. Entries for this contest must be submitted by August 27, 2025

Entries will be judged on:

Creativity	50%
Taste	30%
Assortment	20%
(VARIETY OF FOODS)	

Awards will be given:

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

AFTERNOON TEA CONTEST

Sponsored by:

Two Raggedy Sisters

Friday, August 29, 2025

6:00 pm – Stage @ Expo Hall

1. Are you ready to showcase your skills with your delectable creations? Bring your sweet or savory masterpiece! From dainty finger sandwiches to elegant pastries
2. Contestants come to the Expo Hall at 6:00 pm with their prepared food.
3. Provide plates for judges (4-5)
4. Entry forms are in the back of the Home Show Book. Entries can be mailed to the DuQuoin State Fair Competitive Events 655 Executive Dr. DuQuoin, IL or by calling the offices 618-542-1509
5. NO ENTRY FEE
6. Entries for this contest must be submitted by August 28, 2025

Entries will be judged on:

Creativity	50%
Taste	30%
Appearance	20%

Awards will be given:

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

DEPARTMENT P SPECIAL EVENTS

*DUQUOIN STATE FAIR LITTLE MISS, JUNIOR MISS &
PRE-TEEN MISS CONTEST*

TWILIGHT PARADE

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JUNIOR MULLET CONTEST

PONYTAIL/PIGTAIL CONTEST

SMILE CONTEST

BEARD/MULLET CONTEST

MOO MOO CHUG-A-LUG

LEGO CONTEST

GORGEOUS GOAT

PEDAL PULL TRACTOR COMPETITION

WASHER TOURNAMENT

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

DUQUOIN STATE FAIR PAGEANT
LITTLE MISS, JUNIOR MISS & PRE-TEEN MISS CONTEST
Sunday, August 17, 2025
Exhibition Hall

Sponsored by: Fenton's Collision, The Flower Patch & S.I. Event Co.

COME JOIN US FOR OUR DU QUOIN FAIR PRINCESS PAGEANT

There will be three age divisions in this pageant:

Little Miss ages 4-6 on pageant day

Junior Miss ages 7-10 on pageant day

Pre-Teen Miss ages 11-14 on pageant day

They will be judged in 4 categories:

- Interview
- Adventure Awaits - Safari (active outfit) - Dress up in safari clothes
- Speaking question on stage in their cowgirl attire. Dress up like a cowgirl to represent the fair and the agriculture it brings to our state.
- Party wear

Rules:

- All decisions by the judges are final.
- All outfits must be approved by the director before the pageant.
- The contestants will have two meetings for practice and one informational meeting. The information meeting will be Thursday, August 7 at 5:30 pm. All meetings and practices will take place at the Expo Hall. Practice meetings will be on Monday, August 11 at the following times:
 - Little Miss: 5:30 - 6:15 pm
 - Junior Miss: 6:15 - 7:00 pm
 - Pre-Teen Miss: 7:00 - 7:45 pm
- Then there will be a dress rehearsal on Thursday, August 14 at 5:30 pm. In the Expo Hall. Their pictures will be taken for the paper on Thursday, August 14.
- Each contestant can wear make-up but only light make up, this is a natural pageant.
- Each contestant will be allowed one person backstage with them during the pageant.
- The Little Miss will start at 3:00 pm, on Sunday, August 17 followed by the Junior Miss, and Pre-Teen Miss.
- Interviews will be done on Sunday, August 17 starting at 11:00 am.
- There is no fee to enter the pageant, although there will be a \$5 admission fee for family and friends to come watch.

The Du Quoin princesses that are chosen by the judges will need to be available to ride in the parade on Friday, August 22. Applications are due on Thursday, August 7, 2025 by the time of the meeting.

If you have won the title of Little Miss, Junior Miss or Pre-Teen Miss you cannot run again until you age up to the next age group. No person can win the same title twice.

TWILIGHT PARADE
Friday, August 22, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Class No. 30050 Open Class

REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINE FOR FLOAT ENTRY

1. **THEME:** For 2025 - "Adventure Awaits"
DECORATIONS: It is strongly suggested by the Fair Committee that floats be covered with sturdy materials such as vinyl floral sheeting, enamel paint, or other materials which will hold up under adverse weather conditions.
3. **SYMMETRY:** Floats shall be constructed and decorated so that either side is equally appealing.
4. **PARTICIPANT'S NAME & FLOAT THEME:** Floats will bear the name of the community, organization, or business firm entrant and the name of the theme depicted by the float. All signs must be of high quality and easily legible.
5. **FLOAT DIMENSIONS:** A single vehicle should be no more than 40 feet long, 10 feet wide and 13 feet high.
6. **DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS AND CANDY FROM FLOATS:** Samples, candy or other material of any sort **MUST NOT BE THROWN** from a float. All items must be handed out to viewers along the parade route. The Du Quoin Police Department, Illinois State Police and Parade Monitors have been instructed to take necessary action in any removal of the entry from the parade.
7. **DEFINITIONS:** A Non-Commercial Float is a float built by an organization or business firm, with the actual building of the float being done by the members and/or employees.
8. **JUDGING:** The Twilight Parade floats are judged by an impartial panel, which has no connection with the parade or parade participants.

In making their final decisions, the judges will also consider the appearance and effectiveness of the float, intended costumes of the float riders, workmanship, attention given to minor details and completeness of decorations, with particular attention to aprons, both sides and rear of the float.

All floats must be parked in designated positions by 5:00 p.m. Judging will take place during the parade.

Also, the decision of the judges are final.

9. **AWARDS:** The following is a list of the standard categories and general criteria to govern the selections of recipients: \$50.00 each and a plaque.

1. NON-COMMERCIAL ENTRIES:

Governor's Award - Most fitting presentation of the theme

Director's Award - Best Musical Representation

Hayes Memorial Award - Best display of originality

ALL ENTRIES: Including walking units

Judge's Special Award - Judge's favorite entry

Manager's Award - Excellence in craftsmanship

Most Entertaining Award

Marketing Award - Best Business Promotion Entry

10. DEADLINES: The entry deadline to be accepted in the Twilight Parade is August 8, 2025. The application must be completed and signed before it will be accepted by the Parade Committee.

11. Entry forms should be submitted to:

Du Quoin STATE FAIR

SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

655 EXECUTIVE DRIVE

Du Quoin, IL 62832

REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINE FOR ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS

1. All entries must display their assigned parade number and are encouraged to carry identifying banners and signs.
2. Any walking group or unit must display an identifying banner and make some commitment to the theme.
3. No entry will be accepted unless the application is completed on both sides and signed.
4. Deadline for entries is August 8, 2025. Entries received after August 8, 2025 will be placed at the end of the line-up.
5. QUEENS: The Twilight Parade Committee welcomes all queens to participate in the parade but it is the policy of the Committee, the Division of Fairs and Promotions and Department of Agriculture that Miss Illinois County Fair be the highlighted Queen of the parade. In addition the DQ State Fair Queens will be next.
6. POLITICAL CANDIDATES: Political candidates are welcome to be in this parade. Entries may consist of a float or they may walk with their spouses.
7. Information containing the line-up will be emailed to all participants.
8. The Twilight Parade will consist of the best 100 entries. Those entries that are unique and different will have the opportunity to be in the parade. Due to the length of the parade, all entries may not be accepted.
9. **DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIAL AND CANDY FROM FLOATS OR OTHER ENTRIES:** Samples, candy or other materials of any sort **MAY NOT BE THROWN** from a float.

All items must be handed to viewers along the parade route. The Du Quoin Police Department, Illinois State Police and Parade Monitors have been instructed to take necessary action in the removal of the entry from the parade.

10. Failure of any applicant or participant to comply fully with any and said operation procedures shall make said applicant or participant unable to participate in the Du Quoin State Fair Twilight Parade. The Parade Committee shall have the right to approve or disapprove entries in this parade.

MARCHING BAND CONTEST
Friday, August 22, 2025
6:00 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **DEADLINE:** Entries must be postmarked no later than August 8, 2025.
2. Participating bands will each receive \$300 and Dance/Drill Team Non-Band will each receive \$100.
3. Each participating band and non-band will enter at Gate 5 where the parade will line up on South Fairgrounds Rd. and perform throughout the parade which will travel up Midway Drive to Grandstand Avenue to Main Street and back to Trotter Avenue

**“KIDS OF PERSONALITY”
BABY PICTURE CONTEST
Expo Hall**

Sponsored by:
The Upbeat Studio and Stevens Floral Gifts & Framing

Premium Number		Premium Number	
30200	Girls, 0-6 months	30205	Boys, 0 - 6 months
30201	Girls, 7 months - 12 months	30206	Boys, 7 months - 12 months
30202	Girls, 1 year	30207	Boys, 1 year
30203	Girls, 2 years	30208	Boys, 2 years
30204	Girls, 3 years	30209	Boys, 3 years
30210	Twins, 0 - 3 years and Multiples, 0 - 3 year		

Photograph must be 8" x 10" firmly attached to white poster board which is 10" x 12" in size. All photographs must be color, black & white or sepia tone. Only one entry per child. Photos to be taken in last six months.

The following information must be recorded on the BACK CENTER of the poster board.

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| 1. Both parent's names | 4. Current age | 7. Phone and/ |
| 2. Address (Complete Address & Zip) | 5. Sex | or Cell phone |
| 3. Child's name | 6. Birthdate | 8. Entry Number |

GRAND PRIZE WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN FROM 1st PLACE RIBBON WINNERS

Pictures will be judged on expression and personality of the picture. Photos entered do not have to be a professional photo.

Entry deadline for this contest is August 15, 2025. All pictures should be delivered to the Special Events. Pictures not in the Expo Hall by 5:00 p.m. will not be judged.

All pictures will be on display in the Exhibition Building during the fair. PICTURES ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BOARD BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE FAIR. Pictures removed without permission will be disqualified from future judging.

Pictures may be picked up on September 3, 2025, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Exhibition Building. Any pictures not picked up will become the property of the Du Quoin State Fair.

Each category will have a 1st place winner. The picture chosen for the grand prize will be framed.

PARENT/CHILD LOOK ALIKE PICTURE CONTEST

Class No.

30210 Mother/Daughter

30211 Mother/Son

30212 Father/Son

30213 Father/Daughter

1. Entry deadline for this contest is August 15, 2025. Entry must be pre-entered on a Du Quoin State Fair entry form.
2. All pictures should be delivered to the Special Events Office in the Expo building between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2025. Pictures can be turned into the DQ State Fair Office before this date as well. Pictures not in the Special Events Office by 5:00 p.m. will not be judged. **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
3. Photographs must be no larger than a 5"x 7". Photos are not required to be the same size, but must be firmly attached side by side to a WHITE poster board with a 1" border. (NO DECORATIVE BORDER ALLOWED).
4. Photographs may be color, black and white or sepia tone.
5. Du Quoin State Fair is not responsible for lost or damaged pictures. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER YOUR ONLY COPY OF OLD OR TREASURED PHOTOGRAPHS.**
6. Only one entry per family.
7. The following information must be recorded on the back center of the poster board:

Parent's Name

Child's Name

Address (Complete Address and Zip)

Telephone Number

Sex

Category Entered

Entry Number

8. All pictures will be on display in the Exhibition Building during the fair. **PICTURES ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BOARD BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE FAIR.** Pictures removed without permission will be disqualified from future judging.
9. Judging will be based on the likeness of the contestants, not the perfection of the photography. Entries may be two individual pictures of look alike or one picture with both look alike in it. There is no age limit.
10. **DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.**
11. Ribbons will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners in each group.
12. **Pictures may be picked up on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, between the hours of 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Exhibition Building.**

PICTURES ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BOARDS BEFORE THIS DATE AND TIME. PICTURES REMOVED WITHOUT PERMISSION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM FUTURE JUDGING. PHOTOS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE EXHIBITION BUILDING DURING THE FAIR.

PET PHOTO CONTEST

<u>Entry #</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
100 Cutest Dog Picture	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
101 Craziest Dog Costume	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
102 Cutest Cat Picture	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
103 Craziest Cat Costume	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
104 Cutest Any Other	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
105 Craziest Costume Any Other	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All pictures must be in our hand or delivered to the Special Events Office in the Expo Hall on or before August 15, 2025.
2. Photographs must be 5"x 7", firmly attached to white poster board which is 7"x 9" in size. Photos will not be accepted if mounted on any other material other than white poster board. Photos will not be accepted if framed in any way. Size must be 5"x 7" (no other size will be accepted).
3. All photographs must be in full color or black and white.
4. Photographs must have been taken within the past 6 months. Only one entry in each category per pet.
5. **THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE RECORDED ON THE BACK OF THE POSTER BOARD IN THE MIDDLE:**
OWNER'S NAME & COMPLETE ADDRESS AND ZIP
TELEPHONE NUMBER
DOG'S NAME OR CAT'S NAME AND APPROXIMATE
AGE (AT THE TIME OF THE PICTURE)
ENTRY #
6. Judging will be based on personality and appeal - not on perfections of photography.
7. First, Second, and Third place ribbons will be awarded in each category.
8. All photographs will be on display during the entire Du Quoin State Fair, August 22 - September 1, 2025.
9. Pictures may be picked up on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Exhibition Building.

PET/OWNER LOOK ALIKE PICTURE CONTEST

Has anyone ever told you that you and your pet look alike? Well here is your chance to win a prize for it! Enter a picture of you and your pet to show everyone how much you look like each other!

1. Entry deadline for this contest is August 15, 2025. Entry must be pre-entered on a Du Quoin State Fair entry form.
2. PHOTO should be delivered to the Special Events Office in the Expo Hall between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2025. Pictures can be turned into the DQ State Fair Office before this date as well. Pictures not in the Special Events Office by 5:00 p.m. will not be judged. ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
3. PHOTO'S also can be hand delivered to the Special Events Office in the Grandstand before the August 15, 2025 deadline. Pictures can be mailed to DuQuoin State Fair Attn: Special Events 655 Executive Dr. Du Quoin, IL 62832. POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN August 8, 2025.
4. Photographs must be 5"x 7" and firmly attached to a white poster board which is 7"x9" in size. Photos will not be accepted if mounted on any other material other than white poster board. Photos will not be accepted if framed any other way.
5. Photographs may be color, black and white or sepia tone.
6. Only one entry per owner with pet.
7. The following information must be recorded on the BACK CENTER of poster board:
Owner's Name
Address (Complete Address and Zip)
Telephone Number
Pet's Name
8. Photographs will be judged on the likeness of the owner and pet
9. DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.
10. Ribbons will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners in each group.
11. Photographs must stay on display during the entire Du Quoin State Fair.
12. **Photographs may be picked up on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, between the hours of 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Expo Hall.**

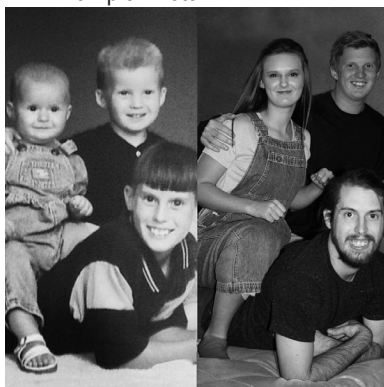
RECREATE PICTURE CONTEST

Recreate a picture from an old photo from the past years. Try to use similar clothing in your current size, strike a pose like the original picture, imitate the same facial expressions, and try to set the same background or pose.

1. Entry deadline for this contest is August 15, 2025. Entry must be pre-entered on a Du Quoin State Fair entry form.
2. All pictures should be delivered to the Special Events Office in the Expo building between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2025. Pictures can be turned into the DQ State Fair Office before this date as well. Pictures not in the Special Events Office by 5:00 p.m. will not be judged. **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
3. Photographs must be no larger than 5"x 7". Photos are not required to be the same size, but must be firmly attached side by side to a WHITE poster board with a 1" border. **(NO DECORATIVE BORDER ALLOWED).**
4. Photographs may be color, black and white or sepia tone.
5. Du Quoin State Fair is not responsible for lost or damaged pictures. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER YOUR ONLY COPY OF OLD OR TREASURED PHOTOGRAPHS.**
6. Only one entry per family.
7. The following information must be recorded on the back center of the poster board:
Contact Person's Name/Entrant
Address (Complete Address and Zip)
Telephone Number
Category Entered
8. Judging will be based on the likeness of the two photos, clothing, posing, facial expressions, and similarity.
9. **DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.**
10. Ribbons will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners in each group.
11. **Pictures may be picked up on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, between the hours of 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Exhibition Building.**
12. Entries may be two separate pictures on the white poster board or one printed together with the pictures side by side.
*Example Photo

Deadline is Friday, August 15, 2025

Pick up is Wednesday, September 3, 2025



BACK SEAT DRIVING CONTEST

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Competition Corner

11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by: Linzee Insurance & Ward Chrysler Center

Prizes will be Awarded

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All entries must consist of two (2) people, at least one needs to be an adult.
2. Entrants will drive a designated course set up by the judges.
3. Either team member may drive. THE DRIVER WILL BE BLINDFOLDED.
4. The passenger will direct the driver through the course VERBALLY. NO DRIVER IN REVERSE.
5. The passenger may not touch the steering wheel or handle.
6. There will be a time limit of three (3) minutes to complete the course.
7. The object is to see which team can complete the course in the shortest time with the fewest collisions. If you go completely out of course, your time will be doubled.
8. No reckless driving will be allowed.
9. Judges have the right to limit the number of entrants if deemed necessary and decision of the judges are final.
10. Contestants may enter the day of the contest.
11. NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
12. REGISTRATION WILL BE DAY OF CONTEST

QUARTERBACK CHALLENGE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025
3:00 p.m.
Competition Corner
BE #1 & TEST YOUR QUARTERBACK SKILLS!
Sponsored by: Lee's Sporting Goods

CONTESTANTS WILL THROW A FOOTBALL THROUGH A TARGET. THE CONTEST WILL BE JUDGED BY ACCURACY AND DISTANCE.

3-4 YEARS OF AGE	BOYS	GIRLS
5-6 YEARS OF AGE	BOYS	GIRLS
7-9 YEARS OF AGE	BOYS	GIRLS
10-13 YEARS OF AGE	BOYS	GIRLS
13-17 YEARS OF AGE	BOYS	GIRLS

1. EACH CONTESTANT WILL GET FIVE TRIES TO THROW THE FOOTBALL THROUGH THE TARGET. THOSE HAVING THE BEST OUT OF 5 THROWS WILL ADVANCE TO THE NEXT DISTANCE.
2. APPLICANTS CAN REGISTER UP UNTIL THE TIME OF THE CONTEST.
3. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER OF EACH AGE DIVISION AND GENDER.
4. DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.

**CUTEST LITTLE FARMER
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025
1:00 p.m. - Entertainment Tent
Sponsored by: Martel's Pizza**

Girls 2-5
Girls 6-10

Boys 2-5
Boys 6-10

GENERAL INFORMATION

NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

REGISTRATION WILL BE THE DAY OF THE CONTEST.

1. Registration will begin at 12:45 p.m.
2. Contestants are judged on overall impression, personal appeal, neatness, creativity, and overall effect of their costume. Contestants may bring one object as a costume accent. No live animals will be allowed as part of the costume.

NOT SO NEWLYWED SHOW
Sunday, August 24, 2025
6:00 p.m. - Expo Hall
Sponsored by:
Subway of Christopher, IL
Sunday, August 31, 2025
6:00 p.m. - Expo Hall
Sponsored by: St. Nicholas Brewing Co.

This is a contest for MARRIED COUPLES ONLY. Registration can be made in advance by calling the event coordinator, Tawmi Conley at 618-626-6036 or email Tawmi.Conley@Illinois.gov

Couples can also register the day of the show in the Expo Hall prior to show time.

Couples will be asked several questions about each other's likes or dislikes, first date, favorite movie etc. The couple with the most correct answers will win 2 tickets to either a Grandstand night show or weekend car race.

This event is so popular we are having two shows!

FFA FARMYARD FOLLIES

Monday, August 25, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Located at the Heartland Coca-Cola Covered Horse Arena @ Gate 3

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Each team will consist of members from their High School FFA Chapter. Graduates of 2025 are not eligible.
2. Teams must pre-register by August 22, 2025.
3. FFA Advisors must report to the Horse Arena staging area by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the contest for registration.
4. The competition will consist of several "Farmyard" events. A list of events will be mailed to the advisor after entry is received by the Fair.
5. Plaques will be awarded to the first six places.
6. Judges have the right to limit the number of entrants if deemed necessary.
7. Decisions of the judges are final.

SUSAN BOSWELL MEMORIAL SUNSHINE PICNIC

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

VIP TENT 1

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact: Our Directions

800 East Herrin

Herrin, IL 62948

For Questions: Please call 618-988-8178 and tell the receptionist you will be attending the "Sunshine Picnic" or email Verna.ourdirections@gmail.com

Or:

Du Quoin State Fair

655 Executive Drive

Du Quoin, IL 62832

618-626-6036

JUNIOR KIDS MULLET CONTEST
Friday, August 29, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Entertainment Tent
Sponsored by: Country Cutz

CATEGORIES

ENTRY #930 LONGEST MULLET

ENTRY #931 MOST UNIQUE MULLET DESIGN

ENTRY #932 BEST TRIMMED AND CLEAN CUT MULLET

1. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category
2. Decisions of the judges are final.
3. NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
4. REGISTRATION WILL BE DAY OF CONTEST
5. Ages 17 and Under

PONYTAIL/PIGTAIL CONTEST

Friday, August 29, 2025

Sponsored by: Wild Stylez

6:30 p.m. - Entertainment Tent

Class 1 - Ponytail Contest

0-2 Years of Age

3-4 Years of Age

5-6 Years of Age

7-9 Years of Age

10-12 Years of Age

13-16 Years of Age

Class 2 - Pigtail Contest

0-2 Years of Age

3-4 Years of Age

5-6 Years of Age

7-9 Years of Age

10-12 Years of Age

13-16 Years of Age

GENERAL INFORMATION

NO PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY

REGISTRATION WILL BE DAY OF CONTEST

1. Length of hair will be the chief factor in judging-measuring from the base (rubber band) of the ponytail/pigtail to the end of the longest hair. In the case of pigtails, both pigtails will be measured and the longest will be recorded.
2. In case of a tie for first place or overall, hair will be judged on neatness and beauty.
3. If the hair is braided, it must be braided as far a possible.
4. Applicants are eligible for either the Ponytail or Pigtail competition, not both.
5. Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 places in each division.
6. One overall champion in the Ponytail Contest and one overall champion in the Pigtail Contest will be given an award.
7. A ponytail is one (1) - either braided or not.
8. A pigtail is two (2) - either braided or not.
9. If a participant fails to comply with the rules, the contestant will be allowed to have their hair re-combed.
10. Decisions of the judges are final.

SMILE CONTEST
Friday, August 29, 2025
7:00 p.m. - Entertainment Tent
Sponsored by: Chelsea Rae Photography

Girl - Ages 0-2
Girl - Ages 3-4
Girl - Ages 5-8
Girl - Ages 9-12

Boy - Ages 0-2
Boy - Ages 3-4
Boy - Ages 5-8
Boy - Ages 9-12

Teen Boys and Girls - Ages 13-15

GENERAL INFORMATION
NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
REGISTRATION WILL BE DAY OF CONTEST

1. Registration for the Smile Contest will begin at 1:15 p.m.
2. Contestants are judged on overall presentation and personal appeal and sparkle.
3. Decisions of the judges are final.

BEARD or MULLET CONTEST
Saturday, August 30, 2025
6:00 p.m. - Beer Tent
Sponsored by: Razor's Edge Barber Shop

BEARD CONTEST - Let's see what you can GROW!

CATEGORIES

- ENTRY #200 LONGEST BEARD
- ENTRY #201 MOST UNIQUE BEARD DESIGN
- ENTRY #202 MOST HISTORIC NATURE BREAD
- ENTRY #203 BEST TRIMMED AND CLEAN CUT BREAD
- ENTRY #204 LONGEST MULLET
- ENTRY #205 MOST UNIQUE MULLET DESIGN
- ENTRY #206 MOST HISTORIC NATURE MULLET
- ENTRY #207 BEST TRIMMED AND CLEAN CUT MULLET

- 1. Prizes will be awarded for the top three places.
- 2. Decisions of the judges are final.
- 3. NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- 4. REGISTRATION WILL BE DAY OF CONTEST

MOO MOO CHUG-A-LUG
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025
4:00 P.M.
Exhibition Building
Sponsored by: Filson Appraisal

Contestants will have a set amount of milk cartons to drink in a limited amount of time.
The person to drink the most will win!

1. Each contestant will have the same amount of milk cartons and they will have to chug the entire carton. These will be the tiny school cartons.
2. The person done the fastest is the winner!

Prizes will be given to the winner!

Must be 16 to participate

LEGO CONTEST
Saturday, August 30, 2025
Expo Hall
Sponsored by: Southern Illinois Builders Association
618-624-9055 | siba@siba-agc.org

Registration: 10:00 am
Lego Building: 10:30 am
Judging: 11:00 am

Registration begins 30 minutes prior to start time. Participants will have 30 minutes to building. Judging will follow

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Age Categories: 5-8, 9-12, 13-17
2. LEGO Kits will be provided for the contest
3. Prizes will be awarded.
4. Free to participate

Ages 5-8	Group 1	Registration	9:00 am
		Lego Building	9:30 am
		Judging	10:00 am
Ages 9-12	Group 2	Registration	10:30 am
		Lego Building	11:00 am
		Judging	11:30 am
Ages 13-17	Group 3	Registration	12:00 pm
		Lego Building	12:30 pm
		Judging	1:00 pm
	Championship		1:30 pm
			2:00 pm
			2:30 pm

GORGEOUS GOAT CONTEST
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025
OPEN AIR BARNS NEXT TO HORSE ARENA
10:00 a.m.

This event will take place between the Jr. and Sr. Milking Does
Sponsored by: Farm Fancy Brewed Baked Crafted

GENERAL INFORMATION

Do you think you have the cutest goat? Prove it to everyone else!

Contestants will dress up their goats and they will be judged on the following:

- Creativity
- Costume
- Originality

Join the fun! Registration will begin at 9:00 am.

Prizes will be awarded to the winner!

PEDAL PULL COMPETITION

OPEN DIVISION

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Expo Hall

Sponsored by: Du Quoin Dental Dome, Kasey Pyron DMD

Registration & Weigh in

12:00 p.m. - Pull 1:00 p.m.

Premium No.	1st	2nd	3rd
30070 - Class 1 - 35-49 lbs.....	\$50	Ribbon	Ribbon
30071 - Class 2 - 50-59 lbs.....	\$50	Ribbon	Ribbon
30072 - Class 3 - 60-69 lbs.....	\$50	Ribbon	Ribbon
30073 - Class 4 - 70-79 lbs.....	\$50	Ribbon	Ribbon
30074 - Class 5 - 80-100 lbs.....	\$50	Ribbon	Ribbon

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Competition is open to all boys and girls weighing between 35 and 100 pounds in attendance the day of the pull. There will be no advanced entries.
2. All contestants must register by 12:45 pm. No registrations accepted after pull begins.
3. The winner of each contest is determined by who can pedal the tractor down the track the farthest while pulling a weight transfer sled.
4. The decision of the judges are final.

WASHER TOURNAMENT
Monday, September 1, 2025
Beer Tent - Noon
Sponsored by: Smile Design

Premium No.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
30150	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$50

GENERAL INFORMATION
PRE-ENTRY NOT REQUIRED

1. Registration for the Washer Tournament contest will begin at 11:00 a.m.
2. Each team will consist of 2 players.
3. Decision of the judges will be final.
4. Pre-Registration can be mailed to the Special Events Coordinator Tawmi Conley, 655 Executive Dr. Du Quoin, IL 62832 or email Tawmi.Conley@illinois.gov | 618-626-6036
5. Entry form is in back of Home Show book.

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT
Monday, September 1, 2025
Beer Tent - 2:30 p.m.
Sponsored by: Z R Roadhouse

PREMIUM	Place			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
30151	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$50

GENERAL INFORMATION
PRE-ENTRY NOT REQUIRED

1. Registration for Corn Hole Tournament will begin at 1:30 p.m.
2. Each team will consist of 2 players
3. Decision of the judges will be final
4. Pre-Registration can be mailed to the Special Events Coordinator Tawmi Conley, 655 Executive Dr. DuQuoin, IL 62832 or email Tawmi.Conley@illinois.gov | 618-626-6036
5. Entry form is in back of Home Show book.

Du Quoin STATE FAIR
HEARTLAND COCA-COLA CAMPGROUND
South Highway 51
Du Quoin, IL 62832
Phone: (618)542-1515

Registration: All campers must register with Fair Ground Security in advance for Campsite. A limit of 6 people per campsite. Check out time is 2:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Sunday (During Fair Campground office is open 8 a.m.-8 p.m.)

Rates: \$25.00 per night

CAMPGROUND RULES:

Pets are welcome if kept on a leash and picked up after. Pets should not disturb other campers.

Do not dump waste water or gray water on the ground.

Quiet Hours: 10:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. **STRICTLY ENFORCED**

Campfires are permitted only in **above ground** portable fire pits.

No sleeping in Pavilions or Rest Rooms.

No swimming in the lakes. No boats on the lake.

Please bag garbage and place in trash cans.

Parents are responsible for their children and their behavior.

Visitors to campers must leave by 10:00 p.m.

Please drive slowly and watch for children. **SPEED LIMIT 20 MPH**

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire, Police & Ambulance.....911
Fairground Security.....618/521-2935