

junior division

DEPARTMENT 200

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fruit and vegetables

Rules For Junior Division



This year, we are excited to share and celebrate the last 250 years of the history of this land and all its peoples. Consider this 250 celebration theme as you shape your entries this year. Entries could reflect the historic practices of Settlers or Indigenous people and/or our current lives in Vermont and New Hampshire.

For the Junior Division all entries must have been made or grown by the exhibitor · Exhibitors must be under the age of 18 as of September 16, 2025.

Registration, Drop off, and Pick Up

- Fill entry form with age and printed name.
- Have a parent or guardian sign the form.
- Pre-register!; Enter what you think you might bring, items can be deleted more easily than added.
- PRE-REGISTRATION preferred DEADLINE Sept 1—no guarantee of acceptance after that date to give time to create entry labels.
- DROP OFF - Wednesday Sept 16 - Bring items to the Junior Division, which is located at the far end of Floral Hall. Come early, avoid long lines.
- Items accepted from 9AM until 6:30PM on Wednesday, Sept 16. Items not pre-registered will not be accepted after 5pm.
- You must pre-register to enter more than 3 items.
- Items will be judged on Thursday, Sept 17 and remain on display until Sunday evening Sept 20.
- PICK UP - Items must be picked up Sunday Sept 20

between 6-7PM or Monday Sept 21 from 9-11AM.

- Any items not picked up will be disposed of.
- Articles exhibited at owner's risk.
- Please read and follow standards below for each item you enter and note entry limits. Judges take them into consideration.

PREMIUMS are awarded to all entries that receive a ribbon. Exhibitors will receive a check in the mail for the premium amounts or they can go to the Tunbridge Fair office on Sunday Sept 20 between 6-7PM or Monday Sept 21 from 9-11AM.

- Call the superintendent with questions or if your exhibit is very large.

Best of Class rosettes will be awarded. Judges Choice awards sponsored by area businesses now add special recognition gift cards for some categories.

JUNIOR ANIMALS

See livestock departments for entry

SECTION 1 Fruits and Vegetables

Exhibits by individuals showing the best of their garden produce. Exhibits will be judged on the quality of the produce as well as the attractiveness of the display. Include names of all fruits and vegetables on entry blank.

SMALLER PRODUCE For classes 1-10, exhibit one variety per class, containing **3 uniform pieces displayed on YOUR plate or container.**

Limit 1 entry per class. Classes: Excellent, Good, Fair

1. Tomatoes - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
2. Potatoes - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
3. Carrots - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
4. Cucumbers - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
5. Beets - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
6. Peppers - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
7. Summer Squash - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
8. Onions - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
9. Corn on cob - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
10. Other small vegetable or fruit not listed above \$2, \$1.50, \$1

LARGER PRODUCE

For Classes 11-15, enter one variety per class. Limit 1 entry per class.

11. Winter Squash - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
12. Cabbage - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
13. Melon - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
14. Largest Zucchini - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
15. Other not listed above - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
16. Pumpkin: 1 only that exhibitor can carry, judged on its beauty not weight \$2, \$1.50, \$1

SECTION 2 Market Basket

Enter at least 6 different types of fruit/vegetables grown by the exhibitor in an attractive display. Judged on quality of produce as well as attractiveness and creativity of display. Limit 1 entry.

1. Market Basket \$ 4, \$3, \$2

SECTION 3 Decorated Vegetables

Exhibitors should use their imagination in decorating and displaying articles in this category. Limit 1 entry per class. Due to spoilage any carved entry will automatically be marked down. Entries showing rot will be discarded.

Classes: Excellent, Good, Fair

1. Decorated Vegetable. Use your imagination by using sequins, paints, glue, paper, cloth, etc. - \$3, \$2, \$1
2. Vegetable Diorama: group of decorated vegetables in a scene that tells a story- \$3, \$2, \$1

SECTION 4 Sunflowers

Limit 1 entry per class. Judged on size. Pick up entry tag at Floral Hall, then take to Dodge-Gilman to be measured and displayed

Classes: Excellent, Good, Fair

1. Largest Sunflower Head - \$3, \$2, \$1
2. Tallest sunflower - Cut roots off at soil line, one head \$3, \$2, \$1

Tall sunflowers may be picked up at 6PM on Sunday. Any not picked up at that time will be discarded.

SECTION 5 Scarecrows Pick up entry tag at Floral Hall, then take to Dodge-Gilman for display. Limit 1 entry per exhibitor. Judged on originality, design and method of display.

1. Creative Scarecrow \$5, \$4, \$3



junior plants & cooking

SECTION 6 Plants & Flowers

All entries judged on quality, symmetry of arrangement, the use of color, and the method of display. Limit of one entry per class.

Classes: Excellent, Good, Fair

1. Potted Plant \$3, \$2, \$1
2. Dry Flower Arrangement- \$3, \$2, \$1
3. Fresh Flower Arrangement \$3, \$2, \$1
4. Dry Herbs—Exhibit at least 4 different varieties. Dried herbs may be hung, displayed in jars or in prepared products such as tea bags, potpourris, etc. All herbs should be properly labeled.- \$3, \$2, \$1
5. Fresh Herbs—Exhibit at least 3 different labeled varieties, each in its own bottle of water with 3-5 stems per bottle \$3, \$2, \$1
6. Collection of Gourds—Several different non edible varieties in an attractive display- \$3, \$2, \$1
7. Other - \$3, \$2, \$1





SECTION 7 Food

Limit of 1 entry in each class

Entries judged on appearance and taste. Please consider that food will be displayed at room temperature for several days. Any food showing spoilage may be disposed of. Due to health regulations all food will become animal feed at 6PM on Sunday (make 2 so you can enjoy it at home) .

Classes: Excellent, Good, Fair

1. Bread—1 loaf \$4, \$3, \$2
2. Cake—1 any size \$4, \$3, \$2
3. Pie—1, no custard or cream pies \$4, \$3, \$2
4. Cookies—3 servings \$3, \$2, \$1
5. Brownies—3 servings \$3, \$2, \$1
6. Cupcakes—3 servings \$3, \$2, \$1
7. Muffins -3 servings
(No King Arthur repeats) \$3, \$2, \$1
8. Candies, Confections—3 samples \$3, \$2, \$1
9. Other \$3, \$2, \$1

Food section prize in memory of Mary Ellen LaFrancis

SECTION 8 Home Canned Foods

Exhibit 1 standard pint canning jar of produce. Jams and jelly should be exhibited in standard jelly jars. This class will be judged on attractiveness, jar fill, clarity of liquid, cleanliness, color, label and quality.

Limit of 1 entry per class

Class

1. Jams or Jellies- \$2, \$1.50, \$1
2. Fruit or Vegetable - \$2, \$1.50, \$1
3. Pickles or Relish- \$2, \$1.50, \$1
4. Sauces / Salsa- \$2, \$1.50, \$1
5. Other- \$2, \$1.50, \$1

SECTION 9 King Arthur

A special contest for ages 7-17, top 3 winners will receive special ribbons and prizes from King Arthur Flour. www.kingarthurfour.com



King Arthur 2026 Recipe

A favorite American treat and recipe since the early 1800's. Early New England Colonists and Indigenous Peoples used native blueberries in their cooking. Make your own healthy version with whole wheat or gluten free flour and consider other add-ins to add a red, white and blue theme to these muffins. We will display 2 regular sized muffins (not jumbo) on a small plate. Watch the King Arthur Video for more instructions and information [Baking Whole Wheat Blueberry Muffins With Kids](#)

Print Recipe | King Arthur Baking

6/23/26, 11:52 AM



100% Whole Wheat Blueberry Muffins

Aside from their deep golden color, no one will guess these moist, tender, absolutely delicious muffins are 100% whole wheat.



PREP

7 mins

BAKE

18 to 20
mins

TOTAL

25 mins

YIELD

12 muffins

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups (283g) King Arthur Golden Wheat Flour
- 1 cup (213g) light brown sugar or dark brown sugar, packed
- 3/4 teaspoon table salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, optional
- 1 cup (128g) blueberries, fresh or frozen, or Blueberry Jammy Bits
- 1 teaspoon King Arthur Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1/3 cup (67g) vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups (340g) buttermilk or plain yogurt, regular not Greek-style
- cinnamon sugar or coarse sparkling sugar, for topping, optional

Instructions

- ① Preheat the oven to 400°F. Lightly grease the cups of a standard muffin pan (12 muffins); or line with paper baking cups, and grease the paper cups.
- ② Weigh your flour; or measure it by gently spooning it into a cup, then sweeping off any excess.
- ③ Whisk together the flour, brown sugar, salt, baking powder, baking soda, and cinnamon. Stir in the blueberries last.
- ④ In a separate bowl, whisk together the vanilla, vegetable oil, and buttermilk or yogurt.
- ⑤ Pour the liquid ingredients into the dry ingredients, stirring just to combine.
- ⑥ Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin cups, filling them full. A slightly heaped muffin scoop of batter is the right amount.
- ⑦ Sprinkle the tops of the muffins with coarse sparkling sugar or cinnamon sugar, if desired.
- ⑧ Bake the muffins for 18 to 20 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the middle of one of the center muffins comes out clean.
- ⑨ Remove the muffins from the oven, and after 5 minutes (or when they're cool enough to handle) transfer them to a rack to cool. Serve warm, or at room temperature. Store leftovers loosely wrapped at room temperature for several days; freeze for longer storage.



junior crafts

SECTION 10 Crafts

Limit 2 entries per class.
Judged on workmanship appropriate to age, completeness and originality.
You must call the superintendent if your craft is larger than 24" by 24". The other category is not to duplicate other submission categories

1. Woodworking - \$4, \$3, \$2
2. Metalwork- - \$4, \$3, \$2
3. Ceramics, clay/sculpy - \$3, \$2, \$1
4. Jewelry- \$3, \$2, \$1
5. Paper Craft- - \$3, \$2, \$1
6. Other, not listed above, Please describe item- \$3, \$2, \$1

SECTION 11 Building Blocks

Building Block Creation, bring on a base of appropriate size
LIMIT 1 (ie. Lego®)

Classes: Excellent, Good, Fair

1. Original creation and design- \$3, \$2, \$1
2. Designed from a kit or pattern- \$3, \$2, \$1

SECTION 12 Yarnworks

Judged on workmanship, material, completeness, style and originality. Limit 2 entries per class.

Classes: Excellent, Good, Fair

1. Knitting - \$4, \$3, \$2
2. Crocheting- \$ 4, \$3, \$1
3. Weaving- \$3, \$2, \$1
4. Felting- \$3, \$2, \$1
5. Needlework - \$4, \$3, \$2 (cross stitch, embroidery, latch hook etc.)

SECTION 13 Sewing

Articles will be judged on style, color, material, originality, trimming, pressing, cleanliness, workmanship and completeness. Limit 2 entries per class.

Classes: Excellent, Good, Fair

1. Pillow - \$3, \$2, \$1
2. Doll clothes- \$3, \$2, \$1
3. Clothing articles \$5, \$4, \$3
4. Quilt (bed sized and sewn by machine or hand) \$5, \$4, \$3
5. Wall Hanging (sewn in part but with decorative and imaginative use of materials) \$4, \$3, \$2

SECTION 14 Art

All entries in this category must be framed or matted with a sturdy hanger. String or wire held on by duct tape etc. is not acceptable. Art size limited to 20" by 24" including frame. Any entry that doesn't meet these standards will not be accepted. Entries will be judged on design, workmanship and imagination. Specify age of Artist for Judges.

Limit 1 entry in Section 14 - art section due to space

Classes: Excellent, Good, Fair

1. Drawings: pencil, ink charcoal - \$4, \$3, \$2
2. Painting: pastels, oil or watercolor- \$4, \$3, \$2
3. Collage and mixed media - \$4, \$3, \$1

SECTION 15 Photography

All entries must be mounted in an appropriate frame with a sturdy hanger, so they can be hung safely. Limit 1 entry per section 15 due to space.

1. Photo- Portrait - Person or Creature- \$3, \$2, \$1
2. Photo- Landscape -Nature - \$3, \$2, \$1

SECTION 16 School or Group Art or Craft

Articles entered in this class will consist of one or more craft items prepared by a group of young people under the direction of a teacher or leader with titles and explanations. It can be one large item prepared by the group, such as a quilt or a wall hanging, or a collection of many similar items made by individual students in a group. Please describe the article on the entry blank, with approximate size. The craft must be contained in a way to make it easily moved. Each group should have a unique name. Limit 1 entry per group. Schools and Classes can also enter individual sections and classes where appropriate.

1. School or Group Art or Craft - \$10, \$8, \$6

