

2023 Central Iowa Fair Open Class Exhibits

Entry Fees

Adult-age 15 and up - \$1.50 for each entry
Youth-age 7-14 - \$.50 age 6 and under - no fee

Premiums

Age 7 – Adult - \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.00
Age 6 and under – Ribbons only

General Rules

1. Entries are open to all residents in Marshall and surrounding counties.
2. Exhibits entered in previous years are not eligible for exhibit. All articles must be the work of the exhibitor.
3. Class changes may be determined by the number of entries.
4. Each entry will be judged on its own merit.
5. **Photography entries will be accepted on Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 11:00am-6:00pm at the ISU Extension and Outreach office at 2608 South 2nd St., Marshalltown.**
6. **Entries except photography will be accepted on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 from 2:00pm -5:30pm at the Central Iowa Fair Activity Building.**
7. **All open class exhibits will be released on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 6:00pm-7:00pm ONLY. Exhibits must be picked up at this time.**
8. The Central Iowa Fair will provide security on the grounds, but will not be responsible for the items exhibited.

NEW Please help us out.

We have been organizing Open Class for several years and it's time to retire from being in charge. We would mentor someone that is willing to continue this great event. Please let us know if you or someone you know would be willing.

We are striving to increase the number of open class exhibits. Each entry will be judged on its own merit and standards of excellence. We encourage you to enter to receive feedback, inspire others, and most of all to have fun.

Open class is organized by Gail Halsted (641-750-2325) and Mary Jo Baitinger (641-488-2966).

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DEPARTMENT A: Vegetables and Fruits

Rules:

1. All specimens shown in this department must have been grown during 2023.
2. For information on how to prepare vegetables for exhibit and judging criteria, ask for "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit" at the ISU Extension office or online at store.ext.iastate.edu, search 4H462.
3. Please bring exhibits on disposable plates.
4. Maximum of three entries per class per exhibitor.

Division 1: Vegetable and Root Crop

Class:

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| 1. Beans, snap green, 6 specimens | 16. Onions, yellow, 3 specimens |
| 2. Beans, lima, 6 specimens | 17. Onions, red, 3 specimens |
| 3. Beans, snap, yellow, 6 specimens | 18. Peas, 5 specimens |
| 4. Beets, 6 specimens | 19. Peppers, sweet, 3 specimens |
| 5. Broccoli | 20. Peppers, hot, 3 specimens |
| 6. Cabbage, early, 1 head | 21. Sweet corn, yellow 3 ears |
| 7. Cabbage, late, 1 head | 22. Tomatoes, red, 3 specimens |
| 8. Cabbage, red 1 head | 23. Tomatoes, yellow, 3 specimens |
| 9. Carrots, 3 specimens | 24. Tomatoes, cherry, 3 specimens |
| 10. Cauliflower | 25. Tomatoes, pear shaped, 3 specimens |
| 11. Cucumber, pickling, dill type, 3 specimens | 26. Turnips, 3 specimens |
| 12. Cucumbers, pickling, sweet type, 3 specimens | 27. Zucchini, 3 specimens |

13. Cucumbers, slicing, 3 specimens
14. Kohlrabi, 3 specimens
15. Onions, white, 3 specimens

Division 2: Potatoes

Class:

1. Irish Cobbler, 5 specimens
Kennebec, 5 specimens
3. Red Norland, 5 specimens
4. Pontiac, 5 specimens
5. Norgold, 5 specimens
6. Sweet potatoes, 5 specimens
7. Any other variety, 5 specimens

28. Any other vegetable
29. Freak of nature

Division 3: Fruit

Class:

1. Apples, summer variety, 3 specimens 2
2. Cherries, 6 specimens
3. Gooseberries, 6 specimens
4. Grapes, bunch
5. Black raspberries, 6 specimens
6. Red raspberries, 6 specimens
7. Any other

DEPARTMENT B: HORTICULTURE

Rules:

1. For information about exhibiting and judging flowers and house plants ask for "Preparing Cut Flowers and House Plants for Exhibit" at the ISU Extension office or on line at store.ext.iastate.edu, search 4H464.
2. Containers will not be provided.
3. Plant care will not be provided during the Fair.
4. Maximum of one entry per class per exhibitor.

Division 1: Cut Flowers

Class:

1. Bachelor Button, 3 stems
2. Bells of Ireland, 3 stems
3. Carnation, 3 stems
4. Cleome, 3 stems
5. Cone Flowers, 3 stems
6. Cosmos, 3 stems
7. Dahlia:
 - a. Small: blooms under 3", 3 stems
 - b. Medium: 3-7", 1 bloom
 - c. Large: over 7", 1 bloom
8. Daisy, 3 blooms
9. Daisy-Gloriosa, 3 blooms
10. Delphinium, 1 spike
11. Gaillardia, 3 blooms
12. Geranium, 3 stems
13. Gladiolus, 1 spike
14. Day Lily, 1 scape
 - a. Miniature under 3"
 - b. Large over 3"
15. Tiger Lily, 1 stem
16. Liatris, 3 stems
17. Lily, Asian, 1 scape
18. Lily, Oriental
19. Marigold
 - a. Small: 1½ " and under, 3 sprays
 - b. Medium: 1 ½"- 3", 3 sprays
 - c. Large: over 3", 1 bloom

Division 2: Native Flowers

Class:

1. Any native Iowa flower grown in a flower garden and not from roadsides, 3 stems

Division 3: Floral Design

Class:

1. Hand carried bouquet: all fresh materials with accessories
2. Support your team: School or team colors,

20. Pansies, 5 blooms
21. Petunias
 - a. Single, 3 sprays
 - b. Double, 3 sprays
22. Phlox
 - a. Annual, 5 stems
 - b. Perennial, 3 stems
23. Rose, hybrid tea, 1 bloom
24. Rose, floribunda, 1 spray
25. Rose, miniature, 1 spray
26. Snapdragons, 5 spikes
27. Sunflower, decorative, 3 blooms
28. Violas, 5 sprays
29. Statice, 3 stems
30. Zinnias, Dahlia type
 - a. Small: under 2", 5 blooms
 - b. Medium: 2"-4 ½", 3 blooms
 - c. Large: over 4 1/2", 1 bloom
31. Zinnias, Cactus Flowered
 - a. Small: 1 1/2"-4", 3 blooms
 - b. Large: over 4", 1 bloom
32. Any other flower
33. Collection of garden flowers:
 - 1 bloom or stem of 7 or more varieties of flowers displayed in a large vase or basket
34. Collection of leaves: 7 varieties

Class: Division 4: Potted Plants

Class:

1. Any potted indoor plant
2. Any potted outdoor plant
3. Container with 3 or more varieties, indoor or outdoor

Division 5: Herbs- any

Division 6: Shrubs-any

- fresh or dried
3. Be Creative, fresh or dried

DEPARTMENT C: PANTRY STORE

Rules:

1. All jars will be opened if requested by the judge.
2. All jellies or jams should be in a standard pint or quart jelly jar and must be labeled.
3. All canned products must be in a standard pint or quart jar and have new lids and labeled.
4. All preserved food exhibits must include the preserving method that was used.
5. Preserved food exhibits may include two product samples. One will be opened and may be taken home after judging. The other will be displayed.
6. Non-refrigerated items only.
7. Maximum of six entries per division per exhibitor.

Division 1: Bread & Rolls

Class:

1. Yeast bread and rolls, 1 loaf or 3 rolls
2. Quick breads and muffins, 1 loaf or 3 muffins
3. Breads from other countries

Division 3: Cookies, 3 to a plate

Class:

1. Drop Cookies, any kind
2. Bar Cookies, any kind including brownies
3. Sugar, rolled and cut
4. Filled
5. Unbaked

Division 5: Jams, Jellies, & Butters

Class:

1. Any jam
2. Any jelly
3. Any butter

Division 7: Pickles and Relish

Class:

1. Any pickles or relish made from fruits
2. Any pickles or relish made from vegetables

Division 9: Honey

Class:

1. Any honey

Division 11: Novelties

Class:

1. Popcorn Creations
2. Any snack
3. Ugliest Cake
4. Novelty, other than listed

Division 2: Cakes

Class:

1. Unfrosted
2. Frosted
3. Decorated

Division 4: Pies

Class:

1. Any pie, 1 crust or 2 crusts

Division 6: Sauces

Class

1. Any sauce
2. Any salsa

Division 8: Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Class:

1. Any canned fruit
2. Any canned vegetable

Division 10: Candy

Class:

1. Any candy

Division 12: Family Favorites

Class:

1. Any item from Dept. C that is special to your family. including the recipe is optional.

DEPARTMENT D: FINE ARTS

Rules:

1. All entries must be original and completed within the last two years.
2. All entries submitted are received at the owner's risk. The Central Iowa Fair cannot assume responsibility for loss.
3. All art work must be suitably framed or finished and ready to display.
4. Maximum of five entries per exhibitor.

Class:

1. Any medium

DEPARTMENT E: TEXTILES & CLOTHING**Rules:**

1. All articles must be the work of the exhibitor and made within the past two years.
2. Exhibitors may protect articles in plastic bags.
3. Maximum of five per class per exhibitor.

Division 1: Crochet Work**Class:**

1. Afghan or bedspread
2. Doily-any size
3. Edging and insertions
4. Clothing
5. Other item

Division 2: Knitting**Class:**

1. Afghan or blanket
2. Clothing
3. Prayer Shawl
4. Other item

Division 3: Surface Embroidery**Class Includes all stamped designs:**

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| 1. Pictures | 6. Crewel |
| 2. Pillowcase | 7. Candle wicking |
| 3. Towels | 8. Chicken Tracks |
| 4. Tablecloth | 9. Ribbon |
| 5. Doily or placemat | 10. Combination of Techniques |
| 6. Needlepoint | |
| 7. Net lace weaving | |

Division 4: Decorative Needlework**Class:**

1. Counted cross stitch-any item
2. Article using waste canvas
3. Hardanger
4. Duplicate stitch
5. Tatting

Division 5: Clothing**Class:**

1. Any children's item
2. Any adult's item
3. Recycled or Repurposed item
4. Purchased clothing item-embellished

Division 6: Weaving**Class:**

1. Rugs
2. Fashion accessory
3. Home accessory
4. Other

Division 7: Home Décor**Class:**

1. Any fabric item for use in the home-such as comforters, wall hangings, quilted items (not judged on quilting)
2. Any fabric item used for decoration.

Division 8: Quilted Items- Quilts are judged by criteria: cleanliness, attention to details, that we all can perform such as seams meeting and threads trimmed.

Class:

1. Hand Quilted item- may be hand or machine pieced or appliqued
2. Machine Quilted by the piecer
 - a. Applique
 - b. Paper Pieced
 - c. Other
3. Machine Quilted by someone other than the piecer. Give credit to the piecer.
 - a. Applique
 - b. Paper Pieced
 - c. Other
4. Modern Quilt-a quilt using a new design or a reinterpreted traditional design including improvisational piecing, alternative block structures, or emphasis on negative space and asymmetry.

DEPARTMENT F: HOBBIES**Rules:**

1. All work exhibited must be the work of the exhibitor and made within the past two years.
2. Indicate on the back of your entry tag, if a kit was used and what changes you made to it.

3. May protect article in a plastic bag.
4. Maximum of ten entries per division per exhibitor.

Division 1: Ceramic

Class:

1. Any item

Division 2: Decorations

Class:

1. Seasonal
2. Holiday
3. Outdoor/Garden

Division 3: Crafts

Class:

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| 1. Plastic Canvas | 8. Beads |
| 2. Tole and decorative painting | 9. Models |
| 3. Leather | 10. Other |
| 4. Stained Glass | 11. Woodworking |
| 5. Stepping Stones | a. Hand |
| 6. Jewelry | b. Machine |
| 7. Wood | |

Division 4: Woodcarving

Class:

1. Round-any item using this technique
2. Relief-any item using this technique
3. Chip-any item using this technique
4. Other

Division 5: Scrapbooking

Class:

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| 1. Single page | 3. Album |
| 2. Two pages | 4. Theme album |
| 3. Stamp art | |

Division 6: Novelties

Class:

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| 1. Fashion accessory | 4. Polar Fleece item-not sewn |
| 2. Handmade toys | 5. Recycled or Repurposed item |

Division 7: Building Blocks

Class:

1. Any item built by one person
2. Any item built by a group or family

DEPARTMENT P: PROJECT

Rules:

1. Any exhibit entered that is a result of a group, family, or class project. Extra help was provided to the exhibitor.
2. May enter items in any division. Please mark entry with Department P, then class number.
3. The same rules and number of entries for each department will apply.

DEPARTMENT Y: YOUTH

Rules:

1. Youth, age 14 and under, may enter items in any division.
2. Please mark your age on the entry form. The age of the exhibitor will be taken into consideration when exhibit is judged.
3. The same rules and number of entries for each department will apply.

DEPARTMENT G: PHOTOGRAPHY

Doni Sheldon, 750-6377, donisheldon75@gmail.com

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Entries accepted: Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 11:00am to 6:00pm at the ISU Extension and Outreach Office, 2608 South 2nd Street, Marshalltown.

Entry fees:

Age 15 through adult	\$1.50 per photograph
Age 7-14	\$.50 per photograph, except for My Pet class
Age 6 and younger	FREE

Rules:

1. Photograph must have been taken by the exhibitor during the past 2 years.
2. All photos must be 8" x 10" and matted, with a final overall dimension of 11" x 14". Unmatted photos or photos in frames will not be accepted for judging and display.
3. Maximum of two (2) entries per class, with no more than eight (8) photos total entered by any one photographer.
4. The same photo or similar photo cannot be entered in multiple classes.
5. A photo entered in past Central Iowa Fair Open Class Photography contests cannot be entered again.
6. Open to Marshall County residents and residents of surrounding counties.

NEW!! My Pet Class: Pets

RULES:

For kids 6-11 years old. No entry fee!

Limit: 2 photos entered. Can be color or black/white.

Photos must be 5" x 7" and matted with final overall dimensions of 8" x 10". Photo must be taken by the youth

Open to all Marshall County youth and those from surrounding counties.

**Fair visitors will select their favorite pet photo for the Peoples' Choice award. Please vote only once for your favorite!!

DIVISION 1: COLOR PRINTS

CLASS:

1. People
2. Places and landscapes
3. Things and still life
4. Plants, flowers and trees
5. Animals, insects, and wildlife
6. Clouds (new category)
7. Photographer's Choice—any photograph which does not fit in the above categories

DIVISION 2: BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS

CLASS:

8. People
9. Places and landscapes
10. Things and still life
11. Plants, flowers, and trees
12. Animals, insects, and wildlife
13. Clouds (new category)
14. Photographer's Choice—any photograph which does not fit in the above categories

2023 CENTRAL IOWA FAIR OPEN CLASS ENTRY FORM

Check in Photography: Thursday, July 6, 2023, 11:00am-6:00pm
ISU Extension Office, 2608 S. 2nd St. Marshalltown

Check in for all other entries: Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 2:00pm-5:30pm
Central Iowa Fair Activity Building, 1308 East Olive Street, Marshalltown.

