



OPEN SHOW

**INDOOR OPEN SHOW
Jackson County Fairgrounds**

**PEARSON MEMORIAL BUILDING
Hours open: Tuesday-Saturday 11:00 AM 9:00 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM-7:00PM**

**Maquoketa, Iowa
July 22-July 27, 2025**

**Entry day is Tuesday July 22, 2025
7:00 AM-Noon**

Please use the south door of Pearson Memorial Center to enter exhibits.

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GENERAL RULES 2025

CANNING, CRAFT, CULINARY ARTS, 3-D PRINTING, FINE ARTS, HOBBY COLLECTIONS, HOME BREW, INTERIOR/EXTERIOR CREATIONS, NEEDLECRAFT, NEEDLEWORK, PLACE SETTINGS, PHOTOGRAPHY, QUILTS, SEWING, WOODWORKING DIVISIONS

1. Any individual/amateur, regardless of abilities, is eligible to enter the Open Show. Exhibitors must live or work in Jackson County or adjoining counties.
2. Entries are open to any age level. Two divisions will be judged. JUNIOR includes individuals through 15 years of age and ADULT which includes anyone 16 years and older. Juniors write "**JUNIOR**" and age on entry tag and tally sheet. **Juniors place a red dot on the entry tag and tally sheet. Entries in all-abilities classes will have a star added to their entry tag and tally sheet.**
3. EACH EXHIBITOR IS ALLOWED FIVE ENTRIES IN EACH CLASS. Except photography. **Photography is limited to 15 entries per exhibitor but only 3 entries in each class.**
4. All entries must have been made by the exhibitor. Unfinished, soiled or articles showing signs of wear may not be entered or eligible for prize money.
5. **All entries must have been completed during the last year.** (Aug. 2024 to fair time, 2025), excluding hobbies.
6. **To give the judge a better understanding of the projects, EACH entry must have a 3x5 card of explanation of procedures used. If the card is not included, ribbon will be dropped one place.** (Photography entries are exempt)
7. Kits are accepted except in Fine Arts.
8. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials.
9. Because of limited space, we must reserve the right to refuse any article we consider too large to display properly. The committee, at their discretion, can remove exhibits not suitable for display or containing incorrect information.
10. **Entry tags and entry sheet descriptions must match** and are available at the Fair Board Office prior to fair and at the entry tables on Tuesday, July 22. **These must be completed by the exhibitor** before presenting the exhibits for display. Any questions, please consult the chairperson.
11. All exhibits must be entered at the Open Show section in Pearson Center on Tuesday, July 22 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Please use the South doors of Pearson Memorial Center to enter all Open Show exhibits. Entries will be tagged when they are entered. **Classification of entries may be changed at the discretion of the chairman of each department.**
12. There will be no entry fees for exhibits. Items in the culinary department will be sold after judging.
13. The management is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits, though they will use care to ensure their safety.

14. **The release time for exhibits is Monday, July 28 from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon. If awarded premium money, please pick up at this time. Exhibits taken before Monday a.m. will forfeit premium money.** The management is not responsible for exhibits left on the fairgrounds after release hours.

15. Any article that has won an award at this fair, or any State or National Event in the past year, is not eligible for judging.

16. Exhibits will be placed Blue (\$3.00), Red (\$1.50), Yellow (no prize money). Purple and Lavender Rosettes will be given as awards for "Best of Show" in each division if merited. Purple ribbons will be awarded an additional \$2.00 and lavender an additional \$1.00. Articles not worthy of placing will not be given a ribbon.

17. The 2025 Fair Flower is coleus. Exhibitors are invited to submit an entry in any of the division's classes utilizing coleus. Use your imagination in any of the classes! Thanks for supporting the **Fair Flower.** **Note: Entry day for the Flower Show is Friday, July 25, 2025.**

18. Newspaper photos will be taken of the Flower Show at 2:00 p.m. and Open Show at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 28th in the Open Show area of Pearson Memorial Center. All purple and lavender ribbon winners are requested to be present.

19. The newspaper photos for photography winners will be taken by the photo exhibits. Open Show winners in all other divisions will be taken together. Flower show winners will be taken all together.

20. A variety of exhibits will be chosen to be exhibited at Ohnward Fine Arts Center. Please let us know at time of entry if you do not want your project exhibited at Ohnward. Projects will be on exhibit for approximately one month. Each exhibit chosen will be marked with a Ohnward label during the Jackson County Fair. .

PLACE SETTINGS DIVISION

Each entry in this division **must have 3X5 card of explanation** (occasion, menu choices, and anything else you feel the judge should know). If the card is not included, ribbon will be dropped one place.

(1) An area approximately 24" square will be provided for a place setting. (2) A place mat, a menu, a centerpiece and one complete table setting will comprise an entry. (3) A table setting may include some or all of the following: dinner plate, salad plate, bowl, glassware, cup, saucer, tableware, napkin and napkin ring. (4) All place settings must include a centerpiece. (5) Settings will be judged on harmony of setting, accessories, suitability for the occasion, color coordination, proportion and distinction.

Class No.

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- A. Dawn's Early Light
- B. Holiday Happiness (any recognized Holiday)
- C. Game Day
- D. Formal/Black Tie
- E. Taste of the Season (winter, spring, summer, fall)
- F. Family **Heritage** Dishware, Utensil, or Serving piece.
(must include an explanation of the family Heritage and how the family used this piece on the 3X5 card-see above)
- G. **Educational** (Historical) Dishware, Utensil or serving piece
(must include an explanation of how this piece was originally used on 3X5 card-see above)
- H. Any work not listed above.

