

HOMEMAKER'S CONTEST

OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 3, 2024



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GENERAL RULES

- All entries may be dropped off on Friday, October 18, 2024, between 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Greater Gulf State Fair, 1035 Cody Road North Mobile, AL 36608. Judging will begin immediately afterward by Independent judges.
- Please bring a completed entry sheet with you unless you pre-registered online.
- One entry per category. You may enter as many categories as you please.
- **Winning Entries** must stay for the duration of the 2024 Greater Gulf State Fair. Entries: will be received in the Admin Office on Monday, November 4, 2024, from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Entries not picked up by Tuesday, November 5, 2024, by 4:00 pm will be considered abandoned.
 - **Other entries** may be picked up on Monday, October 22, 2024, from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Entries not picked up by Tuesday, October 23, 2024, by 4:00 pm will be considered abandoned.
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons will be awarded. Winning ribbons are awarded on quality, appearance, workmanship, and flavor (where applicable).
- Recipes are required in order to be judged. All items without a recipe will receive a green ribbon.
- No refrigerated items will be entered.

AGE GROUPS

You may only exhibit in one age group in each Department.

- Division E - Expert - This Exhibitor has sold items in the department in which they are exhibiting.
- Division S - Senior - Exhibitor is 62 & over
- Division A - Adult - Exhibitor is 19 - 61
- Division J - Junior - Exhibitor is 16 - 18
- Division Y - Youth - Exhibitor is 14 - 15
- Division I - Intermediate - Exhibitor is 12 - 13
- Division C - Children - Exhibitor is 11 & under
- Division SN - Special Needs

CONTESTS

SALSA CONTEST: DEPARTMENT 3

Entries: must be dropped off on Friday, October 18, 2024, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at GGSF Admin Office.

Judging: Friday, October 18, 2024 after drop off closes.

Contest Rules:

- All contestants must be considered "amateurs". Entries must be homemade and not produced or packaged in any way.
- There will be a 1st & 2nd place winner in each class.
- Salsa must be made from scratch, no mixes, by the entrant and submitted in a glass jar.
- Recipe with name, address, and phone number must accompany the product.
- Only one entry per salsa class per person is allowed. (Mild, hot, inferno, misc.)
- A label stating the name of product, the name of owner, and the date of canning must be placed on the bottom of the jar.
- All safe food handling processes must be followed.
- Salsa must be canned.
- Salsa samples will not be offered to the public; tasting will be limited to judges only.

Entries will be judged on:

- Flavor
- Consistency
- Balance of Flavors
- Appearance

Classes:

- Mild Salsa
- Hot Salsa
- Inferno Salsa
- Miscellaneous Salsa

HOMEMADE PIE CONTEST: DEPARTMENT 4

Entries: must be dropped off on Friday, October 18, 2024, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at GGSF Admin Office.

Judging: Friday, October 18, 2024 after drop off closes.

Contest Rules:

- All contestants must be considered "amateurs". Entries must be homemade and not produced or packaged in any way.
- There will be a 1st & 2nd place winner in each class.
- Pies must be made from scratch, no mixes.
- Full Pie must be entered.
- Recipe with name, address, and phone number must accompany the product.
- A label stating the name of the product and the name of the owner must be placed on the bottom of the pie pan.
- Only one entry per pie class per person is allowed. (Cream, Custard, Fruit).
- All safe food handling processes must be followed.
- Pie samples will not be offered to the public; tasting will be limited to judges only.

Entries will be judged on:

- Flavor
- Consistency
- Balance of Flavors
- Appearance

Classes:

- Fruit
- Cream
- Custard

DEPARTMENT 3: CANNING

Entries: must be dropped off on Friday, October 18, 2024, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at GGSF Admin Office.

Judging: Friday, October 18, 2024 after drop off closes. A winner will be chosen from each division, not each class.

Contest Rules:

- All canned foods should be of good quality in clean standard canning jars with rings removed. Entries in repurposed food jars or with rusty lids will not be entered.
- A label stating the name of the product, the name of the owner, and the date of canning must be placed on the bottom of the jar.
- The recipe including procedure must be included to be judged.

Score Card for Judging Canning Exhibits:

- Container: Appropriate, clean, USDA approved (Standard size jars, jars should be clean-no rings).
- Pack: Fullness, Proportion of product to liquid, Uniformity
- Product: Clarity- liquid clear and free of small pieces
 - Color: good, natural, free of blemishes and bruises.
 - Texture & Quality: integrity of the product maintained.

3A: Canned Vegetables:

Class:

- 301: Asparagus
- 302: Beans, String
- 303: Beets
- 304: Carrots
- 305: Corn
- 306: Peas
- 307: Tomatoes
- 308: Tomato Juice
- 309: Relish
- 310: Any other Vegetable

3C: Pickles

Class:

- 311: Bread & Butter
- 312: Dill
- 313: Fruit
- 314: Sweet
- 315: Any other kind of Pickle

3B: Fruit

Class:

- 316: Apples
- 317: Applesauce
- 318: Apricots
- 319: Blueberries
- 320: Cherries
- 321: Peaches
- 322: Pears
- 323: Raspberries
- 324: Any other Fruit

3D: Jelly

Jelly is made from fruit juice and contains no pieces of fruit. It is a clear spread and is firm enough to hold its shape.

Class:

- 325: Apple
- 326: Grape
- 327: Strawberry
- 328: Any other Jelly

3E: Jam

Jams are made from whole, small fruits or the fleshy portion of large fruits. No effort is made to retain the shape of the fruit

Class:

- 329: Blueberry
- 330: Raspberry
- 331: Rhubarb
- 332: Strawberry
- 333: Any other Jam
- 334: Any Conserve
- 335: Any Preserve
- 336: Any Marmalade
- 337: Any Apple Butter

DEPARTMENT 4: BAKED GOODS

Entries: must be dropped off on Friday, October 18, 2024, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at GGSF Admin Office.

Judging: Friday, October 18, 2024 after drop off closes. A winner will be chosen from each division, not each class.

Judging Criteria: Based on General Appearance, Texture, Frosting or Crust Uniform (if applicable), Lightness, and Grain.

Contest Rules:

- All entries must be made in the name of the individual baking the exhibit. Recipes are required to be submitted.
- Bread should be baked in individual standard-size tins.
- All baked goods MUST be removed from pans and wrapped in cellophane, clear plastic wrap, or zip-loc bag before being exhibited.
- Unless exhibits comply with these rules, they will not be accepted.
- All awards/plaques may not be awarded.

4A: Quick Bread

A mini loaf will constitute an entry.

Class:

- 338: Banana
- 339: Corn
- 340: Fruit
- 341: Nut
- 342: Any other Quick Breads

4B: Muffins, (3)

Class:

- 343: Bran
- 344: Fancy or with Fruit
- 345: Plain
- 346: Any other Muffin

4C: Yeast Bread

A full or 1/2 loaf will constitute an entry.

Class:

- 347: White
- 348: Whole Wheat
- 349: Any other Yeast Bread

4D: Cake

One-half of a cake shall constitute an entry, except decorated where a whole cake must be entered.

Class:

- 350: Angel Cake
- 351: Decorated
- 352: Upside Down Cake
- 353: Any other Cake

4E: Candy

Four pieces of candy shall constitute an entry.

Class:

- 354: Caramels
- 355: Fudge
- 356: Peanut Brittle
- 357: Any other Candy

4F: Cookies

Four cookies, brownies, or bars will constitute an entry.

Class:

- 358: Chocolate Chip
- 359: Chocolate
- 360: Ginger
- 361: Oatmeal
- 362: Peanut Butter
- 363: Sugar
- 364: Any other Cookies
- 365: Any Bars
- 366: Any Brownies

EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

Online Entries Closes: October 17, 2024 at 11:59 pm

- Online Entries: <https://form.jotform.com/240844781590160>

In Person Entries Open: October 18, 2024 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please use a separate entry blank page for each department.

(Please circle Department)

Canning

Baked Goods

Please accept the entries indicated below. subject to the rules and classifications governing exhibits as published in your Premium Books of the current year. by which I hereby agree to be governed in exhibiting the same and declare that all statements made in connection with said entries are true. I hereby release the Greater Gulf State Fair for any liabilities for loss, damage, or injury to exhibits or other property, while the same are on the fairgrounds, or at any other time or place.

Please Print: (If your address is not complete and readable, you may not receive your ribbon.)

Name of Exhibitor: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Check here if Jr. Division: _____ Age: _____

Division (circle age group): (A) Adult (C) Child (E) Expert (J) Junior (S) Senior (SN) Special Needs (Y) Youth

Department #	Class	Description of Article (Use exact wording from Premium Book)

Exhibitor Name:

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