

Essex County Harvest Fall Showcase Exhibit Booklet



Project Dropoff is September 22nd and Showcase is September 23rd
Essex County Environmental Center 621 Eagle Rock Ave, Roseland, NJ

\$50 cash prizes for Best n Division Entrees and \$15 for Best in Class



Project Entry Details:

- ✧ **All Essex County Youth and Adults** can enter projects from Kindergarten age to adulthood. **Youth and adults will be judged separately.**
- ✧ **Individuals can enter up to 3 projects** per class and there is no maximum for entries per division.
- ✧ **Projects** must be produced by the person entering.
- ✧ **4-H JUDGING** uses the Danish system in which each item is evaluated against a standard. Therefore, many exhibits will receive Excellent, Very Good, or Good ratings. If there are three or more entries, one exhibit in each Division or Class may receive a rosette. **All Best in Class and Division projects will be awarded prizes.**
- ✧ **Project Drop-off** We will collect submissions for projects to be showcased at Garibaldi Hall, 621 Eagle Rock Ave, Roseland on Friday, September 22nd between 1:00pm and 6:00pm or at the Rutgers Newark office, 162 Washington Street Friday September 22nd between 9:00am and 12:00pm.
- ✧ **Project Showcase** is September 23rd from 11am-3pm.
- ✧ **Fall Project Divisions** include: Fruits & Vegetables, Outdoor/Indoor Gardening, Miscellaneous, and Food & Nutrition.
- ✧ **Please RSVP here if you plan to submit a project, with a general list of project entrees. (not mandatory)**
<https://go.rutgers.edu/g69wmdb6>
- ✧ **Contact here with any questions-** essex4h@njaes.rutgers.edu

DIVISION I – FRUITS, VEGETABLES & HERBS

Rules:

- Any adult or youth who has helped care for the plant is eligible to exhibit
- Exhibitor may enter up to 3 different entrees/class
- All picture entries must be original and must be matted on paper along with the required text typed or written in a caption
- Projects may be presented in a vase, pot, or plated for display

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| 1. Beets – 1-2 with tops removed | 26. Arrangement of vegetables in container-home grown |
| 2. Broccoli – 2 stalks | 27. Fruit – 2 specimens |
| 3. Cabbage, white or red – 1 head | 28. Other vegetables, fruits, or herbs not listed above |
| 4. Carrot 2 – 1 including leaves | 29. 1 Photo of any of the items listed in this division with a description of the Photo type and location grown |
| 5. Corn-2 ears | 30. 1 Photo of you eating your favorite fruit or vegetable including in the caption some health facts about that food. |
| 6. Cucumbers – 2 | 31. Arrangement of vegetables in container |
| 7. Eggplant – 1 | |
| 8. Beans, pole or bush – 6 pods | |
| 9. Lettuce- 1 head or 3 leaves | |
| 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. Radishes – 2, 1 with leaves | |
| 16. Squash, any variety – 1 | |
| 17. Tomatoes- 1 large or 3 grape size | |
| 18. Turnips - 2, all but 1" - 2" of tops removed | |
| 19. Gourds – 2 specimens | |
| 20. Fresh herb bundle multiple variety | |
| 21. Fresh herb bundle single variety | |
| 22. Sample of dried and crushed herbs (minimum 1 TBS) | |
| 23. Dried herb bundle | |
| 24. Herb sachet | |
| 25. One vegetable presenting unusual or freak growth | |



Judging based on quality of specimens and condition of specimens, and presentation.

DIVISION II – OUTDOOR GARDENING

Rules:

-See Division I Rules

1. Ageratum – 2 sprays
3. Annual phlox – 2 blooms
4. Perennial phlox – 2 blooms
5. Asters, any variety – 2 blooms
6. Calendula – 2 blooms
7. Cosmos – 2 blooms
8. Cockscomb – 2 spikes
9. Dahlia, small – 2 blooms
10. Dahlia, large – 2 blooms
11. Gaillardia – 2 blooms
12. Gladiolus – 2 spikes
13. Marigolds, large type – 2 blooms
14. Marigolds, dwarf varieties – 2 blooms
15. Nasturtiums – 2 blooms
16. Petunias, any type, mixed colors – 2 blooms
17. Scabiosa – 2 blooms
18. Snapdragons – 2 spikes
19. Verbenas – 2 blooms
20. Zinnias, large flowering, mixed colors – 2 blooms
21. Zinnias, pompons, mixed colors – 2 blooms
22. Other annual flowers – 2 blooms or 2 stalks each variety
23. Other perennial flowers – 2 blooms or 2 stalks each variety
24. Rooted cuttings, deciduous or evergreen shrubs – 2 specimens of each variety in a container
25. Fern in pot or dried
26. 1 educational video about gardening
27. Any other tree seedling less than 1 year old
28. Any other outdoor potted flowering plant
30. A compost sample (>8oz)
31. 1 Picture that helps describe you in the garden, with a paragraph explanation.
32. A garden journal

Pollinator Plants (may be potted or 3 individual spikes) *NEW!*

32. Butterfly weed
33. Echinacea
34. Black-eyed Susan
35. Other Pollinators labeled with type
36. 1 Picture that shows off a pollinator garden you helped to grow

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Farmers Corner (37-40 to be judged using Division 1 Rubric)

37. 2 Chicken eggs
38. 2 Duck eggs
39. 3 feathers from a farm animal
40. A picture of an animal you help care for. Include a short description of how you care for that animal

DIVISION IV – FOOD & NUTRITION

Rules:

- Hot foods should be heated prior to drop off (judging starts at 7pm)
 - Please note project entry room staff or volunteers of special care for perishable foods.
 - There may be only one entry to a class.
 - Prepared mixes may not be used/ All must be homemade
 - A copy of the recipe printed should accompany each entry
 - All items must be prepared by exhibitor
 - Exhibitors entering a cake or a pie may enter either the whole or ½
- *1 Best in Yeast Entry will be awarded a \$5 prize**

1. 3 drop cookies
2. 3 rolled cookies
3. 3 cookies, squares or bars (includes brownies)
4. 3 yeast rolls
5. 1 loaf bread made with yeast*
6. 1 loaf of corn bread
7. 3 pieces of quick bread
8. 2 decorated sugar cookies
9. Any food item made with yeast*
10. Apple crisp
11. 1 pie
12. 1 cake
13. 3 cupcakes or muffins
14. A pumpkin pie
15. Cake, pie, or cookies made with items from your garden
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



Judging based on
presentation, taste, and
creativity.



23. 1 pizza
24. 1 serving of pasta
25. 1 serving of uncooked vegetable
26. 1 plated dinner 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 or marmalade or conserve
- 30. 1 jar salsa (>8oz)**
31. 1 jar of pickled vegetables(any type)
32. 1 jar of hot sauce (>8oz)
33. 1 jar of spiced or herbal vinegar (>8oz)
34. 1 jar of spiced or herbal oil (>8oz)
35. 1 cup of smoothie-any variation
36. Any other fruit, snack or canned item not listed
37. 1 dinner, breakfast or lunch menu, nutritionally well balanced
38. 1 decorated hard boiled egg
39. Solar tea (>3oz)
40. Any other cooked item that is not listed

Division XI – MISCELLANEOUS

Rules:

- Exhibitor may enter up to 3 different varieties of projects in each class
- All picture entries must be original and must be matted on paper along with the required text typed or written in a caption

Hand Craft

1. Sewing, Article Clothing
2. Sewing, Any other item
3. Any Woolen Article
4. Any Crocheted Article

Do It Yourself

5. *Handmade soaps, oils, or other body products*
6. *Any other DIY item*

WOODWORKING

7. A woodworking article – kit
8. A woodworking article – original

COLLECTIONS

9. A collection of pictures highlighting your club members and activities
10. Coin collection
11. Any collection of five or more items which does not fit in another division.

Clothing

12. *A handmade article of clothing*

Landscaping

13. *A before and after picture of a landscape you helped to redo*

Back to Nature

14. A handmade bird house
15. A birdhouse from a kit
16. A fairy house
17. A pet rock
18. A hand painted flower pot
19. Tie dyed item with natural dye
20. Tie dyed item with dye kit

21. Sun dial
22. Lego model of nature scene
23. A mud pie made of natural material
24. A garden art piece not listed
25. An educational video or presentation

Judging based on
thoughtfulness, creativity and
presentation.



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