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Floral Hall

*Adair County Cooperative Extension Service*

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*July 16-18, 2025*

**Wednesday – July 16**

Volunteer orientation begins @ 9:00 am

Entries received from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Volunteers break for lunch @ 12:00 pm

Volunteers organize entries after lunch

Judging begins @ 1:30 pm

**Thursday – July 17**

Open to the public for viewing from 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Entry Pickup 11:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Friday – July 18**

Entry Pickup 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Remaining items discarded – 12:00 pm

**ATTENTION: NEW IN 2025**

This year, we’ve made the most significant update to the Floral Hall categories in the competition's history. This major redesign aims to boost participation, enhance competition, and bring the Floral Hall back to its nostalgic roots. We encourage you to carefully review the updated categories, as most have changed, especially with many now thoughtfully condensed. Thanks to this consolidation, new this year, we are proud to announce $25 cash prizes for each of the following classes - Best Canned Vegetables (Class 1), Best Chocolate Chip Cookie (Class 21), Machine Quilted- Quilt (Class 28), and Portrait Photography (Class 69). Additionally, a $50 prize will be given for the top entry in both the Arts & Crafts category and the Garden Products category.

Floral Hall Rules

1. Judging will begin at 1:30 pm on July 16th. There shall be no one present at judging that have entries in the competition.
2. All Floral Hall exhibits must be removed on Friday- July 18th by Noon CST. All remaining entries will be thrown away.
3. An online process will be used to register competition participants. No pre-registration is required. Items cannot be dropped off early or late.
4. The Extension Office will discard food as it spoils, and after the event. For a complete list of food rules, see the Food Section.
5. The Extension Office, its employees, and volunteers, as well as the Adair County Homemakers, their members, and volunteers, will not be held liable for any items that are damaged, lost, stolen, or broken. No compensation will be provided for such items. Participants are discouraged from entering items of significant monetary or sentimental value. Items deemed to have excessive monetary value will be disqualified and returned to the exhibitor.
6. Items entered must have been made within the last two years; antique items will no longer be accepted. Items that have previously won 1st place cannot be entered again.
7. If an entry does not warrant a blue ribbon, the judge may refuse to give one.
8. "Best of Show" will be chosen from each category and awarded a Rosette.
9. No overall champion of the fair will be awarded.
10. A participant can only enter one entry in each class. For example, a participant can only put one entry into the 42. Chocolate Chip Cookie Class.
11. Thanks to a generous contribution from the Adair County Fair Board, the Floral Hall has been awarded $500 in premium funds. Of this amount, $100 is allocated for best-in-class awards (Ex. Best Chocolate Chip Cookie), and another $100 is reserved for best-in-category awards (Ex. Best in ARTS & CRAFTS). The remaining $300 will be distributed among ribbon winners using a point-based system to ensure fair distribution. Points are awarded as follows: 1st place earns 3 points, 2nd place earns 2 points, and 3rd place earns 1 point. Each participant’s total points are tallied, and the $300 premium pool is divided by the total number of points earned across all participants to determine the value of each point. The more ribbons in the competition the less each point is worth. A participant’s premium is then calculated by multiplying their total points by the point value

# ARTS & CRAFTS - $50 Prize

1. Any type of wreath
2. Basketry
3. Ceramic item
4. Doll making
5. Holiday or patriotic item
6. Homemade soap
7. Item using recyclable material
8. Oil or acrylic painting
9. Pen and ink drawing
10. Pencil drawing
11. Sculpture--any medium
12. Silk or wood flower arrangement
13. Watercolor painting

# CANNING

All canned entries must be submitted in sealed jars with new two-piece lids; Ball brand jars and lids are preferred. Entries in non-standard jars will be disqualified. Each jar must be clearly labeled with its contents and the date it was canned. Items should be canned within nine months of the competition. Participants must submit one sealed jar, any size, per entry.

1. Fruit – Ex. jelly or jam
2. Most attractive display – at least 5
3. Other goods – Ex. honey
4. Sauces & condiments – Ex. salsa
5. Vegetables - $25 Prize

# FIBER ARTS

1. Crocheted afghan or blanket
2. Crocheted doily or lacework
3. Knitted or crocheted accessories
4. Knitted or crocheted garment

**FLOWERS -** Entries must be live

1. Arrangement of flowers or grasses
2. Lilly – single bloom
3. Marigolds – 3 blooms
4. Rose – single bloom
5. Zinnia – 3 blooms

**FOODS**

All entries must be submitted with a protective covering, preferably in Ziploc bags, and should be completely cooled before being placed in an airtight container. Judging will be based on appearance (25%) and taste and texture (75%). Exhibitors must provide 1/3 of a cake or loaf for judging.

1. Angel food cake
2. Biscuits - 3
3. Brownies - 3
4. Chess pie
5. Chocolate pie
6. Chocolate chip cookie – 3 - $25 Prize
7. Cinnamon rolls - 3
8. Cobbler
9. Coffee Cake
10. Cornmeal muffins or sticks - 3
11. Cupcakes - 3
12. Flavored Cake – Ex. Pineapple
13. Fried Pie – 3 if small
14. Fruit Pie
15. Fruit, Vegetable, or Gingerbread
16. Fudge - 3
17. Molded, clustered, or ball candy - 3
18. Muffins - 3
19. Nut pie
20. Oatmeal Cookies - 3
21. Peanut Butter Cookies - 3
22. Sour Candy - 3
23. Sugar Cookies - 3
24. Unbaked Cookies - 3
25. Yeast rolls or loaf – 3 or 1/3rd

# GARDEN PRODUCTS - $50 Prize

Smaller items should be bagged on a plate.

1. Asparagus - plate of 3
2. Carrots - plate of 3
3. Corn - plate of 3
4. Cucumbers - plate of 3
5. Largest tomato
6. Largest zucchini
7. Onions – plate of 3
8. Peppers – plate of 3
9. Potatoes – plate of 3
10. Squash – plate of 3
11. Tomatoes – plate of 3
12. Zucchini – plate of 3

## **PHOTOGRAPHY** - Must be matted or mounted.

1. Black and White
2. Collage or Photo Story
3. Landscape – Ex. Scenery
4. Nature – plants, animals, wildlife
5. People/Pets – Everyday life
6. Portrait - $25 Prize
7. Still Life – arranged objects

# QUILTS

1. Machine quilted - $25 Prize
2. Hand quilted

# SEWN & STITCHED TEXTILE ARTS

1. Decorated Textile Item
2. Embroidered or stitched Art
3. Garments
4. Household Items
5. Needlepoint or Plastic Canvas