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## Important Dates

**May 20** – Dog Clinic in Concord  
**May 25** – Babysitting Clinic  
**May 25** – Presentations Contest  
**May 25** – Favorite Food Revue  
**May 29** – Office Closed  
Memorial Day Observed  
**May 30** - YQCA Training  
**May 31** – Project Day  
**June 1** – Horse Level Testing & State Horse Show Entries Due  
**June 5 & 7** – Advanced Sewing Workshop  
**June 6** – Clover Kid Day Camp  
**June 9** – Pancake Workshop  
**June 12** – Sewing & Food Dehydration Workshop  
**June 13** – Clover Kid Sewing Workshop  
**June 15** – YQCA Training  
**June 15** – Bee Hotel Virtual Workshop  
**June 15** – Livestock ID/Pre-Entry, Pre-Fair Day Pre-Entry, and Clover Kid Pre-Entry Forms Due  
**June 15** – Last day to enroll and add/delete projects on 4HOnline  
**June 20** – Beginning Sewing Workshop  
**June 22** – Fairy Gardens Workshop  
**June 27** – Welcome Home Sign Workshop  
**Save the Date**

**Pre-Fair Day  
July 1, 2023**

**Cedar County Fair  
July 19-23, 2023**

## **Congratulations to Graduating Seniors!**



Erin Engel  
Delaney Hall  
Kayla O'Connor

Maddy Graham  
Berniece McCorkindale  
Daniel Steffen

**Livestock  
Quality  
Assurance**



### YQCA Trainings – Save the Date

The following dates have been set for YQCA trainings. See attached flyer for more information and how to register.

**Tuesday, May 30 – 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 15 – 9:00 a.m.**

All 4-H aged youth 8-18 (Clover Kids are exempt) enrolled in livestock projects (beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine) are required by Nebraska 4-H to complete an annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA).

- To register visit <https://yqcaprogram.org>
- Also visit the [link for login & registration instructions](#) found on our 4-H webpage
- Due to Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule (COPPA) parents will need to register children
- Parents will receive a confirmation email to validate. Add all your children needing to complete YQCA (this does not include Clover Kids) and submit.
- Complete the data sharing consent.
- Now you are ready to purchase your YQCA training.
- Go to the Home Page. Scroll down and select a training you would like.
- Click Proceed to Buy when you are finished.
- Purchase Course via Credit Card
- All students must take the pre-test after signing up for an instructor-led course. Instructors will not be able to mark students as complete until they take the pre-test. Students can access the pretest by signing into their YQCA account and then clicking on the blue username. In the dropdown menu, students will select "Enrolled ILT Trainings" and click the Pre-Test button.

Attend the training on either May 30 or June 15

**The 2023 Fairbook (4-H/FFA Exhibitor's Guide) can be picked-up at the Extension Office or can also be viewed online under the Cedar County 4-H menu tab "Fairbooks & Scoresheets"**

A list of fairbook changes can also be found on our Cedar County 4-H "Fairbook & Scoresheets" webpage.



**4-H Dog Clinic**

Saturday, May 20 from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Dixon County Fairgrounds in Concord. See attached flyer.

**Next Chapter at Nebraska**

Next Chapter is a college readiness program offered to current Eighth, Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. Next Chapter scholars engage in a variety of activities and curriculum where they will participate in career exploration, develop research skills, and experience a variety of learning methods that will help them transition to and succeed in college. For more information contact Wayne County Extension at 402-375-3310. Next meeting is May 25 at the Wayne County Courthouse.

**May Events Highlighted in April Newsletter**

May 25 – Babysitting Clinic, 9:30-3:00

May 25 – Presentation Contest, 5:00 pm?

May 25 – Favorite Food Revue, 6:00 pm

May 30 – Livestock Quality Assurance Training (YQCA) 9:00 & 1:30

May 31 – Project Day, 9:00-2:30

***Check our 4-H Programs & Events webpage periodically for upcoming workshops, as we will post new flyers as events are planned.***



**Summer Contests on May 25**

**Favorite Food Revue**

This contest is a fun way to help youth learn how to properly set a table, plan nutritious meals, express creativity in choosing a theme, and express knowledge of food, nutrition, and food safety.

**Demonstration/Presentation Contest**

Through this contest youth demonstrate their knowledge on how to make or do something. They learn skills in organizing and delivering a presentation.

Clover Kids and 4-H aged youth are eligible to participate in both contests. Try your hand at one or both contests. More information and resources can be found on the Cedar County 4-H Contests webpage.

**Attention Gardeners!!!**



As you are planting your flower and vegetable gardens, remember to keep track of the variety name of your flowers and vegetables. This will make it easier at fair time when you need to know the exact variety name to put on the pre-entry form. Available on our Cedar County 4-H page under the "Pre-Fair & Fair Resources" are resources on how to select and prepare your vegetables, herbs and fruits for exhibiting, and preparing your cut flowers for the fair.

**Online Horticulture Judging Contest June 2-16**

<https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>

Give it a try and test your knowledge



**\$20 Shopping Challenge**

*replaces the \$15 Shopping Challenge*

**\*\* NEW \*\* 14" x 22" poster is worth 50 percent toward the Fashion Show scoring.**

Your SHOPPING Challenge entry must be a complete outfit. All parts of the outfit must be purchased. Accessories and shoes already owned can be used to complement/finish the outfit. Cost of outfit must be \$20 or less, not including shoes, accessories, or undergarments.

- Consider why outfit is needed and how it fills a void in your wardrobe.
- Take into account the fit, quality and care of the garment(s).
- Create 14" x 22" poster that includes documentation of all purchases, their prices, a photo of yourself in the newly acquired outfit, and a description of how this outfit meets your wardrobe needs.
- Email Megan your narrative by June 26.
- Model the outfit on Pre-Fair Day, July 1<sup>st</sup>, (clothing judging day) and at the public Fashion Show following the judging competition.

After the public Fashion Show you may take your outfit home, but the poster will be kept at the Extension Office and then displayed at the Cedar County Fair.

**4-H Show T-shirts**

Anyone wanting a regulation 4-H show t-shirt, please contact the Extension Office. 4-H livestock and small animal exhibitors are required to wear 4-H t-shirts or have a 4-H chevron on a white shirt. The white or green t-shirts will be acceptable for showing in Cedar County. Wearing of the show t-shirt is optional for Clover Kids, not required. Parents and leaders are also welcome to order a t-shirt. Cost is \$8.00.

Please be sure to enroll and/or update the project areas you are interested in on 4HOnline. We plan our shows and clinics based on the number of youth enrolled in each project area, and number of entries that qualify for State Fair are also based on the number of enrollees per project area. For example – do we have enough interest to conduct a dog or cat clinic or even to have a show at the fair??

### **2023 Special Garden Project**



The 2023 Special Garden Project will focus on Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil. If you reserved a packet of seed it is ready to pick-up at the Extension Office. We also have a few extra packets if you wish to participate, first come, first serve. Be sure to enroll in the Special Garden Project through 4-H Online.

### **Livestock Achievement Program**



Livestock Achievement Program is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve in their livestock project knowledge and leadership. The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry. For more information visit <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>. Applications are due June 15.

### **Needing Bucket Calf Showman**



Looking for someone to lead a bucket calf session at the Clover Kid Camp on June 6. You would need to bring a bucket calf to Felber Park and conduct 5 mini-sessions from 1:00-3:00, giving tips and tricks on how to show your calf and fill-out your record book. Contact Jackie for more information.

### **Available for Check-Out**

**Poultry American Standard of Perfection 44<sup>th</sup> Edition** book is available for check-out to aid our poultry exhibitors in identification and showmanship presentation.

### **Attention Photographers**



We have 11x14 mats for an 8x10 photo available to purchase at our office for \$2.00 apiece.

### **2023 Special Entomology Project**



Do you like bugs? In the Special Entomology Project, the insect of the year is the GRASSHOPPER.

Report what you have learned about the grasshopper through an educational exhibit on a poster or pin the insect and include a 1–2-page report. See the fairbook for more details.

### **2023 County Challenge**

#### **\*\* Chocolate Chip Cookies \*\***

4-H members are invited to show their creativity and originality by creating an interesting Chocolate Chip Cookie entry. You are not limited to food, it can also be a photograph, a picture story, artwork, cookie made out of other materials (fabric, ceramic, clay, etc.) hot plate mat or a cost comparison poster. Enter your exhibit under the appropriate department and enter it in the County Challenge to be considered for the award. An award will be given to the best entry sponsored by Megan Hanefeldt.

#### **2023 County Photography Theme**

##### **\*\* Foods \*\***

4-H members enrolled in levels 1, 2, or 3 of Photography are invited to participate in the county project and exhibit a photo showing an aspect of FOODS.

Be Creative!

### **50% Off Discount Fair Tickets**



Grossenburg Implement is sponsoring a 50% discount to 4-H families for the Cedar County Fair entertainment tickets. 4-H families who have paid

their dues and completed their enrollment on 4HOnline can contact the office for a promo-code and website link giving them a 50% discount for up to five tickets of their choice per family. Below are the full price fair ticket prices:

Talent Show & Barrel Racing events are free.

April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>

Season Pass - \$70 adult & \$60 child

Rodeo only - \$15 adult & \$10 child

Concerts Friday & Saturday - \$35 each

Concert Sunday - \$25 each

July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Season Pass - \$75 adult & \$65 child

Rodeo only - \$15 adult & \$10 child

Concerts Friday & Saturday - \$35 each

Concert Sunday - \$25 each

Be sure to thank Grossenburgs for your discounted tickets!



A list of Progress Shows, Clinics and other state wide opportunities can be found at the bottom of our 4-H Programs & Events webpage.

# 4-H Dog Clinic

led by Megan Olson

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**  
**1:30-3:30 PM**

**Dixon County Fairgrounds, Concord, NE**  
 (Ag Hall open area)

For 4-H youth, ages 5-18 years.

Bring current rabies vaccination record & proper show tools.

Build your skills in:

- Basic obedience (bring chain collar)
- Showmanship (bring Martingale collar)
- Agility

**COST \$10.00**  
**PER YOUTH**

For more information or to register, contact the Dixon County Extension Office at (402)584-2234 or [dixon-county@unl.edu](mailto:dixon-county@unl.edu)  
 Sponsored by the Dixon County 4-H Council



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## Summer Sewing Workshops



**Clover Kid Sewing**  
**Tuesday, June 13**  
 10:00 – 11:30 am  
 Class limit: 10  
 Cost \$5.00



Join Barb Burbach in learning the parts of a sewing machine, items to be included in a sewing kit, create a sewing journal, and make an alligator needle-book. Our office has sewing machines available, but we encourage Clover Kids to bring their own machine if they have one, so they learn about their machine. Adult helpers are encouraged but not required.

**Beginning Sewing**  
**Monday, June 20**  
 Morning 10:00–12:00  
 or  
 Afternoon 1:00–3:00  
 Class limit: 8 each session  
 Cost \$5.00

### Potholders

Make a set of 2 at workshop and take a set of 2 home to practice.

#### Supplies Needed:

- Matching thread
- Sewing notions (sewing scissors, pins, ruler, etc)
- Sewing machine \*

Material will be provided.

Adult helpers encouraged to attend, especially if youth have no sewing experience.

**Fair Entry:** STEAM Clothing 1 – C205914 Other Item

**Advanced Sewing**  
 2-day Workshop  
**June 5 & June 7**  
 1:00 - 4:00 pm each day  
 Class limit: 8  
 for youth aged 10+ with sewing experience

### Cost

\$12.00 – towels provided  
 No Cost if bring own towels

### Towel Pants

#### Supplies Needed:

- 2 large towels
- White thread
- Sewing notions (sewing scissors or rotary cutter with mat, pins, ruler, seam ripper, etc.)
- Sewing machine \*



**Fair Entry:** STEAM Clothing 2 – C222007 Bottom Clothing 3 – C223901 Other Item

**Sewing & Food Preservation**  
 Sew an apron and learn how to dehydrate food.  
**Monday, June 12**  
 10:00–11:30 – Sew Apron  
 11:30–12:00 – Lunch (Bring Your Own)  
 12:00–1:00 – Food Dehydration  
 1:00–3:00 – Finish Sewing

**Class limit: 10**  
**Cost \$10.00**

#### Supplies Needed:

- 1 yard cotton fabric
- Matching thread
- Sewing notions (sewing scissors or rotary cutter with mat, pins, ruler, seam ripper, etc.)
- Sewing machine \*

Adult helpers encouraged to attend, especially if youth have no sewing experience.

**Fair Entries:** STEAM Clothing 1, 2 or 3 – Other Item Food Preservation – Unit 2 Drying

**Pick a workshop that best fits your age or skill level.**

Adult volunteers are encouraged to help youth with limited sewing experience.

\* Our office has sewing machines available, but we encourage youth to bring their own machine if they have one, so they learn how to use their machine.

**Reminder – Pre-Fair Day is July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**To register contact the Extension Office at least 1 week prior to workshop at 402-254-6821 or [cedar-county@unl.edu](mailto:cedar-county@unl.edu)**

We have some material at the office if anyone wants to go through the boxes.

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# 4-H Clover Kid Camp

Tuesday, June 6

1:00 - 3:00 pm

at the Harrington Felber Park Shelter House  
*Camp is FREE to all registered Clover Kids*

*Explore projects in*

- Plant Science
- Animal Science
- Mindfulness
- Electricity
- Chemistry

*that can be exhibited at the Cedar County Fair*

To Register contact the  
Extension Office by May 30  
at 402-254-6821

*Any adults or youth volunteers willing to lead and help with  
stations, please contact the Extension Office.*



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# Pancakes From Around The World

Friday, June 9

9:30 – 11:30 am

at the Cedar County Extension Office

Have you ever wondered how to make a great pancake? Or how pancakes around the world are different from our own? This class will teach you the basics of pancakes and explore cultures around the world.

Cost \$8.00

Class size limited to 12

To register contact the  
Extension Office at  
402-254-6821 by June 2nd



*Project Area: Cooking 401  
Fair Exhibit: E412003 Ethnic Food Exhibit or E412002 Family Food Tradition if have your own family recipe*

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# Bee Hotel Virtual Workshop

Live via Zoom

**Thursday, June 15, 2023**

**1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

For Youth Ages 8+

Cost: \$15



Get out your hammer and power drill! Construct a habitat for bees by building a structure and then drilling holes in wood blocks for the bee habitat. You will also learn why bees are important to the environment.

Registration Link: <https://go.unl.edu/4hbeehotel2023>

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 2, 2023

**Kits can be picked up from the Extension Office starting Thursday, June 8, 2023.**

Kit will include:

- Pre-cut wood for bee hotel
- Wood for nesting blocks
- Nails

- Two University publications on bee hotels

Not included in the kit but needed for the workshop are:

- Hammer
- Drill and drill bits
- Safety glasses



**Fair Exhibit: Entomology H800005 Insect Habitats**

**Note: a one page report describing activities must also accompany the exhibit**

*Virtual workshop to be conducted by Entomologist, Wayne Ohnesorg*

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# Fairy Gardens



LEARN THE ART OF ASSEMBLING AND PREPARING A FAIRY GARDEN FOR EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023**

**9:00 - NOON**

**4-H AGE: 8 - 18**

CEDAR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

REGISTER BY: JUNE 1ST

CALL: 402-254-6821

CLASS LIMIT: 15

COST: \$10

PROJECT AREA CLASS #:

G770064 FAIRY OR MINIATURE GARDEN

BRING AN OPEN CONTAINER  
NO GREATER THAN 12" IN DIAMETER



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# Welcome Home Sign Workshop

with Crafty Lou Designs & Embroidery

**JUNE 27, 2023**  
**4-H AGE**  
**1:00-4:00 P.M.**

**CEDAR COUNTY**  
**EXTENSION OFFICE**  
**REGISTER BY: JUNE 1ST**  
**CALL: 402-254-6821**

**LIMIT: 20 4-H AGE**  
**COST: \$25**






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## Highlighted in April Newsletter:

### Rules for Favorite Food Revue

**Thursday, May 25 6:00 pm Hartington City Auditorium Basement**

1. Prepare a centerpiece and place setting for one person on a card table. *(Bring your own card table.)* You may use a place mat or tablecloth. A large tablecloth can be folded to fit. You do not have to use best china. Settings may be plastic, etc. The emphasis is placed on how well they go together and how appropriate for the occasion of the meal.
2. The favorite food may be displayed as the whole dish or as one serving. Select and prepare a favorite recipe. A microwave will be available to heat food before judging.
3. Plan a menu which will include the favorite food. Indicate what kind of meal (family supper, Sunday dinner, children's party, etc.). *(Clover Kids - omit this step)*
4. Write or type menu on a 4 x 6 card, using correct menu writing format. *(Clover Kids - omit this step)*
5. Write or type recipe on a 4 x 6 card. Members must do their own cards. *(Clover Kids - omit this step)*
6. Have your display in place by 5:55 p.m. so judging may begin promptly. Set up time begins at 5:30. Parents and leaders may assist in carrying in articles for display, but 4-H members are to set up the display themselves.
7. Each contestant will be interviewed (at your table) by the judge for about five minutes. Questions may include planning the menu, nutrients in favorite food, place setting, etc. (See Score Card)
8. Contest is divided into four classes: Clover Kid (5 - 7 year olds), Junior (8 - 10 year olds), Intermediate (11-13 year olds), and Senior (14 years and older).
9. Ribbons will be awarded at the conclusion of the Favorite Food Revue at approximately 7:45.

 Clover Kids will select a theme and display one place setting including table cover, dishware, glassware, flatware, napkin, centerpiece, and one serving of favorite food. *(Clover Kids are not required to prepare a menu or recipe card. The purpose of this event is for them to learn to set a table properly.)*


Public Sample Line (Optional Opportunity)

If your recipe lends itself to be shared we encourage you to participate in the Public Sample Line following the contest at approximately 7:30 (setup 7:15). Contestants bring sample sized portions of their exhibit for others to try, submit an electronic version of their recipe to be distributed, and must be present to share and answer questions about their exhibit. Please think about how you will serve your samples. Copies of your recipe, small plates and napkins will be provided for those tasting!

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 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age 1/1/23 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division: Clover Kid \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_


Will you be participating in the Public Sample Line? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Don't forget to submit an electronic copy of your recipe IF you are participating in sample line.)

Entries must be received by **Monday, May 22nd** to the Cedar County Extension Office via phone, mail or electronically. Score sheet and guidelines can be found on the Cedar County 4-H Contests webpage.



### 4-H Presentation Contest

Thursday, May 25, 2023  
 time to be determined based on participation, possibly 5:00 pm  
 Cedar County Extension Office



#### Illustrated 4-H Presentation


A live presentation given by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals, with a formal talk where youth will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. Judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question-and-answer session following presentation.

- Individuals or Teams (two members) may compete in any of the classes. There is no separate class for teams, just different time limits. Participants may be penalized if their presentation exceeds the time limit.

**Time limit: 6-8 minutes for an individual 8-10 minutes for a team**  
**Age Divisions: Junior – age 8-9 Intermediate – age 10-13 Senior – age 14-18**  
*If team members are not in the same age division, they must compete in the age division of the oldest team member.*


- All 4-H Presentations topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences. Educational resources for youth participating in the 4-H Presentations Contest can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/cedar/4-h-contests/>.
- 4-H Presentations should include an introduction (the "why" portion of the topic), a body (the "show and tell" portion of the topic), and a conclusion/summary (the "what" portion of the topic).
- 4-H members need not be enrolled in the project area in which they are presenting.
- Dress appropriately and be enthusiastic.
- Live animals may be used in the presentation. Presenters are responsible for the care and handling of animals. Animals can only remain in the presentation area while the owner is present.
- Resources to help you in putting together visual aids for your presentation/demonstration can be found on our 4-H webpage under the 4-H Contests tab.

*The top five Intermediate & Senior participants receiving a purple ribbon in the Cedar County 4-H Presentations Contest are eligible to represent Cedar County at the State Premier Communication Event on Friday, June 23, 2023 in Lincoln. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event-ides> for more information about the State Premier Communications Event.*



**Clover Kids** – a live presentation (1-3 minutes) to show and tell others how to do something.

To register contact the Extension Office by **May 22nd** with name of participant, age, topic/title, division, and if individual/team presentation  
 Divisions – Clover Kid Junior Intermediate Senior



# Project Day 2023


## Cedar County 4-H Project Day

**Wednesday May 31, 2023 9:00 am – 2:30 pm**  
 at the Hartington Auditorium

Youth will participate in 4 sessions throughout the day and will be able to take home the items they create to enter as fair exhibits at the Cedar County Fair. These projects are meant to be an introduction to building skills in different project areas. We always encourage youth to take the project home and make it their own!

Houseplant  
Wood Scorching  
Gourmet Cookies  
Camping Bucket

Bring your own sack lunch. A lunch and learn session will feature "Ag Innovations."




**Limited to 40 Youth 4-H Ages 8-18**  
**Cost: \$20.00**  
**Bring a sack lunch**

To register contact the Extension Office by **May 19th, 402-254-6821**

*We are seeking parents who would be willing to stay for the day to help, please indicate that when signing your child up*

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# May Featured Project Idea for 4-H & Clover Kids



## Floriculture



Spring is in the air, grass is turning green and flowers are starting to bloom. Now is a great time to teach your child simple planting and gardening skills.

- Pick an appropriately sized pot for your succulent, flower or vegetable (not too big or not too small).
- Use the appropriate potting mixture for the type of plant you will be growing.
- Place a layer of gravel in the pot for drainage, especially if your pot does not have a drainage hole in the bottom.
- Fill your pot half full of soil and up along the sides.
- Gently remove the plant from purchased container.
- Loosen up the roots on the bottom, and then place in your new pot.
- Fill soil in around the plant. Gently press soil down around plant.  
Note: Do not fill pot completely full of soil, leave at least ½-inch room on top for watering.
- Water plant so that the top inch of soil is soaked. Note: Be careful not to overwater, especially if your pot does not have a drainage hole.
- Water plants when soil begins to feel dry.



Be creative with your planters and have fun watching your plants grow!

**Clover Kids** – Bring your plants to the Cedar County Fair to show your green thumb. 😊

**4-H Aged Youth** – Be sure to enroll in the horticulture project area based on the type of plant(s) you will be growing. If it is an indoor plant you will need to be enrolled in Houseplants. If it is an outdoor plant you will need to be enrolled in The World of Flowers. Read Floriculture pages 64–66 of your fairbook to see what options and rules for each class of flowers; hanging baskets, beautiful buckets, original arrangement, unique container, flowering or foliage plant, dish garden, desert garden, fairy garden, terrarium. Your options are great. We look forward to seeing a sea of green in full bloom at the fair. 😊

