

Mercer County

4-H  **Fair**

2009

Exhibit Catalog

Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

This event is a culmination of the hard work of our 4-H leaders, members, and parents. Our fair is an excellent place for the members of Mercer County 4-H and the residents of Mercer County (the general public) to showcase their talents and receive recognition for their individual entries.

Throughout this exhibit book, you will find many divisions to enter. 4-H members must complete a green 4-H exhibit form for each entry. For the open division (non 4-H members), a white open exhibit form must accompany your entries. **Exhibit forms will be available during exhibit entry on Friday, July 31st between 3:00 and 6:00 pm for 4-H exhibitors and from 4:00 to 8:00 pm for the general public.** They are also available from the 4-H office or a 4-H club leader.

We thank the many 4-H club leaders, volunteers, and parents who support our program and the youth of our county. Thank you for making an investment in our future and for *"Making the Best Better"*!

We are looking forward to seeing you and your family at the 2009 Mercer County 4-H Fair at Howell Living History Farm.

Sincerely,



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4-H Staff

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General Rules

1. Mercer County 4-H members are eligible to exhibit their work. 4-H members must have completed at least fourth grade and must not have been out of high school for more than one year. Prep members (K-3) may exhibit their projects, but they will not be judged competitively (a prep award will be given).
2. A 4-H member may enter a project to be judged against a standard if that project class is not otherwise represented.
3. Individuals who are not 4-H members may enter projects in any class (no animals) as an open division exhibit.
4. **Entries must be delivered to Howell Living History Farm on Friday, July 31st, between 3:00 and 6:00 pm for 4-H members and between 4:00 and 8:00 pm for the general public.**
5. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the 4-H staff.
6. **Exhibit forms must accompany all entries and will be available at the fair during entry.**
7. Exhibit forms must be securely attached to all exhibits throughout display time.
8. All exhibits must be the result of the current year's work by the youth entering the exhibits.
9. All exhibits must be removed by 5:00 pm on Sunday, August 2nd. Entries not picked-up promptly will be left at the risk of the exhibitor. You may have a friend enter and pick-up your items for you.
10. Please check the specific rules for each division.
11. Animal exhibitors are responsible for the care and clean-up of their animals at all times.
12. The judges may disqualify any entry not meeting the requirements as listed in this exhibit book.
13. Only one entry per class.

4-H Divisions Only

1. Complete a record book and deliver it to your club leader.
2. Attend 70% of all club meetings.
3. Participate in club, county, or other public speaking.
4. Be an active member in any Mercer County 4-H school, community, after-school, or special interest program.
5. The exhibit must have been made during the project year (October – present).
6. If competing in your club's 4-H division, you may also enter in any non-animal class in the Open Division. For example, a woodworking 4-H member exhibiting in 4-H class 132 may enter tomatoes in open class 77.

Open Divisions Only

1. Live in Mercer County or the surrounding area.
2. Open to any age – youth or adult.
3. Have made or grown the exhibit in 2008-2009.

Animal Classes

1. All animals must be current with all appropriate vaccinations.
2. No sick animals will be allowed on the fairgrounds.

SPECIFIC RULES for animal classes will be supplied by the division superintendent.

Awards

1. 4-H exhibits will be judged by the Danish system – no competition between exhibits. Each is judged independently against set standards.
2. Ribbons will be awarded to those judged “Excellent”, “Very Good”, “Good”, and “Fair”. 4-H Prep members (grades K-3) will receive a participation ribbon.
3. Exhibits may be entered for “Exhibition Only” upon the request of the exhibitor. Participation ribbons will be awarded to those entered for “Exhibition Only”.
4. In each division, a “Best of Division” award will be given if an exhibit is judged to be worthy of this award.
5. A “Care Takers Award” will be given to the exhibitor with the neatest kept animal area.
6. Open exhibits will be judged, and a ribbon will be awarded to first, second, and third in each class, at the discretion of the judge.

EXHIBITS CATALOG

DIVISION I – 4-H BOOTH DISPLAYS

1. Booths should follow the current year's fair theme. There should be no duplications of the dominant theme or props of previous years.
2. Members **guided** by leaders are to plan their own club displays. Adults **may not** assist youth in setting-up booth displays at the fair. Adult assistance will be grounds for disqualification.
3. No product in the display will be eligible for individual member award.
4. Club members must create displays. Materials used may be obtained from commercial sources.
5. Each booth display will have one 8-foot table to use.
6. All clubs will use the same standardized 4-foot booth backs, which are available at the Extension Office. Display may be 30" above the tabletop. Banners or signs may be hung from the front of the table and items may be placed on the floor in front of the table.
7. No electricity will be permitted, only batteries.
8. The 4-H office will supply the tables used. However, other materials, such as paper for tables, will not be furnished.
9. Clubs setting-up displays in this division must make an entry just as individual members in other divisions. Please use the correct entry form.
10. Displays will be judged on the following points:

	Points
a. Attracts attention	
i. Suitable subject with viewer appeal	10
ii. Effective title – clear, short and well planned	10
iii. Good layout, color, and design	15
b. Carries out theme	20
c. General appearance and workmanship (neat, clean, uncluttered, finished look, correct grammar and spelling)	20
d. Originality and creativity	25
e. Bonus points (best 4-H promotion, most original, most creative, best layout)	5
11. Booth displays must be assembled at the Fair between the hours of **3:00 and 6:00 PM on Friday, July 31st, ONLY**. Judging will be **Saturday, August 1st**. All booths must be dismantled by **5:00 pm Sunday, August 2nd**.

DIVISION II – ARTS AND CRAFTS

A label containing the exhibitor's name and address must be pinned or basted to the hem on the underside of each article. This is in addition to the entry tag.

Class 1	Basket – must demonstrate at least one weaving technique, may feature purchased bottom
Class 2	Metal craft
Class 3	Leather craft
Class 4	Clay or other sculpture (unframed)
Class 5	Ceramics (pre-made)
Class 6	Any other craft – if from a kit, please indicate – no sewn or needlework, refer to Division IV
Class 7	Watercolor painting
Class 8	Oil painting
Class 9	Acrylic painting
Class 10	Pen and ink drawing
Class 11	Decoupage
Class 12	Any other piece of artwork
Class 13	Holiday ornament
Class 14	Woodworking kit
Class 15	T-Shirt screen-printed
Class 16	Origami – stamping –scratching paper

DIVISION III – CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

A label containing the exhibitor's name and address must be pinned or basted to the hem on the underside of each article. This is in addition to the entry tag.

Class 17	Simple dress without a collar or set-in-sleeve
Class 18	Dress, vest or coat with a collar and set-in-sleeve
Class 19	Simple pants, shorts, culottes, without zipper and pockets
Class 20	Pants, shorts or culottes with zipper and pockets
Class 21	Home improvement project – pillow, bedspread, curtains
Class 22	Quilt sewn by machine (refer to Class #24 for hand sewn quilt)
Class 23	Stuffed animals, puppets, or doll – may be from a pattern
Class 24	Any other sewn project – hand sewn or machine sewn
Class 25	Outfit

DIVISION IV – NEEDLEWORK AND HANDWORK

A label containing the exhibitor's name and address must be pinned or basted to the hem on the underside of each article. This is in addition to the entry tag.

Class 26	Simple crochet project
Class 27	Advanced crochet – double, triple, or mixed stitch, afghan, or tatting or any other crochet project
Class 28	Embroidery – crewel, cross stitch, candlewick or other
Class 29	Knitting – garter stitch, stockinet stitch, ribbon stitch or other
Class 30	Macramé – square knot, half hitch, Josephine knot, or other
Class 31	Needlepoint
Class 32	Quilting – any hand sewn patchwork, appliqué', trapunta or other
Class 33	Rug hook – latch hook, Danish tie or other
Class 34	Any other needlework or handwork project

DIVISION V – FOODS AND NUTRITION

All food must be on paper or plastic plates or in disposable containers and must be placed inside a clear sealable plastic bag or use plastic wrap. Put a recipe card and suggested number of servings on item (see specific class for details).

Class 35	Muffins
Class 36	1 coffee cake
Class 37	Loaf or quick or fruit bread
Class 38	4 drop cookies
Class 39	4 rolled cookies
Class 40	4 cookie bars
Class 41	4 cupcakes
Class 42	1 single layer cake
Class 43	1 double layer cake frosted
Class 44	3 pastries
Class 45	1 yeast bread – white or other
Class 46	3 yeast rolls
Class 47	Any other baked goods (ex: doughnuts, bagels, pretzels)
Class 48	3 candies – chocolate, hard jellied or other
Class 49	Party set up – design a menu for a party, set a table with coordinated flatware, glasses, plates, decorations and invitations for each place setting
Class 50	Recipe file box with at least 10 recipes
Class 51	Lunch box snack – use vegetable, granola or other creations
Class 52	Home preservation – jelly, jam, canned tomato sauce, pickles or other canned goods – Bring 2 jars and label each
Class 53	1 pie – single or double crust or crumb of any variety

DIVISION VI – PRIDE OF THE CROP

Bring your own paper plate for your item (where appropriate)

Class 54	Sheath of grain
Class 55	Bale of hay
Class 56	Bale of straw
Class 57	Sample of grain – 1 cup
Class 58	3 tree fruit – apple, pear, peach or other
Class 59	1 cluster or cup vine fruit – grape or other perennial
Class 60	1 vine fruit – annual such as cantaloupe, watermelon, honeydew, or other
Class 61	1 pint or cup bush fruit – strawberries, currants, blackberries, or other
Class 62	3 pods of snap beans – any color including pole
Class 63	3 pods of flat beans – any color including pole
Class 64	3 pods of Lima beans – either pole or bush
Class 65	3 beets – any color or type, stems and leaves should remain on
Class 66	Cabbage – one head
Class 67	3 carrots – with stems and leaves
Class 68	3 ears of sweet corn – any color
Class 69	3 slicing cucumbers
Class 70	3 pickle type cucumbers
Class 71	3 onions, either bulb or bunching type
Class 72	1 eggplant of any color
Class 73	3 peppers – bell or non-bell type, hot or sweet
Class 74	3 sweet potatoes

- Class 75 3 bush type squash – zucchini, yellow, patty pan, etc.
 Class 76 3 vine type squash – pumpkin, acorn, butternut, etc.
 Class 77 3 tomatoes – any type or variety of standard size
 Class 78 3 small tomatoes – cocktail, yellow, plum, etc.
 Class 79 1 any other vegetable
 Class 80 Any collection of five herbs – one sprig of each 5 inches or longer
 Class 81 Any one herb – 3 sprigs – 5 inches or longer
 Class 82 Tallest stalk of corn
 Class 83 Heaviest tomato
 Class 84 Largest squash (including pumpkin)
 Class 85 Largest vegetable
 Class 86 Largest fruit
 Class 87 Oddest shape fruit or vegetable
 Class 88 Any other fruit or vegetable of which you are proud – explain why
 Class 89 Scarecrow – may be done by one person or by a group
 Class 90 Vegetable character – use at least 3 vegetables or fruits to create one or more characters from your imagination or TV or movies – you do not have to grow the vegetables or fruits – name it.

DIVISION VII – FLOWERS AND HOUSE PLANTS

You must provide a container, vase or paper plate.

- Class 91 Any annual started from a seed – 3 blooms/stems each category
 A. Marigolds – 3 blooms
 B. Zinnias – 3 blooms
 C. Cosmos – 3 blooms
 D. Ageratum – 3 stems
 E. Salvia – 3 spikes
 F. Petunias – 3 blooms
 G. Any other annual – 3 blooms or spikes
 Class 92 Any garden annual started from another method – 3 stems
 Class 93 Any everlasting started from seed – ex: coxcomb, strawflowers, statice, etc. – 3 stems
 Class 94 Any spike annual – snapdragon – 1 spike
 Class 95 Any perennial started from a tuber – dahlias – 1 spray
 Class 96 Any perennial started from a bulb, ex: gladiolus – 1 spike
 Class 97 Rose – 1 bloom
 A. Floribunda
 B. Other
 Class 98 Rose – Spray
 A. Floribunda
 B. Other
 Class 99 Any other blooming shrubs such as Hydrangea – 1 bloom
 Class 100 Any other perennial – 1 bloom or 1 spike
 Class 101 Wreath – any size or material
 Class 102 Table centerpiece – any material, fresh, dried, or silk
 Class 103 Miniature arrangement – not over 3 inches high including container, any material
 Class 104 Theme arrangement – 4-H using green and white, patriotic using red, white and blue, this year's County Show theme or holiday season
 Class 105 Any other arrangement such as Japanese, natural container such as a gourd, silk flowers (must be made by arranger)
 Class 106 Flowering houseplant – must be in bloom ex: African violet, etc.
 Class 107 Houseplant grown for foliage – such as Ivy, rubber plant, etc.
 Class 108 Succulent – such as Jade, agave, cactus
 Class 109 House plant grown from seed by exhibitor – include date seeded
 Class 110 House plant propagated by a non-seed method by exhibitor – include method propagated and date
 Class 111 Hanging basket grown for foliage or flowers

Class 112	Other houseplant
Class 113	Potted topiary – herbs, foliage or plant
Class 114	Terrarium – may be forest, desert, or other type of miniature garden or landscape or seascape
Class 115	Container garden – any container 8 or more inches in size with one or more flowers, vegetables or fruits for patio use
Class 116	Hydroponics – plant rooted and growing in water
Class 117	“I grew it in a shoe”
Class 118	Any other horticulture project

DIVISION VIII – ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Label all items in this division with common and scientific names, and mount.

Class 119	10 specimens of shrub leaves or needles, pressed
Class 120	10 twigs of trees or shrubs
Class 121	10 specimens of fruit or seeds from trees
Class 122	10 blocks of wood
Class 123	10 wildflowers
Class 124	10 dried grasses
Class 125	10 garden weeds
Class 126	Recycling – design a project to demonstrate a method of recycling garbage in order to conserve natural resources or to avoid pollution
Class 127	Seedlings – 3 pots of a deciduous tree or evergreen seedling
Class 128	10 specimens – rock/mineral
Class 129	10 specimens – sea shells
Class 130	10 specimens – any other collection
Class 131	Any other conservation project activity

DIVISION IX – WOODWORKING

Label all entries explaining the intended use of the project and type of finish used (if any).

Class 132	Simple project – such as breadboard or rack for holding tools
Class 133	Advanced project – such as furniture
Class 134	Woodcarving – figure or plaque, hand or kit
Class 135	Woodburning

DIVISION X – PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos can be either black and white or color; photos must be mounted, and ready for hanging. Entries must be labeled on the back of mounting with exhibitor’s name and grade and type of camera and film.

Class 136	Single photos		
	A.	Buildings	F. Action
	B.	People	G. 4-H project related
	C.	Animals or Birds	H. 4-H Camp
	D.	Landscape	I. 4-H Fair
	E.	Nature	J. Picture of recognized notoriety
			K. Other
Class 137	Two to six photos		
	A.	Buildings	F. Action
	B.	People	G. 4-H project related
	C.	Animals or Birds	H. 4-H Camp
	D.	Landscape	I. 4-H Fair
	E.	Nature	J. Still life
			K. Other
Class 138	3 photos following a theme – black/white, color, or computer/digital		

Class 139 Computer art

DIVISION XI – LITERARY WORK

Class 140 Write a poem, short fiction or non-fiction work.

DIVISION XII – MARKETING 4-H

Be sure to include your name on all documents. Make sure that your item is neatly printed or typed.

Class 141 Write a news article about 4-H or your project
Class 142 Design a poster about your project or 4-H
Class 143 Write a speech about your project or 4-H
Class 144 Design a computer generated poster about your project or 4-H
Class 145 Design a website and display a hard copy

DIVISION XIII – TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING - Applied science to achieve a practical purpose through invention, planning, or manipulation

DIVISION XIV – 4-H PREP

Open to all Mercer County residents, grades K-3 (grade just completed). Their projects will not be judged (a prep award will be given for prep exhibits). There is a limit of one exhibit per class for each exhibitor.



RATING _____

4-H EXHIBIT EVALUATION

DATE _____

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____

CLUB _____ GRADE _____

DIVISION _____ CLASS _____

EXHIBIT _____

COMMENTS:

Ratings: Excellent Very Good Good Fair

Judge's Initials _____



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