

# 2009 Linn County Fair



## Open Class Division

**Superintendent**—Kris Blackford

**Co-Superintendents**—Susan Clark, Jean Dunn

**Entry time**—Tuesday July 7, 5-7pm and Wednesday July 8, 9am-Noon

**Judging**—Non conference judging will be Wednesday July 8.

### Rules

1. This division is open to **ANY** Linn County residents.
2. Participants may have a total of 3 exhibits in each project area: food and nutrition, clothing, photography, home improvement, needlework, art work, craft projects, rocketry, quilting and woodworking.
3. If number of exhibits are adequate, classes may be divided into Junior (up to 16 years of age) and adult classes.
4. Entry forms are available at the fairgrounds in Exhibit Building #2.
5. Ribbons Only – No Premium.
6. Exhibits will be released on
7. If possible, all exhibits must be labeled with exhibitor's name, address and phone number.

## Department 1—Food and Nutrition

### Classes

- 1) **Preserved Food** (pickles, jams, jellies, honey)
  - A) Type of food
  - B) Date processed
  - C) How processed
  - D) Recipe
- 2) **Baked Product**
  - A) Cakes, pies, bread—should be in their original shapes as baked
  - B) Cookies, buns—six to a plate (sturdy paper plate) Use plastic bags to cover baked goods. Include recipe.
  - C) Baked product from a mix

## Department 2—Clothing (Sewing)

### Classes

- 1) Adult
- 2) Baby, children
- 3) Costumes
- 4) Doll Clothes
- 5) Accessories (purses, belts, shawls, etc.)
- 6) Home (pillows, tablecloths, napkins, curtains, blankets)
- 7) Recycling

## Department 3—Quilting (Hand or Machine)

### Classes

- 1) Clothing (jackets, vests, etc.)
- 2) Accessories (purses, belts, etc.)
- 3) Baby, children (bibs, slippers, etc.)
- 4) Blankets, bed covers
- 5) Wall Hangings
- 6) Pot Holders, towels, table covers, etc.

## Department 4—Needlework, Knitting, Crocheting, Tatting, Embroidery, Counted Cross-stitch

### Classes

- 1) Afghans
- 2) Clothing (adult, baby, children)
- 3) Accessories
- 4) Home (potholders, wash cloths, table runners, etc.)
- 5) Pictures, wall hangings
- 6) Ornaments
- 7) Hand Embroidery
- 8) Machine Embroidery

## Department 5—Art

### Classes

- 1) Oil
- 2) Acrylic
- 3) Pencil, chalk, charcoal

#### 4) Mixed Media

### Department 6—Craft

#### Classes

- 1) Ceramic
- 2) Pottery
- 3) Basket Weaving
- 4) Scrapbooking
- 5) Wood Carving
- 6) Bead Making
- 7) Plastic Canvas

### Department 7—Artificial Floral Arrangement

- 1) Arrangement for any month of the year
- 2) Arrangement for dinner table
- 3) Patriotic arrangement using red, white and blue
- 4) Tea cup, coffee mug, wine glass, etc. arrangement

### Department 8—Photography

1. Photographs may be black and white or color. Photographs may be processed from slides, negatives, digital cameras and computer manipulation programs.
2. Photos may be mounted; they can be (a) flush mounted (no mounting board showing and on mounting board) or (b) with mount border.
3. Photos may be matted.
4. If photos are not mounted, they may be exhibited in a clear plastic covering such as photo album page.
5. We will not accept framed photos.
- 6) Photo size 4x6, 5x7, 8x10, 11x14 accepted
- 7) All exhibitors are limited to no more than 2 entries per class, not to exceed 10 entries total.
- 8) Photos must be labeled on back with exhibitor name, address and phone number.
- 9) No professionals

#### Classes

- 1) Landscapes
- 2) Children
- 3) Adult
- 4) Group—people
- 5) Still Life
- 6) Animals
- 7) Flowers
- 8) Machinery, etc.
- 9) Architecture

### Youth Division

1. Participants not old enough to be in 4-H yet.
2. Participants will receive a participant ribbon.

### Professional Division

- 1) Open to professionals – Limit 3 entries
- 2) Open categories , any subject

## Open Horticulture Show

**Superintendent**—Kris Blackford

**Co-Superintendents**—Sharon Bowers, Susan Clark, Jean Dunn

**Entry time**—Friday July 10, 9am - Noon

**Judging**—Non conference judging will be Friday July 10

1. Exhibitor qualifications – see rules #1 and #3 under Open Class Division above.
2. Only three entries will be accepted in each class.
3. Entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Professional florists may not compete. Cut horticulture exhibits are to be exhibited in a clear plastic bottle weighted down. A small amount of plant material, styrofoam, clear plastic or wooden block may be used in the neck of the container only to prop or wedge the specimen upright. Potted specimens are an exception.
4. The following are not permitted in the flower show: natural bird's nests, "stuffed birds", butterflies or other insects, fish, birds or animals.
5. Arrangements must be the work of the exhibitor. No artificial flowers, fruit, foliage or noxious weeds are permitted.
6. Ribbons Only – No Premium.
7. Exhibits will be released on

## Department 1–Flowers

### Classes

- 01 Container Grown** (hanging baskets, pots or patio)
- 02 Annuals** (one stalk, one spike, one bloom, or one spray)
- 03 Perennials** (one stalk, one spike, one bloom, or one spray)
- 04 Flowering Houseplant** (African Violet, begonia, cactus, new or unusual plant)
- 05 Foliage Houseplant** (philodendron, ivy, succulent, wandering jew, new or unusual plant)
- 06 Roses/Woody Bush** (one stalk, one spike, one bloom, or one spray)

## Department 2–Floral Arrangements

Ribbons, accessories or other accents are accepted.

### Classes

- 01 Arrangement** (for any month of the year)
- 02 Arrangement** (for dinner table, church alter, hall, porch, coffee table, desk, etc.)
- 03 Patriotic** (using red, white and blue)
- 04 Dried** (swag, wreath, wall arrangement or centerpiece) All flowers and greenery must be natural.
- 05 Teacup** (using a teacup to arrange in)

## Department 3–Vegetable and Fruit

Homegrown vegetables and fruits to be displayed on paper plates.

### Classes

- 01 Vegetable or Fruit Tray** (exhibit should consist of 3-5 different items)
- 02 Individual Plates** – home grown vegetables or fruit displayed on sturdy styrofoam or paper trays or plates, 3 specimens unless otherwise stated.  
Exhibits may come from the following.
  - Beans, beets, carrots, radishes, peas, cucumbers, onions, peppers, potatoes, slicing tomatoes
  - Cabbage, 1 head
  - Leaf or head lettuce, 1 plant in water
  - Spinach, 1 plant in water
  - Summer squash, 2 specimens
  - Sweet corn, 3 ears with husks
  - Cherry Tomato, 5 specimens
  - Fruits, any home grown, such as raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, etc., 1 cup
  - Apple, early, 3 specimens
- 03 Herbs – any variety, 1 sprig**
  - Dill
  - Oregano
  - Lavender
  - Chives
  - Thyme
  - Etc.
- 04 – Biggest Vegetable**
- 05 – Biggest Fruit**
- 06 – Unusual Shape Vegetable**
- 07 – Unusual Shape Fruit**

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# The Linn County Fair Quilt Block Challenge

## Rules:

1. Contest limited to 30 participants. Open to all Iowa residents.
2. Contestant must pay \$5.00 per kit. One kit per exhibitor.
3. Exhibitor may use 3-5 fabrics with one of those designated as the focus fabric for the block. All fabrics are included in the kit. Do not add fabrics. Do not quilt or appliqué.
4. Exhibitor may use an established pattern or create an original block, (unfinished block being 9 ½" x 9 ½", finished block being 9" x 9").
5. Blocks entered become property of the Linn County Fair Board. Blocks will be made into a quilt and auctioned off the following year with the proceeds going back into the open class department.
6. A \$25.00 gift certificate to Connie's Quilt Shop will be awarded for Viewers Choice.

Kits will be available March 2, 2009. Contact Kris Blackford, 377-3992 or Jean Dunn, 377-6079.

The finished block must be dropped off or mailed to Kris Blackford or Jean Dunn no later than Monday June 15, 2009.

This contest is sponsored by Connie's Quilt Shop.