



Eau Claire County Fair

July 21-26, 2026

Open Class Division

<https://FairEntry.com>

Online entries accepted May 22nd-June 5th, 2026.

Entries will close at 9pm.

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The Eau Claire County Friends of the Fair reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations. It is understood that each exhibitor at the Eau Claire County Fair agrees to follow the rules and regulations found in the fair book.

All exhibitors must enter online using <http://eauclairecountyfair.fairentry.com/> (NOT 4-H ONLINE)
If you are a 4-H member, your 4HOnline profile will be imported into Fair Entry and you will sign in using the same ID and password that you use in 4HOnline. Exhibitors from other youth groups need to create a user ID and password in Fair Entry the first time they log in. For more detailed instructions visit: www.eauclairecountyfair.com

Check department regulations for any specific entry requirements. All entries must be entered into the Fair Entry program. No additional entries will be accepted on entry drop off day.

For Adults Participating in the County Fair

- Kids are watching you today. They are learning from your words and the example you set.
- Winning is NOT the most important thing that happens at this event.
- Focus on their EFFORTS, not the outcomes.
- Focus on the YOUTH, not the ribbons or awards.
- No matter what the exhibitors' project is, the focus of the volunteer, parent, or guardian should be the youth exhibitor.

Eau Claire County Fair Expectations

- **Exhibit at your own risk**
- **No Alcohol, smoking or vaping on the grounds.**
- **The Eau Claire County Fair is not liable for accidents, injury or stolen property.**

Eau Claire County Open Class Division

Below is entry information for the Wine/Beer, Photography, Cultural Arts and Super Senior departments for the Open Class Division of the Eau Claire County Fair.

All OPEN CLASS, Senior, and Super Senior entries must be in place no later than Monday at 8PM.

ENTRY FEES: All Non-Senior open class entries have a \$5.00 fee per exhibitor. Senior and Super-Senior open class entries do not have an entry fee – except the wine and beer department, which is \$5 per entry. There is no limit on entries. Please see below for entry information for Senior and Super-Senior departments.

1. ENTRY DUE DATE – **Complete entries online through FairEntry during registration May 22nd-June 5th**. Any Wisconsin resident is eligible to enter Eau Claire County Fair Open Classes.
2. Only ONE exhibit in EACH LOT number is allowed in any class or department. You cannot compete with yourself.
5. Limit 5 entries per class unless otherwise specified.
6. It is not required to enter championship classes. Championship ribbons may be awarded in department to items of outstanding quality. All correctly entered exhibits are automatically eligible.
7. Exhibitors may pick up their entry tags at the Fair Office on Monday of the fair unless otherwise specified.
8. Entry tags must be attached to exhibits. Check department number, lot number and description on each entry tag to be sure it matches the exhibit you entered.
9. Open class and exhibits will be judged after junior entries within the department.
10. Entry forms, entry tags and entries on judge's sheets cannot be changed unless the Fair Office made an error. Any errors should be corrected before judging. Any errors made by the Fair Office will be corrected at any time.
11. Articles not listed in this premium book, cannot be brought to the fair for exhibition.
12. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must have been completed since the last fair unless otherwise specified.
13. Individual participation ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor. "Awards of Merit" may be given for outstanding exhibits.
14. Exhibit size should not exceed 30"x36".

FAIR DEPARTMENTS: Below are the fair departments to choose from. Please see the fair schedule for entry information, judging, and location for each of these departments.

It can be found at the fair website: eauclairecountyfair.com.

Department 116 - Natural Sciences

Department 118 - Cultural Arts

Department 120 - Photography

Department 122 - Woodworking

Department 125 - Food Preservation

Department 129 - Seniors and Super Seniors

Department 116 - NATURAL SCIENCES

Beer, Wine and Soda Judging

Please see the Fair Schedule for judging times. Only one entry per lot number is accepted. \$5.00 per entry. Winners will have photos displayed at Eau Claire County Fair and the Fair Facebook page. Ribbons will be awarded.

Beer, Wine and Soda Entry

1. Each entry must be bottled in common wine bottles with cork, screw, or crown cap.
2. Each bottle must be labeled with the following: lot number, description of contents (note variety of grape, etc.), date (month and year) fermentation began, year wine was made, category entered, homebrew club (if any).
3. Wine will be judged individually on its own merits.
4. Bottle label and overall appearance of bottle is not judged. All wine entries must be clearly labeled.
5. **All entries will be opened and sampled with remaining beer will be disposed of. (We suggest a 375ml bottle)**
6. **One bottle per lot number, properly labeled.**

\$2.50, \$2.25, \$2.00 and \$1.75

CLASS OH-BREWMASTER Made from extract

Lot:

1. Light Lager
2. Pilsner
3. European Amber Lager
4. Dark Lager
5. Bock
6. Light Hybrid Beer
7. Amber Hybrid Beer
8. English Pale Ale
9. Scottish and Irish Ale
10. American Ale
11. English Brown Ale
12. Porter
13. Stout
14. India Pale Ale (IPA)
15. German Wheat and Rye Beer
16. Belgian and French Ale
17. Sour Ale
18. Belgian Strong Ale
19. Strong Ale
20. Fruit Beer
21. Spice / Herb / Vegetable Beer
22. Smoke-Flavored and Wood-Aged Beer
23. Specialty Beer

Mead Style Entry Lots

24. Traditional Ad
25. Melomel (Fruit Mead)
26. Other Mead

Cider Style Entry Lots

27. Standard Cider and Perry
28. Specialty Cider and Perry

CLASS OI-BREWMASTER Made from all grains**Lot:**

1. Light Lager
2. Pilsner
3. European Amber Lager
4. Dark Lager
5. Bock
6. Light Hybrid Beer
7. Amber Hybrid Beer
8. English Pale Ale
9. Scottish and Irish Ale
10. American Ale
11. English Brown Ale
12. Porter
13. Stout
14. India Pale Ale (IPA)
15. German Wheat and Rye Beer
16. Belgian and French Ale
17. Sour Ale
18. Belgian Strong Ale
19. Strong Ale
20. Fruit Beer
21. Spice / Herb / Vegetable Beer
22. Smoke-Flavored and Wood-Aged Beer
23. Specialty Beer

Mead Style Entry Lots

24. Traditional Ad
25. Melomel (Fruit Mead)
26. Other Mead

Cider Style Entry Lots

27. Standard Cider and Perry
28. Specialty Cider and Perry

CLASS OJ-WINEMASTER – Made from a Kit

Lot:

1. Dry red grape
2. Sweet red grape
3. Dry white grape
4. Sweet white grape
5. Rose-dry or sweet (grape)
6. Sweet fruit, rhubarb
7. Sweet fruit, apple
8. Sweet fruit, pear other
9. Sweet fruit, any other
10. Dry fruit, rhubarb
11. Dry fruit, apple
12. Dry fruit, any other
13. Dry berry, Blueberry
14. Dry berry, Blackberry
15. Dry berry, Strawberry
16. Dry berry, Raspberry
17. Dry berry, Cranberry
18. Dry berry, Any other
19. Sweet berry, Blueberry
20. Sweet berry, Blackberry
21. Sweet berry, Strawberry
22. Sweet berry, Raspberry
23. Sweet berry, Cranberry
24. Sweet berry, any other
25. Dry or sweet specialty, beet
26. Dry or sweet specialty, parsnip
27. Dry or sweet specialty, tomato
28. Dry or sweet specialty, dandelion
29. Dry or sweet specialty, any other
30. Sparkling (any type)
31. Any other wine (blends, etc.)

CLASS OK-WINEMASTER – Made from Concentrate

Lot:

1. Dry red grape
2. Sweet red grape
3. Dry white grape
4. Sweet white grape
5. Rose-dry or sweet (grape)
6. Sweet fruit, rhubarb
7. Sweet fruit, apple
8. Sweet fruit, pear other
9. Sweet fruit, any other
10. Dry fruit, rhubarb
11. Dry fruit, apple
12. Dry fruit, any other
13. Dry berry, Blueberry
14. Dry berry, Blackberry
15. Dry berry, Strawberry
16. Dry berry, Raspberry
17. Dry berry, Cranberry
18. Dry berry, Any other
19. Sweet berry, Blueberry
20. Sweet berry, Blackberry
21. Sweet berry, Strawberry
22. Sweet berry, Raspberry
23. Sweet berry, Cranberry
24. Sweet berry, any other
25. Dry or sweet specialty, beet
26. Dry or sweet specialty, parsnip
27. Dry or sweet specialty, tomato
28. Dry or sweet specialty, dandelion
29. Dry or sweet specialty, any other
30. Sparkling (any type)
31. Any other wine (blends, etc.)

CLASS OL-WINEMASTER – Made from Natural Ingredients

Lot:

1. Dry red grape
2. Sweet red grape
3. Dry white grape
4. Sweet white grape
5. Rose-dry or sweet (grape)
6. Sweet fruit, rhubarb
7. Sweet fruit, apple
8. Sweet fruit, pear other
9. Sweet fruit, any other
10. Dry fruit, rhubarb
11. Dry fruit, apple
12. Dry fruit, any other
13. Dry berry, Blueberry
14. Dry berry, Blackberry
15. Dry berry, Strawberry
16. Dry berry, Raspberry
17. Dry berry, Cranberry
18. Dry berry, Any other
19. Sweet berry, Blueberry
20. Sweet berry, Blackberry
21. Sweet berry, Strawberry
22. Sweet berry, Raspberry
23. Sweet berry, Cranberry
24. Sweet berry, any other
25. Dry or sweet specialty, beet
26. Dry or sweet specialty, parsnip
27. Dry or sweet specialty, tomato
28. Dry or sweet specialty, dandelion
29. Dry or sweet specialty, any other
30. Sparkling (any type)
31. Any other wine (blends, etc.)

CLASS OM-SODA – Made from a Kit

Lot:

1. Ginger Ale
2. Cream Soda
3. Root Beer
4. Orange Soda

CLASS ON-SODA – Made from Concentrate

Lot:

1. Ginger Ale
2. Cream Soda
3. Root Beer
4. Orange Soda

Department 118 - Cultural Arts

- All classes are open to members in Eau Claire County and surrounding communities
- Exhibitors must reside in Wisconsin.
- Exhibitors may enter only ONE entry per lot number.
- Each exhibitor may enter a total of 5 exhibits in each of the following classes.
- All projects must be the result of the exhibitor's project work.
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in "Ribbon Only". Premiums will be forfeited.
- Failure to comply with lot or class descriptions will result in lowering the ribbon by one place.

Class AA - 1 – Painting and Drawing Ages 0 - 12

Class AA - 2 – Painting and Drawing Ages 13 - 18

Class AA - 3 – Painting and Drawing Ages 19 - 35

Class AA - 4 – Painting and Drawing Ages 36 – 59

Class AA - 5 - Painting and Drawing Ages 60 and up

\$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, and \$1.50

Lots:

1. Pencil Drawing
2. Acrylic Painting
3. Combination (2 or more mediums)
4. Oil Painting
5. Charcoal Drawing
6. Pen/Ink Drawing
7. Oil Painting
8. Watercolor Painting
9. Mixed Media
10. Any other

Class CA – 1 – Candle Making Ages 0-12

Class CA – 2 – Candle Making Ages 13-18

Class CA - 3 - Candle Making Ages 19-35

Class CA – 4 – Candle Making Ages 36-59

Class CA – 5 – Candle Making Ages 60 and up

Inches refer to height or width, whichever is greater. No liquid Candles allowed.

Attach a 3x5 card to all exhibits, explaining (1) technique used (2) why you chose this project

Lots:

1. Molded Candle, less than 6"
2. Molded Candle, greater than 6"
3. Beeswax Candle, less than 6"
4. Beeswax Candle, greater than 6"
5. Gel Candle
6. Combination 2 or more wax types
7. Any other

Class DA – 1 – Ceramics Ages 0-12

Class DA – 2 – Ceramics Ages 13-18

Class DA – 3 - Ceramics Ages 19-35

Class DA – 4 - Ceramics Ages 36-59

Class DA – 5 - Ceramics Ages 60 and Up

Ceramics is a project that is pre-formed. It is created from liquid clay, poured into a mold, removed from the mold and then dried. The project must be completed by the exhibitor. (NOTE: Pottery is hand-formed and is Class PA) Date must be inscribed on the bottom before firing and must be dated within the last 365 days of the fair dates.

****Combination project– 2 or more different procedures (ex, airbrush & glaze, stain & glaze, wax resist & stained)**

Lots:

1. Glazed project under 6"
2. Glazed project over 6"
3. Stained project under 6"
4. Stained project over 6"
5. Air Brush project under 6"
6. Air Brush project over 6"
7. Combination project under 6"
8. Combination project over 6"
9. Any other project under 6"
10. Any other project over 6"

Class PA – 1- Pottery Ages 0-12

Class PA – 2 – Pottery Ages 13-18

Class PA – 3 – Pottery Ages 19-35

Class PA – 4 – Pottery Ages 36-59

Class PA – 5 – Pottery Ages 60 and Up

Pottery is hand-formed. All work must be done by an exhibitor and dated on the bottom before firing and must be dated within the last 365 days of the fair dates.

Lots:

1. Hand built form – Pinch method
2. Hand built form – Coil method
3. Hand built form – Slab method
4. Combination of 2 or more methods
5. Potters wheel method
6. Any other

- Class RA – 1 – Scrapbooking Ages 0-12**
- Class RA – 2- Scrapbooking Ages 13-18**
- Class RA – 3 – Scrapbooking Ages 19-35**
- Class RA – 4 – Scrapbooking Ages 36-59**
- Class RA – 5 – Scrapbooking Ages 60 and up**

A scrapbook page is 2 pages when laying open to complete the display of an event.
 Attach a 3x5 card to all exhibits (1) Why you chose this project (2) Place, date or event

- Lot:
1. Scrapbook page – Family or Friends
 2. Scrapbook page – Special Event
 3. Scrapbook page – EC County Fair
 4. Any other

- Class SA – 1 Sculpture Ages 0-12**
- Class SA - 2 - Sculpture Ages 13-18**
- Class SA – 3 - Sculpture Ages 19-35**
- Class SA – 4 – Sculpture Ages 36-59**
- Class SA - 5 – Sculpture Ages 60 and up**

Attach a 3x5 card to describe your project and include (1) technique used (2) why you chose this project

- Lots:
1. Wire or metal
 2. Wood
 3. Sand
 4. Clay
 5. Styrofoam
 6. Mixed media of 2 or more
 7. Any other

- Class YA-1 – Creative Work Ages 0-12**
- Class YA-2 – Creative Work Ages 13-18**
- Class YA-3 – Creative Work Ages 19-35**
- Class YA-4 – Creative Work Ages 36 – 59**
- Class YA-5 – Creative Work Ages 60 and up**

- Lots:**
1. Welded work
 2. Resin Art
 3. Glass Work
 4. Creative Article made with Fiber
 5. Paper Mache
 6. Needlepoint
 7. Picture transferred to Wood
 8. Wood
 9. Diamond Art
 10. Any other

Department 120 – Photography

- Exhibitors may enter only ONE entry per lot number.
- All photographs must be the result of the exhibitor's project work.
- Each exhibitor may enter a total of 5 exhibits in the following classes.
- All photos should be 4x6. Please mount picture(s) on a 5x7 white poster board. If 2 pictures or more are required in a lot, use 11x14 poster board.
- All entries must be mounted on white posterboard (no foam board)
- No captions (unless specified) matting, corner tabs, stickers, borders, or decorations are allowed. This includes special effects offered by digital apps or professional printers.
- Date stamps must be turned off.
- Entry tag must be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the exhibit on the front. (Only use tape or staples, no paperclips)
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in "Ribbon Only". Premiums will be forfeited. Failure to comply with lot or class descriptions will result in lowering ribbon by one place.

Class AA – 1 - Photography Ages 0 - 12

Class AA – 2 - Photography Ages 13 - 18

Class AA – 3 - Photography Ages 19 - 35

Class AA – 4 - Photography Ages 36 – 59

Class AA – 5 - Photography Ages 60 and up

\$4.50, \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$1.50

Lots:

1. Color Photo
2. Black and White Photo
3. Photo showing isolation of subject against simple background (Color, black or white background)
4. Vertical Photo
5. Horizontal Photo
6. Photo of 1 person plus 1 animal in photo
7. Action Photo
8. Close up Photo
9. Photo of Eau Claire Co. Fair
10. Any Other

Department 122 - Woodworking

Class AA-3 Woodworking

\$4.50, \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$1.50

Lots:

1. Article for use in storage
2. Article for use in the home
3. Article of creative design

Department 125B-Food Preservation

Class AB-3 Food Preservation

\$4.50, \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$1.50

Lots:

1. Salsa
2. Meat, Poultry, Fish
3. Sauerkraut

Department 129 - Senior Citizens (60-79) and Super Seniors (80+)

This department is open to Senior Citizens aged 60 – 79 and Super Seniors 80+ years of age (please list your age on your entry form). There are no limits on the number of items you may enter except that you may not enter more than one item in a single lot number.

Senior and Super Senior exhibits will be judged on **TUESDAY**.

CLASS A – SENIOR CITIZENS

CLASS B – SUPER SENIORS (80 years of age and older)

Lot:

1. Stitchery item
2. Beadwork
3. Scrap craft
4. Recycled craft/article
5. Leather craft
6. Rug (not latch hook)
7. Latch hooked item
8. Drawing, any medium
9. Painting, any medium
10. Ceramic
11. Pottery
12. Plaster craft
13. Woodcarving
14. Sculpture, any medium
15. Collage, any medium
16. Mosaic, any medium
17. Original creative writing
18. Holiday craft or decoration
19. Homemade toy or game
20. A collection
21. A scrapbook
22. Lost art – an article you made with a technique that is seldom used today (i.e. tatting, soapmaking, spinning)
23. Any other craft
24. Any model
25. Photograph – black and white
26. Photography – color enlargement
27. Any fresh fruit (5) or berry (lined, leak proof ½ pint box – state variety)
28. Any vegetable
29. Potatoes (6) state variety
30. Seed picture
31. Scarecrow
32. Food preservation, fruit
33. Food preservation, vegetable
34. Food preservation, pickle
35. Food preservation, soft bread

36. White yeast bread, kneaded but not from a bread machine – ½ loaf
37. Yeast sweet bread product (such as coffee cake or tea ring)
38. Bread machine bread, specialty (not plain or wheat)
39. Any bar cookie (3) must not need refrigeration.
40. Any quick bread, ½ loaf
41. Any Christmas cookie or specialty cookie (3)
42. Clothing, any article
43. Knitting, any article
44. Crocheting, any article
45. Quilting, any article