

# Arts and Crafts

## Award Information, Rules and Regulations, Entry Information

To enter your art or craft, please read and review the Arts and Crafts Entry Information with Rules and Regulations at the bottom of the page.

### Department C: Canned Goods

#### Requirements:

- Foods should be canned in requested sized STANDARD glass canning jars
- Jars larger than quarts will not be accepted.
- Jars must be labeled with type of food and date (**no name**).
- Rings should be on jars with vacuum sealed lids.
- Any jar may be opened at the discretion of the judge.
- All foods must have been canned during the past year.
- Paraffin on top of jellies, preserves or jams will not be accepted.

### Canned Fruits and Vegetable

(Jars No Bigger Than 1quart/32oz)

#### Judging Criteria/Points (Fruits and Vegetables):

- Quality: Judged by appearance (20%)
- Uniformity: size, shape, color (color natural and fresh) (20%)
- Pack: Full, right proportion of solids to liquids, attractive, compact, but not fancy (20%)
- Quality: Uniform pieces, Natural color, Free from sediment, foreign matter, & mold (15%)
- Liquid: Covering food, correct amount of headspace, clear liquid (15%)
- Appearance of Jar: Clear, correct size, no rust, neatly labeled (10%)

### Fruits

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| C100. Apples       | C105. Peaches                   |
| C101. Applesauce   | C106. Pears                     |
| C102. Blackberries | C107. Plums                     |
| C103. Strawberries | C108. Any other fruit (specify) |
| C104. Cherries     |                                 |

### Vegetables

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|----------------------------|---|
| C200. Beets                | C209. Snaps, wax                            |
| C201. Blacked-eyed Peas    | C220. Snaps, green                          |
| C202. Carrots              | C221. Soup mixture, at least 3 vegetables   |
| C203. Corn white           | C222. Tomato Juice                          |
| C204. Corn yellow          | C223. Tomato, chucks                        |
| C205. Lima or Butter Beans | C224. Tomato, whole, canned in tomato juice |
| C206. White Potatoes       | C225. Tomato, crushed                       |
| C207. Peas, garden         | C226. Tomato, yellow                        |
| C208. Pepper               | C227. Best jar of greens                    |

C228. Pole Beans, green

C229. Any other vegetables (specify)

**Pickles, Relishes, Sauce**  
(Jars No Bigger Than 1quart/32oz)

**Judging Criteria/Points:**

- Condition: firm, tender, crisp (35%)
- Appearance: color – natural and clear attractive not fancy pack, proportion of solid to liquid (10%)
- Flavor: (50%)
- Appearance of jar: appropriate size, neatly labeled (5%)

C300. Beets

C301. Chili Sauce

C302. Chow Chow

C303. Cucumber,

C304. Cucumber, sweet

C305. Dill Pickles

C306. Green Tomato

C307. Mixed Pickles

C308. Sweet Dill

C309. Peaches

C310. Pears

C311. Pepper Relish

C312. Tomato Catsup

C313. Watermelon Rind

C314. Bread & Butter Pickles

C315. Spaghetti Sauce

C316. Cucumber Rind

C317. Squash, yellow

C318. Peppers

C319. Kosher Dill Pickles

C320. Zucchini

C321. Cinnamon Pickles

C322. Chutney Relish

C323. Cucumber Relish

C324. Corn Relish

C325. Salsa

C326. Barbecue Sauce

C327. Mustard Sauce

C328. Pickled Okra

C329. Any other Pickle (specify)

C330. Any other Relish (specify)

C331. Any other Sauce (specify)

**Jellies**

(Jars No Bigger Than ½ Pint/8oz)

**Judging Criteria/Points:**

- Appearance: natural color, clear, no crystals (10%)
- Consistency: holds shape, tender quivery of solid to liquid (40%)
- Flavor: natural, pleasing (40%)
- Appearance of Jar: appropriate size, well covered, neatly labeled (10%)

C400. Apples

C401. Blackberry

C402. Grape

C403. Plum

C404. Strawberry

C405. Mint Jelly

C406. Peach

C407. Damson

C408. White Grape

C409. Crab Apple

C410. Pepper

C411. Fruit Sauce

C412. Cherry

C413. Low Sugar Jellies (specify)

C414. Habanero

C415. Muscadine

C416. Any other Jellies (specify)

## Preserves And Marmalade

(Jars No Bigger Than ½ Pint/8oz)

### Judging Criteria/Points:

- Appearance: color, clearness (10%)
- Consistency: even, stiff, not syrupy, sticky, or sugary (40%)
- Flavor: (40%)
- Appearance of Jar: appropriate, well covered, neatly labeled (10%)

C500. Blackberry

C501. Cherry

C502. Grape

C503. Peach

C504. Pear

C505. Plum

C506. Strawberry

C507. Tomato

C508. Watermelon Rind

C509. Fig

C510. 2 or 4 Fruits mix

C511. Damson

C512. Low Sugar (specify)

C513. Citrus Marmalade (specify)

C514. Any other Preserves (specify)

## Jams And Conserves

(Jars No Bigger Than ½ Pint/8oz)

### Judging Criteria/Points:

- Appearance: color, clearness (10%)
- Consistency: uniform, smooth, thick, not syrupy and easily spreadable (40%)
- Flavor: (50%)
- Appearance of Jar: appropriate, well covered, neatly labeled (10%)

C600. Blackberry

C601. Plum

C602. Grape

C603. Peach

C604. Cherry

C605. Damson

C606. Blueberry

C607. Low Sugar (specify variety)

C608. 2 or 4 Fruits (conserve)

C609. Any other Jams (specify)

## Miscellaneous

(Jars No Bigger Than ½ Pint/8oz)

### Judging Criteria/Points:

- Appearance: color, clearness (10%)
- Consistency: uniform, smooth, even grain, not runny, holds shape (40%)
- Flavor: (50%)
- Appearance of Jar: appropriate, well covered, neatly labeled (10%)

C700. Canned Juice (specify)

C701. Fruit/Vegetable/Herb Butter (specify)

C702. Fruit/Vegetable/Herb Syrups (specify)

## Rules and Regulations

Arts and Crafts Director: Sue Ellen Brown at [artsandcrafts@chesterfieldcountyfair.org](mailto:artsandcrafts@chesterfieldcountyfair.org)

The Chesterfield County Fair will be held on the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds located at 10300 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832, Friday, Aug. 28, 2026, through Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026. The fairgrounds will close each night at 11 p.m., while buildings close at 10 p.m. and ticket gates close at 9 p.m. (subject to change).

The CCFA will work out a tentative program for the fair so there will be the least amount of conflict between entertainment and attractions. To that end, there may be continuous programs running throughout the nine days of the fair. The Chesterfield County Fair Association reserves the right to close or prohibit any feature of the fair that is deemed inappropriate or objectionable.

## Judging Rules and Regulations

1. Competition is open to **all** interested parties. 4-H Club members will be allowed to make exhibits in any class under their age division or in the 4H division.
2. Registration will be **online only** using [CCFA FairEntry](#). If you are unable to submit using Fair Entry, please send your list of entries, including, Department, Class, Description and Age/Division (Senior, Adult, Youth (17-14), Youth (13-9), Youth (8 & under), 4H member) to [artsandcrafts@chesterfieldcountyfair.org](mailto:artsandcrafts@chesterfieldcountyfair.org) by 8 p.m. on **Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026**.
3. **Quilts** are required to be delivered on **Tuesday, Aug. 25**, from 5 -8 p.m. judging on Wednesday, Aug. 26. **Quilts Only!**
4. **All other** entries are required to be delivered on **Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026**, from **3- 8 p.m.** with judging to begin on Friday, Aug. 28, 2026.
5. Exhibitors are to remove items entered for judging on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. No person or organization will be allowed to take down their exhibit before the stated hour.
6. All entries in all departments must be the work of the exhibitor. Farm crops, vegetables, flowers, etc. must have been grown and prepared under the personal supervision of the exhibitor. All entries must have been made, grown, produced, drawn etc. during the past year (except quilts). Quilts must have been completed during the past year.
7. No professionals will be allowed to compete in a department which is associated with their profession, except for Department A. A professional is a person who makes items for sale or who teaches others for profit.

8. Exhibitors will report to the superintendent of each department who will check in items. The superintendent will present the items to the judges and make the proper entry of prize winners.
9. No exhibit will receive a monetary prize. Awards will be given on exhibits that meet the rules and guidelines in each department. The CCFA will secure the best judges obtainable, and they will be experts in their line.
10. Ribbons will be placed by the judges at the time of judging in each department. Decisions of the judges are final.
11. CCFA assumes no responsibility for damage or loss to exhibits whatsoever. CCFA will provide sufficient security from Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026, starting at 5 p.m. through Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, until 1 p.m.

## **General Rules and Regulations for all Departments**

1. All articles entered for exhibit must be the work of the persons exhibiting and must have been made/grown/produced/drawn etc. during the past year (except quilts). Quilts must have been completed during the past year.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in any one class.
3. General rules for entry and removal of exhibits will apply to all departments.
4. Exhibitors will not be allowed to place their own exhibits on display. The department superintendent will handle this in an impartial manner to all.