

Welcome to the Essex County 4-H Fall Fair

Presentation Guidelines:

Where: In partnership with the 11th Annual Fall Family Festival at the Essex County Environment Center, 621 Eagle Rock Road, Roseland NJ on Saturday, September 23rd from 11AM to 4PM.

When: Submissions will be collected at Garibaldi Hall on Friday, September 22nd between 3:00pm and 7:00pm or at the Rutgers Newark office, 162 Washington Street Thursday September 21st between 9:00pm and 4:00pm.

Who: All Essex County residents, both youth and adults are welcome to submit projects in any of the Fall divisions including: Fruits & Vegetables, Outdoor/Indoor Gardening and Food & Nutrition with a photography classification for pictures with captions of plant identification and location.

Day of the Fair: On Saturday morning, projects will be judged (based on the Danish judging system), receive a ribbon and written recognition. "Best of Division" award winners are eligible to win a small cash award. On Saturday afternoon, the room will be open for friends and family to view all displays.

Call the 4-H office @ 973-353-1337 to get involved in 4-H clubs & program.

Division I: Fruits, Vegetables & Herbs

-Any youth who has helped care for the plant is eligible to exhibit
-Exhibitor may enter up to 3 different varieties of vegetables in each class

-All picture entries must be original & matted on paper along with explanation as a caption.

-Judging is based on quality of specimens and condition of specimens and presentation

1. Beets - 1-2 with tops off
2. Broccoli - 2 stalks
3. Cabbage, white or red - 1 head
4. Carrot 2 - 1 including leaves
5. Corn - 2 ears
6. Cucumbers - 2
7. Eggplant - 1
8. Beans, pole or bush - 6 pods

Division II - Outdoor Gardening

-Enter up to 3 different varieties in each class

-Present Outdoor Gardening entries in a vase, pot, or plated for display

-All picture entries must be original and matted on paper with the text typed or written in a caption

9. Lettuce
10. Onions - 2
11. Parsnips - 2, all but 1"- 2" of tops removed
12. Peppers - 2, any variety
13. Potatoes, any variety - 2
14. Pumpkin - 1
15. Radish - all but 1"-2" of tops removed
16. Squash, any variety - 1
17. Tomatoes
18. Turnips - 2, all but 1"-2" of tops removed
19. Gourds - 2 specimens
20. Fresh herb bundle, many varieties
21. Fresh herb bundle single variety
22. Sample of dried/crushed herbs (min. 1 tbs)
23. Dried herb bundle
24. Herb sachet

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1. Ageratum - 3 sprays
2. Annual phlox - 3 blooms
3. Perennial phlox - 3 blooms
4. Asters, any variety - 4 blooms
5. Calendula - 5 blooms
6. Cosmos - 5 blooms

25. One vegetable with unusual growth
26. Arrangement of vegetables in container
27. Fruit - 2 pc.
28. Other vegetable, fruit, or herb not listed
29. 1 Photo of any of the items listed in this division (with description of Photo type and location grown)
30. 1 Photo that helps describe your experience growing fruits, vegetables & herbs with a paragraph of explanation.
31. 1 Photo of you eating your favorite fruit or vegetable including in the caption some health facts for that food

7. Cockscomb - 2 spikes
8. Dahlia, small - 5 blooms
9. Dahlia, large - 2 blooms
10. Gladiolus - 3 spikes
11. Marigolds, large type - 4 blooms
12. Marigolds, dwarf varieties - 6 blooms
13. Nasturtiums - 6 blooms
14. Petunias, any type, mixed colors - 6 blooms

- 15. Scabiosa - 5 blooms
 - 16. Snapdragons - 4 spikes
 - 17. Verbenas - 4 blooms
 - 18. Zinnias, large flowering, mixed colors - 4 blooms
 - 19. Zinnias, pompoms, mixed colors - 6 blooms
 - 20. Other annual flowers - 4 blooms or 3 stalks each variety
 - 21. Other perennial flowers - 4 blooms or 3 stalks each variety
 - 22. Rooted cuttings, deciduous or evergreen shrubs - 2
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Division IV - Food & Nutrition
Hot or perishable food exhibits must be submitted Saturday between 8:30-9:30am.

Other foods can be submitted on Friday between 3-6pm.
 -There may be only one entry to a class.
 - All must be homemade, no boxed mixes!
 - Exhibitors entering a cake may enter either a whole cake or ½
 -Special \$5.00 award for best entry in yeast baking classes*
 -A printed copy of the recipe should accompany each entry with a note if the recipe is an original creation
 - Judging is based on presentation, taste, and creativity.

- 1. 3 drop cookies
- 2. 3 rolled cookie
- 3. 3 cookies, squares or bars (includes brownies)
- 4. 3 yeast rolls*
- 5. 1 loaf of bread made with yeast*
- 6. 1 loaf of corn bread
- 7. 3 pieces of quick bread

- specimens of each variety in a container
- 23. Fern, potted or dried
- 24. Coleus, potted
- 25. Any other tree seedling less than 1 year old
- 26. Any other outdoor potted flowering plant
- 27. A mud pie made of natural materials
- 28. A compost sample (less than 8oz.)
- 29. Picture of YOU in the garden with a paragraph explanation.

- 8. 2 decorated sugar cookies
- 9. Any other yeast product
- 10. Apple crisp
- 11. Cake, pie or cookies made with items from your garden
- 12. 1 pie
- 13. 1 cake
- 14. 3 muffins
- 15. 3 cupcakes
- 16. Any other baked item not listed
- 17. Salad (fruit, Caesar, etc.)
- 18. Sandwich
- 19. 2 hard-boiled eggs, shelled & cut in half (who can make the best egg?)
- 20. 1 serving of a soup or chowder
- 21. 1 serving of simple casserole
- 22. 1 serving dish of cooked vegetable (fresh)
- 23. 1 pizza
- 24. 1 serving of pasta
- 25. 1 serving of uncooked vegetable

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- 30. Pollinator Plants (may be potted or 3 individual spikes) NEW!
- 31. Butterfly Weed
- 32. Echinacea
- 33. Black-eyed Susan
- 34. Other Pollinators labeled with type
- 35. Picture showing off a pollinator garden you helped grow

- 26. 1 plated dinner of your choice that includes the full USDA "myplate.org"
- 27. Any type of homemade candy
- 28. 1 dish with up to 2 ingredients from your garden
- 29. 1 jar of jam, jelly, marmalade or conserve
- 30. 1 jar of salsa
- 31. 1 jar of pickled vegetables
- 32. 1 jar of hot sauce
- 33. 1 cup of smoothie-any variation
- 34. Homemade flavored vinegar/oil
- 35. Any homemade pickled vegetables
- 36. Any other fruit, snack or canned item not listed
- 37. 1 dinner, breakfast or lunch menu, nutritionally well balanced
- 38. 1 decorated hardboiled egg
- 39. Solar tea (>3oz)

Division XI - Miscellaneous - YOUTH ONLY!

-Exhibitor may enter up to 3 different varieties of projects in each class

-Picture entries must be original and be matted on paper with required text typed or written in a caption

HOME FURNISHINGS

1. Notebook or portfolio showing room layout ideas
2. Color combinations, fabric swatches and what they would be used for
3. Floor plans "before" and "after" or rearrangement showing placement of furniture
4. Refinished furniture
5. Any handmade room accessory
6. Sewing, clothing item
7. Sewing, any other item
8. Any woolen item

9. A decorated dollhouse
- ### DO IT YOURSELF
10. Handmade soaps, oils, or other body care products
 11. Other DIY item
- ### WOODWORKING
12. A woodworking article - Kit
 13. A woodworking article - Original
- ### COLLECTIONS
14. A collection of pictures featuring 4-H club members and activities
 15. A coin collection
 16. Any collection of five or more items not in another division.
- ### CLOTHING
17. A handmade article of clothing
- ### LANDSCAPING
18. A "before" and "after" picture of a landscape you helped to redo

NEW: BACK TO NATURE

19. A bird house - Original
 20. A bird house - Kit
 21. A fairy house
 22. A garden art piece
 23. A pet rock
 24. A hand-painted flower pot (empty)
 25. Wind chimes
 26. Tie-dyed item, natural dye
 27. Tie-dyed item w/ dye kit
 28. Sun dial
 29. Lego model of nature scene
- ### FARMER'S CORNER (31-34 to be judged under Division 1 Rubric)
30. 2 chicken eggs
 31. 2 duck eggs
 32. 2 quail eggs
 33. 3 feathers from a farm animal
 34. A picture with an animal you help care for, with a short caption of how you care for that animal.

Adult Divisions:

- *Division I: Fruits, Vegetables & Herbs*
- *Division II: Outdoor Gardening*

Please *RSVP* to

essex4h@njaes.rutgers.edu

by *Sept. 21st* with a list of projects you will enter.



ARTISTS WANTED!

DESIGN THE 4-H FAIR PROGRAM COVER



This is your chance to help promote the fair theme for this year!

4-H: Autumn Harvest

Illustrate this theme in a clear and simple way

All 4-H members may enter

Cloverbud members (grades K-3) may participate, but will not be judged

- Size = 4"x5"
- Fold a letter-sized paper in half TWICE to make sure the drawing fits
- The image must be **HAND DRAWN**
- Use a #2 **DARK** pencil
- You are only responsible for the PICTURE

- The winning entry will be put on the Essex County 4-H Fair Cover
- The date, location, and "Essex County 4-H Fair" will be put on the cover by someone else
- Put your name, club, and current grade in school on the back

Entries will be judged on

- theme design (35 points)
- theme message (20 points)
- neatness (35 points)
- 4-H Clover (10 points)

Your entry **MUST** have

- **4-H CLOVER** (with no distortions or additions)
- vertical orientation

All entries will receive ribbons and will be exhibited at the fair.

The designer of the winning entry will receive \$25 at Achievement Night.

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4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest

RECOGNITION FOR:

- Best Smile
- Best Pet
- Best 4-H Pumpkin
- Best Dressed
- Most Colorful
- Funniest
- Scariest
- Best Hair Style
- Silliest
- Most Handsome
- Best Halloween Theme

All Essex County youth are welcome to participate. Pumpkins may be dropped off during the listed project entry times and will be displayed as part of the 4-H Fair Exhibit. Entries will receive a ribbon for participation and those selected will be recognized for their category.



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