

# How to Enter Things into the Monroe County Fair 2019

## OPEN CLASS\* EXHIBITS GENERAL RULES

1. \*Open Class: Not 4-H, Just a Monroe County resident of any age. Anyone in Monroe County is eligible to exhibit. Exhibitor must reside in Monroe County OR be a current member of a Monroe County Extension Homemaker Club/Monroe County Master Gardeners.
2. Items entered must have been finished since the last Monroe County Fair, except quilts. ALL ITEMS MUST BE MADE OR GROWN BY THE EXHIBITOR. You may not enter an item that has won a ribbon or prize money at a previous Monroe County Fair.
3. Only one exhibit may be shown by an individual in any one entry number. Please see the Fair Book for categories and descriptions of requirements expected by each division for exhibits.
4. All exhibits must either meet the 2' by 3' space limit or other limits determined by the individual superintendents.
5. Any soiled or damaged item or items not meeting requirements will NOT be judged and will be given an exhibitor ribbon.
6. All perishable exhibits will be disposed of due to food safety/sanitation guidelines at the discretion of the Department Superintendent.
7. **Sign-in Procedure:** Register at the specified time at the Community Building on the Fairgrounds. Fill out an exhibitor's/entry tag for each project, exhibit, garden item, or food item that you are entering. Check in with the person at the computer with your name and number of exhibits EACH day projects are entered.

### EXHIBITOR'S/ENTRY TAG EXAMPLE:

Here is a sample of how to fill out the entry tag. Tags are available at the Purdue Extension Monroe County Office, 3400 S Walnut Street, starting in May. It is strongly encouraged that entry tags be filled out prior to exhibit check-in. A limited number of tags will be available at the Community Building on check-in day.

### ENTRIES:

1. Note that entries are delivered to the fairgrounds during different times depending on their category. Since entries can only be accepted at the indicated times, be sure to note in which category your items belong.
2. Exhibits entered by daycares, preschools, and nursing homes MUST be delivered on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ONLY.
3. Most other items, such as artwork, handcrafted items, or preserved food (with exceptions listed below), MUST be delivered on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
4. ALL foods/baked goods, including children's foods, must be delivered on Monday, July 1, 2019 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
5. Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits, Seeds must be delivered between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2019.

**Food Preservation Division**  
**JELLIES CLASS**  
Entry 1: Raspberry  
Entry 2: Strawberry  
Entry 3: Blackberry  
Entry 4: Apple  
Entry 5: Grape  
Entry 6: Sugarless Jelly  
Entry 7: Any other kind not listed

Brief description to allow for identification of project if tag comes loose during the Fair.

This will be filled in by the Superintendent at the Fairgrounds upon entry.

Your name and address. (Please write clearly!) Add Club Name if Extension Homemaker.

Fill in this part, too, for proper claiming of exhibit.

**EXHIBITOR'S TAG**  
64001  
DIVISION CLASS  
ENTRY  
DESCRIPTION  
**THIS NAME & NUMBER MUST NOT BE EXPOSED DURING JUDGING**  
EXHIBITOR No.  
NAME  
ADDRESS  
No. 3 FAIR PUBLISHING HOUSE, NORWALK, OH  
Remove claim check below and fold this stub over name of exhibitor above.  
Claim Check  
DIVISION CLASS  
EXHIBITOR No.  
64001

6. Potted Plants, Cut Flowers and Floral Design must be delivered between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Monday, July 1, 2019.
7. The Bake-It with Blueberry Contest entries must be delivered between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Judging begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. Judges will speak on an open mike with awards presented by sponsors immediately following the judging.

### **JUDGING:**

1. All articles (except foods, vegetables, herbs & seeds, plants, floral design, and cut flowers) will be judged at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2019. Judging is CLOSED to the public (except for the Bake-It-with-Blueberry Contest). ONLY members in charge of the entries may be present to assist the judges. The Community Building will be open to the public at 1:00pm on Saturday, June 29, 2019.
2. Foods/baked goods, fresh produce, plants, floral design, fresh flowers, seed-grains, saved seeds, and Bake-It with BLUEBERRY are judged right after they have been entered. All judging for these items, except for the Bake-It-with-Blueberry contest, is closed judging. See times above and allow 2-3 hours afterwards for judging and awarding of ribbons.

### **AWARDS:**

1. Each entry will be given a ribbon placement of first (blue), second (red) or third (white), if merited by judge.
2. Honor ribbons (purple) will be chosen from first place entries, if merited by the judge.
3. One Champion and/or One Reserve Champion ribbon can be chosen in each CLASS, if merited by the judge.
4. One Grand Champion and/or one Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen in each DIVISION, if merited by the judge.
5. Exhibitor will only receive the highest ribbon awarded by the judge.
6. Cash awards will be given on the highest ribbon earned for each adult entry: \$1.00 (first place), \$0.50 (second place) and \$0.25 (third place)
7. Ribbons will be given to each child exhibiting in the Children's class with cash awards of \$0.50 per project.

**NOTE:** There can be unintentional errors made while computing and recording results and premiums. Please check your premium amount before you leave the building. Any discrepancies in the premium money awarded should be brought to the attention of the building superintendent or Extension Educator at project release time.

### **RELEASE OF ENTRIES:**

1. All exhibits are released on Sunday, July 7 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pick up premium money at the same time. If unable to pick up, please call the Extension Office at 812-349-2575 to make arrangements. After August 30, 2019, premium money will be returned to the Fair Board and remaining exhibits will be recycled.

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. For sale signs or business cards are prohibited when displaying exhibits. Exhibits are not for sale. Exhibits WILL have a nametag by each one so that Fairgoers may know who made each item.
2. The Monroe County Fair Board or its committees are not responsible for loss, damage, or breakage of any article on exhibit.
3. Indiana State Fair Exhibitors: Call the Purdue Extension-Monroe County Office at 812-349-2575 between June 1 and July 1, 2019 for application information and state fair forms to exhibit at the State Fair. All State Fair entries must be registered by July 1, 2019. Please see the Indiana State Fair website for further information.