

**Please be aware that  
Exhibitors entering  
into these classes  
must also be familiar  
with the General  
Rules**

**(anything highlighted in grey is new)**



## DEPARTMENT 68 HORTICULTURE

Chairman: *Noreen Soos*

**SUPERINTENDENTS: JOSH & MELINDA RYBICKI**

**Registration deadline – August 1, 2026**

***ALL JUDGING AND SPECIAL EVENTS WILL  
TAKE PLACE IN THE HORT/FLOWER  
BUILDING EXCEPT AWARDS CEREMONY***

**FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE:**

**Entry ---Sunday - 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Judging ---Sunday - 8:00 p.m.**

**All Classes Judged.**

**---Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.**

**Horticulture Contest.**

**(Youth Memorial Building)**

**Special ---Thursday - 12:00 p.m. (Mall Stage)**

**Horticulture Awards Presentation**

*“All Champ. & Res. Champ. winners “*

**Saturday ---9 a.m. Still Exhibit Auction, at tent by**

**Rabbit barn**

**Exhibit Release:**

**---Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

ALL EXHIBITORS 14 thru 17 years of age are required to exhibit one “Major Exhibit” or two non-major exhibits to be eligible to receive a free admission pass. All exhibitors 18 – 20 years of age are required to exhibit **one (1) major exhibit.**

***Exhibitor must take responsibility to refer to BCYF General Rules, Regulations & Policies of Procedure, as well as, BCYF Youth Exhibits Rules, and BCYF Livestock Rules (if applicable).***

- A. Containers used for display of produce available at Fair Office after August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- B. **Use only containers provided, no plastic bags, covers or decorations, no wood jumbo baskets, no paper fillers.**
- C. Fair reserves the right to add a harmless food dye to all grain exhibits.
- D. Entry tags **MUST** be securely attached to trays and AGE of exhibitor **MUST** be on tag.
- E. **Variety must correspond with proper class.**
- F. Use a strong adhesive such as Industrial E6000 craft adhesive.
- G. After 1:00 p.m. Sunday after Fair, **BCYF will dispose of remaining items.**
- H. **COMMERCIAL MARKET QUALITY STANDARDS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTERING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, I.E. UNIFORM SHAPE, COLOR, SIZE AND DISEASE FREE.**
- J. Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- A. Exhibitor must be able to identify fruit or vegetable by variety or kind upon request.
- B. Use of any cannabis (marijuana) or related products are prohibited.

- C. **WINNERS OF TROPHIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS MUST PROVIDE FRESH DISPLAY AS NEEDED OR BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- D. Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded throughout the Horticulture Department if, in the judge’s opinion, exhibit merits the award.
- N. Grand & Reserve Grand Champion trophies and Champion & Reserve Champion trophies awarded at the discretion of the judges.
- O. Designate "variety" on back of exhibit tag if possible.
- P. Horticulture exhibits **MUST** be 75% done by the Exhibitor.
- Q. Produce must be loose on tray or in container. No glue/adhesive allowed. Vegetable Classes 2023 - 2079. Exceptions; Decorated Pumpkin Classes 2035, 2038, 2041

**EARLY ENTRY OPTION.**

Thursday only! August 13<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Classes: 2000-2009, 2108-2118, 2134-2141, 2144, 2165-2169**

**LARGE ROSETTES WILL BE AWARDED  
TO 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WINNERS IN ALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES**

**HORTICULTURE**

**Dept. 68 – Div. 5**

Premiums: A-2.00, B-1.50, C-1.25, except Champion classes.

**VEGETABLE SPECIALTIES:**

*(These classes eligible for Still Exhibit Auction, 2000-2009)*  
**2000. Decorated, dried gourds, Ages 5 - 10. Previous**

**BCYF Still Exhibit Auction! Must enter class 4580 (below) by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible. Only one Still Exhibit entry for auction. Check page 16 for auction rules**

**Dept. 65 Div. 1**

**4580. Still Exhibit Auction, classes eligible: 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2165, 2167, 2169**

**MUST CHECK IN AUCTION EXHIBIT ON ENTRY DAY AT APPROPRIATE ENTRY DOOR**

- year’s crop (Example-bird house, vessel, etc.)
- **Champion Dried Gourds, Ages 5 - 10**  
Smith Family Trophy (ht20r)
- **Res. Champion Dried Gourds, Ages 5 - 10**
- 2003. Decorated, dried gourds, Ages 11 - 14**  
Description same as class 2000
- **Champion Dried Gourds, Ages 11 - 14**  
Smith Family Trophy (ht21r)
- **Reserve Champion Dried Gourds, Ages 11 - 14**
- 2006. Decorated, dried gourds, Ages 15 - 20**  
Description same as class 2000
- **Champion Dried Gourds, Ages 15 - 20**  
Friends for Berrien Springs Trophy (ht19r)
- **Reserve Champion Dried Gourds, Ages 15 - 20**
- 2009. Fair Theme Dried Gourd, Ages 5 - 20**
- **Best Fair Theme Dried Gourd, Ages 5 - 20**  
**CLASSES 2011, 2014 & 2017**

**NO CARVED OR CUT VEGETABLES OR GELATIN. No toothpicks, nails, or pins.**

2011. **Vegetable Creations**, Ages 5 - 10, Make animals, faces, people, etc. out of vegetables. **Refer to Horticulture Department rule G.**
- **Champion Vegetable Creations**, Ages 5 - 10
  - **Res. Champion Vegetable Creations**, Ages 5 - 10
2014. **Vegetable Creations**, Ages 11 - 14, Same description as Class 2011. **Refer to dept rule G.**
- **Champion Vegetable Creations**, Ages 11 - 14
  - **Res. Champion Vegetable Creations**, Ages 11 - 14
2017. **Vegetable Creations**, Ages 15 - 20, Same description as Class 2011. **Refer to dept rule G.**
- **Champion Vegetable Creations**, Ages 15 - 20
  - **Res. Champ. Vegetable Creations**, Ages 15 - 20
  - **Grand Champion Vegetable Creations**  
Stephanie Gumms Trophy (ht26r)
  - **Res. Gr. Champion Vegetable Creations**  
Marquis Family Trophy (ht29r)

**DEPARTMENT 68 – DIVISION 1  
VEGETABLES**

**MAJOR EXHIBITS: 2023, 2026 & 2029**

*All vegetables and fruits MUST be grown by the exhibitor.*

**VEGETABLE CLASSES** Dept. 68 – Div. 1

**Premium for classes,** A-2.00, B-1.50, C-1.25, (except Championships and where noted differently).

2023. **Exhibit of vegetables, at least five kinds in a 10 pound commercial container-Filled to capacity.**  
A-2.75, B-2.00, C-1.25
- **Grand Champion Vegetable Exhibit**  
Lone Pine Farm Trophy (ht03c), \$11.25
  - **Reserve Grand Champion Vegetable Exhibit**  
Dixon Meckes Family Trophy (ht04c), \$7.50
2026. **Commercial Garden Exhibit-10# carton** of one vegetable (NO TOMATOES). Filled to capacity.  
A-2.75, B-2.00, C-1.25
- **Grand Champion Commercial Garden Exhibit**  
Ben Nye Memorial Trophy (ht05c) \$11.25
  - **Reserve Grand Champ. Comm'l Garden Exh.**  
Ben Nye Memorial Trophy (ht06c) \$7.50
2029. **10# cont. of red, green or yellow tomatoes**  
(No stems)
- **Champion-10# container of Tomatoes**  
River Valley Garden Club Trophy (ht07r)
  - **Reserve Champion-10# container of Tomatoes**
2032. **One pumpkin, under 50 # List variety on entry tag**
- **Champion Pumpkin under 50#**  
Shelton Farms Trophy (ht13a)
  - **Reserve Champion Pumpkin under 50#**
2035. **Decorated pumpkin or pumpkins, Ages 5 - 10 NO CARVING, NO CUTTING, NO TOOTHPICKS, NAILS OR PINS. Real pumpkin.** Refer to Department rule G.
- **Champion Decorated Pumpkin**, Ages 5 - 10

- Veronica Pockrandt Memorial Trophy (ht28a)
- **Res. Champ. Decorated Pumpkin**, Ages 5 - 10
2038. **Decorated Pumpkin or pumpkins**, Ages 11 - 14  
Same description and premium as class 2035. **Real pumpkin.** Refer to dept. rule G.
- **Champion Decorated Pumpkin**, Ages 11 - 14  
Bixby Farms Trophy (ht22r)
  - **Res. Champ. Decorated Pumpkin**, Ages 11 - 14
2041. **Decorated Pumpkin or pumpkins**, Ages 15 - 20.  
Same description and premium as class 2035.  
Refer to dept. rule G.
- **Champion Decorated Pumpkin**, Ages 15 - 20  
In Honor of Ben & Jeanne Koebel Trophy (ht23r)
  - **Res. Champ. Decorated Pumpkin**, Ages 15 - 20
- Premiums for the following classes are:**  
A-2.00, B-1.50, C-1.25
2045. **Three mini-pumpkins**
2046. **One watermelon**
2047. **One muskmelon**
2048. **One, any other melon**
2049. **One cabbage, with outer leaves**
2050. **One head of cauliflower**
2051. **One eggplant**
2052. **One late squash, acorn, butternut, or other Hard shelled varieties**
2053. **Three summer squash, zucchini, crookneck, patty pan, (all same variety), no longer than 12", with tender skin**
2054. **Five beets, topped with 1" top**
2055. **Five carrots, topped with 1" top**
2056. **Five bell peppers, All same color & variety**
2057. **Seven peppers, other varieties, must be all the same variety. (NO BELL PEPPERS)**
2058. **Seven Jalapeno peppers**
2059. **Garlic, 3 heads of garlic, not peeled. 1" stem and short roots**
2061. **Five ears of sweet corn, current year crop – (3 with husk and 2 without husk)**
2062. **Five tomatoes (5 green, 5 red, 5 yellow; do not mix), min.2" diameter. NO PLUM, NO CHERRY, NO STEMS**
2063. **Five Heirloom tomatoes, no stems**
2064. **Five onions - (unpeeled & topped 1")**
2065. **Five stalks of mature dill - (roots attached)**
2066. **Five gourds**
2067. **Five stalks of pulled rhubarb, tied with one (1) inch of leaf top & butt end of feather end cut off**
- **Champion 5 Stalks of Pulled Rhubarb**  
Lauren Totzke Memorial Trophy (ht27r)
  - **Reserve Champion 5 Stalks of Pulled Rhubarb**
2070. **Six okra**
2071. **Cherry tomatoes (red or yellow, NO GREEN) in pint container  
CONTAINER MUST BE FULL. NO STEMS.**
2072. **Pear, Plum & Grape tomatoes, same description as above**
2073. **Ten potatoes**
2074. **Ten radishes with tops-bunched**
2075. **Twelve snap beans**

2076. Twelve lima beans  
 2077. Six pickles, no larger than 1 3/4" in dia.  
 2078. Six slicing cucumbers (not pickles)  
 2079. Broccoli - 3 bunches, no outer leaves

**DEPARTMENT 68 – DIVISION 2  
 FRUITS & NUTS**

**MAJOR EXHIBIT: 2083, 2086, 2091, 2096**

A "3 x 5" card naming variety must be attached to all "Any Variety" fruit exhibit.

**NO PAPER FILLERS**

Premiums for FRUIT classes are: A-2.00, B-1.50, C-1.25 (except Championships) Flats: A-2.75, B-2.00, C-1.25

APPLES – Dept. 68 – Div. 2

2082. Any Variety (Exhibit of 5)  
 2083. Flat of Any Variety\* (12" x 20")

PEARS – Dept. 68 – Div. 2

2085. Any Variety (Exhibit of 5)  
 2086. Flat of Any Variety (12" x 20")

PEACHES – Dept. 68 – Div. 2

2089. Red Haven (Exhibit of 5)  
 2090. Any Variety (Exhibit of 5)  
 2091. Flat of Any Variety (12" x 20")

NECTARINES – Dept. 68 – Div. 2

2095. Any Variety (Exhibit of 5)  
 2096. Flat of Any Variety\* (12" x 20")

PLUMS – Dept. 68 – Div. 2

2097. Any Variety (Exhibit of 5)

BERRIES Dept. 68 – Div. 2

2098. One pint Blueberries  
 2099. One pint Raspberries  
 2100. One pint Blackberries  
 2101. Any other type of berries

STRAWBERRY PLANT Dept. 68 – Div. 2

2102. One strawberry plant, runners & dirt in a flat of standard greenhouse size.

GRAPES Dept. 68 – Div. 2

2103. Five bunches per plate  
 • **Champion Grapes**  
 Ned Totzke Family Trophy (ht25r)  
 • **Reserve Champion Grapes**

**CHAMPIONS:** Champion and Res. Champion Fruit Exhibit selected from classes 2083, 2086, 2091 & 2096

- **Grand Champion Fruit Exhibit**  
 E.C. Fruit Exchange Trophy (ht01r), \$11.25  
 • **Reserve Grand Champion**  
 Mammoth Fruit Farm (ht02r), \$7.50

NUTS, HONEY AND MAPLE SYRUP Dept. 68 – Div. 2

Premiums for classes 1620 – 1624 are:

A-2.00, B-1.50, C-1.25

Michigan grown nuts-Exhibit of twelve. All nuts to be edible. Previous year's crop will be required; dried and not bleached.

2108. Black walnuts  
 2109. English walnuts  
 2110. Chestnuts

2111. Butternuts  
 2112. Any other Michigan nuts - no acorns

Premiums for 1625-1626, A-2.50, B-2.00, C-1.50

2113. One 1# jar of White liquid honey  
 2114. One 1# jar of Amber liquid honey  
 • **Champion Jar of Honey**  
 Whispering Dreams Apiary Trophy (ht24r)  
 • **Reserve Champion Jar of Honey**  
 2117. Maple Syrup – Grade A, (lighter color) no bigger than pint jar  
 2118. Maple Syrup – Grade B (amber color, later in season), no bigger than pint jar  
 • **Champion Maple Syrup**  
 Ty-Kat Sugar Shack, LLC Trophy (ht30r)  
 • **Reserve Champion Maple Syrup**

**DEPARTMENT 68 – DIVISION 3  
 FIELD CROPS**

FIELD CROPS Dept. 68 – Div. 3

Premiums for classes 2130 - 2133 are:

A-2.00, B-1.50, C-1.25

2130. Sunflower head, no vase, 2" stem, no leaves. **Non Ornamental**  
 2131. Five ears-field corn-previous year's crop  
 2132. Five ears of popcorn-previous year's crop  
 2133. Five ears of Indian corn-previous year's crop (with husk attached)

**CLASSES 2134 THROUGH 2140 TO BE EXHIBITED IN A CLEAR GALLON CONTAINER.**

Premiums for classes 2134 – 2144 are:

A-2.00, B-1.50, C-1.25

2134. Shelled field corn, previous year's crop.  
 2135. Gallon of barley  
 2136. Gallon of wheat  
 2137. Gallon of oats  
 2138. Gallon of rye  
 2139. Gallon of soybeans, previous year's crop  
 2140. Gallon of any other grain, (label variety)  
 2141. 2 qt jar of alfalfa or clover, previous year's crop  
 2142. Three stalks of field corn, current year crop with roots attached & stalks tied  
 2143. Single stalk of corn, exhibited in a 5-gallon bucket of soil. All parts of the plant should be identified and tagged  
 2144. One Bale of Hay or Straw, MUST be current year's crop (reg. sized, square bale)  
 • **Champion Bale of Hay or Straw**  
 Richard L. Rieth Memorial Trophy (ht08r)  
 • **Res. Champion Bale of Hay or Straw**

**DEPARTMENT 68 – DIVISION 3  
 MARKET STAND HORTICULTURAL  
 DISPLAY**

**BOOTH DISPLAYS ARE MAJOR EXHIBITS  
 (BOOTH SPACE – First Come – First Served)**

Exhibits **MUST BE ASSEMBLED ONLY BY THE EXHIBITOR**. Enter all booth exhibits by **7:00 p.m.** on Entry Day.

**Dept. 68 – Div. 3**

**Premiums for Displays are:** A-3.75, B-3.00, C-2.25

**2150. HORTICULTURE BOOTH DISPLAY of a single crop or Honey and its Commercial Products,** Ages 5 - 11. Must have crop as well as products displayed in exhibit. Can use artificial berries only if fresh are not available.

MAJOR EXHIBIT; A 3ft. x 3 ft. table area is available for exhibit and should be decorated in accord with the product exhibited, such as Apples, Grapes, Blueberries, Corn, Maple Syrup, Honey, etc. Written information on production, use and health benefits encouraged.

- **Champion Booth Display,** Ages 5 - 11  
Jonathan/David/Jacob/Andrew Rochefort Trophy (ht18c)
- **Reserve Champion Booth Display,** Ages 5 - 11
- 2153. HORTICULTURE BOOTH DISPLAY of a single crop or Honey and its Commercial Products,** Ages 12 - 20. Same description as class 2150.
- **Champion Booth Display,** Ages 12 - 20  
Andy & Todd Barbott Trophy (ht12c)
- **Reserve Champion Booth Display,** Ages 12 – 20

**WINNERS OF TROPHIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS MUST PROVIDE FRESH DISPLAY AS NEEDED OR BE DISQUALIFIED.**

#### **DEPARTMENT 68 – DIVISION 4 SCARECROWS**

##### ***Major Exhibit: 2169***

SCARECROW SHALL NOT BE TALLER THAN 4 FEET OR WIDER THAN 3 FEET, **ANYTHING LARGER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** ALL SCARECROW PARTS MUST BE SECURELY ATTACHED). (“T” CONSTRUCTION **REQUIRED**). EYE SCREW ON “T” **RECOMMENDED.**

RECOMMENDED – weight of 25 lbs. (or less) suggested. **MUST BE CONSTRUCTED SO THAT IT CAN BE HUNG. ENTRY TAG TO BE AFFIXED TO LOWEST PART OF SCARECROW. Must be stuffed. NO swords allowed to be used for fair theme.**

**Premiums for entered classes are:**

A-3.00, B-2.00, C-1.00

**Dept. 68 – Div. 4**

*(These classes eligible for Still Exhibit Auction (2165-2169))*

**2165. Scarecrow,** Ages 5 - 9

- **Best Scarecrow,** Ages 5 - 9

**2167. Scarecrow,** Ages 10 - 14

- **Best Scarecrow,** Ages 10 - 14

**2169. Scarecrow,** Ages 15 - 20

- **Best Scarecrow,** Ages 15 - 20

**Special Ribbon Awards in the following categories judged from classes 2165, 2167 & 2169**

- **Most Authentic Scarecrow**
- **Most Creative Scarecrow**

- **Most Humorous Scarecrow**
- **Scariest Scarecrow**
- **Best Movie Based Scarecrow**
- **Best Female Cartoon Character Scarecrow**
- **Best Male Cartoon Character Scarecrow**
- **Best Story Book Female Character Scarecrow**
- **Best Story Book Male Character Scarecrow**
- **Best Fair Theme Scarecrow**
- **Best Video Game Character Scarecrow**
- **Grand Champion Scarecrow**  
The Bublick Family Trophy (ht10r)
- **Reserve Grand Champion Scarecrow**  
Carol Merrill Trophy (ht11r)

#### **HORTICULTURE NOTEBOOKS Dept. 68 – Div. 5**

**2184. Horticulture Notebook -** Ages 5 - 13

Enter, display and pick up at Craft Bldg. #14. Notes or information relating to horticulture including journals about gardening, propagation, experiments, etc. Min.10 pages. A-2.00, B-1.50, C-1.25

**2185. Horticulture Notebook -** Ages 14 - 20

Enter, display, and pick up at Craft Bldg. #14  
Minimum 15 pages. Same description & premiums as class 2184.

**2186. HORTICULTURE EXCELLENCE AWARD**

**TIM SCHMUHL MEMORIAL TROPHY** (ht09r)

**MARY LOU LONG MEMORIAL \$25 AWARD**

Will be awarded to the **OVERALL** top Horticulture exhibitor. Exhibitor must pre-register by August 1<sup>st</sup> of current year on regular entry form. Award to be judged on point system.

#### **DEPARTMENT 68 - DIVISION 5**

#### **HORTICULTURE CONTEST**

##### ***Major Exhibit: 2197***

Contest held Tuesday of Fair at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Memorial Building.

**Registration Deadline: August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

1. Contest shall consist of classes for four age groups:
  - A. Ages 5 thru 8 years
  - B. Ages 9 thru 11 years
  - C. Ages 12 thru 14 years
  - D. Ages 15 thru 20 years
2. Horticulture Contest shall consist of three parts; Judging, Information, and Identification.
  - A. **JUDGING** – There will be four groups of judging, judged on basis of quality and condition. Each group will have four specimens. Exhibitors will place each group from top to bottom, from first to fourth.
  - B. **INFORMATION** – Questions will be objective type (true/false, multiple choice, etc.) dealing with horticultural topics selected to test the exhibitor’s knowledge of cultural practices, plant science, pesticides, careers, gardening, etc. This part of the contest will be concerned with all horticulture crops (vegetables, fruits, flowers and woody

ornamentals.) Questions will be taken from reference materials available from NJHA.ORG

- C. IDENTIFICATION – Specimens must be identified from an identification list made up of 180 different plants. The list is part of the reference information (see B above). The specimens to be identified will be actual or preserved twigs, seeds, pictures or other plant parts. Specimens will be grouped into 4 categories, Vegetables: Fruits, Nuts and Berries; Flowers; and Landscape Ornamentals.
3. Only “A” award winners are eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion awards. The exhibitor having the highest score in each age group will be Champion, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest will be Res. Champion.
  4. Premiums as follows:  
A - \$3.75, B - \$ 2.25, C - \$1.50

#### **HORTICULTURE CONTEST CLASSES:**

##### **Dept. 68 – Div. 5**

#### **2188. Ages 5 - 8**

- **Champion Ages 5 - 8**  
Creative Landscape Trophy (ht14a) & \$7.50
- **Reserve Champion Ages 5 - 8, \$3.75**

#### **2191. Ages 9 - 11**

- **Champion Ages 9 - 11**  
Creative Landscape Trophy (ht15a) & \$8.25
- **Reserve Champion Ages 9 - 11, \$4.50**

#### **2194. Ages 12 - 14**

- **Champion Ages 12 - 14**  
Creative Landscape Trophy (ht16a) & \$9.75
- **Reserve Champion Ages 12 - 14, \$6.00**

#### **2197. Ages 15 - 20**

- **Champion Ages 15 - 20**  
Creative Landscape Trophy (ht17a) & \$11.25
- **Reserve Champion Ages 15 - 20, \$7.50**