



2026 ALLEN COUNTY ADULT OPEN CLASS EXHIBIT
(18 years of age and above)
Home and Family Arts Building - Allen County Fairgrounds
June 23 – June 28, 2026
Sponsored by Allen County Extension Homemakers (ACEH)



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| Monday | June 22 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Enter Exhibits |
| Monday | June 22 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Judge Exhibits |
| Monday | June 22 | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Non-Exhibit Food Items Released |
| Tuesday | June 23 | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Exhibits Open to Public |
| Wednesday | June 24 | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Home & Family Arts Day – Exhibits Open to Public |
| Thursday | June 25 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Kid's Day Crafts |
| Thursday | June 25 | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Exhibits Open to Public |
| Friday | June 26 | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Exhibits Open to Public |
| Saturday | June 27 | 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Exhibits Open to Public |
| Sunday | June 28 | Noon – 5:00 p.m. | Exhibits Open to Public |
| Sunday | June 28 | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Release Exhibits (None will be released before 6:00 p.m.) |

RULES FOR 2026 OPEN CLASS EXHIBIT

1. Items exhibited must have been finished by the exhibitor since 2025's fair.
2. There is a \$3.00 fee per exhibit. No limit on number of exhibits. Each participant may enter as many categories as desired but is *limited to two articles per section.* (All proceeds go to the expense of the Adult Open Class Exhibits.)
3. To pre-register, please fill out the Open Class Entry Form found on page 5 and 6 of this packet. Return by Friday, June 12, 2026 to Allen County Extension Homemakers, 4001 Crescent Avenue, Ft. Wayne, IN 46815 with your check made payable to ACEH. Pre-registration is recommended but entries will be accepted the day of entering exhibits.
4. Judging is closed to exhibitors.
5. The committee reserves the right to divide sections if the number of entries warrants.
6. All exhibits will receive a ribbon. Each section in a category may have a Best of Show ribbon if the judge thinks the project is deserving. Non exhibit food items released from 1:00 – 4:00 pm following judging.
7. The Adult Open Class Exhibit is for adults 18 and above. The 4-H program is available for youth, 3rd grade – high school seniors. Extension Homemaker Membership is not required.
8. No items accepted "for display only". All items will be judged.
9. If you wish to take your item to the Indiana State Fair, go to: entry@indianastatefair.com or call 317-927-7500.
10. **NOTE: The Allen County Extension Homemakers (ACEH) are not responsible for loss or damage to any article at the Allen County Fairgrounds, but we will take every precaution to insure their safety.**

CATEGORIES AND SECTION NUMBERS

FOODS - Display items on disposable plates, pie pans, etc. Limited to **TWO** items per section. *A small portion of the food item will be used for judging and display. Exhibitors, please pick up remainder of item 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. following judging.* **Note:** **Food Safety Rule is:** "Filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling, and meringue, (whether uncooked or cooked) are not permitted to contain cream cheese, sour cream, heavy cream or whipped cream. Additionally, raw milk, raw milk products or uncooked eggs/egg whites are not permitted. Eggs/ egg whites that have been cooked to 160°F; pasteurized are acceptable. No home-canned fruits vegetables, or meats are permitted in products. (**RECIPES AND SOURCE** must be provided that show which ingredients were used in each part of the product.) Contestants should carefully wash their hands and make sure that their hands do not have any open cuts before preparing foods. Contestants should not be preparing food exhibits for competition within 48 hours of recovering from any illness. Whenever possible, baked products should be transported and stored in chilled coolers (41° F).

Section

- A101 **Cakes and/or Cupcakes (6)**
- A102 **Decorated Cake and/or Cupcakes(6) - only the decorating will be judged.**
- A103 Cookies (drop or bar) - six of any kind of baked cookies on paper plate
- A104 **Yeast Dinner or Fancy Rolls (6)**
- A105 Quick Bread - made with baking powder or soda (coffee cake, nut or fruit bread, muffins-six)
- A106 Bread - one loaf made with yeast - any type flour
- A107 Candy - (six pieces)
- A108 Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections

FOOD PRESERVATION - Limited to TWO items per section. **Note: Each jar should be labeled with name of product, date, and have a NEW screw band for display. (Recipes, with instructions, processing method, and processing time must be provided.)**

Section

B201 Canning - one jar of fruit *Regulation canning jar only*
B202 Canning - one jar of vegetables *Regulation canning jar only*
B203 Jam or Jelly - one jar of jam or jelly properly sealed *Regulation canning jar only - No paraffin*
B204 Specialty Product - one jar of sauces, relishes, pickles, etc. *Regulation canning jar only*
B205 Dehydrated - one item - fruit, vegetable, fruit leather, beef or venison jerky, herbs or spices.
Exhibit in zipper-type plastic bag
B206 Miscellaneous – anything not in the above sections

CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION - Limited to TWO items per section.

Section

C301 Sportswear - 2 pieces, a top and bottom such as tee shirt, skirt, shorts, pants etc., for men or women
C302 Dress - one piece
C303 Child's Clothing - any piece or pieces
C304 Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections

HOUSEPLANTS - Limited to TWO items per section.

Section

D401 Potted House Plant (propagated) - any variety in free standing pot, not a hanging pot. Plant should be one you have propagated---started from cutting, seed or any other propagating method.
D402 Potted House Plant or Plants (purchased) - any variety in free standing pot, not a hanging pot, that you have cared for at least 6 months.
D403 Potted Outdoor Plant (pot limited to 14" diameter) – purchased plant must have been cared for at least 5 weeks.
D404 Hydroponics (Plant growing in medium other than soil - in free standing container)
D405 Terrarium - suitable for table display
D406 Cactus - table top
D407 Succulent
D408 Fairy Garden
D409 Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections

FLOWER ARRANGING - Fresh flowers - Limited to TWO items per section.

Section

E501 Miniature - up to 6 inches from table to top of arrangement
E502 Bud vase
E503 Centerpiece
E504 One Sided Arrangement
E505 Small Bouquet or Nosegay
E506 Bouquet in a Vase
E507 Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections

GARDEN PRODUCE - Limited to TWO items per section **(INCLUDES PERSONAL GREENHOUSE OR HYDROPONICS)**

Section

G701 Vegetables (Bring ONE TYPE of vegetable in numbers as listed below on a SINGLE PLATE)
3 tomatoes 1 head cauliflower 3 beets 1 squash 10 green or wax beans
3 carrots 3 cucumbers 3 onions 1 eggplant 1 head cabbage
1 head broccoli 3 peppers (any color) 3 radishes 10 pea pods
G702 Vegetables (Bring three different varieties of vegetables in numbers as listed below)
3 tomatoes 1 head cauliflower 3 beets 1 squash 10 green or wax beans
3 carrots 3 cucumbers 3 onions 1 eggplant 1 head cabbage
1 head broccoli 3 peppers (any color) 3 radishes 10 pea pods
G703 Fruit and/or Vegetable Centerpiece - An arrangement made from fresh fruits and/or vegetables; it will be judged on overall appearance. Accessories may be used. For centerpieces only; exhibitor need not grow items.
G704 Potted Herbs

ARTS AND CRAFTS - Limited to TWO items per section. *Note: All articles should be finished and ready to use (example: pictures should be framed and ready to hang.).* Provide documentation on quilts.

Section

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| H801 | Decorated Clothing Item and/or Accessories including hats |
| H802 | Recycled Craft - any object made from recycled items, scraps or throw away material |
| H803 | Glass Work/Etching |
| H804 | Stained Glass – decorations, ornaments, etc. |
| H805 | Diamond Art Painting |
| H806 | Jewelry – necklace, bracelet, earrings, ring or set |
| H807 | Silk, Dried Flower or Feather Arrangement in a vase |
| H808 | Wood - any item made of wood |
| H809 | Miniature (house, room, shop, holiday, etc.) |
| H810 | Wreaths |
| H811 | Ceramics finished from clay or green ware and fired. <i>All items should be finished and ready for use.</i> |
| H812 | Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections |

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - Limited to TWO items per section. *Note: All articles should be finished and ready for use.*

(Example: pictures should be framed, etc.)

Section

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| J1001 | Tree Ornament |
| J1002 | Wall Decoration |
| J1003 | Table Decoration |
| J1004 | Stocking |
| J1005 | Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections |

FINE ARTS - Originals of Amateurs - paintings, drawings, or sketches in any art medium. All articles should be finished and ready for use. Limited to TWO items per section. *Note: Mounting and frames will be judged. (Frame size will be limited to 30"x36").*

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| L1201 | Oil |
| L1202 | Charcoal |
| L1203 | Water Color |
| L1204 | Pastels |
| L1205 | Acrylic |
| L1206 | Ink |
| L1207 | Colored Pencil |
| L1208 | Miscellaneous – anything not in the above sections |

FIBER ART - Limited to TWO items per section.

Section

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| M1301 | Felted item (clothing, decoration, accessory) |
| M1302 | Weaving |
| M1303 | Handspun clothing (knitted or crocheted) |
| M1304 | Handspun Yarn (Wheel or Spindle) |
| M1305 | Natural Plant Dye (Roving, Batting, Cloth, Yarn) |
| M1306 | Chemical Based Dye (Roving, Batting, Cloth, Yarn) |
| M1307 | Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections |

NEEDLEWORK - Limited to TWO items per section. *(If item is wall hanging, picture, etc., it must be ready to hang with hardware.*

Mounting frames will be judged. Initial and date needlework.)

Section

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| N1401 | Needlepoint |
| N1402 | Counted cross-stitch |
| N1403 | Needlecraft (crewel, embroidery, tatting, smocking, chicken scratch, stamped cross-stitch items) |
| N1404 | Machine Embroidery |
| N1405 | Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections |

PAPER ART/CRAFT - Limited to TWO items per section.

Section

- O1501 Scrapbooking – Single Page
- O1502 Scrapbooking – Book (at least 5 pages front and back)
- O1503 Decorative Card
- O1504 Paper Craft (origami, quilling, Scherenschnitte, etc.)
- O1505 Pre-Printed Coloring Page (Mounted or Framed)
- O1506 Gift Wrapping
- O1507 Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections

NON-PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY- DIGITAL - Limited to TWO items per section. Original photo; NO manipulation.

Note: Mounting and frames will be judged.

Section

- P1601A Digital Photography - snapshots, three 4 x 6 prints mounted on board and framed.
- P1601B Digital Photography - one single print enlarged to a 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 matted or framed.
- P1601C Digital Salon Print - one black & white or color print, no smaller than 7 x 9 inches or larger than 11 x 14 inches. (Must be mounted on standard 16 x 20 inch salon mount, displayed vertically. Wrap to protect. NO hanger or frame.)

P1601M Miscellaneous – anything not in the above sections

NON-PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY- CREATIVE - Limited to TWO items per section. Original photo; NO manipulation.

Note: Mounting and frames will be judged.

- P1602A Creative Photography - snapshots, three 4 x 6 prints, digitally manipulated, mounted on board and framed with original attached to back.
- P1602B Creative Photography - one single print, digitally manipulated, enlarged to a 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 matted or framed with original attached to back.
- P1602C Creative Photography - salon print - one black & white or color print, digitally manipulated, no smaller than 7 x 9 inches or larger than 11 x 14 inches with original attached to back. (Must be mounted on standard 16 x 20 inch salon mount, displayed vertically. Wrap to protect. NO hanger or frame)

P1602M Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections

QUILTING - Limited to TWO items per section.

Section

- Q1701 Quilt - pieced, appliquéd or embroidered – hand-quilted
- Q1702 Quilt - pieced, appliquéd or embroidered – machine-quilted
- Q1703 Lap or Baby Quilt – pieced, appliquéd, or embroidered.
- Q1704 Miniature Quilt – finished square no larger than 14 x 14 inches; finished rectangle no larger than 13 x 17 inches
- Q1705 Quilt Block (any size, any pattern, unquilted)
- Q1706 Quilted Wall Hanging (ready to hang with sleeve or corner pockets and hanging rod)
- Q1707 Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections

SEWING - Limited to TWO items per section (**NOT CLOTHING**).

Section

- S1801 Table Coverings - runner, napkin, placemat, etc.
- S1802 Apron
- S1803 Bed Linens - pillow case, sham, comforter, etc.
- S1804 Curtain
- S1805 Slip Cover
- S1806 Doll Clothes
- S1807 Doll or Stuffed toy - any style or form
- S1808 Purse, Handbag, Tote
- S1809 Pillow, any form of pillow (like items will be judged together)
- S1810 Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections

KNITTING & CROCHET - Limited to TWO items per section.

- T1901 Hand Knitted Clothing Item
- T1902 Hand Crocheted Clothing Item
- T1903 Doily - knitted, crocheted, tatted (mounted for display)
- T1904 Afghan/Blanket - woven, knitted, crocheted, or any combination
- T1905 Baby Afghan/Blanket – woven, knitted, crocheted, or any combination
- T1906 3D Figures – Amigurumi (stuffed animal, toy, doll, etc.)
- T1907 Miscellaneous - anything not in the above sections



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Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

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- A106 Bread (yeast) - by hand
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- B202 Canned Vegetables
- B203 Jams or Jellies
- B204 Specialty Product
- B205 Dehydrated
- B206 Misc. – anything not listed above

GARDEN PRODUCE

- G701 Vegetable (1 variety on single plate)
- G702 Vegetables (3 different varieties)
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NON-PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY - DIGITAL

- P1601A Digital Photography (3 snapshots)
- P1601B Digital Photography (1 single print)
- P1601C Digital Salon Print
- P1601 Miscellaneous

NON-PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY - CREATIVE

- P1602A Creative Photography (3 snapshots)
- P1602B Creative Photography (1 single print)
- P1602C Creative Photography (salon print)
- P1602 Miscellaneous

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DETACH & SEPARATE EXHIBIT LABELS BELOW – ATTACH TO YOUR PROJECTS

OPEN CLASS
Please Attach Label
To Each Exhibit

Exhibitor # _____

Category _____

Section # _____

The exhibitor made this item since last year's fair.

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