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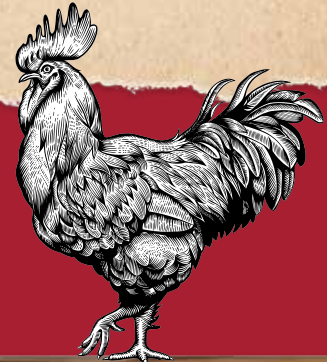
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Saturday 9am — 8pm
Sunday 9am — 4pm

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Thursday 4pm — 10pm
Only Carnival Rides open
Friday 3pm — 11pm
Saturday 12pm — 11pm
Sunday 12pm — 6pm
***closing times are approximate*

GATE ADMISSION

Thursday \$2 per person
Adult \$14
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**Gate Admission Tickets are also
available at www.cowex.ca**

****WCA Carnival Rides & Midway are not
included in gate admission***

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!



The Exhibition can always use a few more volunteers during our event's three days as well as before with set up and after with take down. Perhaps a 3-hour shift will work with your schedule; it includes a complimentary day pass! If you've got some time to spare, please contact us.

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SATURDAY SEPT 19, 2026

REGISTRATION-8:30AM
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MAIN EVENT-12PM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT Tony Irwin

The theme for this year's Exhibition is "Proudly Canadian". This is an idea we can all identify with. We do not all see this country the way non-Canadians do. Canada is viewed, from the outside, as a stable, safe and caring nation. This is something we should be proud of.

The Cowichan Exhibition is proud to get an early start on the 2026 Fall Fair theme by promoting a Canadian icon. The Exhibition is hosting the RCMP Musical Ride on August 8. Visit our web site at www.cowex.ca for up to date information. The Musical Ride is being held as a fundraiser for the new hospital. This is another idea that we can all identify with and is a good way to show our pride in a caring society.

This catalogue is your guide to showcasing your Proudly Canadian interpretations with your exhibit entries in the 2026 Fall Fair. Building off the Musical Ride, this year's Exhibition will feature as much maple syrup, bannock and butter tarts as we can have in one Fall Fair. I hope this prize list will inspire you to beaver away, proudly showing your best work with your entries in the competitive events. You can never show too many maple leaves.

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2026 THEME

Proudly Canadian

celebrating what makes us exceptional

The design for the cover of this year's catalogue is from the creative mind of the Exhibition's graphic designer Evelyn Gates. She is also a local farmer, raising chickens, turkeys and pigs.

Our Proudly Canadian theme is bound to motivate exhibitors of all ages entering the Theme Challenges in many of our Hall Divisions. Let's celebrate everything Canadian - from the maple leaf to maple syrup, from ice hockey to lacrosse, to our national animals of Canada, the North American Beaver and the Canadian Horse!



GENERAL INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Shari Paterson (250) 748-0822

Please read carefully. For Rules specific to Livestock and Hall Divisions, refer to pages 9 and 11.

2026 THEME AND COLOURS

- > 2026 Theme: "Proudly Canadian", celebrating what makes us exceptional
- > 2026 Colours: Red and White

PARKING AND UNLOADING

- a. All persons entering the Grounds must pay admission.
- b. Only feed and livestock trucks and other service vehicles will be allowed on the Grounds prior to 10am daily.
- c. No vehicle access to the Grounds between 10am - 4pm.
- d. Parking is available in designated areas.
- e. Security is on site 24 hours from Thursday - Sunday.

FOOD CONCESSIONS AND COMMERCIAL BOOTHS

- f. Food Concessions and Outside Commercial Booths must be in place by 9pm, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026.
- g. Indoor Commercial Booths must be in place prior to 6pm, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026.
- h. All vendors are fully responsible for their displays during the Exhibition's open hours.

LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

- i. Any exhibitor who violates any general or specific Division Rule shall forfeit any or all prize money and any awards made to them.
- j. Cowichan Exhibition Membership is not required to enter exhibits into the fair.

- k. No entry fees will be refunded on entries cancelled by the exhibitor.
- l. Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion, and other exhibits liable to cause accidents, injury or damage to property or persons coming in contact with them, shall guard their exhibits and protect the public from coming in contact with them.
- m. Every exhibitor shall indemnify the Cowichan Exhibition from and against all claims, demands, costs, charges and expenses which it may incur, suffer, or by reason of any accident or of any person being injured or suffering damage through or by reason of any such exhibit, performance or concession not properly guarded or the public not be protected from it. While the Board will take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of the entries sent to the Cowichan Exhibition, the owners themselves must take the risk of exhibiting them. Should any entry be accidentally injured, lost or stolen, the Board will give all assistance in their power towards its recovery, but will not make any payment for it.
- n. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted or suit be maintained against the Cowichan Exhibition, its Directors or their agents, by or on behalf of any visitor, exhibitor, or any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives, servants or employees, having license of privileges to visit or exhibit at the Cowichan Exhibition or occupying any space thereon.
- o. Any article or stand left in the buildings or on the Grounds after the close of the Exhibition will be at the risk of the owner. The Cowichan Exhibition's Board will recognize no accounts unless incurred by order of the Board.



ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS ALLOWED ON EXHIBITION GROUNDS

Exceptions: Service Dogs and dogs participating in Exhibition-sanctioned shows and competitions.

Please leave your pet at home!

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS ZERO TOLERANCE TOWARDS
DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ON THE PREMISES**

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Shari Paterson (250) 748-0822

Please read carefully. These rules apply to all Livestock Divisions unless noted otherwise.

REGISTRATION: July 3 to Sept. 9

- a. ONLINE at www.cowex.ca (click on THE FAIR and follow the links) **OR** at www.assistexpo.ca/cowichan-exhibition **OR IN PERSON** at the Exhibition Office Monday-Friday (9:30am to 4:00pm), **OR BY MAIL** sent to Cowichan Exhibition, 7380 Trans Canada Hwy, North Cowichan, BC V9L 6B1.
- b. Registration will NOT be accepted via telephone or e-mail.
- c. Unless noted otherwise under a Division's Important Dates, entry forms must be received by 5pm, Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 2026.
- d. Fill in the appropriate entry form – Online or in the Office (photocopies acceptable). Please ensure that the exhibitor's name, telephone number and address are correct.
- e. Entry fees to be paid at time of registration. If paying by cheque, make it out to: 'Cowichan Exhibition'.
- f. All entries must be entered in the name of the owner and must have been that person's bona fide property for at least 30 days prior to the entry deadline.
- g. The age of cattle is as outlined in the Beef and Dairy Cattle divisions.
- h. The age of horses is as of Jan. 1st, 2026.

LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

- i. Proof of ownership and health certificate must be produced on demand. The Exhibition reserves the right to order the removal of any entry that, in its opinion and on the advice of a qualified veterinarian, shows evidence of disease.
- j. All barns are to be left clean with the bedding cleaned out. Exhibitors leaving dirty stalls/pens will forfeit their prize money.
- k. Any staples, tacks or tape used for display signage must be removed.
- l. No smoking in or around the barns.
- m. Use Livestock Gate #3 (Buckerfield's Gate) for all pickup and delivery.
- n. The Exhibition will supply bedding and water. Exhibitors are responsible for feed/hay for their livestock.

PARKING AND UNLOADING

- o. Only feed and livestock trucks and other service vehicles will be allowed on the Grounds prior to 10am daily.
- p. No vehicle access to the Grounds 10am — 4pm.
- q. Parking is available in designated areas outside Gate #3 (Buckerfield's Gate).

LIVESTOCK PRIZE MONEY

- r. Any exhibitor who violates any general or specific Division rule shall forfeit any or all prize money and any awards made to them.
- s. If you have not received your prize money cheque by Nov. 20th, 2026, please contact the Office.

JUDGING AND DISPUTES

- t. The judge's decision(s) will be final.
- u. No person shall be allowed to act as a judge if they are in any way financially interested in the entries.
- v. Chairpersons are not to judge their own Divisions.
- w. Judges are not obligated to award a prize if an entry does not merit it. A SINGLE ENTRY IN A CLASS DOES NOT GUARANTEE A PRIZE.
- x. All Livestock class protests must be made in writing, must state plainly the nature of the complaint, and must be delivered with a deposit of \$25 to the Exhibition Office within 3 hours of the judge's decision.
- y. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The Exhibition's Board of Directors shall be the final judge of all protests.

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HALL INFORMATION

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REGISTRATION: JULY 3 TO SEPT. 9

- a. ONLINE at www.cowex.ca (click on THE FAIR and follow the links) **OR** at www.assistexpo.ca/cowichan-exhibition **OR** IN PERSON at the Exhibition Office Monday-Friday (9:30am to 4:00pm), **OR** BY MAIL sent to Cowichan Exhibition, 7380 Trans Canada Hwy, North Cowichan, BC V9L 6B1.
- b. Registration will not be accepted via telephone or e-mail.
- c. Fill in the appropriate registration form – online or in the Office (photocopies acceptable). Please ensure that the exhibitor's name, telephone number and address are correct.
- d. Entry fees to be paid at time of registration. If paying by cheque, make it out to 'Cowichan Exhibition'.
- e. The Exhibition reserves the right to limit entries if the number of entries exceeds the space available.
- f. No entry fees will be refunded on entries cancelled by the exhibitor.

HALL ENTRIES

- g. Register between July 3 and Sept. 9, 2026. Unless noted otherwise under a Division's Important Dates, forms must be received by 5pm, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026.
- h. All entries must have been completed or grown by the exhibitor in the past two years.
- i. Exhibitors must report to the Division Chairperson or Exhibition volunteer before leaving their entries on a display table.
- j. Only Division judges and designated Exhibition volunteers will be permitted in Mellor Hall during judging.
- k. The Exhibition will not be responsible for entries remaining in Mellor Hall after 6:30pm on Sunday, Sept. 20, and cannot be held liable for any loss.
- l. All food entries not picked up by 6:30pm, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, will be disposed of.
- m. Hall entries can also be picked up from Mellor Hall until Friday, Sept. 25, 2026. After that date, remaining items will be donated to a thrift shop.

HALL PRIZE MONEY

- > **OPEN** 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3
- > **JUNIORS** 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 | 3rd - \$1

except where otherwise specified - see note below

***Thanks to our Sponsors and Donors, some classes have gift certificates and cash donations as prizes. All other classes are regular prize money as indicated.**

HALL PRIZE MONEY

- n. Any exhibitors removing entries before 4pm on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, will forfeit their prize monies.
- o. Any exhibitor who violates any general or specific Division rule shall forfeit any or all prize money and/or awards made to them.
- p. Prize money will be available for pick up at the Exhibition Office from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 2026, from 9:30am to 4pm.
- q. Prize money donated to the Exhibition is appreciated. Money not claimed by Oct. 31, 2026, will be donated to the Exhibition.

JUDGING AND DISPUTES

- r. The judge's decision(s) shall be final.
- s. No person shall act as a judge if they are in any way financially interested in the entries.
- t. Chairpersons do not judge their own divisions.
- u. Judges are not obligated to award a prize if an entry does not merit it. A SINGLE ENTRY IN A CLASS DOES NOT GUARANTEE A PRIZE.
- v. All Hall class protests must be made in writing, must state plainly the nature of the complaint, and must be delivered with a deposit of \$25 to the Exhibition Office by 6pm, Friday, Sept. 18, 2026.
- w. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The Exhibition's Board of Directors shall be the final judge of all protests.

Grab a bite from the many food trucks in the food court and the on-site Cafe located in the Stratford Building, all offer a variety of delicious food and beverages throughout the weekend!



ENTRY FORM Livestock

PREMISE ID: BC44F3MNC

Circle one: Div. 5 - GOAT Div. 6 - BEEF Div. 7 - DAIRY * Please check if animal is also a 4-H entry.

Section	Class	* 4-H	Animal's Name	Sex	Reg. #	Tattoo / Ear Tag #	Birth Date Y / M / D	Fee
Payment: Card ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐								TOTAL

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

REGISTER BETWEEN JULY 3 AND SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

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IMPORTANT: In all divisions, use a separate form for each horse/rider or horse/handler combination

ENTRY FORM - HORSES

HORSE'S INFORMATION			
Name:			
Breed:			
Circle one:	Mare	Gelding	Stallion
Height:		Age:	

STALLS: MINIATURE HORSES (Div. 8)
of Stalls required:
<i>As space is limited, please double up your horses where possible. Tack stalls - assigned as space permits.</i>

RIDER'S or HANDLER'S INFORMATION	
Name:	
Age (if a Junior):	
DOB:	
HCBC #:	
Address:	
Phone:	

STABLING: LIGHT HORSES		
THURSDAY:	Arrive	Depart
FRIDAY:	Arrive	Depart
SATURDAY:	Arrive	Depart
SUNDAY:	Arrive	Depart
Special Stabling Request:		

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Address:

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth (if a Junior): _____ HCBC #: _____

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Decisions made by the Cowichan Exhibition or its officials and volunteers regarding my participation are final.

Signature of Exhibitor: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if Exhibitor is a Junior): _____

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Club: _____

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Leader's Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Date: _____

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ENTRY FORM Hall

ENTRY FORM - HALL

Division #	Section #	Class #	Catalogue Description <i>ie: Cupcakes, decorated - 3,</i> OR Photo Title <i>ie: Name the Photo you are entering</i>	Fee \$1/entry
Payment: Card ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐				TOTAL

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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DIVISION 5 - REGISTERED DAIRY GOATS

CONVENOR: Andrea Walker (250) 715-7647

Show Secretary: Mike Dietrich / **Judge:** Kathleen Arkes

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online - see rule f. LATE ENTRIES (\$20 per class) will be accepted until noon, Wednesday, Sept. 16. No alterations after this time.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17** - ARRIVE by 7pm.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - DEPART after 4pm. No trucks will be allowed on the fairgrounds before 4pm.
- **Oct. 28 to Nov. 1** - PRIZE MONEY will be mailed to exhibitors.

GENERAL & LIVESTOCK INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 9.

PRIZE MONEY:

Doe and Group Classes:

1st - \$50; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$30; 4th - \$20; 5th - \$10;
(to a maximum of two prizes per exhibitor per class)

Best Udder per breed:

1st - \$5; 2nd - \$3; 3rd - \$2
(to a maximum of two prizes per exhibitor per class)

Youth Showmanship:

1st - \$50; 2nd - \$45; 3rd - \$40; 4th - \$35; 5th - \$30;
6th - \$25; 7th - \$20; 8th - \$15; 9th - \$10; 10th - \$5

DIV. 5 RULES:

Documentation & Entries

- Entry fee is \$10 per animal per class; Group Classes: \$10 per group entry; Youth classes: \$5. **Entry fees must be paid at time of registration.**
- Group classes are limited to two entries per exhibitor per class.
- All entries in group classes must have also been entered in their respective breed classes.
- This is a Canadian Goat Society (CGS) Sanctioned Goat Show, therefore only animals registered in Canada and appearing in the CGS herd book may be exhibited. Full Canadians will be shown in purebred class. Youth classes also follow the CGS program.
- Original CGS registration papers for each animal being shown must be present onsite during competition except for Classes 1 & 2, in which case proof of registration must be available online at the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) website.
- Entries must be made ONLINE. No entries will be accepted by telephone, mail or facsimile.
- All entries must be owned by or registered in the name of the exhibitor.
- A maximum of 14 animals per breed per exhibitor are permitted.
- No horned goats and no bucks are permitted at the Fair.
- No animals not being shown are permitted at the Fair.

2026 SCHEDULE

Friday, September 18th

10:00 a.m. - Goat Costume Parade & Information Breed Spotlight

Saturday September 19th

10:00 a.m. - Open Show (Cattle Ring, South)

Special Awards

- Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion per breed (rosette)
- Champion Challenge (rosette)
- Best Doe in Show (rosette)
- Best Udder in Show (rosette)

Arrival

- Exhibitors wishing to arrive before 9 am on Thursday, September 17th, 2026, **MUST** be approved in advance by the Convenor.
- All animals must be penned by 7 pm on Thursday, September 17th, 2026.
- Exhibitors are expected to decorate their stalls and to provide educational information to fair patrons during the open hours of the fair (Sept 18th-20th). If stalls are not decorated prize money may be forfeited.

Veterinary & Documentation Check

- All animals will require a veterinarian examination on site by a licensed veterinarian, otherwise they cannot be shown.
- The veterinary check will be conducted between 7-9 pm on Thursday, September 17th. Exhibitors must be present to handle their own animals.
- Goats showing evidence of contagious or infectious disease must be removed from the grounds.
- The onsite Veterinarian will make the final decision if an animal is to be removed - the show committee will NOT override the Veterinarian's decision.
- All registration papers and tattoos will be inspected on Thursday, Sept. 17th, concurrently with the veterinary check.

General Rules

- Exhibitors leaving before 4 pm Sunday, Sept 20th, 2026, will **FORFEIT** all prize monies. **No early release.**
- Dress code in the show ring: CGS rules apply: Appropriate white shirt. Appropriate white or black pants, shorts, or skirt. Exhibitors, please ensure all handlers are properly attired according to CGS show rule book.
- Canadian Goat Society rules will govern this show. Full rule book available at www.goats.ca/progamshows/.
- All stalls must be cleaned before leaving the Exhibition or prize money will be forfeited.
- No charge for exhibitor parking. Camping is available on site (no hookups) - contact the Exhibition office to purchase a pass.

DIVISION 5 - REGISTERED DAIRY GOATS

Sections:

- | | |
|---------------|------------------------|
| A. Alpine | F. La Mancha |
| B. Nubian | G. Nigerian Dwarf |
| C. Oberhasli | H. Recorded Grade |
| D. Toggenburg | I. Showmanship (Youth) |
| E. Saanen | |

Open Show Doe Classes (by Breed)

CLASS

1. Doe, Kid – 0-12 months
2. Doe, Yearling – over 12 months and under 24 months old, never freshened (dry)

*** Champion & Reserve Champion - Junior Female**
(Selected from classes 1 & 2)

CLASS

3. Doe in milk, yearling – 12 months to 24 months
4. Doe in milk, 2 year old – over 24 months, under 36 months
5. Doe in milk, 3-5 year old – over 36 months, under 60 months
6. Doe in milk, 5-6 year old – over 60 months, under 84 months
7. Doe in milk, 7 years and older – over 84 months

*** Champion & Reserve Champion - Senior Female**
Selected from classes 3-7

*** Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion - Female**
Senior Female and Junior Female – Champions & Reserves

CLASS

8. Champion Challenge Class - Selection of Best of Breed from Grand and Permanent Champions

Open Show Group Classes (by Breed)

CLASS

9. Get of Sire – three Does by the same sire (not necessarily owned by one exhibitor). Sire must be named.
10. Produce of Dam – two Does out of the same dam. Dam must be named.
11. Dam and Daughter – one dam and one daughter. Dam must be named.
12. Breeder's Herd ("Best 3") – 3 Does, any age, all of the same breed, bred and owned by the exhibitor.
13. Dairy Herd – Group of 4 Does of the same breed (owned by the exhibitor).
14. Generations class – at least 3 consecutive generations, not necessarily owned by one exhibitor.

Showmanship (Youth)

CLASS

15. Novice – ages 8 years & under as of January 1st
16. Junior – ages 9-12 as of January 1st
17. Intermediate – ages 13-16 as of January 1st
18. Senior Showman – ages 17-21 as of January 1st

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DIVISION 6 - BEEF CATTLE

CONTACT: Jennifer Buck (250) 213-1702

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- LATE ENTRIES (\$20 per class) will be accepted until noon, Wednesday, Sept. 16. No alterations after this time.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17** - ARRIVE between 6pm and 9pm.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - DEPART after 4pm. No trucks will be allowed on the fairgrounds before 4pm.
- **Oct. 28 to Nov. 1** - PRIZE MONEY will be mailed to exhibitors.

GENERAL & LIVESTOCK INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 9.

DIV. 6 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$10 per entry unless stated otherwise.
- All entries must be owned by or registered in the name of the exhibitor.
- Livestock must be the registered property of the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to entry.
- Calves must be a minimum of 3 months old.

- Bulls 12 months or older must have a nose ring or humbug when they are out of the stall.**
- Cattle must be Brucellosis-free, in good health, free from ringworm, parasites and skin diseases.
- All requests for special stabling are at the discretion of the Beef Convenor. Such requests must be submitted in writing with the entry form.
- 4-H animals may be shown in the Open Show. Use the Open Livestock Entry Form, entry fees apply.
- The Beef Committee is the final authority on all problems not adequately covered by the Livestock Rules.**

2026 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 19th

12:30 p.m. start in the Cattle Ring

Beef Classes • Group Classes • Special Beef Classes

\$500 JACKPOT YEARLING HEIFER SHOW

Section 1: Beef Classes

PRIZES: 1st - \$50 | 2nd - \$45 | 3rd - \$35

CLASS

- Mature Cow - born prior to 2024 with her 2026 natural calf at foot
- Two-Year-Old Cow - born in 2024 with her 2026 natural calf at foot

*** Champion & Reserve Champion - Senior Female**

CLASS

- Yearling Heifer - born in 2025
- Female Calf - born in 2026

*** Champion & Reserve Champion - Junior Female**

*** Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion - Female**
Senior Female and Junior Female Champions & Reserves

CLASS

- Steer Calf - born in 2026
Calf from Cow/Calf pair eligible to compete
- Bull calf - born in 2026
Calf from Cow/Calf pair eligible to compete
- Yearling Bull - born in 2025

*** Champion & Reserve Champion - Junior Bull**

CLASS

- Senior Bull - born prior to 2025

*** Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion - Bull**

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Section 2: Group Classes

All animals must have been shown in previous classes.

The exhibitor must own at least one animal.

Class limit: one entry per exhibitor. Ribbon only.

CLASS

- Breeder's Herd. A group of 4 animals bred by the exhibitor, both sexes represented.
- Get of Sire. 2 animals, any sex, from the same sire.

Section 3: Special Beef Classes

CLASS

- Commercial Steer Class. *This is NOT a slaughter class.*

PRIZES: 1st - \$50 | 2nd - \$45 | 3rd - \$35 | 4th - \$25

- \$500 JACKPOT YEARLING HEIFER SHOW**

Open to all beef breeds, including cross breeds

ENTRY FEE: \$30

PRIZES: Grand **\$250 sponsored by Top Shelf**
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- SUPREME CHAMPION CLASS**

Grand & Reserve Females, Bulls, Jackpot Heifers and Commercial Steers

PRIZES: Supreme Champion **\$250**
Supreme Reserve Champion **\$150**

DIVISION 7 - DAIRY CATTLE

CONVENOR: Bill Wikkerink (250) 743-9276

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **LATE ENTRIES** (\$20 per class) will be accepted until noon, Wednesday, Sept. 16. No alterations after this time.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17** - ARRIVE between 6pm and 9 pm.
- **Saturday, Sept. 19** - DEPART after 6pm. No trucks will be allowed on the fairgrounds before 6 pm.
- **Oct. 28 to Nov. 1** - PRIZE MONEY will be mailed to exhibitors.

GENERAL & LIVESTOCK INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 9.

DIV. 7 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$10 per entry unless stated otherwise.
- Number of entries per class: one (1) per exhibitor.
- Livestock must be the registered property of the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to entry.
- Calves must be a minimum of 3 months old.
- Cattle must be in good health, free from ringworm, parasites and skin diseases.
- 4-H animals may be shown in the Open Show. Use the Open Livestock Entry Form: entry fees apply.

Breed Letters:

After filling in the Div/Section on the Livestock entry form, add one of the following letters to the Class #:

A for Ayrshire

H for Holstein

J for Jersey

Z for Other Breed

Section 1: Calf Classes

PRIZES: 1st - \$50 | 2nd - \$45 | 3rd - \$35

CLASS

1. Spring Heifer – born March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026
2. Winter Heifer – born Dec. 1, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026
3. Fall Heifer – born Sept. 1, 2025 - Nov. 30, 2025
4. Summer Yearling – born June 1, 2025 - Aug. 31, 2025
5. Spring Yearling – born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025
6. Winter/Senior Yearling – born Sept. 1, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025

*** Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion**
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DIVISION 8 - MINIATURE HORSES

CONVENORS: Cat Royle kinsol@shaw.ca, Cathy Villeneuve (250) 743-7853

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- LATE ENTRIES (\$20 per class) will be accepted until noon, Wednesday, Sept. 17. No alterations after this time.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - ARRIVE between 7:30am and 9am.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - DEPART after 4pm. No trucks will be allowed on the fairgrounds before 4pm.
- **Oct. 28 to Nov. 1** - PRIZE MONEY will be mailed to exhibitors.

PRIZES:

- 1st - \$35 | 2nd - \$30 | 3rd - \$25 | 4th - \$20 | 5th - \$15 | 6th - \$10

GENERAL & LIVESTOCK INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 9.

DIV. 8 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$6/entry.
- Horses that qualify to enter this show are:
 - "A" Size Miniatures – 34" or less from last hair on mane
 - "B" Size Miniatures – over 34" to 38" from last hair on mane
 - "C" Size Ponies – over 38" to 44" measured from the wither
- Due to limited stall space, only two (2) entries from the same owner or handler may enter the same class.

2026 SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 20th

9:30 am start in the Cattle Ring

Classes 1 to 14 before lunch • Classes 15 to 25 after lunch

- Safety is our priority – helmets and headers for driving and helmets for performance classes are mandatory for all youth.
- Both the Judge and/or Ring Stewards have the right to stop a class for safety reasons and excuse from that class any horse, handler, or driver who risks the safety of other participants.
- Novice Driving (class 22) is open to any miniature or driver who, due to lack of experience by either horse or the driver and for the safety of others, should be in this class. There is NO cross entry into any other driving class.
- You are encouraged to bring your horses in on the Friday and Saturday so there will be some miniature horses on display for fair visitors to see prior to the show on Sunday.
- Stabling is free; stalls MUST be clean when you leave.
- Competitors from the Mainland will be excused at 3pm on the Sunday to allow for ferry travel.
- All other competitors will be excused at 4pm.

Section 1: Miniature Horses

CLASS

- "A" Gelding – under 34" from last hair on mane
- "A" Junior Colt – under 3 years of age as of Jan. 1
- "A" Senior Stallion – age 3 or older as of Jan. 1
- "A" Junior Mare – under 3 years of age as of Jan. 1
- "A" Senior Mare – age 3 and over as of Jan. 1

* "A" Halter Championship

1st and 2nd place winners from classes 1 to 5

- "B" Filly or Mare – over 34" to 38" from last hair on mane
- "B" Colt, Stallion or Gelding – over 34" to 38" from last hair on mane

* "B" Halter Horse Championship

1st and 2nd place winners from classes 6 and 7

- "C" Filly or Mare – over 38" to 44" at the wither
- "C" Colt, Gelding or Stallion – over 38" to 44" at the wither

Section 2: Halter Classes

All Sizes combined unless specified otherwise.

CLASS

- Youth Halter
- Youth & Adult Showmanship – may be split into youth and adult
- Open Halter Obstacle – obstacles adjusted after smaller horses
- Colour Class
- Solid Class
- Hunter – A, B & C Horses together as most horses will be eliminated due to knockdowns
- Jumper – A, B, C Horses to run concurrently (raising jumps per size) – B's after A's; C's after B's. Ribbons for each size.
- Barrel Race In-Hand

Section 3: Driving Classes

CLASS

- Youth Classic Driving
- Adult Classic Driving
- Youth Country Pleasure Driving
- Adult Country Pleasure Driving
- Novice Driving – for Green Horses or Drivers or first year driving horse or driver. See rule 'f' above re: Novice Driving.
- Barrel Race in Cart – TROT ONLY
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DIVISION 9 - LIGHT HORSES

CONVENOR: Leanne Finlayson (250) 715-8653, vilsg@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- LATE ENTRIES (\$20 per class) will be accepted until noon, Wednesday, Sept. 16. No alterations after this time.
- **Friday, Sept. 18** - ARRIVE between 6:30am and 8am.
- **Saturday, Sept. 19** - DEPART after 7pm.
- **Oct. 28 to Nov. 1** - PRIZE MONEY will be mailed to exhibitors.

GENERAL & LIVESTOCK INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 9.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$20 | 2nd - \$15 | 3rd - \$10 | 4th - \$5

- Prize money limited to classes with 5 or more entries. Ribbons to 6th place. Stall Decoration class (1st - \$20).

DIV. 9 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$10 per class (excluding Stall Decoration)
- A separate entry form must be completed for each horse/rider combination entered.
- Exhibitors must be HCBC members - www.hcbc.ca.
- For class descriptions and judging criteria, please refer to HCBC General Performance Rulebook. Complete rules are published on the Horse Council BC website.
- Should any question or dispute arise not provided for in the Rules, it shall be referred to the Convenor whose decision shall be final.
- If a class is not filled to the satisfaction of the show management, classes may be combined or cancelled.
- Exhibitors cancelling their entries after the Sept. 9th deadline shall forfeit their entry fees, except in the case of disability, when 75% of fees shall be refunded on presentation of a disability certificate from a Veterinarian and/or Doctor.
- Application for refunds must be made before the closing day of the show to the Convenor of the Cowichan Exhibition Light Horse Show.
- Approved equestrian helmets are compulsory while mounted or driving anywhere on the grounds other than adults riding in Western Classes who may wear a western hat or approved riding helmet. All riders must wear helmets in Games classes. Youth or Junior competitors must wear properly fitted, approved BSI or ASTM protective headgear with safety harness correctly secured at all times while mounted, riding or driving on the event grounds.
- No charge for exhibitor parking. Camping is available on site (no hookups) - contact the Exhibition office to purchase a pass.
- Vehicles and/or trailers are not permitted on the show grounds for loading and unloading between 9 am and 4 pm for safety reasons. An area is designated for livestock trailer parking. Contact the Convenor if you have any questions.
- All horses must be stabled overnight. Stabling is \$20 per stall with a refundable \$25 Clean Stall Deposit as a separate cheque payable to 'Cowichan Exhibition'. This cheque must be included with the entry form. Stalls may be assigned.

2026 SCHEDULE - Light Horses

Please be ready for your classes. Times are approx.

Friday, September 18th

8:30am	Junior English & Western (Classes 1-9)
1:00pm	Junior English & Western (Classes 10-14)
2:30pm	Open Games & Country Trail

Saturday, September 19th

8:30am	Open English & Western (Classes 15-18)
9:40am	Open English & Western (Classes 19-24)
1:00pm	Jumpers & Hoof & Woof

- Please be ready for your classes. Check with the Show Office as the show progresses.
- No stallions to be ridden/driven by a Junior.
- Juniors may enter Open classes.
- A warm up area will be designated within the main competition ring. No lunging permitted.

SCORING

1st - 5 pts, 2nd - 3 pts, 3rd - 2 pts, 4th - 1 pt
Classes with fewer than 5 entries will count half points.

BATTY CHALLENGE TROPHY

1st Place Junior Rider in Western Horsemanship
(2 or more entries required)

PINK FAMILY PERPETUAL TROPHY

Most Successful Junior Rider/Horse combination.
All English classes in Junior Division to count except Games and Costume classes.
(3 or more entries required)

TOP SHELF FEEDS PERPETUAL TROPHY

Most Successful Rider/Horse - Light Horse Division.
Games classes are not considered for trophy points.
(3 or more entries required)

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X Pole Jumper Class 25.

BUCKERFIELD'S HI POINT JUMPER TROPHY

2'6" and 2'9" Jumper Classes 30, 31, 32 & 33.

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Ribbons will be presented in the ring after each class. Riders must return to the ring with their horse in a bridle.

DIVISION 9 - LIGHT HORSES

Section 1: Junior English & Western

CLASS

1. Pleasure Pony
2. Road Hack Pony
3. Hunter under Saddle Pony
4. Basic Equitation C (13 years and under)
5. Equitation A/B (Ages 13-18)
6. Hunter under Saddle Horse
7. Pleasure Horse
8. Road Hack Horse
9. Show Hack Horse
10. Western Equitation
11. Western Horsemanship - open to ponies & horses
12. Western Reining – WCRA reining pattern - snaffle or shank, two handed permitted, no slides or changes
13. Western Pleasure
14. Costume – lead line or ride

Section 2: Open English & Western

CLASS

15. Western Reining – WCRA reining pattern - snaffle or shank, two handed permitted, no slides or changes
16. Western Horsemanship: pattern to be posted
17. Western Equitation: see HBC rulebook for tests
18. Western Pleasure
19. English Hunter under saddle
20. English Equitation
21. English Road Hack
22. English Showmanship
23. English Pleasure
24. Command Class

Section 3: Jumpers

All classes open to horses or ponies.

Distances will NOT be adjusted for ponies.

NOTE: Entries in classes 28-33 may enter classes 25/26 as schooling non-competitive classes only - exception for class 27 - hoof and woof.

Max 4 classes per horse and rider combination.

Max 6 classes per horse.

CLASS

25. X Pole Jumper Medal
26. X Pole Optimum Time
27. X Pole Hoof & Woof relay - horse/rider paired with dog; fastest combined time
28. 2'3" Optimum Time
29. 2'3" Jumper Medal
30. 2'6" Optimum Time
31. 2'6" Jumper Medal; class judged on rider's position & effectiveness
32. 2'9" Jumper Meal; class judged on rider's position & effectiveness
33. 2'9" Table A; one round and jump off for all clears

Section 4: Open Games & Country Trail

CLASS

34. Country Trail; English or Western tack & apparel, course to be posted
35. Pole Bending Race
36. Stake Race
37. Barrel Race
38. Keyhole Race
39. Ride a Buck

Section 5: Individual Stall Decoration

CLASS

40. Stall Decoration **1st - \$20**

Indicate participation on entry form (no entry fee).

Judging based on:

50% - Educational content and animal identification

40% - Cleanliness, decoration, general attractiveness

10% - Tie in to Exhibition's 2025 Theme: "Proudly Canadian" and Colour Challenge: Red and White

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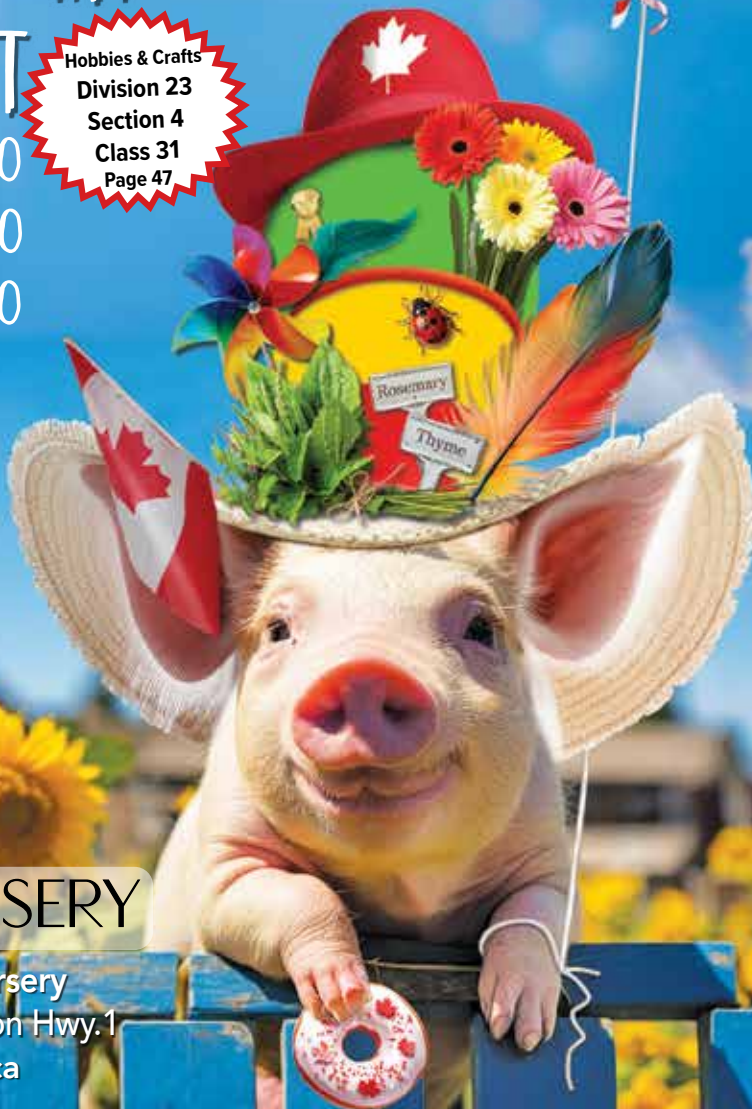


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Section 4
Class 31
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DIVISION 10. 4-H

CONVENORS: Please see the name and contact information listed below each category heading.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17** - ARRIVAL SCHEDULE for all 4-H classes - entries must be in place by 5:30pm.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - DEPARTURE TIME is after 4:15pm unless prior arrangements have been made. No trucks will be allowed on the fairgrounds before 4pm.
- **Oct. 28 to Nov. 1** - Cheques for prize money will be mailed.

PRIZE MONEY:

- Showmanship and Project classes (Danish system):
1st - \$7 | 2nd - \$5 | 3rd - \$3
- Herdsmanship and Educational Board classes, prizes as listed.
Championship classes: rosettes only.

GENERAL & LIVESTOCK INFORMATION:

See pages 8 and 9.

DIV. 10 RULES:

- BC 4-H Project Regulations apply. All ages are 4-H ages.
- The 4-H entry form must be completed by the Club Leader.
- 4-H CLASSES – open to 4-H members only.
- OPEN CLASSES – club members may also enter their 4-H animals in the Open Show, and must complete the regular Livestock entry form and pay the regular entry fee.
- Hay & bedding will be provided for 4-H livestock clubs.
- Two members from each club will be designated to look after their club's entries. 'Stall duty' includes supervision of those entries at all times plus distribution of hay/bedding, etc.
- 4-H barns must be left clean at the end of the Fair.

- In Showmanship classes, members must show their own project. Judging will be based on 50% for fitting and 50% for showmanship. Questions may be asked.
- Members must compete in Showmanship for their projects to be eligible for conformation judging.
- Interclub Competition shall consist of 3 or more groups of the same project. Each group must have 4 animals and 4 handlers plus 1 or 2 members to set up the animals and to answer the judge's questions. Each group will be judged on the uniformity of the animals, the presentation of the members, plus showmanship.
- Achievement prize money is determined by the year's marks which include points gained in ring placing.

2026 SCHEDULE

Friday, September 18th

4:00pm Cowichan 4-H Beef Achievement

Saturday, September 19th

9:30am 4-H Small Engines and 4-H Dairy

10:00am 4-H Beef and 4-H Dog

11:00am 4-H Sheep

4:30pm 4-H Auction



4-H BEEF

CONTACT: Jennifer Buck (250) 213-1702
Scott Fraser (250) 709-4443

Section 1: Beef Showmanship

CLASS

- Junior – 9 to 12 years old
- Senior – 13 to 19 years old

Section 2: Beef Project

CLASS

- Young Beef (Unit 2)
- Market Animal (Unit 3)
- Heifer (Unit 4)
- Cow/Calf (Units 5 & 6)
- Carcass Animal (Unit 7)
- Interclub

4-H DAIRY

CONTACT: Michelle Laszczyk - glenviewfarm@hotmail.com
Henrietta Groenendijk (250) 246-3300

Section 3: Dairy Showmanship

CLASS

- Junior – 9 to 12 years old
- Senior – 13 to 19 years old

Section 4: Dairy Project

CLASS

- Spring Heifer – born March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026
- Winter Heifer – born Dec. 1, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026
- Fall Heifer – born Sept. 1, 2025 - Nov. 30, 2025
- Summer Yearling – born June 1, 2025 - Aug. 31, 2025
- Spring Yearling – born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025
- Winter/Senior Yearling – born Dec. 1, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025
- Interclub

4-H SHEEP

CONTACT: Leah Hayes - leahshortreid@hotmail.com

Section 5: Sheep Showmanship

CLASS #

- 18. Junior – 9 to 12 years old
- 19. Senior – 13 to 19 years old

Section 6: Sheep Unit Classes

CLASS #

- 20. Ewe Lamb
- 21. Yearling Ewe
- 22. Mature Ewe with lamb(s) at foot
- 23. Market Lamb

4-H DOGS

CONTACT: Elisa Doran (250) 743-4548
houseof4h@gmail.com

Section 7: Dog Showmanship

CLASS #

- 24. Junior – 9 to 12 years old
- 25. Senior – 13 to 19 years old

Section 8: Dog Project

CLASS #

- 26. Unit 2: Exploring Obedience
- 27. Unit 3: Beginner Novice
- 28. Unit 4: Novice

4-H SMALL ENGINES

CONTACT: Suzanne Baird - bairds@shaw.ca

Section 9: Small Engines Showmanship

CLASS #

- 29. Junior – 9 to 12 years old
- 30. Senior – 13 to 19 years old

Section 10: Small Engines Project

CLASS #

- 31. Unit 1: Two-Stroke Engine
- 32. Unit 2: Four-Stroke Engine
- 33. Unit 3: Mastering Mechanics
- 34. Unit 4: Beyond Engines

Section 11: Project Display

CLASS #

- 35. Junior – 9 to 12 years old
- 36. Senior – 13 to 19 years old

4-H CLOVERBUDS

CONTACT: Henrietta Groenendijk (250) 246-3300
Michelle Laszczyk - glenvuefarm@hotmail.com

Section 12: Cloverbuds

CLASS #

- 37. Scrapbook or record book
- 38. Educational poster or display board
- 39. Safety poster
- 40. Favourite photo – 5" x 7", any subject

Sandi Cruickshank's Challenge

Hall Exhibitors with lots of entries in the OPEN divisions can vie for extra special prizes:*

- **The Most Entries ... \$60**
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** Must enter as least 3 divisions to be eligible.*

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DIVISION 23
SEE CLASS 1, PAGE 46
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**DIVISION 30 JUNIOR
SEE CLASSES 182, 183, & 184 ON PAGE 65
1st - \$15 / 2nd - \$10**

4-H HERDSMANSHIP

CONTACT: Michelle Laszczyk - glenviewfarm@hotmail.com

SPECIAL "THEME" AWARD:

In Memory of Joan Mayer

PRIZE: \$20 | Best Club Display based on "Proudly Canadian"

Section 13: Herdsmanship

*Competition is continuous throughout the fair, from
9 am on the Friday morning.*

Prize Money: 1st - \$10; 2nd - \$5



CLASS #

- 41. Tied animals
- 42. Penned animals
- 43. Non-livestock clubs

4-H EDUCATIONAL BOARDS

CONTACT: Michelle Laszczyk - glenviewfarm@hotmail.com

Educational Display Boards **MUST BE IN PLACE** no later
than 9:30am, Friday, September 18.

Pick up boards between 4pm and 5:30pm,
Sunday, September 20.

PRIZES: 1st - \$10 | 2nd - \$5

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Sponsored by the Cowichan Cobble Hill District 4-H Council

Junior Champion . . . \$25

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Section 14: Educational Display Boards

No larger than 120 cm high x 90 cm deep x 180 cm wide.

CLASS #

- 44. Individual Junior – 9 to 12 years old
- 45. Individual Senior – 13 to 19 years old

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DIVISION 12 - EGGS

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact the Exhibition Office (250) 748-0822

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17** - DELIVER Eggs entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Entries must be in place no later than 6 pm for judging.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm. All eggs must be collected that day; bring your claim checks. Any entries left after that date will be disposed of.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Please bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 | 3rd - \$1 (unless specified otherwise)

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GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 13 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- Only 1 entry per exhibitor per class.
- Quantity must be as called for in each class, otherwise the entry will be disqualified.
- Please provide a container or support for individual eggs in any class calling for 1 to 3 eggs.
- Please supply a photo of the bird(s) and/or identify the breed.

SPECIAL AWARD:

Farmer Ben's Eggs

PRIZE: \$50 | Outstanding Entry, Sections 1 & 2

Section 1: Fresh Eggs



CLASS

- Brown Eggs – large, 1/2 dozen
- White Eggs – large, 1/2 dozen
- Coloured Eggs – any size, 1/2 dozen
- Smallest Egg
- Largest Egg
- Duck Eggs - 3, identify breed

Section 2: Decorated Eggs

CLASS

- Three Eggs – decorated. Provide support(s) for the eggs.
- Egg Shell Mosaic - 5"x 7", present entry as framed art

SPECIAL AWARD:

Farmer Ben's Eggs

PRIZE: \$50 | Outstanding Entry in Section 3

Section 3: Eggs – Juniors (17 & Under)

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 | 3rd - \$1

CLASS

- Largest Egg
- Smallest Egg
- Three Eggs – decorated. Any technique that adds colour and/or texture to the eggs. Provide support(s) for the eggs.



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DIVISION 13 - FIELD CROPS

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact the Exhibition Office (250) 748-0822

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17** - DELIVER Field Crops entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Entries must be in place no later than 6 pm for judging.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm. All Field Crops entries must be collected that day; bring your claim checks. Entries left after that date will be disposed of.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 13 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- Only 1 entry per exhibitor per class.
- Quantity must be as called for in each class, otherwise the entry will be disqualified.
- Exhibits MUST BE free from disease, insects and insect injury.

Section 1: Farm Markets

Open to both amateur and professional growers.

CLASS

1. Market Produce Collection – 3 to 7 items displayed in a box, basket, or cardboard flat, max. 30cm wide x 45cm deep [12" x 18"]. Entry may include a sign with the farm's name. **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Alison Irwin**

Section 2: Scarecrows, Sunflowers & Corn

CLASS

2. Scarecrow – inspiration: "Proudly Canadian" theme. Maximum dimensions: 1.25m wide x 1.8m tall x .75m deep [50" x 72" x 30"]. Exhibit must be weatherproof, mounted on a stake or sitting on a chair. All parts MUST BE securely attached so scarecrow can be moved as a single unit. Add a title on a card. **PRIZES: 1st - \$50 | 2nd - \$25 | 3rd - \$15 | sponsored by The Old Farm Market**
3. Tallest Sunflower – 1, cut at ground level (no roots attached)
4. Corn Stalks, Fodder or Sweet – 2, cut at ground level (no roots attached), judged on these qualities: clean, insect-free, appealing appearance, cobs optional.

Section 3: Junior Farmers (17 & Under)

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 | 3rd - \$1 (unless specified otherwise)

CLASS

5. Large Pumpkin – with short stem, minimum diameter 30cm [12"], entry will be judged on exterior quality: evenness of colour, solid (firm texture), close to globular shape, and free from blemishes.
6. Large Squash – 1, with short stem. Maximum diameter 30cm [12"], judged on exterior quality characteristics. **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Jan Dwyer**



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DIVISION 14 - GARDEN PRODUCE

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact the Exhibition Office (250) 748-0822

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17** - DELIVER Garden Produce entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Entries must be in place no later than 6pm for judging.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm. All Garden Produce entries must be collected that day; Bring your claim checks. Any left after that date will be disposed of.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Please bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 14 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- Open to amateur, community and professional gardeners.

- All produce must have been grown by the exhibitor.
- Exhibits must be free from disease, insects, and insect injury.
- Presentation – Entries must be in marketable (i.e. edible) condition. To ensure leafy vegetables look attractive throughout the show, display them in an opaque container with water. Paper plates will be provided for other entries.
- PLEASE READ THE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY.** The Exhibition will be using the BC Council of Garden Clubs' Horticulture Judging and Exhibiting Standards as its reference. There is a copy in the Exhibition Office.
- An exhibitor may enter more than one entry per class provided each entry is a different variety/colour; identify if known.
- Quantities and varieties must be as called for in the class, otherwise the exhibit will be disqualified. Naming the variety of the entry in the individual classes is an option. Identify the variety if known; print the name at the top of the Exhibit Tag or on a small piece of paper attached to the tag.
- On the judge's note, N.A.S. is Not According to Schedule.
- A.O.V. refers to Any Other Variety.

PRODUCE PRESENTATION TIPS

Before preparing your entries, check the list below to see how they should be presented for show.

- Beans ... stems should be left intact
- Beets ... trim tops to 2.5cm, leave root intact
- Carrots ... trim tops to 1cm, leave root intact
- Cauliflower ... stalk and larger leaves to be removed, trim remaining leaves just below the level of the curd
- Corn ... remove husk lengthwise, trim shanks to 1cm
- Cucumbers ... clean with the withered blossom absent
- Garlic ... clean, skin on, trim roots to 1cm, trim tops to 5cm
- Kohlrabi ... trim roots and leaf stems close to the bulb
- Leeks ... shorten roots to 1cm, trim tops so entry is 1/3 white and 2/3 green
- Lettuce ... remove small or damaged outer leaves
- Onions ... trim roots and tops to 1cm, remove any dirty outer scales, and do not wash
- Parsnips ... trim tops to 1cm, root tips may be shortened
- Peas ... leave stems attached
- Peppers ... leave stems on [note: spicy piquancy rated by SHUs or Scoville Heat Units]
- Potatoes ... brush off dry soil, DO NOT WASH
- Pumpkin ... leave stem intact
- Rhubarb ... trim leaves to 2.5cm (fan shape), leave base intact
- Squash (summer) ... outer skin should not be hard or mature
- Squash (winter) ... leave stem intact
- Tomatoes ... stems attached
- Turnip ... trim tops to 1cm, remove tap root just below body

Section 1: Vegetables

Identify variety if known. If you wish to enter more than one variety in a class, see rule g.

CLASS

- Beans, Green (Bush, Pole or Climbing) – 5, one variety
PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Bud James
- Beans, Pole or Bush, Yellow (wax) or Purple – 5, one variety
- Beans, Runner or Long, any colour – 5, one variety **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Lois MacMillan**
- Beans, Dry (shelling beans), any colour, in pods – 5, one variety
- Beets, Red (Globe or Cylindrical) – 3, one variety
- Beets, White or Gold – 3, one variety
- NEW! Largest Beet**
- Broccoli or Cauliflower – 1 head or bunch of lateral shoots, any variety
- Cabbage, Green, Red, Savoy or Napa – 1 head, any variety
- Carrots, Long, Stout, Globe or Specialty – 3, one variety, any colour
- Corn – 3 ears, one variety
- Cucumbers, Field (eg. "Marketmore"), max. length 20cm [8"] – 3, one variety
- Cucumbers, English – 2, one variety
- Cucumbers, Pickling, max. length 10cm [4"] – 3, one variety
- Cucumbers, Specialty (eg. Armenian, Cucamelon) – 3, one variety
- Eggplant – 1
- Garlic, Small, diameter less than 5cm, skin on – 3
- Garlic, Medium, diameter 5 to 6cm, skin on – 3
- Garlic, Large, diameter 6.1 to 8cm, skin on – 3
- Garlic, Giant, diameter greater than 8cm, skin on – 3

DIVISION 14 - GARDEN PRODUCE

21. Kale – 5 leaves, display in container with water (see rule e)
22. Kohlrabi, Small, max. diameter 11cm – 3, any variety
23. Kohlrabi, Large, diameter greater than 14cm – 1, any variety
24. Leeks – 3
25. Lettuce, Leaf-type – 1
26. Lettuce, Head-type – 1
27. Onions, Shallots – 3 bulbs
28. Onions, Red – 3
29. Onions, White – 3
30. Onions, Yellow – 3
31. **NEW!** Largest Onion, any colour
32. Parsnip – 1
33. Peas, Green (Snow, Edible Pod or Shelling) – 5 pods, one variety
34. Peppers, Sweet – 3, one variety
35. Peppers, Hot (SHUs under 100,000) – 3, one variety
36. Peppers, Super Hot (SHUs over 100,000) – 3, one variety
37. Potatoes, Red – 3
38. Potatoes, White – 3
39. Potatoes, Yellow Flesh – 3
40. Potatoes, Heirloom – 3. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Lois MacMillan**
41. Potatoes, Fingerling or Banana – 3, one variety
42. Rhubarb, trimmed and tied – 3 stalks
43. Swiss Chard – 5 leaves, display in container with water (see rule e)
44. Tomatillos, with half or more of husk on – 5, one variety, any colour
45. Tomatoes, Cherry, Red, max. diameter 3cm – 1 branch with at least 5 fruit attached
46. Tomatoes, Cherry, not Red (yellow, orange, black, etc.), max. diameter 3cm – 1 branch with at least 5 fruit attached
47. Tomatoes, Vine, multi-branch cluster, any variety – 1, longest cluster (truss), please identify. *Winning entry will be determined by length with reasonable quality of fruit.*
48. Tomatoes, Red, Medium, diameter less than 7.5cm – 3
49. Tomatoes, Red, Large, diameter 7.5cm or greater – 3
50. Tomatoes, Paste – 3
51. Tomatoes, Heirloom – 3
52. Tomatoes, 3 different varieties – 2 of each
53. Weird and wonderful veggie – 1
54. Any Other Vegetable (small or large, leaf or root) – 1, max. diameter 35cm [14"], if possible include name & origin

Section 2: Pumpkins, Squash

CLASS

55. Pumpkin, Jack O'Lantern type, Medium, max. diameter 25.5cm [10"] – 1
56. Pumpkin, Jack O'Lantern type, Large, diameter 26cm to 36cm [10.25" to 14.25"] – 1
57. Pumpkin, Giant – 1. *Winning entry will be determined by girth, not weight.* **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 | Tape Buster Award**
58. Pumpkin, Pie – 1
59. Pumpkin, AOV (specialty, heirloom) – 1, max. 38cm [15"] diameter, please identify
60. Squash, Acorn – 1
61. Squash, Buttercup – 1
62. Squash, Butternut – 1
63. Squash, Zucchini, max. length 35cm – 1
64. Squash, Summer – 1
65. Squash, Winter, Small – 1. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Richard Dwyer**
66. Squash, Winter, Large – 1, max. diameter 38cm [15"]. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Richard Dwyer**
67. Squash, Giant – 1. *Winning entry to be determined by girth, not weight.*
68. Squash, Tromboncino – 1

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Please leave your pet at home!

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DIVISION 14 - GARDEN PRODUCE

Section 3: Produce Collections

CLASS

69. "Culinary Herbs" – 5 kinds, one bunch of each, tied, display in separate opaque containers with water; please label. Table space 30cm x 30cm [12" x 12"].
70. "Salad Bowl" – a collection of edibles (veggies, fruits and flowers) gathered for a salad. Present whole in a large bowl together with salad tongs or lifters, display leafy greens in water. Table space 30cm x 30cm [12" x 12"].
71. "Bounty of The Valley" – Use the Exhibition's 2026 theme "Proudly Canadian" as inspiration for your display.
- Fill a container (i.e. basket, box, barrel, wheelbarrow, etc.) with vegetables, fruits, nuts and herbs from your garden and orchard.
 - "Bounty" must be predominantly fresh; it may include some preserved foods (i.e. pickles, jams, fruit leathers, honey). Place any leafy vegetable(s) in containers with water so they'll stay fresh for the duration of the Fair.
 - Maximum table space: 60cm x 60cm [24" x 24"], all parts of the display must stay within that space.
 - Scoring: 90% for quality of produce and 10% for theme-related elements.

PRIZES: 1st - \$100 | 2nd - \$75 | 3rd - \$50 |

class sponsored by The Old Farm Market, Duncan

72. **NEW!** "From Underground" – a collection of root vegetables. Display 2 each of your choice of 3 vegetables from this list: beets, carrots, Jerusalem artichokes/sunchokes, parsnips, potatoes, sweet potatoes, yams.

PRIZES: 1st - \$15 | 2nd - \$10 | donated by Jan Dwyer

Section 4: Display

CLASS

73. "Our Family Garden" – what's growing in your patch?

Entry must include:

- 5 different vegetables and/or fruit,
- a photo of your family, and
- a short story about why your family loves to garden. Story to be no more than one page, font at least 18 pt so it can be read easily from a distance.
- Display to be on a solid base, max. 50cm x 50cm [20" x 20"], so entry can be moved as a single unit.
- Scoring: 55% for quality of produce and 45% for the display's creativity.

PRIZES: 1st - \$100 | 2nd - \$75 | 3rd - \$50 |

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DIVISION 15 - FRUIT

CHAIRPERSON: Barrie Agar (250) 701-6449

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17** - DELIVER Fruit entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Entries must be in place no later than 6pm for judging.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm. All Fruit entries must be collected that day; bring your claim checks. Any left after that date will be disposed of.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Please bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 15 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- Quantity must be as called for in each class.
- All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor and must be free from disease, insects, and insect damage.
- Only 1 entry per exhibitor per class with the exception of the A.O.V. (Any Other Variety) classes. In those classes an exhibitor may have more than one entry, provided each entry is of a different variety. Please identify if known.
- If there are three or more exhibits of the same variety in an A.O.V. class, a separate class will be created for that variety with prize money to be the same in as the original class
- The Cowichan Exhibition will be using the BC Council of Garden Clubs' Horticulture Judging and Exhibiting Standards (2017) as its reference.

Section 1: Apples

Exhibit apples with stems intact, clean but not polished.

CLASS

- King – 3
 - NEW!** Cox's Orange Pippin – 3
 - Gala – 3
 - Spartan – 3
 - Golden Delicious – 3
 - McIntosh – 3
 - Honey Crisp – 3
 - NEW!** Crabapples – 3, identify if known
 - NEW!** Largest apple – 1, judged by weight
 - Apples, A.O.V. – 3, identify if known
 - Basket of Apples – 3 varieties, 3 each, identify if known.
- PRIZE: 1st \$15 | In memory of George Mayer**
- Theme Challenge: "Proudly Canadian" – 3 apples, 1 variety. Add a brief story about the variety's heritage.

Section 2: Pears

Exhibit pears with stems intact.

CLASS

- Bartlett – 3
- Bosc – 3
- Anjou – 3
- Asian – 3
- Pears, A.O.V. – 3, identify if known

Section 3: Plums

Exhibit plums with stems intact, identify variety if known.

CLASS

- Golden/Yellow Plum, any variety – 3, one variety
- Italian Prune Plums – 3
- Japanese Plums, any variety – 3, one variety
- Plums, A.O.V. – 3, identify if known

Section 4: Nuts & Seeds

CLASS

- Sunflower Seed Head – 1, must be insect-free!
- Amaranth – 3 flower spikes (display in container)
- Nuts or seeds, A.O.V. – nuts - 5, seeds - 15ml [1 tablespoon] in small container, identify if known. Examples: Nigella, Poppy, Coriander, Dill.

Section 5: Berries

CLASS

- Raspberries – 12, any colour
- Strawberries – 12
- Blackberries – 12
- Blueberries – 1 cluster, minimum 5 berries
- Berries, A.O.V. – 12, please identify

Section 6: Miscellaneous

CLASS

- Figs – 3
- Grapes, table – 2 bunches
- Grapes, wine – 2 bunches
- NEW!** Watermelon – 1
- NEW!** Cantalope – 1
- Citrus fruit – 1

Section 7: Collection

CLASS

- NEW!** Foraged Fruits – an arrangement on the stem of fruits gathered from the wild. Display in a bowl with water. Max. table space: 30cm x 30cm [12" x 12"]. Please identify. Examples: blackberries, crabapples, apples, salal, mountain ash, elderberry, oregan grape, rose hips. **PRIZE: 1st \$15 | donated by Alison Irwin**

DIVISION 16 - HONEY

CHAIRPERSON: Marie Cairns (250) 709-1661

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17** - DELIVER Honey entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Entries must be in place no later than 6 pm for judging.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm. All Honey must be collected that day; bring your claim checks. Any entries left after that date will be disposed of.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

Register on-line here: www.assistexpo.ca/cowichan-exhibition

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 16 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- One entry per exhibitor per class.
- All honey, wax and pollen to be the current year's production.

Section 1: Liquid and Granulated Honey

CLASS

- Honey – White, three 375ml jars
- Honey – Golden, three 375ml jars
- Honey – Amber, three 375ml jars
- Honey, Novice class – Any colour, three 375ml jars
- Granulated Honey – three 375ml jars

Section 2: Comb Honey

CLASS

- Full Frame – Shallow Dadant or deep Langstroth (no black foundation). *Must be submitted on a frame stand (the stand need not be elaborate, it will not be judged).*

Section 3: Beeswax and Pollen

CLASS

- Beeswax Block – two identical 500-gram blocks of wax. Submit on a plain white paper towel or plate, or in a zip-top bag. *The wax should be clean and free of impurities. The block should be smooth-surfaced and free of blemishes, decorations or embellishments. Preferable colour should be lemon yellow with a pleasant fragrance.*
- Pollen – Three 375ml jars

Section 4: Mead (Honey Wine)

CLASS

- Mead, any type – Two 750ml glass bottles (clear, uncoloured, standard wine bottle) filled to a point precisely 2cm from the bottom of the cork. *Mead to be made from honey produced by the exhibitor. Entry to be accompanied by a description of the type of mead and full recipe (including all ingredients).*

Section 5: Observation Hive

CLASS

- Observation Hive – At least one frame of bees, hive can be purchased or homemade, queen is marked, drones marked white, appearance and suitability of hive.

Section 6: Miscellaneous (open to all ages)

CLASS

- Hive-derived creation – e.g. potion, lotion, lip balm, candle, toothpaste, infused honey. Entry to consist of two identical items (1 for sampling and 1 for display). *The product's recipe must include the exhibitor's honey, beeswax, and/or propolis. Entry to be presented in a re-sealable, unembellished container appropriate for the product, and should weigh between 1 - 8oz.*
- Gadget – Entry must be directly apiculture-related and must be the original creation of the exhibitor.
- Art – Graphics, pottery, needlework, poetry and other projects directly apiculture-related. Entry must be the original creation of the exhibitor.
- Photography – Pollinators, Beekeepers, and Photography from the Hive, min. size 5" x 7" [12.7cm x 17.7cm]. *The Cowichan Beekeepers (Non-profit society) will have the right to use submitted photos for its website and its non-profit society publications. A picture of the image will be taken for potential use by the Cowichan Beekeepers (the exhibitor will be credited as the photographer), and the entry will be returned at the end of the Exhibition.*
- Educational Display – its focus will be to teach the public some aspect important to beekeeping. *If the entry is made of multiple parts, all must be securely attached to a base so the entry can be moved if necessary as a single unit. Maximum entry space not to exceed 50cm x 50cm [20" x 20"]. Any quotes or non-original material must be referenced. State age of competitor on entry tag.*



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DIVISION 18 - FLOWERS

CHAIRPERSON: Jan Dwyer (250) 746-4822

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17** - DELIVER Flowers entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5pm. Entries must be in place no later than 6pm for judging.
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- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placing.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 18 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- One entry per exhibitor (individual or family) per class.
- Judging will conform to "Horticulture Judging and Exhibiting Standards" published by the BC Council of Garden Clubs.
- General requirements for each category are outlined at the beginning of those categories.

DEFINITIONS AND TIPS:

ACCESSORY - Any non-floral item, other than the container, used to complement the entry.

BASKET - A woven container usually of fibrous or twiggy material, with or without a handle.

BOWL - A container with the inside mouth dimension equal to or greater than the height of the container. No handle or spout.

DESIGN - Fresh-cut plant materials and may include dried, weathered, and/or treated organic materials. Artificial materials, i.e. silk flowers, are not acceptable. Accessories such as candles, stones, ribbon, and pottery figurines are allowed.

N.A.S. - Not According to Schedule (on judge's note).

NOVICE - Someone who has not won a ribbon in a competitive Flower Show. **Please note** that all Novice classes are now listed in NOVICE Sections 12 to 16.

POTTED PLANT - A plant grown in the house or greenhouse or outside in a pot. It should be shown in a single container.

SHOW CONTAINERS - Unless specified otherwise, green plastic vases (aka 'bikinis') are provided and must be used for all entries. To facilitate clean up on the Sunday, flowers displayed in "Show Containers" must be picked up by 5:30pm, or they will be composted by Exhibition volunteers.

SNIFTER - A large, short-stemmed glass goblet with the bowl narrowing toward the top to intensify the bloom's scent.



* DELIVERY DEADLINE * for DIV. 18 - FLOWERS

Bring entries to the west end of Mellor Hall between 10am and 5pm, Thursday, Sept. 17.



DECORATIVE - SECTION 1

Pick up Decorative entries on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Section 1: Decorative

Use Exhibitor's Container for Decorative entries.

CLASS

- "Bowl of Roses" – one or more varieties. Yarrow or Pearly Everlasting is allowed; Baby's Breath is no longer allowed.
- "Grower's Delight" – a bouquet of Dahlias grown by the exhibitor. The two-leaf rule doesn't apply to this Class.
- "Harvest" – a design of flowers plus vegetables, fruits and/or nuts, greenery is allowed. *Entry to be in one container or on a tray (if in multiple parts). This will ensure the entry will remain as a single unit if it's necessary to move it.*
- "Mini" – a miniature design all in one container, max. 10cm x 10cm x 10cm [4" x 4" x 4"]. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Ro deBree**

Looking for NOVICE classes?

See Sections 12 to 16 on page 39.

ROSES - SECTION 2

All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.

Use Show Container unless Exhibitor's Container is specified.

Blooms should be named when possible.

If foliage is used, it must be attached to the bloom's stem.

Pick up Roses entries on Sunday, Sept. 20.

See Important Note About Show Containers on next page.

Section 2: Roses

Entries to have 2 sets of attached foliage, unless stated otherwise. Sprays should have at least 3 open blooms. Hybrid teas should have 1 bloom (2/3 – 3/4 open) and no side buds.

CLASS

- Rose – Floribunda, Grandiflora, and/or Old English types, 1 spray ... Show Container
- Shrub Rose – includes David Austin, 1 spray ... Show Container
- Rose – any variety, 1 specimen ... Show Container
- Fragrant Rose – 1 bloom, floating in a snifter or snifter-shaped bowl, no foliage ... Exhibitor's Container

DIVISION 18 - FLOWERS

DAHLIAS - SECTIONS 3 TO 8

Dahlias must be shown with 2 true leaves on the stem.

Stems must be debudded.

The capital letters in [] refer to the designation by the American Dahlia Society.

Pick up Dahlia entries by 5:30pm, Sunday, Sept. 20.

See Important Note About Show Containers on next page.

SPECIAL DAHLIA AWARDS:

In Memory of James (Jim) Richard Hurford (1911-2004)

PRIZE: 1st - \$25 | Grand Aggregate Dahlia Exhibitor

"Dahlias were his passion. He grew them from the age of 19 until his passing in 2004, entering his blooms in fairs on Vancouver Island as well as northern United States."

Most Dahlia Entries

PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | Award sponsored by Esther Craig

Section 3: Giant Dahlias [AA]

Bloom's diameter – over 25.5cm / 10"

CLASS

9. Giant decorative – 1 bloom ... Show Container
10. Giant cactus or semi-cactus – 1 bloom ... Show Container

PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Bud James

Section 4: Large Dahlias [A]

Bloom's diameter – 20cm to 25.5cm / 8" to 10"

CLASS

11. Large decorative – 1 bloom ... Show Container
12. Large cactus or semi-cactus – 1 bloom ... Show Container

Section 5: Medium Dahlias [B]

Bloom's diameter – 15cm to 20cm / 6" to 8"

CLASS

13. Medium decorative – 3 blooms, one or more varieties ... Show Container
14. Medium decorative – 1 bloom ... Show Container
15. Medium cactus or semi-cactus – 3 blooms, one or more varieties ... Show Container.
16. Medium cactus or semi-cactus – 1 bloom ... Show Container

Section 6: Small Dahlias [BB]

Bloom's diameter – 10cm to 15cm / 4" to 6"

CLASS

17. Small decorative – 3 blooms, one or more varieties ... Show Container
18. Small decorative – 1 bloom ... Show Container
19. Small cactus or semi-cactus – 3 blooms, one or more varieties ... Show Container. **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Lois MacMillan**
20. Small cactus or semi-cactus – 1 bloom ... Show Container

Section 7: Miniature Dahlias [M]

Bloom's diameter – 5cm to 10cm / 2" to 4"

CLASS

21. Miniature decorative – 3 blooms, one variety ... Show Container
22. Miniature cactus or semi-cactus – 3 blooms, one variety ... Show Container

Section 8: Miscellaneous Dahlias

CLASS

23. Ball – 3 blooms, one variety ... Show Container
24. Lacinated Dahlia – 1 bloom ... Show Container
25. **NEW!** Collarette – 3 blooms ... Show Container. **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Jan Dwyer**
26. Any other type – 1 bloom ... Show Container
27. Floating Dahlia – 1 bloom displayed in a bowl of water ... Exhibitor's Container

MISCELLANEOUS - SECTION 9

Pick up Miscellaneous entries on Sunday, Sept. 20.

See Important Note About Show Containers on next page.

Section 9: Miscellaneous Flowers

28. Gladiolus – 1 stem, any colour ... Show Container. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Vern Stephens**
29. Gladioli – 3 stems, variety of colours ... Show Container. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Vern Stephens**
30. Chrysanthemum – 1 bloom, any variety (stem debudded, with two or three leaves) ... Exhibitor's Container
31. Sunflowers – 3 stems, one or more varieties ... Exhibitor's Container
32. Hardy Fuchsia – 3 stems, one or more varieties ... Show Container
33. Hydrangea – 1 bloom ... Show Container
34. Hosta – 3 leaves, one or more varieties ... Show Container
35. Heather – 3 stems, one or more varieties ... Show Container
36. Flowering Vine – 1 cut ... Exhibitor's Container
37. Zinnia – 3 stems, one or more varieties ... Exhibitor's Container
38. Aster – 3 stems, one or more varieties ... Show Container
39. Rudbeckia – 3 stems, one or more varieties ... Show Container
40. Snapdragons – 3 stems, 1 or more varieties ... Exhibitor's Container. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Jan Dwyer**
41. Bowl of Marigolds and/or Calendulas – 1 or more varieties ... Exhibitor's Container
42. Collection of Annuals – 3 kinds, 1 stem each ... Show Container
43. Collection of Perennials – 5 kinds of garden flowers, excluding trees and shrubs, 1 stem each ... Show Container
44. Collection of Cultivated Grasses – Exhibitor's Container
45. Miscellaneous – 1 to 3 stems of a flower not listed ... Show Container

DIVISION 18 - FLOWERS

POTTED PLANTS - SECTIONS 10 & 11

Potted Plant entries must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least three months prior to the show.

Plants must be pest free and tidy – please ‘groom’ your entry at home by removing any pests or dead leaves.

Tall plants must be stable so they can be safely moved if necessary by one person.

Supply a tray to place under your entry to keep the table dry.

Plants should be named for the interest of the public.

Pick up Potted Plant entries by 6:30pm, Sunday, Sept. 20.

Section 10: Indoor Potted Plants

CLASS

46. Flowering indoor or greenhouse-grown plant
47. Cactus plant
48. Succulent plant
49. Collection of Cacti and/or Succulents – 6 plants in individual pots. Display pots on a tray or in a shallow box.

Section 11: Outdoor Potted Plants

CLASS

50. Upright Geranium plant
51. Upright Fuchsia plant
52. Potted Fern
53. An outdoor pot or container with a mixture of plants.

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NOVICE - SECTIONS 12 TO 16

These classes are open to anyone who has not won a ribbon in a competitive Flower Show.

Pick up Novice entries on Sunday, Sept. 20.

See Important Note About Show Containers below.

Section 12: Novice Decorative

Use Exhibitor's Container for Decorative entries.

CLASS

54. "Local" – a bouquet of native and/or pollinator-friendly flowers
55. "Focus on Fall" – a design of flowers plus vegetables, fruits and/or nuts, greenery is allowed. *Entry to be in one container or on a tray (if in multiple parts). This will ensure the entry will remain as a single unit if it's necessary to move it.*

Section 13: Novice Roses

CLASS

56. Rose – any variety, 1 specimen ... Show Container
57. Fragrant rose – 1 bloom, floating in a snifter or snifter-shaped bowl, no foliage ... Exhibitor's Container

Section 14: Novice Dahlias

Dahlias must be shown with 2 true leaves on the stem.

Stems must be debudded.

CLASS

58. Decorative – 1 bloom ... Show Container. **PRIZE:**
1st - \$20 | 2nd - \$10 donated by Vern Stephens
59. Any other type – 1 bloom ... Show Container. **PRIZE:**
1st - \$20 | 2nd - \$10 donated by Vern Stephens

Section 15: Novice Miscellaneous

CLASS

60. Collection of Annuals and/or Perennials – 3 kinds of garden flowers, 1 stem each ... Show Container

Section 16: Novice Potted Plants

CLASS

61. Cactus plant or Succulent plant
62. An outdoor pot or container with a mixture of plants.

*** IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT SHOW CONTAINERS ***

If you want to take home the flowers displayed in Show Containers, the flowers **MUST BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 4pm and 5:30pm, Sunday, Sept. 20.**

Otherwise Exhibition volunteers will compost those entries. Pick up other entries in Division 18 between 4pm and 6:30pm on Sunday, Sept. 20.

DIVISION 19 - FROM THE KITCHEN

CHAIRPERSON: Len Thew (778) 674-4329, lenthew@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Thursday, Sept. 17** - DELIVER From the Kitchen entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Entries must be in place no later than 6pm for judging.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm. All food must be collected that day; bring your claim checks. Any entries left after that date will be disposed of.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Please bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placing.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL INFORMATION & HALL RULES:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 19 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- Only 1 entry per exhibitor per class.
- This Division is open to amateurs and professionals.
- Please check that you are entering the correct number in each class, i.e. 3 muffins, 3 cookies, etc.
- Judges reserve the right to open and/or taste an entry.
- All entries must be made from scratch, no mixes.
- All baking entries should be covered for maximum freshness and visibility. Please choose something that is easy to re-close (i.e. plastic wrap, a clear bag or clear container) as the entry will be unwrapped during judging.

STANDARDS FOR BAKING:

YEAST BREADS - Well shaped, tender yet crisp, free from cracks, no large holes inside, no yeasty smell, sweet, nutty flavour.

QUICK BREADS - Even golden brown, level top, light and tender, no strong flavour of salt or baking powder.

MUFFINS - Rounded tops, moist, tender, no large holes inside, no strong flavour of salt or baking powder.

PIES - Pastry golden brown, flaky and tender, filling should be of a consistency to hold its shape when served.

CAKES - Evenly risen, fine even grain, light and springy, icing should not be too thick, should be creamy and not granular.

COOKIES - Uniform size, tender, moist, rolled cookies should be crisp but not tough, even colour top and bottom.

STANDARDS FOR PRESERVES:

CANNING - Product should be uniform in size and colour, half inch head space, no cloudiness or sediment, metal band should be free from rust and easy to remove. *Note: paraffin is no longer recommended as a reliable seal.*

JAMS AND JELLIES - Quarter-inch head space, natural fruit flavour, not too sweet, nice consistency, not too runny or too thick, no sign of mould, jellies should be clear and sparkling with no fruit, pulp or seeds.

Section 1: Baking

CLASS

- Bread, White – 1 loaf
- Bread, Sourdough – 1 loaf
- NEW!** Bannock – 3, traditional Indigenous fry bread
- Bread, any other variety – 1 loaf.
- NEW!** Cornbread – 3 squares
- NEW!** Pakora – 3, traditional Indian fritter
- Baking Powder Biscuits – 3
- NEW!** Scones – 3, any variety
- Cinnamon Buns (Yeast) – 3
- Muffins, any variety – 3
- Loaf, Zucchini – 1
- Loaf, Banana – 1. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 Gift Card | Thrifty Foods**
- Loaf, any other variety – 1
- My Favorite Poppy Seed recipe – entry to be appropriate number: cake/loaf - 1, muffins/squares - 3, cookies - 3
- Anything Pumpkin but Pie!
- Biscotti, any variety – 3
- Cookies, Shortbread, traditional – 3
- Cookies, Shortbread, another variety – 3, i.e. lavender, lemon
- Cookies, Chocolate Chip – 3. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 | donated by the McAdam Family**
- Cookies, Peanut Butter – 3
- 21. NEW!** Cookies, Ginger Snap – 3. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 | donated by the McAdam Family**
- Cookies, any other variety – 3
- Cake, Family Favourite
- Cake, Carrot
- 25. NEW!** Cake, made from a root vegetable other than carrots (i.e. beets, parsnips), identify root on entry tag. **PRIZES: 1st - \$15 | 2nd - \$10 | donated by Jan Dwyer**
- Cake, Chocolate, iced
- Cake, Decorated. Judged on appearance only, an artificial form may be used.
- Favourite Holiday Treat – Christmas
- Favourite Holiday Treat – any other holiday, please identify.
- Nanaimo Bars – 3
- Squares, fruit and/or nuts – 3
- Cereal Squares – 3, must contain breakfast cereal
- Chocolate Squares – 3. No Nanaimo Bars.
- 34. NEW!** Brownies – 3
- Pie – Pumpkin
- Pie – Apple, any type top. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Lois MacMillan**

37. Pie – Fruit, any other variety, i.e. blackberry, Saskatoon berry
38. NEW! Cobbler/Crisp, any variety
39. NEW! Anything Rhubarb
40. NEW! Cheesecake – 1 slice
 41. Tarts, Butter – 3
 42. Tarts, any other variety – 3
 43. “Death By Chocolate” – decadent dessert made primarily of chocolate
 44. Fudge – 3 pieces
 45. Candy, any other variety (e.g. chocolate, brittle) – 3
 46. 2026 Theme: “Proudly Canadian”. Any edible baked goods containing maple. Non-edible decorations allowed.
PRIZE: 1st - \$10 Gift Card | Thrifty Foods
 47. Baked Imposters! A sweet baked item that resembles a savoury dish (i.e. pizza, hamburger, tacos). Include a brief description about your entry.
 48. Cake made by a man



Section 2: Jams & Jellies with Pectin

Jars to be at least 4 oz (125 ml), properly sealed and labeled with the type of jam or jelly. If a non-commercial pectin has been used, please identify its source.

CLASS

49. Jam – Strawberry, 1 jar
 50. Jam – Raspberry, 1 jar
 51. Jam – Blackberry, 1 jar. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 Gift Card | Thrifty Foods**
 52. Jam – Mixed Fruits, 1 jar
 53. Marmalade (citrus fruits), 1 jar
 54. Jam – any other variety (non-freezer), 1 jar
 55. Jam – Freezer, any variety, 1 jar
 56. Jelly – Blackberry, 1 jar
 57. Jelly – Raspberry, 1 jar
 58. Jelly – Plum, 1 jar
 59. Jelly – Pepper, 1 jar
 60. Jelly – Concord Grape, 1 jar
 61. Jelly – any other variety, 1 jar

Section 3: Jams & Jellies without Pectin

Jars to be at least 4 oz (125 ml), properly sealed and labeled with the type of jam or jelly.

CLASS

62. Jam – any variety, 1 jar
 63. Jelly – any variety, 1 jar
 64. Blackberry – 1 jar
 65. Pepper – 1 jar
 66. Grape – 1 jar. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 Gift Card | Thrifty Foods**
 67. Crabapple – 1 jar
 68. Marmalade (citrus fruits), 1 jar
 69. Any other variety – 1 jar

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“From the Kitchen” Divisions
19 and 30 (Juniors)

Chicken Wing Challenge



Think your chicken wing sauce has what it takes to wow our celebrity judge? Bring your signature house-made sauce and recipe and show off your culinary creativity!

Enter Division 19, Section 7 in From the Kitchen

Submit enough sauce for at least 6 wings.
 Drop it off at the Cowichan Exhibition by NOON on Sept. 20.
 Judging begins 1 PM on Sept. 20 with celebrity
 Chef Fatima Da Silva!

CHECK OUT THESE FANTASTIC PRIZES!

1st Prize: \$100 Cash PLUS the winning sauce and recipe
 will be featured at the Craig Street Brew Pub

2nd Prize: \$50 Cash

3rd Prize: \$50 Gift Certificate to the Craig Street Brew Pub

Think you've got the secret sauce?

Bring the heat. Bring the flavor. Bring your best!

**Wings supplied and cooked by Craig Street Chef. Sauce Recipe
 may need to be modified to work in a restaurant environment.*



DIVISION 19 - FROM THE KITCHEN

Section 4: Fruits, Vegetables, Pickles

All bottles must be labeled.

CLASS #

70. Bottled Fruits – 1 pint
71. Bottled Vegetables – 1 pint. Present in a basket, use the Exhibition's Theme: "Proudly Canadian" as inspiration for your display. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 Gift Card | Thrifty Foods**
72. Herbal Vinegar (tarragon, rosemary, etc.)
73. Plain Vinegar
74. Relish, sweet – 1 jar
75. Relish, spicy – 1 jar
76. Fruit Chutney – 1 jar
77. Fruit Chutney, Hot – 1 jar
78. Dill Pickles (must be cured) – 1 jar. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 Gift Card | Thrifty Foods**
79. Pickled Onions – 1 jar
80. Mincemeat – 1 jar
81. Mustard Pickles – 1 jar
82. Pesto – 1 jar
83. Pickled Beets – 1 jar
84. Bread & Butter Pickles – 1 jar
85. Pickles, any other variety (e.g. eggs, beans, carrots) – 1 jar
86. Antipasto – 1 jar
87. Chili Sauce – 1 jar
88. Salsa Sauce – 1 jar
89. Tomato Sauce – 1 jar

Section 5: Syrups

All bottles must be labeled.

CLASS #

90. Maple Syrup – 1 bottle
91. Fruit Syrup - 1 bottle, please identify

Section 6: Fish

Jars to be at least 4 oz (125 ml), properly sealed and labeled.

CLASS #

92. Canned Salmon
93. Canned Fish, any other variety
94. Smoked Fish

Section 7: Chicken Wing Challenge

Do you have a favourite sauce to serve with chicken wings? Make enough sauce for 6 wings and bring it and the recipe to the Exhibition Office by noon on Sunday, September 20. The wings will be supplied and cooked by the chef at the Craig Street Brew Pub. Celebrity chef Fatima Da Silva will judge the entries.

CLASS #

95. Sauce & Recipe. **PRIZES: 1st - \$100 Cash PLUS sauce and recipe will be featured at the Craig Street Brew Pub | 2nd - \$50 Cash | 3rd - \$50 Gift Card | sponsored by Craig Street Brew Pub**



Tractor Pull SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 1pm Practice / Antique Tractors
6pm Demonstration / Antique Tractors

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 10am Antique Tractors
2pm Ladies' Competition / Supplied Tractor
6pm Antique Tractors

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 1pm Antique Tractors

ENTRY FEE \$10

**PRIZES!
TROPHIES &
RIBBONS**

Participants enter on day of event at the Tractor Pull announcer's booth. Entrants must be 18 years or older.

CHAIRPERSONS:

Craig Fredrickson / 250 746-2345
Tom Evans / 250 748-2404

DIVISION 21 - FINE ARTS

CHAIRPERSON: Mary-margret Degraaf (250) 710-9447

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 15** - DELIVER Fine Arts entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm, or during the following week from 9:30am to 4pm. Please bring your claim checks.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placing.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

* IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT FRAMING *

All pictures must be properly framed and ready to hang with wire securely attached across the back of the frame.
Entries that do not meet this requirement may not be accepted. **NO EASEL-STYLE FRAMES.**

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Fine Arts

Station Street Gallery & Frame Shop • Linda Roseneck, owner

Shirley McGuinness Award

PRIZE: \$150 Merchandise Award

Section 1: Challenge Classes (open to all ages)

Please identify your entry's medium.

CLASS

1. 2026 Theme Challenge: "Proudly Canadian" – any medium. **PRIZE: 1st - \$50 Gift Certificate & Art Supplies | Excellent Frameworks, Duncan**
2. 2026 Colour Challenge: predominantly Red & White – any medium. **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 | donated by ART**
3. Design a Postage Stamp! Be inspired by the 2026 theme: "Proudly Canadian" and colours: Red & White. Stamp must have these features: country Canada, face value \$5, and border to look like typical stamp perforations. Maximum frame size 8.5" x 11".
PRIZES: 1st - \$20 | 2nd - \$10 | Cowichan Valley Stamp Club
4. "Biodiversity" – West Coast flora and/or fauna. Any medium, 2-D (maximum 36" x 26", 92cm x 66cm) or 3-D.
PRIZE: 1st - \$25 | Nature Cowichan
5. "Postcard Poetry" – write an original haiku (5-7-5 syllables) and pair it with a 5" x 7" image. Any medium, max. frame size 8.5" x 11". **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 Gift Certificate | Little Bird, Duncan**

Section 2: 2-D Art

All 2-D art must be framed, see Important Note above.

CLASS

6. Handmade Print – original, includes lino, block, stamp printing, screen printing, mono prints, gelli prints and handmade pattern work. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | Printmakers Only Group, Duncan**
7. Acrylics. **PRIZE: 1st - \$100 | In Memory of Donna Riddler**
8. Watercolour

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 21 RULES:

- a. Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- b. One entry per exhibitor per class.
- c. Size limit: 36" x 26" [92cm x 66cm].
- d. With the exception of the Challenge classes #1 to #5, images may be any subject.
- e. All work must have been finished within the last year.

9. **NEW!** Pencil or Charcoal Drawing – graphite or charcoal, sketching or detailed work
10. **NEW!** Pen & Ink Drawing – line work using pen, ink, or marker, sketching or detailed work
11. **NEW!** Colour! Drawing with Colour – coloured pencil, pastel, chalk, sketching or detailed work
12. Comics, Cartoons & Caricature. **PRIZE: 1st - \$50 | Russ Batyi**
13. Calligraphy Art– explore creative lettering styles using patterns, watercolour accents, and/or embossing. **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 | Warmland Calligraphers, Duncan**
14. Mixed Media – 2D artwork combining different materials. **PRIZE: 1st - \$50 credit for an Arts Council program | Cowichan Valley Arts Council**
15. Digital Art – using any program (Photoshop, Illustrator, Procreate, Blender, etc.). **PRIZE: 1st - \$30 | The VIU Graphic Design Department**
16. **NEW!** Bad Art ... on Purpose! – create something intentionally weird, chaotic, or imperfect. Have fun with it! Any medium. **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Anon**
17. **NEW!** Mini Art – create an original artwork, max. image size 4" x 4" or smaller. Any medium, entry must be framed.
18. Framed art – any other 2-D technique

Section 3: 3-D Art

CLASS

19. Sketchbook Showcase – share your personal sketchbook or art journal. Bookmark favourite pages showing ideas, sketches, or experiments.
20. Greeting Card – handmade components, original design
21. 3-D Art – any medium, max. 12" x 12" x 15" [30cm x 30cm x 38cm]. Sculpture, handmade book, papier mâché.

While we acknowledge some artists are embracing AI-generated technology, the Fair's Fine Arts division chooses to celebrate art created by humans.

DIVISION 22 - PHOTOGRAPHY

CO-CHAIRPERSONS: Randy Blake (250) 252-6050, Leo Mosley (250) 936-9069

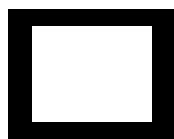
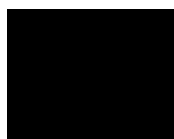
IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **** Aug. 24 to Sept. 11** - DELIVER Photography entries to the Exhibition Office between 9:30am and 4pm.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4:30pm - 6:30pm, or during the following week from 9:30am to 4pm. Please bring your claim checks.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

DIV. 22 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- All photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor and not shown in a previous Cowichan Exhibition.
- No marks or logos identifying photographer on the image.
- Images not suitable for family viewing will not be accepted.
- One (1) entry per exhibitor per class.
- PRINT SIZE:** 8" x 10" or 8" x 12".
- PRESENTING YOUR ENTRY:** mount the photo on an 11" x 14" black mat board or poster board OR in an 11" x 14" black window (mat board or poster board). Black mats are available at EXCELLENT FRAMEWORKS, JUST FRAMING, LONDON DRUGS, and STATION STREET GALLERY & FRAME SHOP.



Important!
The photo **MUST BE** securely attached to board or window.

- IDENTIFICATION:** Label each entry on the back of the mount in the top left corner with Section, Class #, Title and Exhibitor's Name. Do not write on the front.

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

TIPS FROM THE COWICHAN VALLEY CAMERA CLUB

GENERAL:

- Print is free of smudges, scratches and finger prints.
- Print quality is important; consider having your image printed commercially.
- Great light makes great pictures. Use soft lighting for people, and early morning or late day lighting for landscapes. Avoid midday sun.
- When photographing pets, compose your image at eye level; it will let their personality shine through.
- When composing pictures involving a horizon, i.e. landscapes or seascapes, ensure the horizon is level (horizontally aligned).

SUCCESSFUL IMAGES INCORPORATE THESE ELEMENTS:

- **IMPACT.** An emotional reaction or sense of wonder.
- **CREATIVITY.** A fresh expression of imagination or subject.
- **GOOD COMPOSITION.** Visual elements work together in a deliberate and purposeful way to express the vision of the photographer. Make good use of lines, shapes, textures, patterns and colour.
- **TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE.** Focus, depth of field, cropping, good exposure (no over-exposed highlights or underexposed shadows), effective post-processing.
- **GOOD LIGHTING.** Adds dimension and shape to enhance the image.
- **CENTRE OF INTEREST.** The point(s) in the image are well-defined, in-focus and dominant.
- **SUBJECT MATTER.** Appropriate to the category and the story being told.
- **COLOUR BALANCE.** Colours and tones work together to support and enhance the image.

**** IMPORTANT DEADLINE! ** FRIDAY, SEPT 11** is the last day photographs (Open & Juniors) will be accepted. This deadline ensures our Photography committee has time once all classes are judged to label the entries and hang the show.

Section 1: Beginner's Level

For exhibitors who are new photographers or who have some photography experience. If you have previously won prizes for your photographs, please go to Section 2: Open Level.

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Photo . . . Beginner's Level

Sponsor: Just Framing, Duncan

PRIZE: \$60 FRAMING CREDIT

CLASS

1. People – portrait of one or more persons
2. Nature – wild animals or plants (no hand of man)
3. Animals – farm animals including pets
4. **NEW!** Playing with Colour – image to be predominantly red and white

5. Action – any photo that captures motion as its main subject
6. Architecture in the Cowichan Valley – a constructed form or any part of it
7. Sunrise/Sunset/Skies/Moon
8. Humour
9. Macro/Close-up – the subject is greater than life size
10. Photo Journalism – any subject, should tell a story
11. Assigned – 2026: "Canada Proud" – something unique to Canada: a point of interest, a product, a practice, a people... show your love for Canada. **PRIZE: 1st - Cowichan Valley Camera Club Family membership (\$55 value)**
12. "You Gotta See This!" – a CVRD Tourist Attraction

DIVISION 22 - PHOTOGRAPHY

Section 2: Open Level

For exhibitors with more experience in photographic composition and technical skills.

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Photo . . . Open Level

Sponsor: Just Framing, Duncan

PRIZE: \$60 FRAMING CREDIT



CLASS

13. People – portrait of one or more persons
14. Nature – wild animals or plants (no hand of man)
15. Animals – farm animals including pets
16. **NEW!** Playing with Colour – image to be predominantly red and white
17. Action – any photo that captures motion as its main subject
18. Architecture in the Cowichan Valley – a constructed form or any part of it
19. Farming in the Cowichan Valley
20. Landscape/Seascape
21. Sunrise/Sunset/Skies/Moon
22. Humour
23. Macro/Close-up – the subject is greater than life size
24. Photo Journalism – any subject, should tell a story
25. Assigned – 2026: “Canada Proud” – something unique to Canada: a point of interest, a product, a practice, a people... show your love for Canada. **PRIZE: 1st - Cowichan Valley Camera Club Family membership (\$55 value)**
26. **NEW!** “Black & White” – any subject
27. “At the Fair” – a memory from the 2025 Cowichan Exhibition: tractor pull, horse show, midway, Hall display, logger sports, zucchini races, stilt walker...

Section 3: Wild About Nature (open to all)

Juniors may also compete by following the rules for Div. 22.

CLASS

28. One or more native plants and/or animals. **PRIZE: 1st - \$25**
| sponsored by Nature Cowichan

Section 4: Valley Voice Challenge (open to all)

Juniors may also compete by following the rules for Div. 22.

CLASS

29. Quintessential “Cowichan” Backyard BBQ – include locally grown/sourced/produced products in the image. Provide a brief printed description of how everything is related to Cowichan. Both photo and description to be mounted on one 11” x 14” black board. **PRIZES: 1st - \$75 | 2nd - \$50 | \$25 | sponsored by Cowichan Valley Voice Magazine**

PLEASE NOTE: By entering this class, you give permission for your photo and name to be published in an upcoming issue of Cowichan Valley Voice.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

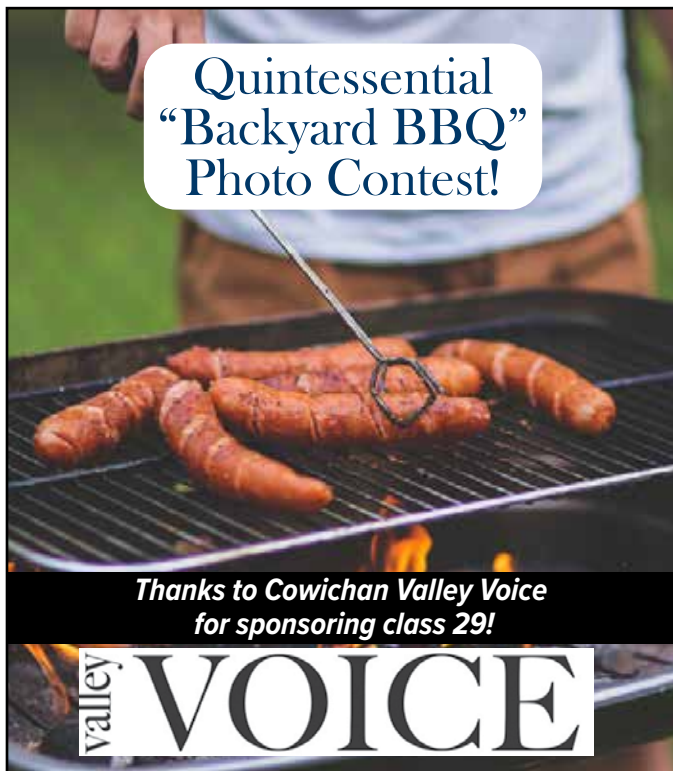
Outstanding Entries . . . Photography

Sponsor: London Drugs, Duncan

PRESIDENT’S PICK AWARDS

Three winners will be selected from all 1st place entries.

- **1st PRIZE: 18” x 24” Canvas Gallery Wrap (\$143 value)**
- **2nd PRIZE: 12” x 18” Canvas Gallery Wrap (\$88 value)**
- **3rd PRIZE: 8” x 10” Canvas Gallery Wrap (\$60 value)**



DIVISION 23 - HOBBIES & CRAFTS

CHAIRPERSON: Dorothy Sjostrom (250) 748-6999

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 16** - DELIVER entries for Hobbies & Crafts to Mellor Hall between 10am and 6pm.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm, or during the following week from 9:30am to 4pm. Please bring your claim checks.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 23 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- Only 1 entry per exhibitor per class.
- Open to amateurs and professionals. Entrants must not display promotional material with their entries.
- The term "medium" refers to the materials used to produce the hobby or craft.
- "A.O.V." means Any Other Variety.
- If you wish to enter an item that is larger than average or very valuable, please contact the Chairperson prior to registering the entry for the fair.

Section 1: Miscellaneous Classes

CLASS

- Theme Challenge: "Proudly Canadian" – any item made from pieces of one or more recycled hockey sticks, max. size of base: 38cm x 38cm [15" x 15"]. **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 | sponsored by Island Return It**
- Colour Challenge – wearable jewellery (*non-plastic*) in Red & White, other colours may also be used. **PRIZES: 1st - \$30 Gift Certificate | 2nd - \$20 Gift Certificate | 3rd - \$10 Gift Certificate | sponsor Island Gem and Bead Supply Ltd.**
- Model – from scratch, not a kit. If entry is larger than 20" [50cm] in any dimension (width, depth or height), contact the chairperson prior to the fair regarding table space (rule f).
- Collection (no coins or stamps) – maximum size: 24" x 24" [61cm x 61cm], please label. *Entry MUST be covered and MUST be displayed on a solid base so it can be moved as one unit. The collection, in whole or in part, cannot have been entered in a previous Cowichan Exhibition.*
- Christmas craft – any item, any medium
- Halloween craft – any item, any medium
- Holiday craft – decoration used for any other holiday, i.e., Kwanzaa, Flag Day, Thanksgiving, July 1st. Identify holiday.
- Pottery – hand made
- "By the Sea" – a decoration created with things from the sea shore, e.g. rocks, shells, driftwood. Accessories allowed.
- Angel – any medium.
- Fairy door – create a small portal for your backyard
- Painted rock – must be a natural rock
- Diamond Dotz or similar product – large, from kit or original design. Dimensions of project: minimum 30cm [12"], maximum 41cm, [16"] high, *plus* frame.
- Diamond Dotz or similar product – small, original design. Dimensions of project: no larger than 30cm [12"] in width or height, *plus* frame.
- Lego: "Out of This World" – an original design inspired by Canada's contributions to the Space program (i.e. James Webb telescope, Canadarm, astronaut Chris Hadfield, Jeremy Hansen). Build entry on a base max. 25cm x 25cm [10" x 10"]. All pieces to be securely attached. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 gift certificate | The Red Balloon Toyshop, Duncan**

- Zentangle-inspired Card – decorate the front of a card with a design in black & white lines, colour optional.
- Hobby or craft – A.O.V. not listed. Contact the Chairperson if unsure about appropriate class or size (rule e).

Section 2: Recycling Classes

Entry to be constructed primarily from the reclaimed material(s) listed. Accessories allowed, item can be finished (i.e. with paint) or embellished (i.e. with stitchery). Include info on the original item(s): a picture, part of the original article, or a short printed description.

*** NOTE:** *It must be possible to disassemble the entry later for recycling.*

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Best in Show . . . Recycling

SPONSOR: CVRD Recycling and Waste Management

SPECIAL PRIZES: 1st - \$50 | 2nd - \$30 | 3rd - \$20

Three outstanding entries will be chosen from classes 18 to 24.

CLASS

- Article made of recycled metal
- Article made of recycled glass
- Article made of recycled fabrics
- Article made of recycled paper
- Article made of recycled plastics
- Article made of recycled wood
- "Something out of nothing" – entry constructed from three or more different types of recycled materials; all parts to be securely attached.

Enter your Lego Masterpiece to WIN a \$20 gift certificate to the Red Balloon Toy Shop!



See Division 23 (open to all ages)
and Junior Exhibitors can enter
Division 30, Section 36

DIVISION 23 - HOBBIES & CRAFTS

Section 3: Woodworking Classes

Suggested maximum dimensions – 60cm x 60cm x 60cm [24" x 24" x 24"]. If entry is larger, but still easily moved by one person, contact the Chairperson regarding delivery.

SPECIAL AWARD:

Best in Show . . . Woodworking

Live Edge Design, Duncan

SPECIAL PRIZE: \$75

CLASS

25. Article made with hand tools
26. Item made from driftwood, roots or burl
27. Toy or puzzle
28. Wood carving – by hand or machine, specify on entry tag
29. Chip carving
30. A.O.V. – any project not listed above

Section 4: Challenge Classes (open to all)

CLASS

31. Gardening Hat Contest – decorate a hat (new, old, handmade or purchased) to wear while out in the garden. Give it a title. Be inspired by this year's theme: "Proudly Canadian". **PRIZES: 1st - \$75 | 2nd - \$50 | 3rd - \$25 | sponsored by Dinter Nursery**

Section 5: Special Needs (open to all ages)

PRIZE MONEY: Sponsored by Betty James

1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 | 3rd - \$2 (unless specified otherwise)

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Special Needs

SPONSOR: Betty James

SPECIAL PRIZE: \$15

CLASS

32. 2026 Theme: "Proudly Canadian" – a collage using any medium, max. 8.5" x 11" [22cm x 28cm].
33. Fridge magnets (2) inspired by the solar system, i.e., sun, moon, stars – made from plasticine, dough art, or any modelling clay. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 | donated by ART**
34. Painted rock – design inspired by Canadian wildflowers
35. Beach art – item assembled from 'treasures' found on the shore, i.e., shells, driftwood, glass. All parts must be securely attached to a base so entry can be moved as one piece. Max. 25cm x 25cm [10" x 10"].
36. Painting – any medium, max. 40cm x 50cm [16" x 20"]
37. **NEW!** What a Cool Cap! – decorate a ball cap with buttons, pins, pompoms, beads, paint, ribbon. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 | donated by ART**
38. Papier mâché coaster
39. Any other item, max. 8" x 8" x 8" [20cm x 20cm x 20cm]

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DIVISION 24 - SPINNING, WEAVING & FIBRE ARTS

CHAIRPERSON: Janine Reed (250) 929-2700

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 15** - DELIVER Spinning, Weaving & Fibre Arts entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm, or during the following week from 9:30am to 4pm. Please bring your claim checks.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 24 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- One entry per exhibitor per class.
- Label each entry as required by the Section instructions.
- All entries to have been completed within the last 2 years.

Register on-line here: www.assistexpo.ca/cowichan-exhibition

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Sponsor: Tzouhalem Spinners & Weavers Guild, Duncan

PRIZE: \$25 | In Memoriam – Exhibitor with Most Entries

PRIZE: \$15 each | Exceptional Entries (two)

Section 1: Challenge Classes (open to all)

Use any technique(s) appropriate for this division.

CLASS

1. “2026 Colours.” Red & White, plus one or more colours that make you think of Canada. **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Alison Irwin**
2. “Proudly Canadian.” Make something of any colour that celebrates the fair’s theme. **PRIZES: 1st - \$20 | 2nd - \$10 | donated by Tzouhalem Guild members**
3. “Make Do!” Re-use, up-cycle...dig into your stash or someone else’s treasures to create a new project without purchasing more fibre or threads. **PRIZES: 1st - \$20 | 2nd - \$10 | donated by Tzouhalem Guild members**
4. **NEW!** “Wonderful Local Wool.” Take an Island fleece and turn it into a wearable. Work solo or as a team – all aspects of the item’s production (processing, spinning, dyeing, making) must be hand done. Include a piece of the unspun fibre with the entry. **PRIZES: 1st - \$75 | 2nd - \$50 | 3rd - \$25 | donated by Cherry Nettleton, Jan Dwyer & Janine Reed**

Section 2: Spinning

Skein to be at least 25 yd [23m]. Include a sample of the unspun fibre(s). Identify fibre, source, and preparation for spinning.

CLASS

5. Handspun skein – Novice (spinning less than 2 years)
6. Handspun skein – Wheel spun
7. Handspun skein – Spindle spun
8. Handspun skein – Designer Yarn. An unusual yarn with a strand of a commercial yarn or thread as part of its structure.
9. Spin for a purpose: Wearables. One skein plus a fabric swatch [4” x 4”; 10cm x 10cm] of the planned project – i.e. sweater, socks, shawl, etc.
10. Spin for a purpose: For the Home. One skein plus a fabric swatch [4” x 4”; 10cm x 10cm] of the planned project – i.e. table runner, rug, hanging, etc.

11. Accessory: For the head, hands, or feet – i.e. hat, gloves, mitts, slippers or socks from handspun yarn
12. “It’s a Wrap” – scarf, cowl, shawl or stole from handspun yarn(s)
13. Any other item made from handspun yarn

Section 3: Weaving

With each entry, include the following information on a card:

- identify thread(s), include a sample of each
- technique (i.e. 4-shaft waffle weave)
- type of loom (i.e. rigid heddle)

CLASS

14. Any project by a Novice (weaving less than 2 years)
15. Garment
16. Scarf, shawl or stole woven with commercial yarn
17. Small Project: For the Home. A smaller item, finished with simple hems or fringes – i.e. table runner, tea towel, hand towel, two placemats, etc.
18. Large Project: For the Home. A larger item, i.e. bath towel, floor rug, lap robe, afghan. **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 | In Memory of Margaret Mitchell**
19. Project: Made up – i.e. cushion, bag, toy, etc.
20. Wall hanging or tapestry
21. Woven band or braided cord – i.e. inkle weaving, card or tablet weaving, Kumihimo braiding, etc.
22. Basket: Any technique, any material

Section 4: Felting

CLASS

23. Sculptural item of handmade felt (non-woven)
24. Accessory or garment – handmade felt or fulled fabric

Section 5: Show & Tell Fibre Arts

What inspired your project? Bring in the item PLUS its story. The project can be any size; its story must be printed on paper no larger than 22cm wide x 28cm [8.5” x 11”]. These entries are for display only and are not judged.

CLASS

25. Miscellaneous fibre arts (display only)
26. Bobbin Lace celebration (display only)

DIVISION 25 - CREATIVE STITCHERY

CO-CHAIRPERSONS: Zerena Caplin, creativestitcherycowex@proton.me

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 15** - DELIVER Creative Stitchery entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Entry tags to be securely attached.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm, or during the following week from 9:30am to 4pm. Bring your claim checks.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

* DISPLAYING FRAMED ENTRIES *

All framed work must be ready to hang
with wire securely attached across the back of the frame.

DIV. 25 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- One entry per exhibitor per class. All entries must be the sole work of the exhibitor unless otherwise stated.
- All embroidery must be by hand, no machine embroidery.
- Entry to have been completed within the last 2 years.
- All framed pictures must have a wire SECURELY ATTACHED across the back of the frame for hanging.
- Please specify overall frame dimensions on the entry form under 'catalogue description'.
- Where there is a definite class for an article, that item must be exhibited in that class. The chairperson may move any entry entered in the wrong class to the appropriate class.
- Optional - on a 3" x 5" card include pattern name and source, type(s) of fabric, thread(s) and material used, and information regarding the construction process. Attach card to entry tag.
- The chairperson reserves the right to refuse to display any entry that is unfinished, soiled, or obviously damaged.

SPECIAL AWARD:

People's Choice . . . Creative Stitchery

Cowichan Valley Needlearts Guild

PRIZE: \$30

SPECIAL AWARD:

Best in Section #1 . . . Canvas Work

The Stitcher's Muse Needleart, Nanaimo

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Certificate

Section 1: Canvas Work

For displaying framed entries, see rule g.

CLASS

- Petit point, any size
- Needlepoint, any size – may use a variety of stitches
- Plastic canvas. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**

Section 2: Embroidery

Decorative stitches (not counted) on fabric.

For displaying framed entries, see rule g.

CLASS

- Embroidery – finished, not framed, e.g. pillow, bag.
PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan
- Embroidery – framed. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
- Cutwork
- Crewel embroidery – wool
- Crewel embroidery – not wool
- Sashiko & Boro. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
- Any other technique or combination of techniques.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to All Tied Up in Duncan for your continued support of the Cowichan Exhibition!

Section 3: Woolwork Appliqué

CLASS

- Woolwork – small item. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
- Woolwork – large item. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**

SPECIAL AWARD:

Best in Section #4 . . . Counted Thread

The Stitcher's Muse Needleart, Nanaimo

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Certificate

Section 4: Counted Thread

Stitches (i.e. cross-stitch, Hardanger, Blackwork) worked on fabrics such as linen, Aida, etc. For displaying framed entries, see rule e.

CLASS

- Counted thread, stitching less than 6" wide – framed
- Counted thread, stitching 6"-12" wide – framed
- Counted thread, stitching wider than 12" – framed
- Counted thread – finished, not framed, e.g. pillow, bag.
PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan
- Hardanger – any article
- Blackwork – any article
- Any other counted thread technique
- Any stitchery technique or combination of techniques

DIVISION 25 - CREATIVE STITCHERY

SPECIAL AWARD:

Best in Section #5 . . . Senior Creative Stitchery

The Stitcher's Muse Needleart, Nanaimo

PRIZE: \$20 Gift Certificate

Section 5: Senior Creative Stitchery (65+)

For displaying framed entries, see rule e.

CLASS

21. Any article with stitchery (65 - 75). **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
22. Any article with stitchery (76 & older). **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**

SPECIAL AWARD:

Best in Section #6 . . . Special Projects

The Stitcher's Muse Needleart, Nanaimo

PRIZE: \$20 Gift Certificate

Section 6: Special Projects (open to all ages)

For displaying framed entries, see rule e.

CLASS

23. 2026 Colour Challenge: predominantly Red & White, may include other colours. **PRIZE: 1st - \$15 | donated by Alison Irwin**
24. 2026 Theme Challenge: hand embroidery, any item inspired by "Proudly Canadian"
25. Christmas embroidery – any item
26. Any other holiday or seasonal item
27. Smalls: needlework or sewing accessory – such as a needle book, pincushion, scissor case, hussif. May be a single item or a matched set (2 or more pieces).
28. Exhibitor's original design – any embroidery technique or combination of techniques, design must be wholly original. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
29. Any project by a novice – exhibitor has been stitching for no more than 3 years

Section 7: Display Only, not judged (open to all)

For displaying framed entries, see rule e.

CLASS

30. **NEW!** UFO (Unfinished Object) - at least 10 years old, include the story as to why it's still a UFO.
31. **NEW!** Small Grouping of 2 or more embroidered items (not class #27 Smalls), such as a set of themed ornaments, or a collection of similar items. Any framed pieces must be under 6 inches.



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*see Division 14, page 32



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DIVISION 26 - KNITTING & CROCHET

KNITTING & CROCHET

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact the Exhibition Office (250) 748-0822

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 15** - DELIVER Knitting & Crochet entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Take care that entry tags are securely attached.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm, or during the following week from 9:30am to 4pm. Bring your claim checks.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 26 RULES:

- a. Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- b. One entry per exhibitor per class.
- c. All entries must be the sole work of the exhibitor and must have been completed within the last 2 years.
- d. Where there is a definite class for an article, that item must be entered in that class. The Chairperson may move entries to the correct class.
- e. Any entry that is unfinished, soiled, or in an obviously damaged condition will not be judged nor displayed.
- f. Optional – on a 5"x 3" card, add the pattern name/source, type(s) of yarn and type of construction. Attach to entry tag.

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Section #1 - Hand Knitting

All Tied Up, Duncan

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Certificate

Section 1: Hand Knitting

CLASS

1. Sweater for adult – cables or textured stitches. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | donated by Lois MacMillan**
2. Sweater for adult – carried yarn. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
3. Sweater for adult – plain knitting.
4. Sweater for child or baby. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
5. Socks – 1 pair
6. Hat
7. Mittens
8. Scarf or cowl
9. Toy
10. Project by novice (knitting less than 2 years)
11. Any hand-knit article not listed above. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Section #2 - Machine Knitting

All Tied Up, Duncan

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Certificate

Section 2: Machine Knitting

CLASS

12. Adult garment
13. Child's garment
14. Project by novice (machine knitting for less than 2 years)
15. Any machine-knitted article not listed above

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DIVISION 26 - KNITTING & CROCHET

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Section #3 - Senior Hand Knitting

All Tied Up, Duncan

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Certificate

Section 3: Senior Hand Knitting (65+)

CLASS

16. Socks. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
17. Hat
18. Scarf or cowl. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
19. Any hand-knit article not listed above

Section 4: Knitting Challenge (open to all)

CLASS

20. 2026 Theme Challenge: "Proudly Canadian" – toque. Predominantly red & white; other colours may also be used.

***Please remember your
CLAIM CHECK when
picking up your entries on
Sunday - see sample below**

CLAIM CHECK
EXHIBITOR

John Smith
Chemainus, BC
Division 23, Section 5, Class 24
Ex# 256

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Section #5 - Crochet

All Tied Up, Duncan

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Certificate

Section 5: Crochet

CLASS

21. Toy
22. Garment for adult
23. Garment for child or baby. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
24. Accessory
25. Afghan or blanket, max. size 48" x 60". **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
26. Any crocheted article not listed above

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Section #5 - Crochet

All Tied Up, Duncan

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Certificate

Section 6: Crochet Challenge (open to all)

CLASS

27. 2026 Theme Challenge: "Proudly Canadian" – scarf. Palette predominantly red & white, other colours may also be used.

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DIVISION 27 - QUILTS IN THE BARN

CHAIRPERSON: Robbin Olive (250) 709-2348

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 15** - DELIVER Quilts in the Barn entries with entry tags attached to Barn #1 between 10am and 5:30pm. Late arrival entries may not be judged but will be displayed.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4:30pm - 6:30 pm, or the following week from 9:30am to 4pm. Bring your claim checks.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

* WHERE TO PIN THE ENTRY TAG *

Quilters, please attach the tag to the front of your entry on the lower right. Remember to tear off AND save the claim check.

DIV. 27 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- Only 1 entry per exhibitor per class.
- NEW!** Definition – a quilt is comprised of 3 layers of fabric (backing, batting, and quilt top) joined by stitching or tying.
- Entry must be the sole work of the exhibitor unless otherwise stated.
- Entry to have been completed within the last 2 years.
- On a 3" x 5" card, print the following: pattern name/ source, type(s) of fabric used, information regarding the construction process, and, if applicable, the name of the individual or business if someone other than the exhibitor did the quilting. Attach the card to the back of your quilt.
- The Chairperson may move an entry to a different more appropriate class.
- The Chairperson may refuse to display any entry that is unfinished, soiled, or in an obviously damaged condition.



SPECIAL AWARDS:

Best Of Show . . . Judge's Choice

Snip & Stitch, Nanaimo

PRIZE: \$50 Gift Certificate

People's Choice

Fabricland, Duncan

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Certificate

Section 1: Large Quilts

60" or more in width.

CLASS

- Large quilt from a kit – a pattern sold with curated fabrics.
PRIZE: 1st - \$25 Credit for Long Arm Quilting | donated by Hazel Morse
- Large quilt – use at least 2 different construction techniques, e.g. appliqué, foundation paper piecing, machine/hand piecing, etc. Work of one person. **PRIZE: 1st - \$50 | Blackberry Port Quilters**
- Large quilt – machine quilted on a domestic machine.
PRIZE: 1st - \$25 | In Memory of Cheri Painter
- Large quilt – machine quilted on long arm machine. Work of one person.
- Large quilt – commercially quilted. *Exhibitor, please acknowledge the quilter or business (see rule f).* **PRIZE: 1st - \$50 Gift Certificate | Snip & Stitch, Nanaimo**

Section 2: Small Quilts

Narrower than 60". For Wall Hangings, see Section 4.

CLASS

- Small 'scrappy' quilt quilted on a domestic machine – made from a wide variety of fabrics in various colours and designs. Work of one person.
- NEW!** Small 'scrappy' quilt quilted on a long arm machine – made from a wide variety of fabrics in various colours and designs.
- Small quilt – quilted on a domestic machine. Work of one person.
- Small quilt – quilted on a long arm machine. Work of one person.
- Small quilt – commercially quilted. *Exhibitor, please acknowledge the quilter or business.*
- Small quilt – use at least 2 different construction techniques, e.g. appliqué, foundation paper piecing, machine/hand piecing. Work of one person. **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 Gift Certificate | Fabricland, Duncan**
- Small quilt – pieced by more than one person.
- Quilt as you go.
- NEW!** Small quilt – hand quilted.

DIVISION 27 - QUILTS IN THE BARN

Section 3: Baby Quilts

Maximum 40" in width.

CLASS

15. Baby quilt – hand quilted
16. Baby quilt – machine quilted. **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 | In Memory of Cheri Painter**
17. Baby quilt – preprinted panel

Section 4: Wall Hangings

NOTE: must have a hanging sleeve on the back.

CLASS

18. **NEW!** Small wall hanging – no wider than 24".
19. **NEW!** Medium wall hanging – 24" to 40" wide.
20. **NEW!** Large wall hanging – 40"+ wide.
21. **NEW!** Wall hanging – hand quilted, any size.

Section 5: Any Other Quilted Item

CLASS

22. Home boutique – e.g. pillows, pot holders, placemats, mug rugs, bed runners, table runners, etc. Does NOT include wall hangings.
23. Temperature Quilt – a graphic representation of a year's daily weather data, any size.
24. Quilt by Beginner – exhibitor has been quilting for no more than 3 years. **PRIZE: 1st - \$50 | Blackberry Port Quilters**
25. Quilt – using hand-dyed fabric, any size
26. Wool appliqué – wall hanging or table runner
27. Modern quilt – any size
28. Any quilted item using a domestic computerized embroidery machine. Work of one person.
29. Any quilted item using a dedicated free motion, frameless sewing machine.
30. **NEW!** Finally Finished! UFO (unfinished object) – any quilted item that took 10 years or more to finish. Attach an index card with the start to finish dates plus a description of what stalled the progress. **PRIZE: \$25 | Cowichan Valley Heritage Quilters**
31. **NEW!** Quilted item – hand pieced, e.g. English paper piecing, etc., any size
32. **NEW!** "Manx" - 4 blocks joined and binding.

Section 6: Challenge Classes (open to all)

CLASS

33. 2026 Colour Challenge – red, white and other colours of your choice. Quilt or wall hanging, max. 60" wide. **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 Gift Certificate | Serge & Sew, Nanaimo**
34. 2026 Theme Challenge – "Proudly Canadian". Wall hanging or art piece with sleeve, max. 24" wide. **PRIZE: 1st - Rosette plus \$25 Cash | Cowichan Valley Heritage Quilters**



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DIVISION 28 - SEWING

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact the Exhibition Office (250) 748-0822

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 15** - DELIVER Sewing entries to Mellor Hall between 10am and 5:30pm. Entry tags to be securely attached.
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm, or during the following week from 9:30am to 4pm. Bring your claim checks.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money and awards from the Office. Bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL INFORMATION & HALL RULES:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 28 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- One entry per exhibitor per class.
- All entries must be sewn, no hot glue.
- Where there is a definite class for an article, that item must be registered in that class. The Chairperson may move any entries entered in the wrong class.
- Entry to have been completed within the last 2 years.
- Optional – on a 5"x3" card, include pattern name and source, type(s) of fabric, and information on construction process. Attach card to entry tag.
- Any entry that is unfinished, soiled, or in an obviously damaged condition will not be judged nor displayed.

Section 1: Sewing (Open to All Ages)

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Sewing

Fabricland, Duncan

PRIZE: 1st - \$25 Gift Card

CLASS

- 2026 Theme Challenge: "Proudly Canadian" – an apron to wear at a July 1st BBQ
- Blouse, shirt, sleepwear – from woven fabrics
- Sweatshirt, T-shirt – from knit fabrics
- Dress
- Home accessory
- Stuffed toy
- Dressed doll (doll can be bought or made)
- Purse, bag or tote – any medium, entry must have at least one zipper & hardware. **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 Gift Card | Troll Brothers Quilt Shop, Shawnigan Lake**
- NEW!** Sewn project created from fabric(s) painted or dyed by the exhibitor. **PRIZES: 1st - \$30 | 2nd - \$20 | 3rd - \$10 | In Memory of Barbara Trowbridge**
- Any sewn article not listed above

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DIVISION 30 - JUNIORS

CHAIRPERSONS: Please see the name and contact information listed below each category heading.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 3 to Sept. 9** - REGISTER online or in person.
- **Aug. 24 to Sept. 17** - DELIVER Juniors entries according to the date listed below each category. Check it carefully!
- **Sunday, Sept. 20** - PICK UP entries between 4pm - 6:30pm, or during Office hours (9:30am - 4pm) the following week. NOTE: all vegetables, fruits, flowers and food entries MUST be collected on the Sunday. Bring your claim checks.
- **Sept. 28 to Oct. 2** - COLLECT prize money & awards from the Office. Please bring entry tags with ribbons to verify placings.

PRIZE MONEY:

1st - \$5 | 2nd - \$3 | 3rd - \$1 (unless specified otherwise)

GENERAL & HALL INFORMATION:

- See pages 8 and 11.

DIV. 30 RULES:

- Entry fee is \$1/entry. **NOTE!** After Sept. 9, fee is \$2/entry.
- One entry per exhibitor per class.
- Classes with more than 8 entries will be divided into two groups for judging.
- Juniors may enter above their age section but not below.

FROM THE GARDEN

CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Parker (250) 743-5461
Thurs., Sept. 17 - DELIVER From the Garden entries
 between 10am and 5:30pm.

*Entries must be free from insects, insect injury and disease.
 See Div. 14 - Garden Produce for Produce Presentation Tips.*

Section 1: 5 Years & Under

CLASS

- NEW!** "Maple Leaf" – create shape out of uncut veggies and/or fruit. Attach all parts securely and display on a cardboard base, max. 20cm long x 20cm wide x 10cm high.
- Longest Bean – 1, any variety. Plate provided for display.
- Largest Potato – 1, any variety. Plate provided for display.
- PRIZE: 1st - \$10 | donated by Jan Dwyer**
- Smallest Pumpkin – 1, stem on. Plate provided for display.

Section 2: 9 Years & Under

CLASS

- NEW!** "Canadian Beaver" – build shape with uncut vegetables and fruits. Entry may include leaves, string, natural cloth and small pieces of wood. Attach all parts securely and display on a cardboard base, max 30cm long x 30cm wide x 15cm high. **PRIZES: 1st - \$12 | 2nd - \$5 | 3rd - \$3 | donated by Barbara Parker**
- Yellow Veggies – 1 each of two or more different vegetables (i.e. beans, beets, carrots, potatoes, onions), judged on quality. Plate provided for display. **PRIZES: 1st - \$12 | 2nd - \$5 | 3rd - \$3 | donated by Karen Wade**
- Pumpkin, any variety – 1, max. diameter 20cm, judged on quality, not size.
- Sunflower Seed Head – 1, judged on quality, not size. Plate provided for display.
- Bean Pods (full) - 3, any colour. Pods to be as similar as possible. Plate provided for display.
- Tomatoes – 3, any size, shape and colour. Judged on quality and similarity of all 3 specimens. Plate provided for display. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 | donated by Jan Dwyer**

- NEW!** "Moose Snack" – fruit bowl or tray with a collection of uncut fruit, 5 items minimum. 2026 theme colours, Red & White, may be used in choosing bowl or tray. Small Canadian specific accessory allowed.
- Weirdest Veggie (including Pumpkins) – 1, most unusual shape, max. 30cm x 20cm. Any larger entries will be placed in Div. 14.

Section 3: 13 Years & Under

CLASS

- NEW!** Red Apples - 3 as similar as possible, one variety, name variety if known, uncut. Plate provided for display. **PRIZES: 1st - \$12 | 2nd - \$5 | 3rd - \$3 | donated by Karen Wade**
- Sunflower Flower – 1, judged on quality, not size. Exhibitor to provide container for display.
- Sunflower Seed Head – 1, judged on quality, not size. Plate provided for display.
- Potatoes – 3 as similar as possible, one variety (identify if known). Plate provided for display. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 | donated by Jan Dwyer**
- NEW!** "Canada Goose on a Nest" – construct entry out of whole garden edibles, vegetables and/or fruit. Entry may include straw, sticks, toothpicks, feathers and natural cloth. Attach all parts securely and display on a cardboard base, max. size 30cm long x 30cm wide x 30cm high. **PRIZES: 1st - \$12 | 2nd - \$5 | 3rd - \$3 | donated by Barbara Parker**

Section 4: 17 Years & Under

CLASS

- NEW!** Peppers - 3 as similar as possible, one variety, name variety if known. Plate provided for display. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 | donated by Jan Dwyer**
- NEW!** "Proudly Local" - a collection of different locally grown produce, min. 5 items, uncut. Display in a basket and include a paragraph with reasons why you chose these items. Max. size 30cm long x 30cm wide x 30cm high. Judged on quality of produce (75%) and presentation (25%). **PRIZES: 1st - \$12 | 2nd - \$5 | 3rd - \$3 | donated by Karen Wade**

DIVISION 30 - JUNIORS

CHAIRPERSONS: Please see the name and contact information listed below each category heading.

FLOWERS

CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Parker (250) 743-5461

**Thurs., Sept. 17 - DELIVER Flowers entries
between 10am and 5:30pm.**

*All entries to be displayed in the Exhibitor's Container;
it must be leak proof.*

Section 5: Collection

Definition: A group of fresh flower 'stems' (with bloom attached) and possibly fresh greenery 'stems', minimum 5 stems. Judged on the quality of flowers/greenery with artistic effect secondary.

No purchased flowers and no artificial flowers/greenery.

CLASS #

20. 7 years & under: "Burst of Colour" – 3 different flower colours, min. 5 stems, greenery allowed.
21. 8 to 12 years: "Flower Fun" – red and white flowers, min. 5 stems, greenery allowed.
22. 13 to 17 years: "Polar Bear Show" – predominantly white flowers, min. 5 stems, red flowers and greenery allowed.

Section 6: Floral Design

Definition: Entry may include dried, weathered, and/or treated plant material, with or without fresh cut greenery. Judged on the entire entry (container and plant material). No purchased flowers.

CLASS #

23. 7 years & under: "Oh Canada" – featuring red and white flowers, accessory of small red and/or white item allowed.
24. 8 to 12 years: "Proudly Canadian" – featuring the colours of Maple Leaves in Autumn (yellow and/or orange and/or red flowers), a small accessory in similar colours is allowed.
25. 13 to 17 years: "Inukshuk" – featuring stones with flowers and greenery. Container to be a leak proof shallow bowl (wider than deep), max. 30cm diameter.

Section 7: Dahlias

Definition: Dahlia blooms as described in each class. Judged on the quality of the blooms. No purchased flowers.

CLASS #

26. 7 years & under: "One Bloom" – any size, any colour.
27. 8 to 12 years: "Three Blooms" – with two similar blooms, and the third bloom complimenting the other two.
28. 13 to 17 years: "Five Blooms" – with three similar blooms, and the remaining pair complimenting the other three.

FROM THE KITCHEN

CHAIRPERSON: Len Thew (778) 674-4329

**Thurs., Sept. 17 - DELIVER From the Kitchen entries
between 10am and 5:30pm.**

*While projects should be done primarily by the Junior exhibitor,
adults may assist younger children with their entries.*

Section 8: 5 Years & Under

CLASS #

29. Decorated cupcakes – 3
30. Cookies, no bake – 2
31. Cookies, decorated – 2
32. Monster cookie, Big & Scary – 1. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 Gift Card | Thrifty Foods**
33. 2026 Colour Challenge: Rice cereal treats – 2, decoration to be inspired by the colours Red & White. Non-edible decorations allowed.

Section 9: 9 Years & Under

CLASS #

34. Decorated cake – judged on decoration and presentation only (a cake form may be used as a base). Non-edible decorations allowed.
35. Marvellous muffins – 2
36. Cookies, chocolate chip – 3. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 Gift Card | Thrifty Foods**
37. Cookies, peanut butter – 3
38. Cookies, any other variety – 3
39. Cupcakes, decorated with a flag – 3
40. Rice cereal treats, any shape, decorated – 2
41. School Lunch – will be judged on creativity, environmental friendliness and nutrition. Please note! All items to be in sealed containers, no plastic wrap.
42. 2026 Theme Challenge: "Proudly Canadian". Any edible baked goods inspired by the theme. Non-edible decorations allowed. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 | donated by Abbeyfield House of Duncan, Home for Seniors**
43. Baked Imposters! A sweet baked item that resembles a savoury dish (i.e. pizza, hamburger, tacos). Include a brief description about your entry.

Section 10: 13 Years & Under

CLASS #

44. Squares – 2
45. Baking powder biscuits – 2
46. Rice cereal treats, any shape – 2
47. Cookies, chocolate chip – 3
48. Cookies, peanut butter – 3
49. Cookies, any other variety – 3
50. Cupcakes, decorated – 3

DIVISION 30 - JUNIORS

FROM THE KITCHEN

51. Decorated cake – judged on decoration and presentation only (a cake form may be used as a base). Non-edible decorations allowed. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 Gift Card | Thrifty Foods**
52. Marvellous muffins, any variety – 2
53. School Lunch – will be judged on creativity, environmental friendliness and nutrition. Please note! All items to be in sealed containers, no plastic wrap.
54. 2026 Theme Challenge: “Proudly Canadian”. Any edible baked goods inspired by the theme. Non-edible decorations allowed. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 | donated by Abbeyfield House of Duncan, Home for Seniors**
55. Baked Imposters! A sweet baked item that resembles a savoury dish (i.e. pizza, hamburger, tacos). Include a brief description about your entry.

Section 11: 17 Years & Under

CLASS

56. Bread – any variety, 1 loaf
57. Cupcakes, decorated – 3. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 donated by the McAdam Family**
58. Squares – 2
59. Pie – any variety. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 Gift Card | Thrifty Foods**
60. Cookies, any variety – 3. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 donated by the McAdam Family**
61. Marvellous muffins – 2
62. Decorated cake – judged on decoration and presentation only (a cake form may be used). Non-edible decorations allowed.
63. Jam or Jelly made with Pectin – 1 jar, any variety.
64. 2026 Theme Challenge: “Proudly Canadian”. Any edible baked goods inspired by the theme. Non-edible decorations allowed.
65. Baked Imposters! A sweet baked item that resembles a savoury dish (i.e. pizza, hamburger, tacos). Include a brief description about your entry.



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CREATIVE STITCHERY

CHAIRPERSON: Zerena Caplin

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**Tues., Sept. 15 - DELIVER Creative Stitchery entries
between 10am - 5:30pm.**

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Junior Creative Stitchery

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PRIZE: \$15

Section 12: Creative Stitchery

CLASS

66. 9 years & under: Hand embroidery, any item
67. 13 years & under: Hand embroidery, any item
68. 17 years & under: Hand embroidery, any item
69. 2026 Colour Challenge (all juniors): Red & White – any stitchery technique.
70. 2026 Theme Challenge (all juniors): “Proudly Canadian” – hand embroidery, any item. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**

KNITTING & CROCHET

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact the Exhibition Office (250) 748-0822

**Tues., Sept. 15 - DELIVER Knitting & Crochet entries
between 10am - 5:30pm.**

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Junior Knitting & Crochet

All Tied Up, Duncan

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Certificate

Section 13: Knitting & Crochet

CLASS

71. Hand knit or crocheted article (9 years & under). **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
72. Hand knit or crocheted article (13 years & under). **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
73. Hand knit or crocheted article (17 years & under).
74. Stuffed animal, toy or doll – hand knit or crocheted (17 years & under). **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**
75. 2026 Challenge (17 years & under): “Proudly Canadian” – knit or crochet a bag using Red & White; other colours optional. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | All Tied Up, Duncan**

DIVISION 30 - JUNIORS

QUILTING

CHAIRPERSON: Robbin Olive (250) 709-2348
**Tues., Sept. 15 - DELIVER Quilting entries to Barn #1
 between 10am - 5:30pm.**

NEW! Definition – a quilt is comprised of 3 layers of fabric (backing, batting, and quilt top) joined by stitching or tying.

SPECIAL AWARD:

Judge's Choice . . . Junior Quilting

Sponsored by Ken & Robbin Olive

PRIZE: Brother 3730 Sewing/Quilting Machine

Section 14: 9 Years & Under

CLASS

- 76. Quilted pot holder, any technique
- 77. Any item quilted by hand (e.g. tied) or machine
- 78. Any quilted item, raw edge (binding not required) – by hand or machine

Section 15: 13 Years & Under

CLASS

- 79. Small wall hanging – maximum 61cm [24"] wide with hanging sleeve on back
- 80. Quilted pot holder – any technique (excluding embellishments)
- 81. Quilted cushion/pillow cover, any size, with button closure

Section 16: 17 Years & Under

CLASS

- 82. Quilted cushion/pillow cover, any size, with button closure.
- 83. Wall hanging, using collage/appliqué techniques, with sleeve on back, maximum 61cm [24"] wide.
- 84. Table runner using *wonky* technique, min. 4 wonky blocks (e.g. house, tree, star, etc.)

Section 17: Challenge Class (all Juniors)

CLASS

- 85. 2026 Theme Challenge – "Proudly Canadian". Design a quilted postcard that represents Canada to you, maximum 13cm x 18cm [5" x 7"]. **PRIZES: 1st - \$20 | 2nd - \$15 | 3rd - \$10 | donated by Robbin Olive**

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SEWING

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact the Exhibition Office
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**Tues., Sept. 15 - DELIVER Sewing entries
 between 10am - 5:30pm.**

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Junior Sewing

Fabricland, Duncan

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Certificate

Section 18: Sewing

CLASS

- 86. Lacing or sewing card (5 years & under)
- 87. Any machine sewn article (9 years & under)
- 88. Stuffed animal, toy or doll (13 years & under)
- 89. Any machine sewn article (13 years & under)
- 90. Any machine sewn garment (17 years & under)
- 91. 2026 Challenge (17 years & under): "Proudly Canadian", a bag, purse or backpack inspired by the fair's theme.
PRIZE: 1st - \$25 Gift Card | Troll Brothers Quilt Shop, Shawnigan Lake
- 92. Any other sewn article (17 years & under)

SPINNING, WEAVING & FIBRE ARTS

CHAIRPERSON: Janine Reed (250) 929-2700
**Tues., Sept. 15 - DELIVER Spinning, Weaving & Fibre Arts
 entries between 10am - 5:30pm.**

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Junior Spinning, Weaving & Fibre Arts

In Memory of Joan Mayer

PRIZE: \$15

Section 19: 5 Years & Under

CLASS

- 93. Weaving, any project
- 94. Felting, any project

Section 20: 9 Years & Under

CLASS

- 95. Spinning, any fibre(s) – 1 skein, min. length 5 yd. [4.5m]
- 96. Weaving, any project
- 97. Woven band or braided cord – e.g. inkle weaving, card or tablet weaving, Kumihimo braiding
- 98. Felting, any project

DIVISION 30 - JUNIORS

SPINNING, WEAVING & FIBRE ARTS

Section 21: 13 Years & Under

CLASS

- 99. Spinning, any fibre(s) – 1 skein, min. length 4.5m [5 yd.]
- 100. Weaving, any project
- 101. Woven band or braided cord – e.g. inkle weaving, card or tablet weaving, Kumihimo braiding
- 102. Felting, any project

Section 22: 17 Years & Under

CLASS

- 103. Spinning, any fibre(s) – 1 skein, min. length 9m [10 yd.]
- 104. Weaving, any project.
- 105. Woven band or braided cord – e.g. inkle weaving, card or tablet weaving, Kumihimo braiding
- 106. Felting, any project
- 107. Any other Fibre Arts project

FINE ARTS

Chairperson: Mary-margret Degraaf (250) 710-9447
Tues., Sept. 15 - DELIVER Fine Art entries
between 10am - 5:30pm.

SPECIAL AWARD:

Outstanding Entry . . . Junior Fine Arts

Station Street Gallery & Frame Shop • Linda Roseneck, Owner
Shirley McGuinness Award

PRIZE: \$100 Gift Certificate

Section 23: Design a Postage Stamp

Theme: "Proudly Canadian". Colours: Red & White. Country: Canada. Face value: \$5. Border to look like typical stamp perforations. Max. frame size 8.5" x 11".

PRIZES in each class: 1st - \$20 | 2nd - \$10 | Cowichan Valley Stamp Club

CLASS

- 108. 7 years & under
- 109. 8 to 12 years
- 110. 13 to 17 years

Section 24: 5 Years & Under

CLASS

- 111. Any medium

* IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT FRAMING *

All pictures must be properly framed and ready to hang with wire securely attached across the back of the frame. Entries not meeting this requirement may not be accepted.

MAXIMUM SIZE of entry including frame:

16" x 20" [41cm x 51cm].

Section 25: 9 Years & Under

CLASS

- 112. Drawing – pencil, pen & ink
- 113. Drawing – crayon, felt pens, coloured pencils, pastels
- 114. Painting
- 115. NEW!** Pet Portrait – make a portrait of your favourite pet or animal buddy...real or imaginary! Any medium.
- 116. Any other medium

Section 26: 13 Years & Under

CLASS

- 117. Drawing – pencil, pen & ink
- 118. Drawing – crayons, felt pens, coloured pencils, pastels
- 119. Painting
- 120. NEW!** Animé, Original Character, Fan-Art or Cartoon – any medium. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | Russ Batyi**
- 121. Fashion Illustration – any medium
- 122. NEW!** Sticker Design – create an original sticker or sticker set, any style or medium. *Entry may be submitted as printed stickers or illustrated designs but must be your original work, and must be displayed in one frame.*
- 123. Any other medium

Section 27: 17 Years & Under

CLASS

- 124. 2026 Colour Challenge – Red & White, any medium. **PRIZE: 1st - \$50 Gift Certificate & Art Supplies | Excellent Frameworks, Duncan**
- 125. Drawing – pen & ink
- 126. Drawing – pencil, charcoal
- 127. Drawing with Colour – coloured pencils, crayons, felt pens, pastels
- 128. Painting, Water-Based – acrylic, watercolour. **PRIZE: 1ST - \$20 | in Memory of Donna Riddler**
- 129. NEW!** Animé, Original Character, Fan-Art or Cartoon – any medium. **PRIZE: 1st - \$20 | Russ Batyi**
- 130. Fashion Illustration – any medium
- 131. NEW!** Sticker Design – create an original sticker or sticker set, any style or medium. *Entry may be submitted as printed stickers or illustrated designs but must be your original work, and must be displayed in one frame*
- 132. NEW!** Tattoo Flash Art – Design a small collection of tattoo-style images (flash sheet) or a single tattoo-style design. Any style or medium, maximum page size 8.5" x 11". **PRIZES: 1st - \$50 | 2nd - \$35 | 3rd - \$15 | Black Cat Tattoo, Victoria**
- 133. Haiku Art - original haiku (5-7-5 syllables) paired with an original 5" x 7" image, any medium. Max. frame size 8.5" x 11". **PRIZE: 1st - \$25 Gift Certificate | Little Bird, Duncan**
- 134. 3-D Art – any medium (i.e. sculpture, handmade book, etc.)
- 135. Any other medium

DIVISION 30 - JUNIORS

PHOTOGRAPHY

CHAIRPERSONS: Randy Blake (250) 252-6050,
Leo Mosley (778) 936-9069

Aug. 24 to Sept. 11 - DELIVER Photography entries to the Exhibition Office between 9:30am and 4pm.

- Print size: 5" x 7" print (all classes except #166) mounted securely on 8" x 10" black mat board or poster board.
- Label each entry on the back in the top left corner with Title, Section, Class # and exhibitor's name.
- For photography tips, see the list in Division 22 – Photography.

**** IMPORTANT DEADLINE! ****

All photographs must be received by **Friday, Sept. 11.**

Section 28: 5 Years & Under

CLASS #

136. My Best Friend

137. NEW! "Canada Proud" – something unique to Canada: a point of interest, a product, a practice, a people...show your love for Canada

Section 29: 9 Years & Under

CLASS #

138. NEW! Fun Times! – celebrating Canada

139. Animals / Birds

140. Plants

141. Action

142. NEW! "Canada Proud" – something unique to Canada: a point of interest, a product, a practice, a people...show your love for Canada

Section 30: 13 Years & Under

CLASS #

143. NEW! Having a Blast! – celebrating Canada

144. Animals / Birds

145. Plants

146. Landscape / Seascape

147. Action

148. Close up

149. NEW! "Canada Proud" – something unique to Canada: a point of interest, a product, a practice, a people...show your love for Canada

Section 31: 17 Years & Under

CLASS #

150. Close to Home – a portrait of people or a place in the Cowichan Valley that means something to you – family member, tourist attraction, beach, natural landscape

151. Animals / Birds

152. Landscape / Seascape

153. The Sky's the Limit! – what action has caught your eye?

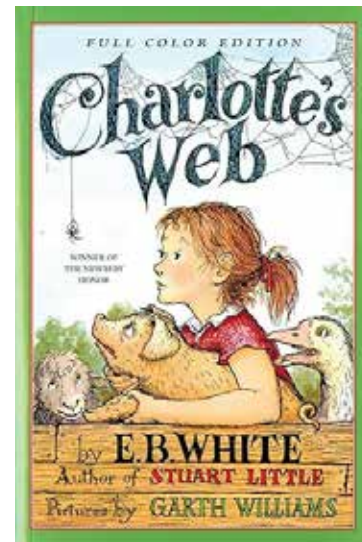
154. Photo Journalism – any subject, should tell a story

155. Life on the Farm – four 4" x 6" images of a farmer's chores to remind us that these folks work hard every day to put food on our tables. Mount the four photos on a 16" x 12" black poster. **PRIZE: 1st - \$10 | donated by ART**

156. NEW! "Canada Proud" – something unique to Canada: a point of interest, a product, a practice, a people...show your love for Canada

Cowichan Exhibition 2027 Theme

CHARLOTTE'S WEB - The classic children's novel by E. B. White, tells the story about friendship, loyalty, sacrifice and the cycle of life between an endearing runt pig named Wilbur and his devoted friend, Charlotte—a highly intelligent spider.



September 17, 18 & 19, 2027



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DIVISION 30 - JUNIORS

HOBBIES & CRAFTS

Chairperson: Dorothy Sjostrom (250) 748-6999
**Wed., Sept. 16 - DELIVER Hobbies & Crafts entries
 between 10am - 5:30pm.**

Section 32: 5 Years & Under

CLASS #

- 157. 2026 Colour Challenge: mostly Red & White – finger painting picture, max. 8.5" x 11" [22cm x 28cm]. Mount on poster board. **PRIZES: 1st - \$10 | 2nd - \$5 | donated by Dorothy Sjostrom**
- 158. Popsicle stick creation – any item
- 159. Plasticine, clay or dough art – a bug
- 160. Paper plate art
- 161. Painted rock
- 162. Any other item, max. 6" x 6" [15cm x 15cm]

Section 33: 9 Years & Under

CLASS #

- 163. 2026 Challenge: a Maple Leaf mosaic. Any craft medium, max. 14cm x 21.5cm [5.5" x 8.5"]. Mount securely on cardboard. **PRIZES: 1st - \$10 | 2nd - \$5 | donated by Brenda Campbell**
- 164. Clay sculpture, max. 15cm x 15cm x 15cm [6" x 6" x 6"]
- 165. Paper craft – i.e. origami, weaving, papier-mâché
- 166. Mask – a Canadian animal or bird
- 167. Fridge magnets (2) – sea life
- 168. Any other item, max. 15cm x 15cm x 15cm [6" x 6" x 6"]

Section 34: 13 Years & Under

CLASS #

- 169. 2026 Theme: decorate an "out of this world" ball cap inspired by space. **PRIZES: 1st - \$10 | 2nd - \$5 | donated by Brenda Campbell**
- 170. Painted rocks (2) – wild flowers, display rocks on a paper plate so entry can be moved as one unit
- 171. Woodworking, any project – carving, carpentry, wood turning, pyrography, other. Max. 45cm x 45cm [18" x 18"]
- 172. Beading project – e.g. keychain, necklace, bracelet – inspired by the Exhibition's "Proudly Canadian" theme
- 173. Fimo or any modelling clay – beaver, max. size 10cm x 10cm [4" x 4"]
- 174. Any other item, max. 20cm x 20cm x 20cm [8" x 8" x 8"]

Section 35: 17 Years & Under

CLASS #

- 175. NEW!** Cardboard creation, max. 38cm x 38cm x 38cm [15" x 15" x 15"]. **PRIZES: 1st - \$10 | 2nd - \$5 | donated by Dorothy Sjostrom**
- 176. Holiday craft - a decoration used for a holiday, e.g. July 1st, Kwanzaa, Flag Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas. Please identify the holiday. **PRIZES: 1st - \$10 | 2nd - \$5 | donated by Brenda Campbell**
- 177. NEW!** Duct tape masterpiece, max. 38cm x 38cm x 38cm [15" x 15" x 15"]. **PRIZES: 1st - \$10 | 2nd - \$5 | donated by Dorothy Sjostrom**
- 178. Any other item, max. 20cm x 20cm x 20cm [8" x 8" x 8"]

Section 36: Lego Classes

*These classes are for Juniors who enjoy playing with 'Lego' or any other building system. Each entry must be an **ORIGINAL DESIGN** with all pieces **SECURELY** attached to a solid base so the entry can be moved as one unit. Maximum dimensions for base: 25cm x 25cm [10" x 10"].*

PRIZES in each Lego class:

1st - \$20 Gift Certificate | The Red Balloon Toyshop
2nd - \$10 | donated by Brenda Campbell & Dorothy Sjostrom
3rd - \$5 | donated by Brenda Campbell & Dorothy Sjostrom

CLASS #

- 179. 7 years & under
- 180. 8 to 12 years
- 181. 13 to 17 years

Section 37: Recycling Classes

These classes are for Juniors who love creating a new project out of 'junk'. Each entry must be constructed primarily from reclaimed material(s), accessories are allowed and all pieces must be securely attached so the piece can be moved, if necessary, as one unit.

PRIZES in each class:

1st - \$15 | 2nd - \$10 | Island Return It

CLASS #

- 182. 7 years & under. Max. dimensions: 25cm x 25cm [10" x 10"]
- 183. 8 to 12 years. Max. dimensions: 25cm x 25cm [10" x 10"]
- 184. 13 to 17 years. Max. dimensions: 38cm x 38cm [15" x 15"]

ATTENTION: Junior Recyclers

You can also enter the Theme Challenge (class #1) in Division 23 - Hobbies & Crafts by building something new out of old hockey sticks!

1st Prize: \$25 | Island Return It



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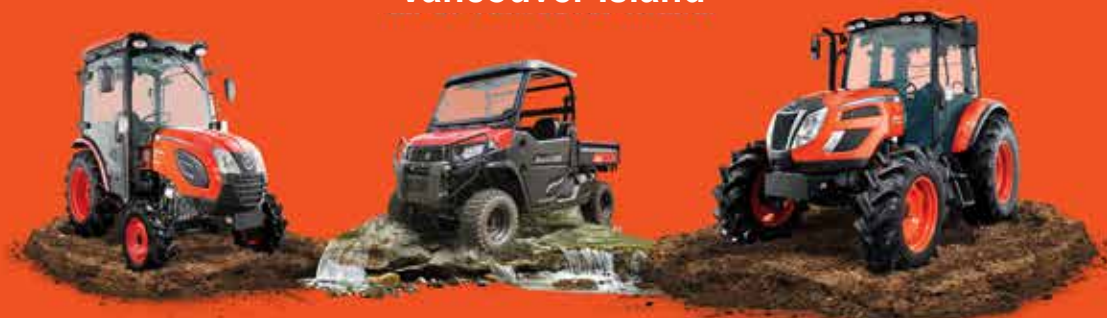


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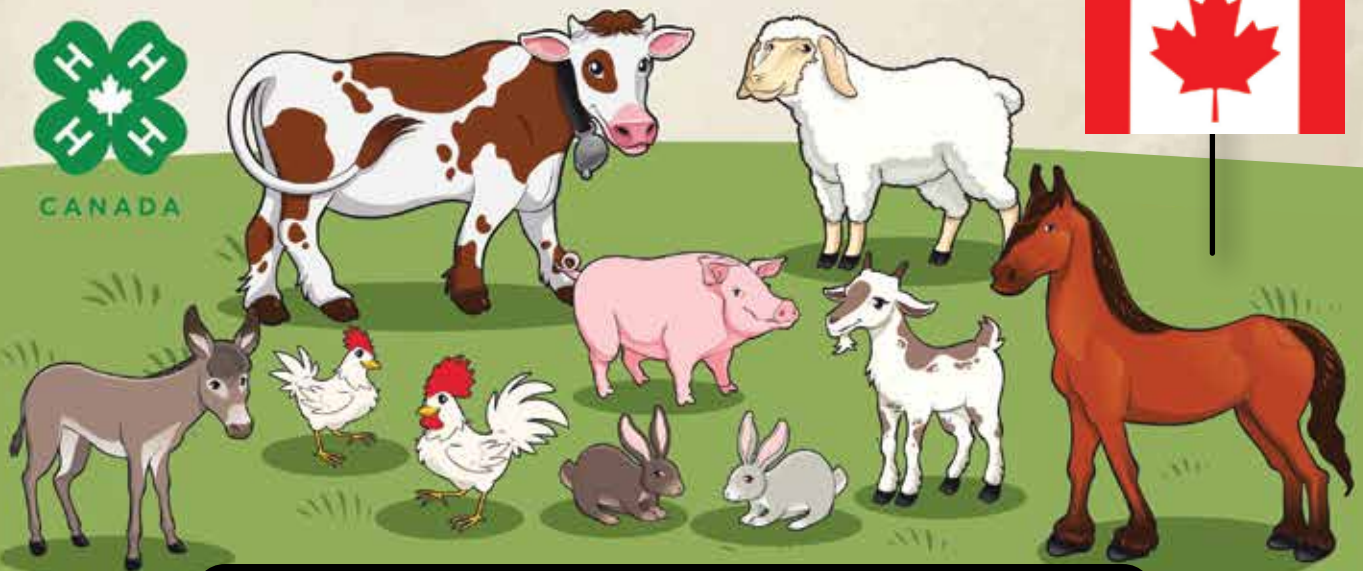


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