

CREATIVE ARTS FOR HOME AND HOBBY

NJSF/SCFHS

2024 GENERAL RULES FOR CONTESTS

The following information pertains to the Contests.

1. The Creative Arts for Home and Hobby exhibit at the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show will be held in the Richards Building on the Sussex County Fairgrounds at 37 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ.
2. **Entry Forms:**
 - a. Available on line at www.njsfcahh.com or at the Administration Building office.

NOTE: Make sure you use the correct entry form for the contest you are entering. Example: Baking, Canning, Crafts, etc.
 - b. ALL information must be printed CLEARLY.
 - c. Age group for the Entrant must be CLEARLY checked to ensure the entry will be judged within the proper age group.
 - d. Form MUST be signed.
 - e. Each entry MUST be listed with the correct category number, an article description and whether or not the Entrant is a professional.

Professional is defined as:

- i. One who sells or offers for sale any item in the category.
- ii. Anyone who receives compensation in the form of cash or other valuable consideration for any service related to their craft. This includes teaching, demonstrating, producing samples, designing, publishing, judging, and related activities. Prizes or premiums will not be considered compensation for purposes of professional designation.
- iii. Once one qualifies as professional based on these rules such designation is perpetual. (e.g. if you sold a quilt in 1968, you are still a professional)
- iv. Professionals do not have to supply recipes of baked goods with entered items.

- f. No exhibit will be accepted with the entrant's name exposed. A piece of masking tape or painters' tape (blue tape) should be used by the entrants to cover name if it appears. This includes the recipes for baking contests.
- g. Three (3) entries are allowed by each Entrant in each Category.
- h. Mail the form with a check (FEES below) payable to NJSF/SCFHS to:

CAHH
PO Box 268
Augusta, NJ 07822-0268

NOTE: All forms & checks for Registration must be post-marked no later than **July 15, 2024**. **DO NOT** mail forms after designated date.

- i. SEE NO. 18 FOR TAKE-IN DAYS

*** You can still enter the Cookie, Blueberry, Baking and Cheesecake contests if you did not register by mail! Just bring your entry at take-in times listed below (No. 18) for the contest you wish to enter and pay the \$7.00 Late Registration and you will be entered in that contest!

3. **Fees** are as follows:

- a. **Registration** (entries received post-marked no later than **July 15, 2024**):
 - i. \$5.00 fee per entry form (10 items on a form) per CONTEST as follows:

CANNING (1000 category series)
BAKING (2000 category series)
CRAFTS (3000 category series)
FAMILY FAVORITE COOKIE (4010)
BLUEBERRY (4041-4044)
CHEESECAKE (4061-4067)

NOTE: There will be a \$1.00 administration fee to re-type an entry card if you change any item that was listed on your mailed in entry form.

- b. **Late Registration** is when you bring your item on the day of the contest for baking and day of take-in for crafts and canning (Saturday, July 27, 2024 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM; Sunday, July 28, 2024 between 12:00 NOON and 5:00 PM))
 - i. \$7.00 late fee per entry form per CONTEST (see above)

4. **FEE EXEMPTIONS:**

- Cupcake Decorating Contest for Kids – Tuesday, AUGUST 6, 2024- Sign-up is on the Day of contest in Home and Hobby.
- Categories 3001, 3401, 3402 and 3403.
- ANY entry in ANY contest by a TEEN, ADOLESCENT or CHILD.

5. **WINE MAKING and HOMEBREW CONTESTS:**

- a. Fees, Classifications, Rules, and Entry Forms available on our website:
 - i. Winemaking: <http://www.njsfcahh.com/wine-making-competition.html>
 - ii. Homebrew: <http://www.njsfcahh.com/homebrew-competition.html>

6. **SCHEDULE** (ALL entries are to be dropped off at the Richards Building):

- a. **CANNING, CRAFTS and BLUEBERRY** (excludes Blueberry baked items (category #4042)) Entries:
 - i. Saturday, JULY 27, 2024 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM OR
 - ii. Sunday, JULY 28, 2024 between 12:00 NOON and 5:00 PM.
- b. **FAMILY FAVORITE COOKIE:** Monday, AUGUST 5, 2024 between 12:00 NOON and 1:30 PM. (New Time)
- c. **BLUEBERRY BAKED GOODS:** Wednesday, AUGUST 7, 2024 between 12:00 NOON and 2:00 PM. (New Time)
- d. **BAKING:** Thursday, AUGUST 8, 2024 between 12:00 NOON and 1:00 PM. (New Time)
- e. **CHEESECAKE:** Friday, AUGUST 9, 2024 between 12:00 NOON and 2:00 PM.

NOTE: Acceptance of any entry will be at the discretion of the Committee.

- f. NO EXHIBIT WILL BE REMOVED before the scheduled end of the New Jersey State Fair/ SCFHS.
- g. Entries **MUST** be picked-up on Sunday, AUGUST 11, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All entries that remain after 1:00 PM the entries become property of the Creative Arts for Home and Hobby Division. If you cannot pick up your items during this time, please give your entry card(s) to someone else to pick up your entries. Only in the case of adverse conditions forcing the legal closing of the entire Fair will permit earlier returns / pickups. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- h. **(NEW RIBBON PROCEDURE)** If you have entries in Baking, Family Favorite Cookies, Blueberry, Cheesecake and Canning, you may pick up your ribbons prior to the end of the Fair. You will receive detailed information when you drop off your items.

7. **BAKING RULES:**

- a. Entries **MUST** be dropped off on disposable containers Thursday, AUGUST 8, 2024 between 12:00 NOON. and 1:00 PM to the Richards Building. Mail-in Registration is **HIGHLY** recommended.
- b. Each ENTRANT will receive ONE (1) admission ticket in the mail when registering by mail for the ENTRANT ONLY to gain entrance to the Fairgrounds on AUGUST 8, 2024.
- c. If you **DO NOT** Register by mail (postmarked no later than July 15, 2024), please be prepared to pay the admission fee.
- d. Please be prepared for family/friends to pay the admission fee to enter the Fairgrounds - even if they are helping deliver the baked goods to be judged.
- e. Please be prepared in advance to transport your baked goods in wagons, etc. if needed.
- f. Recipes are required. Recipes must be on 8 ½"x11" paper and may be typed or handwritten. Recipes are to be dropped off with the entry.
- g. You are allowed to enter only one item in each category. You can enter in as many categories as you would like.

8. **CANNING RULES:** Canned goods must be exhibited in one standard sized jar with two-piece lids AND must have ring on each jar. No decorations on jars or lids will be permitted.

- a. Canned goods preserved since AUGUST of 2023 are eligible.
- b. For definition of canning and judging methods used, see Canning Category list.
- c. No jars with paraffin seals will be accepted.
- d. Processing methods must be included on entry form.
- e. **NO MEAT, DAIRY or SEAFOOD PRODUCTS** in any submission.
- f. Labels on canned jars are **NOT TO HAVE CONTESTANT NAME but do require:**
 - i. Contents or Item Name
 - ii. Date
 - iii. Processing Methods

9. **CRAFTS RULES:**

- a. Articles previously entered may **NOT** be entered again.
- b. Only articles completed within the last two (2) years will be accepted.
- c. Only three (3) entries per person are allowed in **each category**. You are allowed to enter in as many categories as you would like.
- d. Articles must be clean, odor free and presentable.
- e. No article for which there is an existing category may be entered in Category 3400 - Miscellaneous.

- f. Four or more like items may be judged as a separate group within the Miscellaneous (3400) category.
- g. Entrants must have entries that are to be hung for exhibit, SECURELY framed AND prepared for hanging.
- h. Any Craft entry created using CNC (Computer Controlled Equip.) equipment must be labeled accordingly.

10. **THE JERSEY JERKY & CURED MEAT/SAUSAGE CONTEST:**

All information for this contest can be found by clicking on CONTEST, then JERKEY CONTEST.

11. The Peter's Valley School of Craft will award one scholarship to one adult and one youth in Crafts (3000 series). The award will be chosen by Peter's Valley Staff. The award will consist of a Scholarship to the School of Craft. For additional information, please visit: www.petersvalley.org.

12. All entries will be accepted, arranged, and displayed at the discretion of the Committee.

13. Judges' decisions are based on overall workmanship, general appearance and neatness. ALL ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

14. All ribbon winners will be listed on our web-site shortly after the Fair ends.

15. Contact Chairperson or ANY Committee member for additional information. [See Committee Member List] or visit our website at: www.njsfcahh.com or the official FAIR website at:

www.njstatefair.org Click on: Exhibitors, shows and contests.

16. The Committee reserves the right to re-categorize an entry and its level.

17. Please send all completed entry forms and entry fee [where applicable] for

REGISTRATION (postmarked no later than July 15, 2024) to:

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P.O. Box 268
Augusta, NJ. 07822-0268

Make checks payable to NJ State Fair/SCF&HS.

Entry forms AND appropriate fees MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 15, 2024 which is the deadline for Registration. Please do NOT mail entries after JULY 15, 2024. You can bring the entry form and Late Registration entry fee(s) when you drop off your entries on the specified dates and time.

18. SCHEDULE of EVENTS AND DROP OFF DATES:

a. DROP OFF DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTESTS:

- CANNING: Saturday, JULY 27, 2024 & Sunday, JULY 28, 2024***
- CRAFTS: Saturday, JULY 27, 2024 & Sunday, JULY 28, 2024***
- BLUEBERRY: CANNING & CRAFTS ONLY Saturday, JULY 27, 2024 & Sunday, JULY 28, 2024***

***DROP OFF TIMES: Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM / Sunday 12:00 NOON - 5:00 PM

- FAMILY FAVORITE COOKIE CONTEST: Monday, AUGUST 5, 2024 12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM. (new time)
- CUPCAKE DECORATING FOR KIDS: Tuesday, AUGUST 6, 2024 REGISTER 12:00 NOON – 1:30 PM. (New Time)
- BLUEBERRY: BAKING ONLY Wednesday, AUGUST 7, 2024 – 12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM. (New Time)
- BAKING: DROP OFF Thursday, AUGUST 8, 2024 – 12 NOON – 1:00 PM. (New Time)
- CHEESECAKE: Friday, AUGUST 9, 2024 – 12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM only
- WINE COMPETITION: [For more info go to www.njsfcahh.com]
- HOMEBREW COMPETITION: [For more info go to www.njsfcahh.com]

b. **NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR/SCF&HS OPENS** – Friday, August 2, 2024 at 5 P.M. The Fair will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024 and Sunday, August 4, 2024. The Fair will open at 12 Noon on Monday, August 5 to Friday, August 9, 2024. The Fair will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 10, 2024 and close at 10 p.m.

c. **NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR/SCF&HS- CLOSSES** SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 AT 10:00 PM.

d. **HOME & HOBBY PICK-UP:** SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.