

Refreshing the Home & Garden Building

The Home & Garden building at the Fair has been a long time favorite of local families. A place where the entire community, not just farmers, can showcase their skills in all things home and garden.

This year, our staff and directors are concentrating their efforts on a **Home & Garden building** refresh.

The goal is to make entering contests simpler, fairer and more consistent across the numerous contests. By making the contests more consistent, the registration process should be more organized and easier to follow for those entering.

Each contest now features clearer divisions, categories and classes. Divisions group participants by age or ability level (not every contest has multiples—canning, for example, remains one open division for all ages). The **Arts & Crafts Show** now consists of 4 divisions — Adult, Teen, Youth and Special Needs. This makes more even competition and provide chances for more people to participate, and win awards and recognition.

The **Baking Contest** has expanded the divisions, categories and classes by 300%, so (amateur) bakers have plenty of options to show off their best baking skills in a variety of categories – with one entry allowed in each category.

Similarly, the **Handwork Show** now consists of 3 divisions—Adult, Teen and Youth. This allows different age groups to compete on equal footing. Adding an age group giving the novice (whose skills are still developing) a space to be encouraged and shine in their own accomplishment.

One of the most popular contests has been the more recently added **Photography Show**. The show now boasts 2 divisions with 6 different categories and a Viewer's Choice. Based on feedback over the past few years, the dimension of the photos submitted are more flexible. However a person can only enter one photo per category and in up to 3 different categories.

Several of the shows now feature a Special Theme Category, adapted from the Fair theme this year, "Celebrating the American Farmer & Family Traditions since 1937."

For all show rules visit warrencountyfarmersfair.org and click on the Contest Rules and Regs tab. There you will find even more shows, both in the Home and Garden building and across the entire Fair.

We can't wait to see your entries at the Fair this year!