

HOME ECONOMICS CONTEST

Open to Youth and Adults













GREETING FROM THE AGENT

Tonya Poncik



Dear Participants,

The Lee County office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is pleased to have the opportunity to coordinate various competitions at the Lee County Fair, May 15-17, in Giddings.

The Home Economics Contest will be held in the Fireman's Hall at the Lee County Fair Grounds. Competition is open to both Youth and Adults.

Please review the brochure, for contest information and entry deadlines. There is a small entry fee of \$10 per exhibitor, regardless of how many classes are entered in that department. So, we hope you will find numerous classes to participate in.

Early registration begins Thursday, May 1, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm each business day, through noon on Monday, May 12, at the Lee County Extension office. Final registration is Monday, May 12 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at Giddings Fireman's Hall on the Lee County Fair Grounds.

As a fair board member, I look forward to hosting this competition. If you have any additional questions, please contact my office at 979 -542-2753.

Thank you for participating in the 2014 Lee County Fair.

Sincerely,

Tonva Poncik

Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences

Lee County

RULES & REGULATIONS

Home Economics Contest

All entries and awards shall be subject to the RULES and REGULATIONS published in this booklet. All exhibits must be prepared solely by the exhibitor within the last twelve (12) months; except for Educational Exhibits.

1. SCHEDULE

Early Registration

(except for Educational Exhibits)

Thursday, May 1 – Friday, May 9

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Monday, May 12

8:30 am - 12 noon

Lee County Extension Office 310 South Grimes

Giddings

Entry Registration and Check-In

Monday, May 12

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Fireman's Hall Lee County Fair Grounds 2495 US 290 West

Giddings

Viewing Exhibit Hall

Thursday, May 15 Friday, May 16 Saturday, May 16 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm 10:00 am - 8:00 pm 12:00 noon - 8:00 pm

Entry Pick-Up

Monday, May 19

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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Giddings

- 2. There is a \$10 regardless of how many classes are entered in each Department.
- 3. Each item must be labeled with the Exhibitor's name, Department and Class, as outlined in this brochure.
- 4. The Department Chairman will direct and be in charge of entries and reserve the right to accept or reject entries depending on condition and suitability of exhibits.
- 5. Entries will be accepted in the Lee County Fair for adult and youth age groups. Age groups determined at entry deadline are as follows:

Kid's Korner: birth - 7 years (ribbon awards only)

Youth: 8 - 17 years Adult: 18 - + years

Professional: receives personal income from items

- 5. KID'S KORNER is for the little folks, birth to age 7. All entries for this age group may be shown in one area of the Exhibit Hall (not divided by departments). Participation Ribbons will be awarded in the Kid's Korner; there is no money award. There is no registration fee involved in for Kid's Korner.
- 6. All entries must remain on exhibit during the entire period of the Fair. Entries should be picked up on Monday, May 19, at the Lee County Extension office, from 1 pm to 5 pm.
- 7. The decision of the judges shall be final.
- 8. No Exhibitor will be allowed to interfere in any way with the judges in the performance of their duties. Department Chairmen will be present during judging.
- 9. Name of the Exhibitor will not be displayed until judging is complete.

- 10. All exhibits will be under the control and direction of the show management, but the Lee County Fair Department Chairman or any other official of the Lee County Fair will not be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
- 11. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done, or occasioned by, or arising from the exhibit of any entry.
- 12. All exhibits must be prepared solely by the exhibitor and within the last twelve (12) MONTHS; except Educational Exhibits.
- 13. Classes, within the same age group, may be combined if a Class has fewer than 5 entries.
- 14. A "*Best of Show*", will be awarded in both age categories; Youth [ages 8-17] and Adult [ages 18 and older].
- 15. Each recipient of "Best of Show" will receive \$50 cash.



DEPARTMENTS

A. EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

- 1. Extension Education Association Clubs and any other Organization/Clubs in Lee County are eligible to enter one educational exhibit.
- 2. Clubs may choose their own exhibit theme each year. Crafts may be exhibited as educational booth. We recognize crafts as educational when flyers or instruction sheets are included in the exhibit.
- 3. Set up time will be **Monday, May 12**, from 8:30 am 6:00 pm. *Fireman's Hall Exhibit Building, Lee County Fair Grounds*
- 4. Articles used for display must be developed and arranged by club members.
- 5. Exhibits will be judged based on which best communicates their theme message through the following criteria/judging guidelines:

JUDGING GUIDELINES

How exhibit is put together (covers activities).

Creativity — Neatness — Informative

B. SCRAPBOOKS DEPARTMENT

B-1 ADULT Club Scrapbooks

B-2 YOUTH Club Scrapbooks

B-3 ADULT Individual Scrapbooks

B-4 YOUTH Individual Scrapbooks

C. NEEDLEWORK DEPARTMENT

The majority of the work must be done by hand – not by machine. All Entries will be judged by age groups as listed in

General Rules.

- 1. Needlework items are those items fashioned from fiber, yarn, or fabric materials, using various stitches, knots or weaving, etc.
- 2. Articles will be judged on the quality of workmanship according to the techniques used, considering general appearance, construction techniques and suitability of materials.
- 3. WALL HANGINGS SHOULD BE FRAMED OR MATTED FOR FRAMING WITH A WIRE AND HOOK AND EYE, if applicable. Handmade or commercial frames may be used.
- 4. If there are sufficient entries, classes may be separated into original and kit. In Classes C1 C12, please indicate on entry form and at time of check-in if item is a kit or original design.
- 5. If there are sufficient entries, pictures using applique, candlewick, crewel, cross-stitch, embroidery, needlepoint, and needlepunch techniques may be subdivided for judging into sizes. Sizes excluding mat and frame are:
- A. Smaller than 8 x 10 inches
- B. 8 x 10 to 16 x 20 inches

C. Larger than 16 x 20

- C-1 Crewel Embroidery
- C-2 Counted Cross-Stitch worked pattern less than 64 square inches
- C-3 Counted Cross-Stitch worked pattern greater than 64 square inches
- C-4 Canvas Embroidery (Needlepoint) less than 18 stitches per inch
- C-5 Petit Point equal to or greater than 22 stitches per inch
- C-6 Something Different
- C-7 Smocking

C-8 General Embroidery C-9 Candle Wicking C-10 Plastic Canvas C-11 Samplers C-12 Pairs C-13 Crochet Tablecloths C-14 Crochet Afghan C-15 Crochet Baby Clothing C-16 Crochet Adult Garments C-17 Crochet Accessories C-18 Crochet Home Accessories C-19 Other Crochet C-20 Hand Knit Sweater C-21 Hand Knit Afghan C-22 Hand Knit Baby Clothing C-23 Hand Knit Adult Clothing C-24 Hand Knit Accessories C-25 Hand Knit Home Accessories C-26 Other Hand Knit

C-27 Machine Knit

C-28 Weaving - Household Items

C-29 Weaving - Personal Items

C-30 Handspun Yarns (finished article OR 3 or more Skeins)

C-31 Braided or Hand Hooked Rugs

Other Needlework

C-32 Other Decorated Items

C-33 Pillow

C-34 Toy or Doll

C-35 Other Textile Crafts (Tatting, Macramé, Soft Sculpture, Cutwork, etc.)

C-36 Personal Accessories (Necklace, Collars, Bows, etc.)

C-37 Jewelry

C-38 Unique Recycled Arts and Crafts

C-39 Holiday Corner (Christmas Tree Skirts, Stockings, Wreaths, etc.)

C-40 OOPS

D. CANNING AND PRESERVING DEPARTMENT

USDA Canning and Preserving Guidelines available at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Lee County.

- 1. Canned products should be prepared and processed according to the current USDA/Extension Service information.
- 2. All canned displays must be in standard-make canning jars with standard lids, unless other containers are specified (as bottles for the fruit juices). Mayonnaise jars will not be accepted.
- 3. Artificial pectin may be used in making the jelly exhibits.
- 4. Any exhibit not listed but merits award will be accepted.
- 5. Items will be disqualified if they are moldy or appear spoiled. Rusty lids and screw tops are not accepted.



VEGETABLES (1/2 Pints, Pints or Quarts)	
D-1 Asparagus	
D-2 Okra and Tomatoes	
D-3 Any Shelled Variety of Peas or Snap	& Shelled
D-4 Yellow Wax Beans Combination	
D-5 Green Snap Beans	
D-6 Greens	
D-7 Field Peas (¼ snap, ¾ shelled)	
D-8 Pinto Beans	
D-9 Corn (pints only)	
D-10 Lima Beans	
D-11 Carrots	
D-12 Gumbo	
D-13 Sauerkraut	
D-14 Tomatoes	
D-15 Solid Pack Tomatoes	
D-16 Beets	
D-17 Squash	
D-18 Potatoes	
D-19 Miscellaneous	
FRUIT (1/2 Pints, Pints or Quarts)	
D-20 Pineapple (Crushed, Sliced, Chunk)	
D-21 Peaches (¼, ½, Whole)	
D-22 Pears (14, 1/2, Whole)	
D-23 Plums	D-24 Mixed Fruit
D-25 Exotic Fruit (kiwi, mango, etc.)	D-26 Grapes
D-27 Figs	D-28 Strawberries
D-29 Dewberries	D-30 Blackberries
D-31 Miscellaneous	

PRESERVES, JAMS AND BUTTERS (1/2 Pint and Pint)		
D-32 Peach	D-33 Blackberry	
D-34 Dewberry	D-35 Pineapple	
D-36 Plum	D-37 Pear	
D-38 Fig	D-39 Apple	
D-40 Grape	D-41 Strawberry	
D-42 Tomato	D-43 Mixed Fruit	
D-44 Mixed Berries		
D-45 Exotic Fruit (kiwi, mango, etc.)		
D-46 Miscellaneous		
JELLY (½ Pints, Pints and Standard Jelly Glasses with Lids)		
D-47 Apple	D-48 Plum	
D-49 Berry (any kind)	D-50 Fig	
D-51 Exotic Fruit (kiwi, mango,	etc.) D-52 Grape	
D-53 Peach	D-54 Tomato	
D-55 Jalapeno	D-56 Mixed Fruit	
D-57 Miscellaneous		
PICKLES AND RELISHES	(1/2 Pints, Pints and Quarts)	
D-58 Sweet Pickles	D-59 Sour Pickles	
D-60 Dill Pickles	D-61 Hot Dill Pickles	
D-62 Mixed Pickles	D-63 Bread & Butter Pickles	
D-64 Pickled Green Tomatoes	D-65 Pickled Beets	
D-66 Pickled Onions	D-67 Pickled Peppers	
D-68 Pickled Okra	D-69 Pickled Beans	
D-70 Pickled Squash	D-71 Pickled Vegetables (3 - 8)	
D-72 Sweet Pickled Fruit	D-73 Vegetable Relish (3 - 8)	
D-74 Pepper Relish	D-75 Pear Relish	

D-77 Chow Chow

D-76 Tomato Relish

D-78 Miscellaneous

SAUCES & SALSAS

D-79 Picante Sauce D-80 Sweet Sauce

D-81 Hot Sauce D-82 Bar-B-Q Sauce

D-83 Hot Spicy Salsa D-84 Sweet Salsa

D-85 Miscellaneous Salsa D-86 Miscellaneous Sauce

OTHER PRESERVED FOODS

D-87 Juice (Pints, Quarts, or Bottles)

D-88 Ketchup (Pints, Quarts, or Bottles)

D-89 Soup Stock (Pints, Quarts)

D-90 Soup

D-91 Flavored Vinegars

D-92 Syrups

D-93 Dried Noodles

D-94 Miscellaneous



E. FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

- 1. All art must be fully dry. Framed pictures should be wired for hanging.
- 2. All entries must be clean.
- 3. Judging of original work will be based on idea, original use of compositional design to express the idea and quality of media.
- 4. Judging of copy art and works from prepared patterns and kits will be based on quality handling of media and ability to free-handily transpose from the original.

FINE ARTS - acrylic, watercolor, crayon, pencil, charcoal, etc.

E-1 Abstract E-2 Landscape
E-3 Portrait E-4 Seascape
E-5 Still Life E-6 Wildlife

E-7 Domestic Animals E-8 Other (No Nudes)

E-9 Coloring pages



F. CERAMICS DEPARTMENT

1. Judging will be based on workmanship, adaptability of color and overall appearance.

F-1 Glazed Ceramics - may include:

Figurines, one or more

Animals / Marine

Bowls / Plates / Vases / Pitchers

Holiday / Religious / Historical / Seasonal

Birds / Fowl

Other

F-2 Stained Ceramics and/or Plaster - may include:

Figurines, one or more

Animals / Marine

Bowls / Plates / Vases / Pitchers

Holiday / Religious / Historical / Seasonal

Birds / Fowl

Other

F-3 Porcelain – may include:

Portraits; Animals / Marine

Scenes

Holiday / Religious / Historical / Seasonal

Fruits / Nuts / Berries / Vegetables

Birds / Fowl

Floral

Porcelain Doll

Figurines — one or more

Dinner / Dresser Set — limit of 3 pieces

Jewelry — one or a set



G. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

- 1. All entries must be cleaned and pressed.
- 2. Garment will be judged on the basis of accurate cutting and quality of construction techniques as they contribute to the "professional" look.
- 3. Tailored Items (Class G-6) must have 1 or more of the following techniques: lining, bound buttonholes, shoulder pads, pad stitching, use of twill tape for molding the garment, sleeve headings, underlining, interfacing. No tailored garments may be entered in the other categories.
- 4. Non-Tailored Items (Class G-7) consist of two garments of fabric(s) [Youth or Adult] that coordinate, match, or compliment each other (not to include tailored garments).

Ensemble examples include: skirt and blouse, dress and jacket, pants/shorts and top, etc.

- 5. Sewn Accessories (Class G-13) accessory must be hand or machine sewn by exhibitor and in addition may include Conchos, beads, feathers, studs, etc.
- G-1 Blouses / Shirts
- G-2 Pants / Shorts
- G-3 Skirts
- G-4 Dresses / Jumpers
- G-5 Dresses, After 5 and Formal
- G-6 Tailored Items
- G-7 Non-Tailored 2 Piece Ensembles
- G-8 Sleepwear, Lingerie and Swimwear
- G-9 Doll Clothes
- G-10 Infant / Toddler (up to size 4T)
- G-11 Aprons
- G-12 Vests
- G-13 Sewn Accessories (belts, sashes, hats, purses, scarves)
- G-14 Tote Bags
- G-15 Home Accessories (tablecloths, curtains, etc.)
- G-16 Other Home Accessories
- G-17 Pillows
- G-18 Holiday Items
- G-19 Dolls and Toys
- G-20 OOPS

H. CRAFTS & OTHER ARTS DEPARTMENT

1. Articles will be judged on the quality of workmanship according to the techniques used considering general appearance, construction techniques and suitability of materials.

- 2. Decorated wreaths and baskets may use a purchased base. In handmade wreaths and baskets, the actual wreath and basket is made from scratch.
- 3. All wall hanging articles must have hangers.
- 4. Prints (for example: serigraphs, linoleum, block prints) must be matted and covered with glass and ready for hanging with wire or prepared hangers. (Must have hangers.)
- H-1 Painted / Stenciled / Decorated Fabric
- H-2 Decorated Wreaths (purchased base)
- H-3 Handmade Wreaths (homemade base)
- H-4 Decorated Baskets, Boxes or Containers (purchased base)
- H-5 Handmade Baskets, Boxes or Containers (homemade base)
- H-6 Floral Arrangements (Dry or Silk)
- H-7 Leather Crafts
- H-8 Other Cultural Arts (papermaking, stained glass, etc.)
- H-9 Heritage Crafts (scrimshaw, knife making, calligraphy, etc.)
- H-10 Holiday Corner
- H-11 Personal Accessories (headbands, bows, barrettes, etc.)
- H-12 Lapidary Jewelry
- H-13 Other Jewelry
- H-14 Plastic Models Cars
- H-15 Plastic Models Airplanes
- H-16 Plastic Models Ships
- H-17 Other Plastic Cultural Arts
- H-18 Lego Models
- H-19 Foam Art
- H-20 Bead Art
- H-21 Woodwork Crafts Decorative (wood-burning, letters, animals, etc.)

H-22 Woodwork Crafts – Functional (toys, games, birdhouses, etc.)

H-23 Woodwork Kits (lamps, clocks, etc.) No furniture.

H-24 Woodwork – Furniture

(gun/china cabinets, cedar chests, desks, etc.)

H-25 Woodwork – Other *(gun racks, book shelves, what-not shelves)* No kits.

H-26 Woodwork – Turned Objects

H-27 Woodwork Kits – Models

H-28 Taxidermy

H-29 Accessories for the home (lamps, etc.)

H-30 Miscellaneous Media – Original, Copy (ex. calligraphy)

H-31 Pottery and other original fixed pieces

H-32 Printmaking – Original

H-33 Fibers - Original, Pattern or Copy

H-34 Painted Metal

H-35 Metal Shaped / Cut

H-36 Miscellaneous Crafts / Other Art



I. **QUILTING DEPARTMENT**

1. Quilted items are those items fashioned from fabric with a significant amount of piecing, appliqué and/or quilting.

- 2. Articles will be judged on the quality of workmanship according to the techniques used, considering general appearance, construction techniques and suitability of materials.
- 3. A special Class of "QUILT—GROUP PROJECT" is open to any club or group. The contributors to the project may include multiple age groups. The quilt size must be bed size.
- I-1 Bed Size Quilt
- I-2 Crib, Wall or Lap Quilt
- I-3 Commercially Quilted Bed Size Quilt
- I-4 Commercially Quilted Crib, Wall or Lap Quilt Other Quilted Work
- I-5 Miniature Quilts
- I-6 Art Quilts
- I-7 Wearable Quilts (vests, coats, etc.)
- I-8 Home Decor
- I-9 Tied Quilts
- I-10 Purses, Bags, Totes, etc.
- I-11 Preprinted Quilts Quilted Group Project
- I-12 Quilt Group Project (see rule #3)
- I-13 OOPS



J. PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

AMATEUR: Those who take photographs for their pleasure and who have not received money for their photography.

SEMI-PROFESSIONAL: Those who engage in photography and receive compensation for their work but do not consider photography their full-time occupation.

PROFESSIONAL: Those who derive the majority of their personal income from photography.

- 1. AMATEUR: Photos must be 8x10 inches ONLY. Must be mounted on 11x14 inch black heavy poster board or mounting board with double stick tape or adhesive. No hanging device is needed on Photo. Mounting Boards may be purchased at Wal-Mart or H.E.B.
- 2. SEMI-PRO and PROFESSIONAL entries should be 8x10 inches up to 16x24 inches, framed and wired for hanging.
- 3. All Photography must have been taken since the previous Fair.
- 4. All photography must be taken by individual entering.
- 5. All entries will be entered at the photographers own risk.
- 6. Judging of original work will be based on idea, original use of compositional design to express the idea and quality.

BLACK & WHITE

J-1 Abstract J-2 Landscape
J-3 Portrait J-4 Still Life
J-5 Humorous J-6 Wildlife

J-7 Domestic Animals J-8 Other (No Nudes)

COLOR

J-9 Abstract J-10 Landscape J-11 Portrait J-12 Still Life

J-13 Humorous	J-14 Wildlife

J-15 Domestic Animals J-16 Other (No Nudes)

SEPIA

J-17 Abstract

J-18 Landscape

J-19 Portrait

J-20 Still Life

J-21 Humorous

J-22 Wildlife

J-23 Domestic Animals J-24 Other (No Nudes)



K. FLOWERS AND PLANTS

- 1. Entry will be open to amateur growers who grow for pleasure and not profit. The entry must have been in exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months prior. No limit to the number of plants that any one individual may exhibit.
- 2. Each entry is judged on looks and container in which it is displayed. There will be a separate Class for cactus.

FRESH CUT

- K-1 Cut Flowers (displayed in clear glass or plastic containers)
- K-2 Cut Herbs (only dried herbs, cluster gathered, with fastener)
- K-3 Flowering or Berried Vines, Shrubs or Trees

(one branch, 12-18 inches long)

POTTED PLANTS

- K-4 Roses
- K-5 African Violets
- K-6 Perennial Specimens
- K-7 Bulbs, Corms, Tubera, Rhizomes, etc.
- K-8 Ferns
- K-9 Foliage
- K-10 Blooming (must be in bloom or only eligible for Class K-9)
- K-11 Unusual or Exotic
- K-12 Hanging Container
- K-13 Herbs

CACTUS

K-14 Potted Cacti or Succulent



OFFICE PLANT CONTEST

The Office Plant Contest is open to any individual or office that has cared for a living plant in their office for the past 6 months. Winning this challenge includes bragging rights throughout the Lee County!

There is no entry fee or Prize Money. You just earn bragging rights.

Entries for the Office Plant Contest may be dropped off:

Early Registration

Wednesday, April 30 – Friday, May 9 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

> Lee County Extension Office 310 South Grimes Giddings

Entry Registration and Check-In

Monday, May 12 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

> Fireman's Hall Lee County Fair Grounds 2495 US 290 West Giddings

Entries will remain on display during the Lee County Fair, May 15 - 17.

Entry Pick-Up

Monday, May 19 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

> Lee County Extension Office 310 South Grimes Giddings

Entry Form

I agree that all rules and regulations governing exhibits in the Home Economics Contest of the 2014 Lee County Fair have been read and become part of the agreement for entries in the exhibit. Included with this application is the required entry fees, as listed in the Premium List.

All entries are left at my own risk and, in no case, shall the Lee County Fair, the Lee County Extension Office or its staff or volunteers be held responsible for any loss or damage of any kind.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION Name ______ Age _____ City _____ Texas Zip Amount Enclosed \$ _____ no entry fee involved for Kids Korner Telephone Signature _____ Check appropriate age division: Check one, as is applicable: ☐ Kids Korner (birth - 7 years) ☐ Office Plant Contest *only* No entry fee involved. ☐ Youth (8 - 17 years) ☐ Adult (18 and older Needlework - Dept C; Classes 1 - 12 □ entry is a kit □ Professional ☐ entry is an original design

The Home Economics Contest of the Lee County Fair is coordinated by the office Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Lee County.

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