

HOME & GARDEN COMPETITION GUIDE

52nd Annual Harvest Fair • Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, October 4, 2026

Welcome to the Harvest Fair Home & Garden Competition!

Whether you are a seasoned competitor who has already pre-registered, or a prospective participant deciding what to enter from your backyard, garden, or kitchen-we are thrilled to welcome your creativity to the Harvest Fair! This guide contains everything you need to know about categories, submission criteria, and weekend logistics.

To our pre-registered contestants: *Thank you so much for signing up early! We truly appreciate your pre-registration, and it helps us prepare a wonderful space for your entries.*

Not registered yet? Register via the QR code, [our form](#), or simply bring your day-of submissions during the Saturday morning drop-off window.



EVENT TIMELINE & LOGISTICS

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:00 - 10:00 AM Exhibitor Drop-Off & On-Site Registration

Bring your items to the **Vendor Entrance**, located at the north end of the **Crafters/Home & Garden Tent**. Designated spaces near the tent entrance will be clearly marked for Home & Garden Drop-Off parking. All pre-registered and day-of entries must arrive during this time.

Saturday 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Official Judging Period

Closed to the public while our panel reviews all official categories.

Saturday 2:30 PM

Ribbon Recipients Announced

Winners will be recognized and announced in the **Music and Beer Tent**.

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Public Exhibition

Your entries will be proudly displayed for the two-day duration of the Harvest Fair for all fairgoers to enjoy!

Sunday 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Exhibitor Pick-Up

Please return to collect your items and entries from the Home & Garden tent.

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

- **Authenticity First:** All entries must be produced directly from the gardens or property you are actively tending, or prepared from scratch in your home kitchen. Absolutely no store-bought submissions please!
- **Open Participation:** This is a fun, friendly, and creative competition. Tap into your inner artist and let your creative juices flow! Contestants are welcome to enter as many different categories as they like.
- **Community Spirit:** We welcome all entries! Please share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors and encourage them to participate too.

OFFICIAL COMPETITION CLASSIFICATIONS AND CATEGORIES

1. FLOWERS/AND OR TREES

- Rose - *If you still have any roses in your garden...one beautiful bloom is all you need.*
- Single Dahlia - *Bring us one singularly-stunning dahlia that will steal the show.*
- Largest Dahlia - *Bring us your biggest beauty.*
- Most Colorful Dahlia - *Choose the eye-popping dahlia that could inspire a new nail polish color.*
- Dahlia Arrangement - *Too many dahlias to choose from? Gather them all into a dazzling arrangement.*
- Pompom Dahlia - *Pick that perfect pompom...go team!*
- Most Unusual Dahlia - *What? I've never seen one like that before!*
- Pollinator Arrangement - *Showcase a feast of floral delights that would be irresistible to our pollinator pals!*
- Mixed Floral Design - *Create a floral work of art from your flower garden. Let your creativity soar.*
- Tree (fresh cut clipping) - *Share a fresh tree clipping to showcase your most cherished tree specimens.*

2. FROM THE KITCHEN

- Muffins - *Excite the judges palates with your special muffin recipe.*
- Most Creative Cookies - *Creative cookies that look even better than they taste!*
- Tastiest Pie - *Tickle the judges tastebuds with your sweet or savory pie.*
- Most Artistic Pie - *Create a work of art that you just don't want to cut into. It can taste great too!*
- Honey - *Calling all beekeepers! Share your unique nectars with us!*
- Scones - *Whose tasty scone will have the judges dancing an Irish jig?*
- Jams/Jelly - *Bring us your jam or jelly that will be the toast of the town!*
- Pesto - *Share your clever pestos with our judges and include your recipe?*
- Pickled/Relish Produce - *Tickle our tastebuds with your pickled produce and relishes. Recipes please!*
- Salsa - *How sassy can your salsa be? Give our judges a mouthful...and your recipe.*

3. OUTDOOR DECOR

- Scarecrow - *It doesn't need to be scary! Just a head-turning creation you'd be proud to display in your yard to celebrate the season.*
- Jack-O-Lantern - *Carve or paint a scary or whimsical Jack-o=lantern pumpkin to thrill fairgoers.*
- Birdhouse - *New or once-inhabited birdhouses that any bird would love to move into.*

3. HOME GROWN EDIBLE

- Fruit - *Pick any beautiful low hanging fruit specimen from your autumn orchard or garden.*
- Vegetable - *An exemplar specimen of one of your prized vegetables.*
- Pumpkin- *Surprise us with what special pumpkin showed up in your pumpkin patch this year!*
- Largest Pumpkin: *Oh my goodness...how did you grow that?*
- Gourd - *Oh my gourd...what kind is that?*
- Cornucopia/Basket of Plenty - *Everything you still have growing in your garden displayed in an impressive way.*
- Best Fruit Collection - *Show us your best collection of one-kind-of-fruit. Varieties of apples or pears or cherries or berries, or tomatoes (yes, they're a fruit), etc.*
- Best Vegetable Collection - *Your best collection of one-kind-of-vegetable. Varieties of chards or peppers or potatoes, or carrots, etc.*
- Most Unique/Extraordinary Fruit or Vegetable - *Either some oddly shaped fruit or vegetable, or one we rarely see grown locally.*
- Animal Sculpture made from garden harvest - *Mythical, fanciful or recognizable, turn your garden produce into an artistic creature for all to enjoy.*



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Board Member and Home & Garden Competition Organizer,
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