

# 170th ANNUAL DORCHESTER FALL FAIR

October 10, 11, 12, & 13 2025

FARMING THROUGH THE AGES



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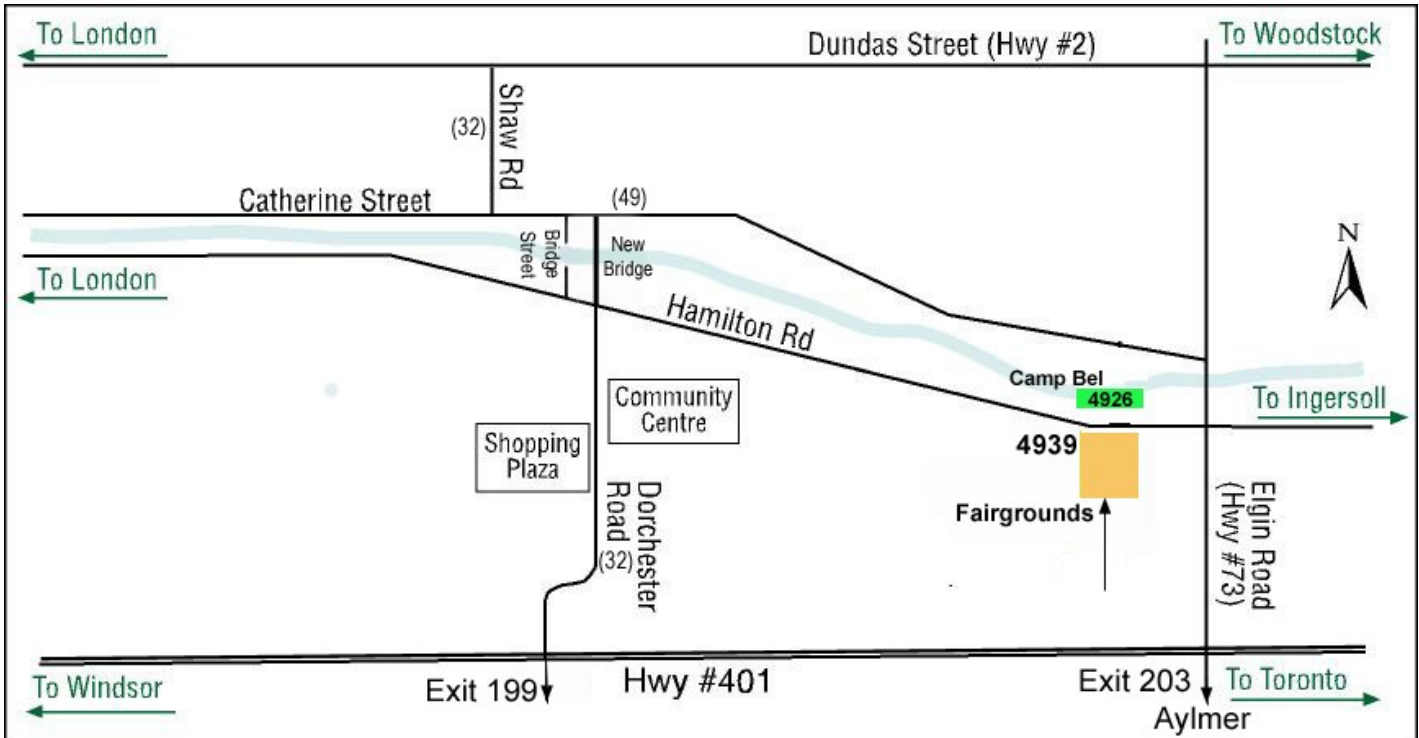
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The North Dorchester Agricultural Society thanks all our sponsors for their generous donations to the Fair and the events. It is through their support that we are able to provide our community with the Fair and the many programs that take place at the Fair. We encourage our readers to visit the website - [www.dorchesterfair.com](http://www.dorchesterfair.com), checkout our sponsors and visit these businesses for your shopping needs.

**“Thank you, we couldn’t do it without you.”**

## WHERE TO FIND OUR FAIRGROUNDS



## DID YOU KNOW!



The Dorchester Fair Grounds are owned and operated by the North Dorchester Agricultural Society. This non-profit organization meets the fourth Thursday every month.

The **MISSION** of the North Dorchester Agricultural Society is to be steadfast stewards of agricultural heritage and rural life histories, delivering opportunities for community connection and engagement that bridge the past, present, and future.

**NO SMOKING OR VAPING** allowed anywhere on the grounds.

# Dorchester Fair Admission & Hours

Friday - Free Admission to grounds; Midway opens at 4 pm, buildings closed  
Saturday - \$5.00/elementary students, \$10.00 high school students & older 10-5 pm  
Sunday - \$5.00/elementary students, \$10.00 high school students & older 10-4 pm  
Monday - \$5.00/elementary students, \$10.00 high school students & older 10-5 pm  
Children 5 and under Free

## ADVANCE RIDE ALL DAY PASSES

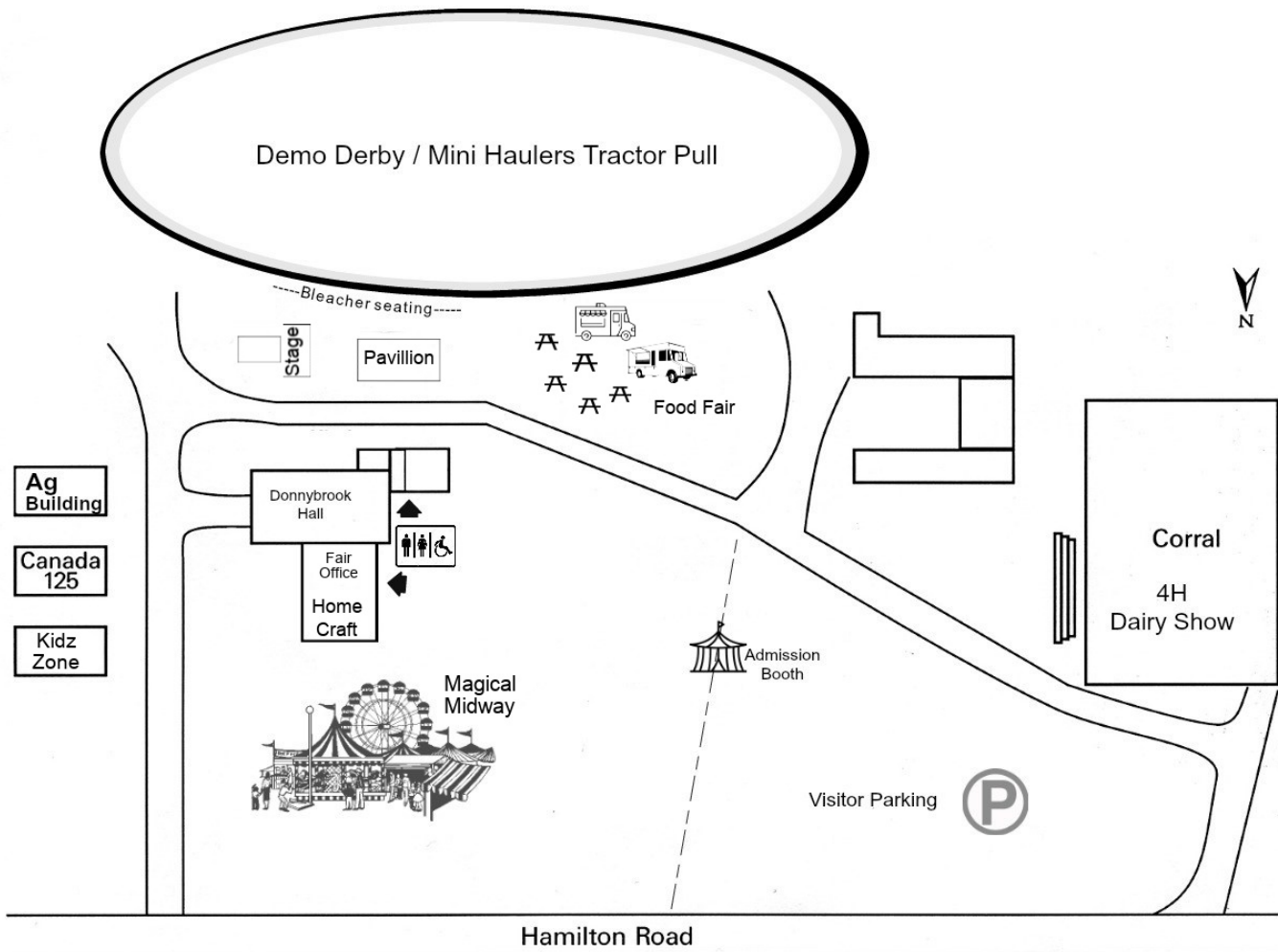
Available until noon Friday October 10th 2025. Pricing to be determined by the Midway.

For best value - utilize Ride All Day Passes on a full Program Schedule Day; choose from Saturday through Monday.

Purchase your RIDE ALL DAY PASSES at: Shoppers Drug Mart - Dorchester locations only.

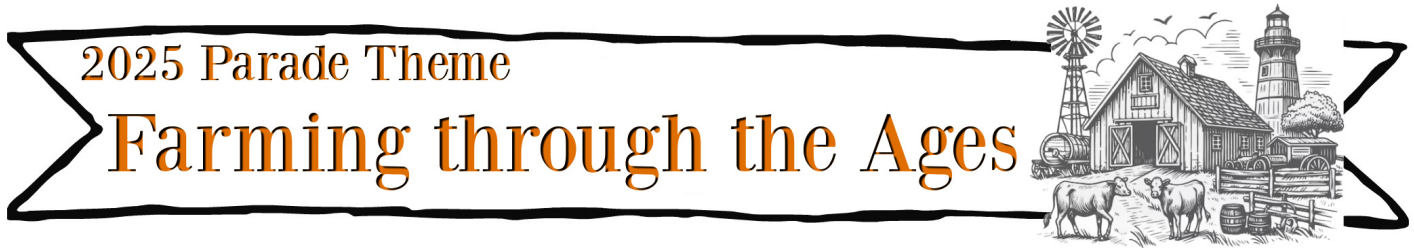
## Our Fairgrounds:

The grounds and building facilities at the Dorchester Fair Grounds are available for rental from May to September for family reunions, weddings, bridal showers, camping (more than 10 units) and most other special events. Gent Hall is available year round. For more information call: 519-871-9889.





2025 Dorchester Fair and Parade Theme:



**Saturday, October 11, 2025, 10:30 am**

**Parade Marshall:** Todd Arthur

Why not be part of the fun, join the parade! It's a time honoured family tradition here in Dorchester, as hundreds line the streets to watch the parade.

Decorate a float or a vehicle, wear a costume, show off your band, promote your community group or advertise your business.

For a Parade Entry Form, visit our website [www.dorchesterfair.com](http://www.dorchesterfair.com) and submit completed applications to [arthurtodd234@gmail.com](mailto:arthurtodd234@gmail.com).

All participants must be ready in the staging area in the front parking lot of the Dorchester arena/Flight Exec Centre by 8:30 am on the Saturday morning. The parade begins promptly at 10:30 am and proceeds to the East Lane way of the Fairgrounds.

**FOR SAFETY'S SAKE:** Please do not hand out nuts or candies that contain nuts. Also, do not THROW candy, hand out ONLY, to avoid children running onto the parade route to pick it up.

See the full list of **Dorchester Fair Parade Rules & Regulations** detailed on the Parade Entry Form.

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### **NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

The following roads will be temporarily closed for the Dorchester Fair Parade on  
Saturday, October 11, 2025:

County Road 29 (Hamilton Road) from County Road 32 (Dorchester Road) to County Road 73 (Elgin Road) from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m. and County Road 32 (Dorchester Road) from County Road 29 (Hamilton Road) to the Flight Exec Centre entrance (2066 Dorchester Road) from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m.

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# 4-H Dairy Show



**Saturday, October 11, 2025, 1:00 p.m.**

4-H is a non-profit positive youth development program. Through hands-on activities and mentor-ship, the Youth develop skills in personal development, leadership, confidence building and public speaking. The 4-H Motto is "to LEARN TO DO BY DOING".

Youth, ages 9-21, can join 4-H on an annual basis and complete many clubs within that year. This past year, the North Dorchester Agricultural Society has sponsored the Middlesex Holstein Club.

**4-H Motto: LEARN TO DO BY DOING**

**4-H Pledge:**

**I Pledge**

**My head to clearer thinking,**

**My heart to greater loyalty,**

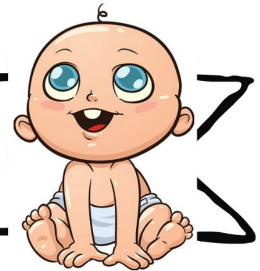
**My hands to larger service and**

**My health to better living, for My club**

**My community and My country.**

**Sponsor:** North Dorchester Agricultural Society

# Baby Show



**Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 1:00 pm**

**Contact: Norma Somers 519-902-7996**

**Registration: 12:30 pm - Fun Zone**

The Baby Show will be open to all babies 0 to 18 months. Prizes for various categories including best dressed babies for theme "Farming through the Ages".

# Student Agricultural Awareness Day



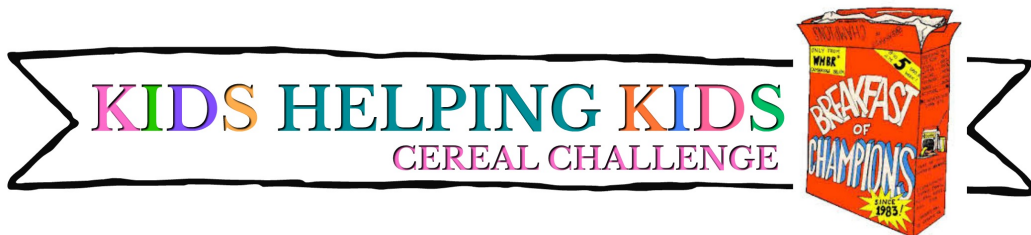
**Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 9:00 am – Noon**

This amazing opportunity is presented to Grade 3 students to learn about agriculture from experts and to ensure the correct message is taught.

**Thank you to our 2024 Presenters/Sponsors:**

- **APPLE LAND STATION - APPLES - Ernie Muzlowsky**
- **BEEF FARMERS OF ONTARIO - Jaclyn Horenber**
- **DAIRY FARMERS OF ONTARIO - Annette Marchand, Alice Van Den Oetelaar**
- **EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO - Monique Benedict**
- **HEEMAN GARDEN CENTRE - BEES - Tom Heeman, Jeff Hicks**
- **HORSE CARE - Krista Breen, Eva Empey**
- **NORTERA FOODS - Jennifer Thompson**
- **ONTARIO DAIRY GOAT CO-OPERATIVE - Lindsay Dykeman**
- **ONTARIO PORK PRODUCERS - Peter Minnema**
- **ONTARIO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS - SOIL CONSERVATION - Christine Brown**
- **PREVTECH INDUSTRIES - COW FEED - Tom Snyders**
- **TURKEY FARMERS OF ONTARIO - Tim DeWitt**

**LUNCH FOR VOLUNTEERS: The North Dorchester Agricultural Society**



**For Information contact : Kathy Breen 519-200-7459**

Students from participating schools are being asked to bring in boxes of *cereal, granola bars and baby food* to their school. The school with the most number of items will receive a trophy for display. All donations will be displayed at the Fair with a tally from each school.

After the Fair, the items will be distributed to various charities including the Dorchester Food Bank.

***Hats off to the Youth of our Community.***



**COMMITTEE:** Norma Somers 519-902-7996; Christie Somers

***Please read Homecraft Division rules and regulations.***

**Entries will be accepted Thursday October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm (noon). Articles must not be removed until closing, Monday October 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**

**NON-COMPETITIVE SECTION - DORCHESTER SCHOOLS ONLY**

Entry forms, exhibitor's number and entry tags are not required FOR THIS SECTION ONLY but the following information must appear on the bottom **RIGHT hand corner** of the work: **Child's first name and last initial, School name, Teacher's name and classroom number.** *Each participating school will receive a donation from the Homecraft Division of N.D.A.S.*

**CLASSROOM PROJECTS ARE TO BE READY FOR PICKUP BY OCTOBER 6, 2025.**

**Sections:**

1. Junior & Senior Kindergarten - Anything on murals - painted ORANGE
2. Grade 1 - Geometric shapes showing repetition, mixing primary colours.
3. Grade 2 - Lines inside shapes - secondary colors light to dark mixing tints.
4. Grade 3 - "What is at the Fair"- a scene using foreground, middle ground and background.
5. Grade 4 - Art showing lines or repetition of colour.
6. Grade 5 - Emphasis on colour intensity and a focal point.
7. Grade 6 - Art showing shading that suggests volume, gradation.
8. Grade 7 - Create an icon/logo - watercolour, decoupage, or tissue paper - individual or on a large mural.
9. Grade 8 - 12" x 12" Square Barn Quilt Art showing "movement".  
Sketched and coloured OR using cut out geometric shapes.
10. Grades 9/10 and 11/12 - A display of class projects.

**COMPETITIVE SECTION**

Entries in **Class A Competitive Section** require **entry tags** with class, section, and exhibitor's number. This can be obtained by contacting the Secretary/Treasurer.

**Preschool - Children 5 years of age and under as of September 1st, 2025:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$2.50, 2nd: \$2.00, 3rd: \$1.50, 4th: \$1.25, 5th: \$1.00

11. Something that's green, painted on a paper plate.
12. Paper bag farm animal.
13. First letter of your name with colourful buttons mounted on a recycled item.
14. Trace one foot onto cardstock, no larger than 12" x 12", decorate
15. Have you created something that you can't find a category for- Enter it here.

**Children 6 - 8 years of age as of September 1st, 2025:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$3.00, 2nd: \$2.50, 3rd: \$2.00, 4th: \$1.25, 5th: \$1.00

16. Create a turkey from a pinecone and decorate.
17. Paint a terra cotta pot no larger than 3" diameter.
18. Hand painted stone.
19. Create 3 butterflies using coffee filters and display on a paper plate
20. Create an egg carton ladybug
21. Have you created something that you can't find a category for- Enter it here.

### **Children 9 - 11 years of age as of September 1st, 2025:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$3.00, 2nd: \$2.50, 3rd: \$2.00, 4th: \$1.25, 5th: \$1.00

22. Make a musical instrument out of recycled items.
23. A collage from food labels or wrappers no bigger than 12" by 12".
24. Make a rocket ship using 3 recycled items, free standing, maximum 18" tall.
25. Decorate a pair of flip flops
26. Kindness Rock - Paint a rock with a kind message
27. Have you created something that you can't find a category for- Enter it here.

### **Children 12 - 13 years of age as of September 1st 2025:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$3.25, 2nd: \$2.75, 3rd: \$2.50, 4th: \$2.25, 5th: \$2.00

28. Friendship bracelet - any medium.
29. A knitted or crocheted article that you have completed.
30. Create an inukshuk using any medium - not to exceed 8".
31. Make 6 flowers using cupcake liners and tie together making a bouquet.
32. Have you created something that you can't find a category for- Enter it here.

### **Children 14 - 17 years of age as of September 1st 2025:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$4.00, 2nd: \$3.00, 3rd: \$2.75, 4th: \$2.50, 5th: \$2.25

33. Make a friendship bracelet using any medium.
34. A knitted or crocheted article that you have completed.
35. Make an origami item not to exceed 12". No kits.
36. Paint by number item.
37. Have you created something that you can't find a category for- Enter it here.

### **ORGANIZATION OR GROUP:**

38. Youth Group display **Prize:** \$20

To consist of a 4H, Girl Guide, Boy Scout, Thames Centre Junior Optimist, or Youth Group project completed after October 2024. Each club will receive \$20.00 for all worthy displays. Display to use backboard or poster - display area is 36" wide - name of club/group must be included. Limit of 1 display per club/group.

### **CLASS B**

### **JUNIOR VEGETABLES & FRUIT**

**2025**

**COMMITTEE:** Brandt Weaver 519-476-2107, Lloyd Elliott, Sophie Hicks

### **CHILDREN UP TO 17 YEARS OF AGE AS OF SEPT. 01, 2025**

**Entries will be accepted Thursday October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm (noon). Articles must not be removed until closing, Monday October 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**

Hints to prepare vegetables/fruit to improve scoring:

1. Choose medium sized vegetables/fruit.
2. Choose regular shaped vegetables/fruit.
3. Choose specimens as close to the same shape as possible.
4. Choose blemish free specimens.
5. Cut off tops leaving about 1" where possible.
6. Clean vegetables/fruit for display. Unwashed, but can be cleaned with soft brush or cloth. Be careful not to cause scrub marks/blemishes as the fruit/vegetable will rot faster.
7. You may peel onions down 1 to 2 layers for appearances.
8. Leave some stem on pumpkins, squash and tomatoes.
9. Time planting to suit fair date.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2

**Sections:**

1. Longest ear of corn (any variety)
2. Longest carrot (not including tops)
3. Tiniest Green Pepper, 2
4. Longest Zucchini
5. Tallest Sunflower, head, stalk and roots attached
6. Sunflower - biggest head
7. Smallest Field Pumpkin, 1
8. Largest Tomato (must be firm), 1
9. Tomatoes, large variety, 3
10. Largest Potatoe, any variety, 1
11. Most oddly shaped vegetable or fruit. Labeled and given a funny name.
12. Any other home grown vegetable, labeled – 3 of the same

**Most points sections 1-12 Prize: \$10**

Where prizes are given on points: 1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point.

**Decorated Pumpkin:**

Paint and/or accessories

13. Decorated Pumpkin not carved, ages 3-5
14. Decorated Pumpkin not carved, ages 6-9
15. Decorated Pumpkin not carved, ages 10-11
16. Decorated Pumpkin not carved, ages 12-18

**SPECIALTY CLASS:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

17. Draw or paint a Scarecrow on 8" x 10" paper.
18. Most unusual animal or human figure constructed from fruits and vegetables
19. Create a Garden Gnome using a squash (paint and/or accessories)

**CLASS C**

**JUNIOR FLOWERS**

**2025**

**COMMITTEE:** Glenyce & Ralph Glew, 519-268-3358

All plants entered should be in good condition with damaged and old leaves and blooms removed. Entries must be home grown by exhibitor. Unless otherwise stated no artificial or dried materials may be used. Flowering plants should be in bloom for judging. BUDS SHOWING COLOUR ARE COUNTED AS BLOOMS. Containers should be suitable and able to hold water. Ontario Judging Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design will be used for judging. One entry per person per section.

**Entries will be accepted Thursday October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm (noon). Articles must not be removed until closing, Monday October 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2

**CHILDREN UP TO 6 YEARS OF AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025:**

1. BIG AND SMALL  
An arrangement using at least 9 flowers that are different sizes. Use a container of your choice.
2. WHAT I FOUND WHEN I WENT FOR A WALK  
An arrangement including wildflowers, grasses, sticks, twigs, leaves, etc. The container (your choice) could be something you might have found on your walk, or your container could be decorated with something you found. (eg. twigs or cones etc. glued on to the container)

3. BRIGHT SUNNY

A bouquet of the brightest flowers you can find with at least 7 blooms. Use a container that you have decorated to remind us of our important bees.

4. FUN IN NATURE

Create a scene from natural plant life, twigs, earth, seeds etc. to show that you are having fun outside. You may use Plasticine, or Lego or any other manipulative material to make the people, animals, buildings etc. Three readymade objects are permitted. Container (perhaps a box lid) should be no bigger than 40 cm by 40 cm. Tell us about your picture in a short sentence.

**BOYS AND GIRLS 7-12 YEARS OF AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025:**

5. THINK GREEN

An arrangement using contrasting green plant material (grasses, leaves from plants or trees) in a container of your choice.

6. A PRETTY FALL BOUQUET

An arrangement of flowers and grasses. The arrangement should contain at least 7 blooms. Try to decorate or use a ready made container that reminds us to appreciate the bees!

7. HARD PRESSED FOR TIME

A pressed flower or flowers, mounted on a stiff backing (bristle board) no bigger than 20 cm by 20 cm. Try to do the pressing ahead of time so the petals and leaves don't shrivel.

8. BEES ARE IMPORTANT

Create a picture showing a bee or bees at work using pressed leaves, petals, seeds, straw and other organic materials. Maximum size 30 cm by 30 cm (size could be smaller) on pressed board or bristle board. Tell us about your picture in a short sentence.

**BOYS AND GIRLS 13-17 YEARS OF AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025:**

9. MY CHOICE

A flower arrangement in a container that reminds us of bees. Use flowers that you like in your arrangement.

10. GREEN AND OTHER COLOURED GRASSES

An arrangement using a variety of grasses. (in any type of container)

11. BEES

A display using pressed leaves, petals, straw, seeds and other organic material to create a scene showing a bee or bees at work. (maximum size 30 cm by 30 cm) on some form of pressed board. Flowers and leaves etc. should be pressed in advance so they don't shrivel. Tell us about your art in a short sentence or two!

**CLASS D**

**JUNIOR HORTICULTURE PROGRAM**

**2025**

**COMMITTEE:** Agnes Burroughs 519-268-7695, Linda Clarke, Judi Zink

To participate in The Junior Horticulture category, you must be a member of the club.

**Entries will be accepted Thursday October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm (noon). Articles must not be removed until closing, Monday October 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2

**Sections:**

1. Pressed Flower Gift Tags
2. Pounded Flowers
3. Bird Feeder out of a Can
4. Button Flowers
5. Garden Stepping Stones
6. Carved Pumpkin Garden

**CLASS E****YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY**  
**(up to and including 17 years of age)****2025****COMMITTEE:** Norma Grayson 519-933-7323; Nancie Irving

All photos must be taken by the exhibitor between October 2024 and September 2025 (except where noted). *No previous Class E entries allowed.* Only one picture per person per Section. Size of prints to be 4 inches by 6 inches. Photo to be mounted on a white Bristol board/paper, with 1" border around print. Photo must be on photographic paper. The entry tag is to be stapled to the top right side of the white border. This enables us to display the photos without damaging the print.

**Entries will be accepted Thursday, October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm (noon). Articles must not be removed until closing, Monday, October 13, 2025 at 5.00 pm.**

Photographs shall not be enhanced or manipulated.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2

**Sections:**

1. Summertime fun - a photo of your summer vacation
2. Flowers in bloom
3. The Mill Pond - capturing something still or a living thing around the Mill Pond
4. Action Shots  
Capture movement, whether it's a sport, dancing, or any kind of physical activity.
5. Pets In Action  
Photograph your pets doing something cute, funny, or interesting.
6. Food Fun  
Participants can capture their favourite meals, snacks, or anything food-related, focusing on presentation & creativity
7. Old West dress up.
8. Optical illusion
9. Something yellow
10. Candid-person or people.
11. A Local Event
12. SPECIAL AWARD "Your Favourite Fair Photo from any Fair" **Prizes:** 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$10  
One 8x10 photo mounted on white bristol board with 1 inch white boarder around print.

**JUDGE'S CHOICE - Best Youth Photo (categories 1-12) Prize: \$20**

Picked by the Judge.

**CLASS F****JUNIOR CULINARY ARTS (No Entry Fee)****2025****COMMITTEE:** Norma Somers 519-902-7996; Christie Somers**Please read Homecraft Rules and Regulations**

**All food must be covered. Baked goods should be removed from pans and displayed on small plates and put into clear plastic bags.** Cakes should be on foil covered square approx. 3 cm larger than exhibit. No mixes. **Entry tags to be stapled to bottom right corner of bag.**

**Entries will be accepted Thursday October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm (noon). Articles must not be removed until closing, Monday October 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**

**JUNIOR A - UP TO 10 YEARS OF AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2

1. Edible Necklace threaded on a string or plastic lace.
2. 3 No Bake Cookies



3. 3 Jumbo Marshmallows decorated  
In a plastic bag that seals.
4. One cupcake, decorated.  
In a clear plastic container.
5. Using one English Muffin - make a pizza
6. Make a fresh fruit snack that looks like an animal

### **JUNIOR B - 11-17 YEARS OF AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2

7. 3 Unbaked Squares  
Not Rice Krispie
8. Rice Krispie House - decorated; no larger than 12" x 12"  
- judged on appearance
9. Muffins (3) your choice of kind, no papers
10. Granola bars - 3 pieces
11. Tea Biscuits (2)
12. Your favourite homemade snack

### **JUNIOR CULINARY ART SPECIAL:**

13. Dorchester Fair Special **Prizes:** 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$5  
Favourite Dessert of your choice - with the Recipe Attached.  
Up to 17 years of age as of September 1, 2024.



**Contest is open to youth up to age 15 years (as of December 31 of current year)**

Make 4 plain chocolate chip cookies (NO NUTS), to be submitted for judging at Dorchester Fair. Winner will be eligible to enter the District 13 competition.

#### **District Competition:**

1. The winner from each Fair/Exhibition will be eligible to enter at the District Competition.
2. District entry must consist of 6 cookies displayed on a clean, sturdy plate (no paper plates) inside of a clear plastic bag with the exhibitor's name, mailing address and fair represented.
3. Plain chocolate chip cookies, with no nuts, must be no larger than 2.5" (6.5 cm) and no smaller than 2" (5 cm).
4. Prize money to be paid by the District.

#### **Provincial Competition:**

1. The entrant must be the winner from the District Competition.
2. In the case where the district winner is unable to send an entry to the convention, then the 2nd place District winner will be eligible to enter.
3. The entry for the District must consist of 6 cookies displayed on a clean, sturdy plate (no paper plates) inside of a clear plastic bag with the exhibitor's name, mailing address and District represented.
4. Plain Chocolate Chip Cookies, with no nuts are to be no larger than 2.5" (6.5 cm) and no smaller than 2" (5 cm).

Provincial Prize Money: 1st - \$20.00 2nd - \$15.00 3rd - \$10.00

## **DORCHESTER FAIR OAAS PLAIN CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE COMPETITION:**

CHIP. Special OAAS Plain Chocolate Chip Cookie Competition - Dorchester Fair **Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

Bake 4 plain chocolate chip cookies (NO NUTS), to be submitted for judging at Dorchester Fair.

**CLASS G**

**ANTIQUES**

**2025**

*Treasures of the Past*

**COMMITTEE:** Ron Foster 519-269-3608, Ann Foster, Ernie Reid

### **Instructions:**

1. Antiques must be at least 50 years old. Prior to **1975**.
2. Exhibitors may not enter more than 1 entry per section.
3. Exhibitors (one person) should own article exhibited. No organizations allowed.
4. Historical interest and approximate age of entry would be appreciated but it is not necessary for a prize.
5. Each exhibitor is requested to keep a list of articles exhibited as a check at the close of the Fair.
6. Antiques will be displayed in a secure enclosure.
7. In fairness to other exhibitors, dealers in antiques will not be eligible to compete.
8. Articles to be removed from display by Directors only for safety.
9. All tickets must be securely fastened to the article exhibited.
- 10. Articles will be accepted Thursday, October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm (noon).**
- 11. Articles must remain on display until Monday, October 13, 2025, for pick up at 5:00 pm.**
12. All entries are entered at owner's risk. If an article is lost or damaged, N.D.A.S. will not assume responsibility.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

### **Sections:**

1. Dorchester (Donnybrook) Fair photo
2. Farm toy machinery implement  
No larger than 15" tall.
3. Kitchen tool
4. Dinky toy
5. Tobacco tin
6. Dorchester (Donnybrook) Fair prize ribbon
7. Souvenir
8. Baby rattle
9. Farm magazine
10. 4-H Memorabilia
11. Commemorative plate
12. Grandparent's favourite pipe
13. Novelty candy dish
14. Shoe horn
15. Pair of gloves
16. Favourite stuffy you couldn't throw out
17. Wedding cake knife
18. Vintage Enamel coffee pot
19. Monogrammed handkerchief
20. Stump the Judges  
Identify the item in a sealed envelope.

**Most points sections 1-21 Prize: \$25**

Where prizes are given on points: 1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point.

## HOMECRAFT DIVISION

*Building open to the public on Saturday, October 11, Sunday, October 12, Monday, October 13, 2025*  
**Articles can be picked up after 5:00 pm on Monday, October 13, 2025**

## HOMECRAFT DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Applicable rules and regulations appearing in the back of the prize book are in effect, as well as the following rules governing this show.
2. ENTRY FORMS may be completed and returned in advance or ENTRY FORMS will be accepted at the Fair office on **Thursday October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm (noon)**. All exhibitors over 18 years of age, must be Members of the Society and pay the required membership fee of \$5.00.
3. ENTRY TAGS AND FORMS – Class must be a letter. Section must be a number and description to read as per prize list.
4. **All work must be done by exhibitor, be new, up-to-date, not worn and must not have been shown before, otherwise it will be disqualified.**
5. **Groups/Organizations enter in only group/organization categories.**
6. **Exhibits will be accepted Thursday October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm (noon). Articles must not be removed until Monday, October 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**
7. For pickup of entries, valid government issued photo ID that includes an address may be required.
8. Please contact class chairperson or committee member if you have any questions.

***All categories are open to men and women.***

*Sample Form and Tags*

North Dorchester Agricultural Society		DORCHESTER FAIR ENTRY FORM		Membership Fee is \$5.00 (18 years and older)	
Membership No. 999		Please print neatly. Read "Hold Harmless" and sign below.		Date: (dd/mm/yyyy) <u>06 / 10 / 20 17</u>	
Name: Jane Doe		Telephone: 519-555-5555			
Address: (include 911 address) 123 Any Street, Dorchester		Postal Code: N0L 1G0	School:		
Email Address: jane.doe@anyprovider.com		Membership Fee Paid	FORM ____ of ____ (if more than 1)		
Class	Section	Description of Article	Prize	Amount Won	
H	23	Bird house – white with black roof			
L	5	Picture of sunrise			
<b>HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT</b> I, the signee below, shall indemnify and Hold Harmless the North Dorchester Agricultural Society (NDAS), their members, agents and employees from and against all claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, suits or proceedings by any third parties that may arise out of, or may be attributed to, all operations performed by or carried out by the NDAS, their agents, employees, or servants, or any one for whose acts they may be held liable, howsoever caused.			Total Awards Misc. Entry Fee Amount of Payment Initial of Signee for money received		
Signed by: _____ <i>Signature</i> Signature of Exhibitor or Authorized Signing Officer (Signature of Parent or Guardian if Exhibitor under the age of 18)			Please check box if you wish your Prize money donated back to the Fair: <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to learn about volunteering for the NDAS and/or the Fair: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Print Name: <u>Jane Doe</u>					

**PRIVACY STATEMENT**  
 \*Any information collected by the North Dorchester Agricultural Society (NDAS) regarding members and exhibitors of the NDAS and the Dorchester Fair, will be solely used for the purposes of promotion of the NDAS and the Dorchester Fair and for the maintenance of their files and data base. Any member, exhibitor, commercial exhibitor, sponsor or director realizes that when they agree to take part in the NDAS and the Dorchester Fair, that their names may be published for these reasons only. None of this information whatsoever will be sold or transferred to any outside party for any reason.\*

**Entry Tag**

CLASS H

SECTION 23

ARTICLE Bird Feeder

Keep Exhibitors Name & No. Covered Until After Judging. Insert flap here.

EXHIBITOR'S NO. 999 YR 2017

NAME Jane Doe

ADDRESS 123 Any St.  
Dorchester N0L 1G0

fold back after judging  
*Jane Doe (signature)*  
 EXHIBITOR MUST SIGN IN ABOVE SPACE

Nishers  
 323 Horton St., London, Ontario  
 (519) 663-9440 Fax: (519)438-4939

**Entry Tag**

CLASS L

SECTION 5

ARTICLE Picture of Sunrise

Keep Exhibitors Name & No. Covered Until After Judging. Insert flap here.

EXHIBITOR'S NO. 999 YR 2017

NAME Jane Doe

ADDRESS 123 Any St.  
Dorchester N0L 1G0

fold back after judging  
*Jane Doe (signature)*  
 EXHIBITOR MUST SIGN IN ABOVE SPACE

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**COMMITTEE:** Norma Somers 519-902-7996; Christie Somers

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**GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY PROJECT:**

FQTQ Fidget Quilt or Touch Quilt for Individuals who suffer the challenges of Dementia or Alzheimer's

**Prizes:** 1st: \$20, 2nd: \$10, 3rd: \$5

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For people with dementia, **Fidget Quilts** and touching and rubbing fabrics that have different textures have a number of effects, including but not limited to:

- Reducing stress and anxiety
- Giving a sense of comfort and security
- Being a conversation item and helping individuals with dementia connect with other people
- Providing an opportunity to "reminisce"

*Taken from Alzheimer's Society of Waterloo Wellington. Search "Touch Quilt Project" online.*

***You can enter more than one project but only one will be judged - project of your choice.***

***All entries in this class will be donated to the local Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex.***



**QUILTER'S CORNER:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$6

1. Quilt top ready to be quilted - one layer.  
Any size.
2. Quilt - pieced or appliquéd  
Must be hand quilted by exhibitor. Minimum size of 324" measured on the perimeter.
3. Quilt - for a child's room; hand or machine. Quilted by Exhibitor.
4. Quilt block. (7.5" mounted by top corners)  
Name the pattern.
5. Quilt - Pieced and machine quilted by exhibitor.  
Minimum size of 324" measured on the perimeter
6. Quilt –made by more than one person or an organization; hand quilted.  
List names of people participating in this quilt. Minimum size of 324" measured on the perimeter.

**Most points – Section 2 - 6 Prize: \$10**

Where prizes are given on points: 1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point.

***Please see next page for important information about the OAAS Champion Quilt Competition sizing if you want your entry to proceed to the next level of competition.***

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## OAAS Machine Quilted Quilt



**Machine Quilted Quilt** – Quilt must be solely made, and machine quilted by the exhibitor. Quilt to be measured on the perimeter – minimum of 324". Note the quilt can be square, rectangle, etc. Quilt must have visible machine quilting.

1<sup>st</sup> prize winner at Fair level can go on to District Annual Meeting in November 2025 and if judged 1<sup>st</sup> at District level can go on to Provincial Annual meeting in February 2026 in Toronto. A grand prize will be awarded, and the exhibitor will retain ownership of the entry.

**Hand Quilted Quilt** – Quilt must be solely made, and hand quilted by the exhibitor. Quilt to be measured on the perimeter – minimum of 324". Note the quilt can be square, rectangle, etc.

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**For more information contact the Homecraft Division or visit the website of [www.ontarioagsocieties.com](http://www.ontarioagsocieties.com) under competitions**

### NESTS FOR SALTHAVEN WILDLIFE REHABILITATION & EDUCATION CENTRE:

7. Knit or Crochet a NEST - Inside diameter by Nest Size, Small 3-4", Medium 4-5", Large 6"

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

One nest per person gets judged - pick the size you would like to make. Extra nests welcome  
To be donated to Salthaven Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Centre.  
Knots must be tight - no holes for legs or feathers to get caught in.



### CROCHETED ARTICLES:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

8. Crocheted scarf.
9. Crocheted Afghan or Blanket
10. Crochet an article made from Granny Squares.
11. Crocheted toy.
12. Crochet 3 Poppies.
13. Any crocheted article not already listed.  
No afghans or blankets.



## **KNITTING:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

14. Knitted Toy.
15. Knitted Sweater.
16. Knitted comfy legwarmers, mittens, slippers, or socks.
17. Knitted poncho or shawl.
18. Any article knitted with three or more colours of yarn. 3 Separate yarns.
19. 3 Knitted Poppies - any pattern.
20. Any knitted article not already listed.

## **EARTH ELEMENTS:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

21. Pottery - Hand built piece  
Clay items, completely hand-built or wheel-thrown, glazed or unglazed, having been fired at least once.
22. Decorate a Ready To Paint Pottery piece.
23. Wood Work project. eg. cutting board, bird house, coasters
24. Beachcomber - make something using an item(s) found at the beach.
25. Any other article not listed above using earth elements.

## **SEWING:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

26. Apron.
27. Gift bag. Not to exceed 12" by 16".
28. Cover for an electronic device of your choice.
29. Bowl Cozy.
30. A home decor item. e.g. chair pad, tea cozy, table runner, placemat, etc.
31. Pet bandana.
32. Reuseable Grocery Bag, any fabric.
33. Any other sewing article not listed above.

## **60 PLUS:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

34. Decorated Hat as a door decoration.
35. Hand write "Legacy in the Soil" Poem on 8 1/2" x 11".

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### Legacy in the Soil

Ancestors' tales, whispered by trees,  
Legacy lies in the gentle breeze.  
Generations deep, roots entwined,  
In every furrow, memories you'll find.

Hands that toil, feet that tread,  
Stories of old, in soil are spread.  
Fields that saw laughter, tears, and more,  
Guard the secrets of folklore.

Passing the torch, the young ones learn,  
For the love of land, they too yearn.  
Traditions live, legacies unfurl,

In the dance of crop and swirl.

36. Handmade Greeting Card
37. Scrapbook Page not to exceed 12" by 12".

#### **CRAFTS:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

38. Any handmade card
39. Linocut - include hand carved stamp and inked print.
40. Any article made with a Cricut Machine.
41. Article of jewellery - homemade
42. Mug Rug - Coaster for your coffee cup. Any material.
43. Wood burned article.
44. Macrame article.
45. Mosaic Art any medium.
46. An article made with Resin.
47. Tree ornament.
48. Fall door decoration.
49. Hand made Gnome of your choice.
50. Any item inspired by an online source  
Pinterest.com, Craft Blogs or Etsy.com with source printed out

#### **HOLIDAY CRAFTS:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

51. Wooden Porch Sign Celebrating Any Holiday
52. Decorate a wine bottle - any occasion.
53. Door knob decoration. Any holiday.
54. Christmas Advent Calendar - any medium.
55. Holiday table centrepiece. Any holiday.

#### **NEEDLE WORK:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

56. Hand Embroidery of any style.
57. Counted Cross Stitch
58. Needle Felting Article  
The process of felting wool with specialized barbed needles, without using water.
59. Sashiko Item  
Decorative style running stitch pattern. No larger than 9" by 9".
60. Any other Needle Work Item not listed above.

#### **UPCYCLING:**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

61. Repurpose a clothing item.
62. Article made using mens ties.
63. Kitchen ware upcycled to indoor or outdoor decor.
64. Glass or china upcycled into outdoor decor.
65. Any other item of your choice repurposed for a different use.

## ART:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

66. Pencil, ink, charcoal, pastel or coloured pencil artwork.
67. Squeegee Painting.
68. Hand decorative stone
69. Zentangle  
A hand drawn black ink art with shading
70. Painting - any medium.  
Paintings must have a suitable hanger attached.

**Most Points for Section 7 – 70 Prize:** \$25

Where prizes are given on points: 1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point.

## CLASS I

## GRAINS AND HAY

2025

**COMMITTEE:** Debby Lake 519-268-7648, Christina Hicks, Avery Van Horne

### Instructions:

1. Applicable rules and regulations appearing at the back of the prize book are in effect as well as the following rules governing this show.
2. Open to **ALL RESIDENTS/FARMERS** in the area. **ONE ENTRY PER FARM.**
3. **Entries will be accepted Thursday, October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm (noon). Articles must not be removed until closing, Monday, October 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**
4. Grain and Hay exhibits are to be 2025 crops.
5. **One** exhibitor per family per category.

### Section 1:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$15, 2nd: \$12, 3rd: \$10, 4th: \$8

1. Soy Beans - 10 stocks, tied - variety named
2. Soy Beans - 500 ml jar - variety named
3. Soy Beans - White Hilun - 500 ml container - variety named

### Section 2:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$4

4. Corn - 8 whole plants. Tied - variety named
5. Corn - largest stalk in diameter - 12" from ground
6. Corn - shortest stalk - with cob(s). Root must be attached.
7. Corn - tallest stalk - no root
8. Corn - ensilage - bunker - processed
9. Corn - ensilage - silo - processed
10. Corn - high moisture - 1 litre/quart container
11. Hay - 1st cut, one slice tied, round bail piece in similar size
12. Hay - 2nd or 3rd cut, one slice tied, round bail piece in similar size
13. Haleage - 1/4 bushel - container of your choice
14. Baleage - 1/4 bushel - container of your choice
15. Barley - medium/large flower pot (approx.)
16. TMR mixed - 1/2 bushel - container of your choice
17. Corn - 12 cobs displayed in tray
18. Straw - small square - brightest & cleanest
19. Wheat - 1 litre/quart container

20. Largest ball of Twine

**Most Points sections 1-20 Prize: \$50**

Where prizes are given on points: 1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point.

**Special:**

SP. "GET TO KNOW YOUR FARMER" POSTER **Prizes:** 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$6

Make a poster on Bristle Board (standard size 22 1/2" x 28 1/2") entitled "Get to Know Your Farmer". Introduce us to your farm. Does it have a name. eg. "Mellow Loam". Describe your farm eg. animal or cash crop. Detail the amount of product produced on your farm. What is unique about your farm. Include a map and pictures and be creative.



**Pure Maple Syrup, Ontario Grade A - Amber**

**Dorchester Fair OAAS Maple Syrup Competition:**

Submit 1 clear glass container of Pure Maple Syrup, Ontario Grade A - Amber. Jar is to have a capacity of 8 oz/250 ml.

**Rules:**

1. The entry must be completed by the exhibitor entering the competition.
2. By entering the OAAS competition, the exhibitor agrees to allow their name and exhibit to be part of any promotional activities related to the competition.
3. Winner of this OAAS category at Dorchester Fair will be eligible to enter the District 13 competition.

**District Competition:**

1. Each agricultural society is entitled to send their best of show to the district competition.
2. If the exhibitor has won at more than one fair, the one closest to the exhibitor's home address is the agricultural society from which the entry will be sent to the district competition. The other agricultural societies may send their second place winner into the district competition. An exhibitor may only enter into one district competition.
3. The OAAS will award a ribbon to exhibitors of winning entries at each district competition.

**Provincial Competition:**

1. Maple syrup exhibits shall consist of two (2) curved Kent style glass bottles (D&G #505188 Syrup Bottle with Handle), or equivalent, of Maple Syrup, Canada Grade A - Amber, each having a capacity of 250 mL.
2. Entries must be labelled on the BOTTOM of the containers only with a supplied entry number or identifier. No other labels will be permitted.
3. All maple syrup should have a flavour characteristic of its respective colour class and be free from any objectionable odour or taste. It is best to sample from the same lot before submitting your entries to the OAAS.
4. Any maple syrup entry containing any form of foreign material will be disqualified from the competition.
5. An approved maple syrup colorimeter will be used to assess the colour.
6. It is a condition of entry that all maple syrup products entered become property of the OAAS. 1st and 2nd place entries will be placed up for auction at the convention.

**Provincial Prize Money - 1st - \$50.00, 2nd - \$30.00, 3rd - \$20.00**

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## **DORCHESTER FAIR OAAS MAPLE SYRUP COMPETITION:**

MS. OAAS Maple Syrup Competition **Prizes:** 1st: \$15, 2nd: \$12, 3rd: \$10

Submit 1 clear glass container of Pure Maple Syrup, Ontario Grade A - Amber. Jar is to have a capacity of 8 oz/250 ml/

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**Pure, Ontario #1, White**

### **Dorchester Fair OAAS Honey Competition:**

Submit 1 clear glass container of Pure Honey, #1, White. Jar is to have a capacity of 8 oz/250 ml.

#### **Rules:**

1. The exhibitor of the honey must be registered beekeepers and the exhibits shown by them must be pure honey from floral sources in their apiaries.
2. The entry must be made solely by the person or family entering the competition.
3. By entering the OAAS competition, the exhibitor agrees to allow their name and exhibit to be part of any promotional activities related to the competition.
4. Winner of this OAAS category at Dorchester Fair will be eligible to enter the District 13 competition.

#### **District Competition:**

1. The entrant must have won the Pure Honey competition at the local Fair/Exhibition to be eligible to enter the District Competition.
2. If the exhibitor has won at more than one fair, the one closest to the exhibitor's home address is the agricultural society from which the entry will be sent to the district competition. The other agricultural societies may send their second place winner into the district competition. An exhibitor may only enter into one district competition.

#### **Provincial Competition:**

1. Liquid Honey exhibits shall consist of two clear glass containers, each having a capacity of 500 grams (375 ml).
2. Entries must be labelled on the **BOTTOM** of the containers only with a supplied entry number or identifier. No other labels will be permitted.
3. Any honey entry containing any form of foreign material will be disqualified from the competition.
4. An approved colorimeter will be used to assess the colour.
5. It is a condition of entry that all honey products entered become property of the OAAS. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries will be placed up for auction at the convention.

**Provincial Prize Money - 1st - \$50.00, 2nd - \$30.00, 3rd - \$20.00**

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## **DORCHESTER FAIR OAAS HONEY COMPETITION:**

HON OAAS Liquid Honey Competition **Prizes:** 1st: \$15, 2nd: \$12, 3rd: \$10

. Submit 1 clear glass container of Pure Honey, #1, White. Jar is to have a capacity of 8 oz/250 ml.



**COMMITTEE:** Brandt Weaver 519-476-2107, Lloyd Elliot, Sophie Hicks

**Entries will be accepted Thursday, October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm (noon). Articles must not be removed until closing, Monday October 13, 2025 at 4:30 pm.**

Hints to prepare vegetables/fruit to improve scoring:

1. Choose medium sized vegetables/fruit.
2. Choose regular shaped vegetables/fruit.
3. Choose specimens as close to the same shape as possible.
4. Choose blemish free specimens.
5. Cut off tops leaving about 1" where possible.
6. Clean vegetables/fruit for display. Unwashed, but can be cleaned with soft brush or cloth. Be careful not to cause scrub marks/blemishes as the fruit/vegetable will rot faster.
7. You may peel onions down 1 to 2 layers for appearances.
8. Leave some stem on pumpkins, squash and tomatoes.
9. Time planting to suit fair date.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

**Sections:**

1. Apples, any variety, named, 5
2. Banana peppers, hot, 5
3. Beans, green, 5
4. Brussels Sprouts, 1 stem
5. Cabbage, any variety, 1
6. Carrots, under 15 cm, 5
7. Carrots, over 15 cm long, 5
8. Corn, ornamental, 5 ear shucks pulled back and tied in a bunch
9. Cucumbers, Gherkin, 5
10. Garlic, any variety, 3
11. Kale, 3 leaves, in cup of water
12. Leeks, 2
13. Onions, white, 3
14. Onions, spanish, 3
15. Potatoes, red, named, cleaned (cloth or brush) unwashed, 3
16. Pumpkin, pie, 1
17. Squash, butternut, 1
18. Squash, Hubbard, any colour, 1
19. Sunflower head, (seed quality over quantity), 1
20. Sweet Peppers, green, 2
21. Swiss Chard, 3 stalks cut from one plant, in water
22. Tomatoes, green, any variety, calyx attached - 3
23. Tomato, regular, any variety, calyx attached - 4
24. Tomato, cherry, 1 truss
25. Zucchini, 2

**Most Points in Sections 1 – 25 Prize: \$25**

Where prizes are given on points: 1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point.

**Judges Choice Prize: \$20**

Awarded to exhibitor the Judge chooses "Best in Class" in Section 1-25

## LARGEST PUMPKIN OR SQUASH:

26. Largest pumpkin or squash - by weight **Prizes:** 1st: \$15, 2nd: \$12, 3rd: \$10

## SPECIALTY CLASS:

**Prizes:** 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$6

27. Draw a blueprint of your garden - include plant labels and north arrow.

28. Decorated Pumpkin (paint, accessories), not carved, ages 18 and over

29. Fresh Herb Collection

Minimum of 3 varieties, homegrown, labelled and displayed attractively in one or more pots.

## CLASS K

## ADULT HORTICULTURE

2025

**COMMITTEE:** Glenyce & Ralph Glew, 519-268-3358,

All plants entered should be in good condition with damaged and old leaves and blooms removed. Entries must be homegrown by exhibitor. Unless otherwise stated no artificial or dried materials may be used. Flowering plants should be in bloom for judging. **BUDS SHOWING COLOUR ARE COUNTED AS BLOOMS.** Containers should be suitable and able to hold water. Publication 34, Ontario Judging Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design will be used for judging. One entry per person per section.

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**Note - \* A Spray has several flowers on one stem**

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3

## CUT FLOWER SECTION:

1. Coneflower or Rudbeckia or Echinacea - 3 stems  
Each stem can be a different colour if you have a variety
2. Petunias - 3 sprays\*\*\* - single colour - single flower.
3. Petunias - 3 sprays - double flower\*\* A colour variety will be accepted.
4. Cleome - 1 stem.
5. Chrysanthemums - 3 sprays - one colour.
6. Geraniums - 3 stems - (not ivy geraniums). One colour, foliage attached.
7. Rudbeckia (Black-Eyed Susan) 3 stems or sprays - one colour.
8. Marigolds - 3 blooms - 3" diameter (plus) with own foliage.
9. Marigolds - 3 blooms - less than 3" with own foliage.
10. Asters - 3 blooms - one colour.
11. Rose - Hybrid Tea - 1 bloom - name if possible.
12. Rose - any other kind of rose - one spray or stem - Name if possible.
13. Sedum - Autumn Joy type - 3 stems.
14. Sedum - other types of sedum - 3 stems
15. Snapdragons - 2 spikes - one colour.
16. Dahlias - 2 blooms under 4" in diameter with own foliage.
17. Dahlias - 1 bloom over 4" in diameter with own foliage.
18. Pansy - 3 blooms - colours - your choice.
19. Gladiolus - one stem - any size with at least 3 open flowers.
20. Zinnias - 3 blooms - 3" diameter blooms or larger with own foliage.
21. Zinnias - 3 blooms - under 3" diameter blooms with own foliage.
22. Red Salvia - 2 spikes
23. Blue Salvia - 2 spikes
24. Calendula - 3 sprays.

25. Hydrangea - 1 stem - mop head type (example Annabelle)
26. Hydrangea - 1 stem - another type of Hydrangea
27. Any other named annual or perennial. 3 stems or sprays with at least 3 open blooms.
28. Cosmos – 2 spikes with bloom and foliage.
29. Heuchera - (Coral Bell) 1 cultivar, 3 leaves (any species).

#### **POTTED PLANT SECTION:**

30. Your Favourite Houseplant - named and labelled.
31. African Violet - single crown - single flower.
32. African Violet - single crown - double flower.
33. Christmas or Thanksgiving Cactus.
34. Cactus or succulent – named if possible.

#### **DESIGN SECTION:**

##### 35. "BEE" IMPORTANT

A bouquet design using flowers in any of your favourite colours that you know bees are particularly attracted to - although they are attracted to all! Your container also might enhance your design to show the importance of bees.

##### 36. A SHADY COLLECTION

At least 3 examples of shade loving plants in an attractive arrangement. Name the plants.

##### 37. MINIATURE DESIGN

A little floral design not over 12.5 cm/or 5 inches in any direction. (Including container)

##### 38. THANKSGIVING DINNER CELEBRATION

A Thanksgiving table centre piece depicting our bountiful fall. Include flowers, greenery, fruits, vegetables (perhaps even a beeswax candle - not obligatory!). This display should be no more than 35cm high by 20cm by 20cm. Be careful of the size because it will be measured!

##### 39. COLOURS OF THE SEASONS

A natural arrangement of flowers and grasses. The arrangement should have at least 3 different kinds of flowers and 3 different kinds of grasses. (Size of display is at your discretion.)

#### **Most Points section 1 - 39 Prize: \$25**

Where prizes are given on points: 1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point.

##### 40. FIELDS AND FLOWERS **Prizes:** 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$6

Create a design depicting what we produce locally in beautiful Thames Centre. Your design could include flowers, foliage, herbs, wood, fruits, vegetables, honey, preserves. Try to display your creation in a "days gone by" container if possible. Size of your design is at your discretion.

##### 41. YOUR CHOICE **Prizes:** 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$6

Create a floral display using your own ideas. Use your own flowers , greenery, twigs and container. Go for it! Make a display that pleases you.

## **CLASS L**

## **ADULT PHOTOGRAPHY (18 years of age and older)**

**2025**

**COMMITTEE:** Norma Grayson 519-933-7323; Nancie Irving

All photos must be taken by the exhibitor between October 2024 and September 2025(except where noted). *No previous Class L entries allowed.* Only one picture per person per Section. Size of prints to be 4 inches by 6 inches. Photo to be mounted on a white Bristol board/paper, with 1" border around print. Photo must be on photographic paper. The entry tag is to be stapled to the top right side of the white border. This enables us to display the photos without damaging the print.

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Photographs shall not be enhanced or manipulated.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$2

**Sections:**

1. Lighting - capture interesting light
2. Motion photography, waterfalls and water or rain
3. Bird(s)
4. Patterns in Nature  
Spider webs, trees, shells, leaves, spirals, scales, meanders, waves, spots, stripes.
5. All Framed In  
Organically frame in the focal point of your photo, such as a window frame with the focal point within that frame.  
eg. other frames could be trees, bushes etc.
6. Food Still Life
7. Black and White Open Class
8. Curves and lines
9. Candid person or people
10. A Canadian experience

**SPECIAL AWARD:**

11. "Your Favourite Fair Photo from any Fair" **Prizes:** 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$10  
One 8" x 10" photo mounted on white board with 1" white border around print.

**JUDGE'S CHOICE - Best Adult Photo (categories 1-12) Prize: \$20**

Picked by the Judge

**CLASS M**

**ADULT CULINARY ARTS**

**2025**

**COMMITTEE:** Norma Somers 519-902-7996; Christie Somers

**Please Read Homecraft Rules and Regulations**

All food should be covered. Baked goods, except pies, should be removed from pans, placed on small sturdy paper plates and placed in clear plastic bags. Cakes should be on a foil covered square approximately 3" larger than exhibit unless otherwise stated. All tags are to be attached to the bottom right corner of the plastic bag. No mixes.

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**Prizes:** 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4

**BREAD & MORE:**

1. Whole loaf Braided Egg Bread
2. Whole loaf Cheese Bread
3. Whole loaf Brioche Bread

**MUFFINS & MORE:**

4. Pumpkin bread - 1/2 loaf
5. Herb Muffin (3)  
No liners.
6. Cranberry Muffin (3)  
No liners.

7. Lemon loaf – 1/2 loaf
  8. Fruit Scone (3), no icing
  9. Blueberry Buckle - The following recipe only:
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## Blueberry Buckle

1/4 cup butter, softened	<b>TOPPING:</b>
3/4 cup sugar	2/3 cup sugar
1 large egg, room temperature	1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups all-purpose flour	1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking powder	1/3 cup cold butter, cubed
1/4 teaspoon salt	1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup 2% milk	
2 cups fresh blueberries	

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°. In a small bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Add egg; beat well. In another bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beating well after each addition. Fold in blueberries. Spread into greased 9-in. square baking pan.
  2. For topping, in a small bowl, combine the sugar, flour and cinnamon; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over blueberry mixture.
  3. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 40-45 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.
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### DESSERTS:

10. Gingersnap cookie (3)
11. White Chocolate Blondies (3)
12. Date squares (3)
13. Cinnamon rolls - iced (3)
14. Macaroon of your choice (3)
15. Unbaked Squares (any type). Approximately 2" x 2"; 3 pieces
16. Decorated Sugar cookie (3)
17. Thumbprint cookies (3)

### PIES AND TARTS:

Whole pie required for judging; Pick up Saturday and leave one slice for display.

18. Pumpkin pie 8" - 9" foil pie pan
19. Apple Crumble Pie 8" - 9" foil pie pan
20. Blueberry pie - 8" – 9" foil pie pan
21. Butter Tarts (3) with your favourite add-in(s). Be sure to list your add-in(s) on your entry tag.  
- no foil tins
22. Rhubarb Pie - 8" - 9" foil pie pan

**Most Points in Section 4-22 Prize: \$25**

Where prizes are given on points: 1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point.

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**Butter Tarts (no fruit, no nuts)** a total of 3 Butter Tarts to be submitted for judging at Dorchester Fair. Entry must be made solely by the person entering the competition including the pastry. The size of the tarts must be full size tarts. (No mini or bite size tarts). Winner of this category at Dorchester fair will be eligible to enter the District 13 competition.

**District Competition:**

1. The entrant must have won the butter tart competition at the local Fair/Exhibition to be eligible to enter the District Competition.
2. A total of 6 tarts will be required to be shown. Tarts must be on a clean, sturdy plate (no paper plates) inside of a clear plastic bag with the exhibitor's name, mailing address and fair represented.
3. The size of the tarts must be full size tarts. (no mini or bite size tarts) and must not contain fruit or nuts (ie., no raisins, no pecans)
4. Prize money to be paid by the District.

**Provincial Competition:**

1. The entrant must have won the District Competition to be eligible to enter the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Competition at the convention.
2. In the case where the District winner is unable to send an entry to the convention then the 2nd prize district winner will be eligible to enter.
3. A total of 6 tarts will be required to be shown. Tarts must be on a clean, sturdy plate (no paper plates) inside of a clear plastic bag with the exhibitor's name, mailing address and District represented.
4. The size of the tarts must be full size tarts. (no mini or bite size tarts) and must not contain fruit or nuts (ie. no raisins, no pecans).
5. 1st and 2nd place entries will not be returned to exhibitor but will be placed for auction at the convention.

**Provincial Prize Money – 1 st \$50.00 2nd - \$30.00 3rd - \$20.00, donated by Gay Lea Foods Co-Operative**

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**DORCHESTER FAIR OAAS BUTTER TART COMPETITION:**

BT. Special OAAS Butter Tarts Competition

3 Butter Tarts (no fruit, no nuts, no raisins, no pecans) to be submitted for judging at Dorchester Fair. Entry must be made solely by the person entering the competition including the pastry. The size of the tarts must be full size tarts. (No mini or bite size tarts).

**FRUIT:**

Label and seal in clean glass jar not less than 8oz/250ml with new lid and ring

23. Applesauce
24. Pears
25. "Just" Tomatoes
26. Cranberry Sauce
27. Any other fruit. Named

## JAMS AND JELLIES:

Label and seal in clean glass jar not less than 8oz/250ml with new lid and ring

28. Strawberry Jam – cooked
29. Raspberry Jam - cooked
30. Peach Jam - cooked
31. Any other Jam not listed
32. Apple Jelly
33. Grape Jelly
34. Habanero Apricot Jelly
35. Any other Jelly not listed

## PICKLES:

Label and seal in clean glass jar not less than 8oz/250ml with new lid and ring

36. Sweet pickles - no colour
37. Pickled Beets
38. Dill Pickles
39. Balsamic Vinaigrette Salad Dressing
40. Chilli Sauce
41. Corn relish
42. Red Pepper Jelly
43. Salsa (mild to medium)
44. Any other Pickle not listed.

**Most Points in Section 23-44 Prize: \$25**

Where prizes are given on points: 1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point.

## CLASS N

## ADULT CULINARY ART SPECIALS

2025

**Entries will be accepted Thursday October 9, 2025, 7 pm to 9 pm and Friday, October 10, 2025, 9 am to 12 pm(noon). Articles must not be removed until closing, Monday October 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**

- All entrants into the contests must submit entries that were made according to contest specific instructions.
- All entries will be judged on appearance, taste, texture, creativity of recipe and presentation. Decision of the Fair judges will be final.
- Each entry must submit recipe used with entry, proof of purchase or the label off the product used for this contest.

## Sections:

1. **MIDDLESEX COUNTY DAIRY PRODUCERS COMMITTEE SPECIAL** 1st – Gift Prize 2nd – Gift Prize 3rd – Gift Prize

### YOUR FAVOURITE COOKED DESSERT

Any one (1) serving piece of your favourite cooked dessert using 100% Canadian dairy product(s). A dairy product label from the recipe must be attached to the entry. A copy of your recipe should also be attached.

2. **REID SPECIAL:** 1st - value \$50 Prize Basket; 2nd - value \$20 Prize Basket  
Collection of three Homemade International Food Favourites from one country.  
Name the Country. A copy of your recipes must be attached. Judging will be based on appearance, taste, texture and recipe creativity.
3. **BIG SUGAR FARM SPECIAL:** 1st - value \$50 Prize Basket; 2nd - value \$20 Prize Basket  
Your favourite Honey Cake.  
Any one (1) serving piece of your favourite Honey Cake. Must use honey as a sugar substitute.  
A copy of your recipe must be attached.

- 4. TC Brewing - COFFEE SPECIAL** 1st - value \$50 Prize Basket; 2nd - value \$20 Prize Basket  
Baked recipe using a coffee ingredient.  
For cakes - whole cake judged; 1 piece to display at the Fair. For cookies, or squares - enter 6 for judging and display.  
Attach recipe with label or container of product.
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Big Sugar Farm: [www.bigsugarfarm.shop](http://www.bigsugarfarm.shop)

TC Brewing Company: [www.tcbrew.ca](http://www.tcbrew.ca)

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**JUDGING STANDARDS 2025**

**SCORING FOR BAKED GOODS AND PRESERVES**

25 General Appearance

25 Internal Appearance

50 Flavour

**SCORING FOR SENSIBLE SNACKS AND DECORATED CAKES**

50 General Appearance

50 Workmanship

**SCORING FOR CLOTHING / FABRIC ARTS**

25 Design, Colour and Materials

25 Workmanship (inside)

50 Workmanship (outside)

**SCORING FOR HANDCRAFTS**

15 General Appearance

15 Creative Design

20 Colour, Material

50 Workmanship

**SCORING FOR TARTS & PIES**

20 General Appearance

40 Crust

40 Filling

**SCORING FOR WOODEN CRAFTS AND NEEDLECRAFTS**

25 General Appearance

25 Design and Material

50 Workmanship

**SCORING FOR PHOTOGRAPHY**

25 Impact and Style

10 Presentation

15 Lighting/Colour

50 Composition

**SCORING FOR Displays**

15 Quality of Materials

25 Power to Attract and Hold Attention

20 General appearance

40 Message

## ***RULES AND REGULATIONS***

1. The prizes offered are open to competition by all members unless otherwise stated. All exhibitors 18 years and over must be a member of the Society and pay the required membership Fee of **\$5.00**.
2. All communications and inquiries should be addressed to the Secretary - Treasurer, P.O. Box 146, Dorchester, Ontario N0L 1G0. Phone - 519-268-8152.
3. Exhibitor numbers may be obtained from the Secretary - Treasurer any day of the week preceding the Fair.
4. Exhibitors will enter only one article or animal per Section of Class, unless otherwise stated.
5. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that all entries are on the grounds in time to meet entry deadlines, and entries must not be removed before the times indicated in this prize list.
6. All articles must be ticketed properly by the exhibitor, to be eligible for consideration.
7. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Any person exhibiting or permitting any other person to exhibit in his/her name, any entry that is not the bona fide property shall forfeit all prizes that may have been awarded to them at the Fair.
8. All produce and flowers must be growth of the present year and grown by the exhibitor, unless otherwise specified.
9. Any article having the name or initial of the owner marked on it, except cast or engraved in metal, will not be admitted for competition.
10. All animals must meet requirements of the Health and Animals Branch, Ministry of Agriculture.
11. Persons exhibiting Livestock may be required to produce pedigrees to judges on the day of the exhibition.
12. All Handlers/Riders must maintain control of their animals at all times. All animals, when on the Fairgrounds, must be provided with secure means of tethering or an attendant is in charge.
13. Any persons riding or driving faster than a walk, outside of the horse ring will be held responsible for any damage that may be incurred and will be liable to be removed from the grounds.
14. The North Dorchester Agricultural Society and its Directors will not be responsible for accidents on Fairgrounds. All exhibitors must sign the Hold Harmless Agreement. Exhibitors under the age of 18 years must have parent/guardian sign Hold Harmless Agreement.
15. While the N.D.A.S. will take every precaution, under the circumstances, to secure the safety of animals and articles sent to the exhibition, it must be distinctly understood that the owners must take the risk of exhibiting them. Should any article or animal be accidentally injured, lost or stolen, the Directors will give all assistance in their power towards recover of same, but will not make any payment of the value thereof.
16. No person, who may have animals or articles on exhibit, shall in any way indicate to the judges that such stock or articles belong to him/her. Any prizes that might otherwise be awarded will be forfeited.
17. Should there be only one exhibitor in a class or section, the judges may use their own discretion as to awarding a prize. In all cases, where they do not think the animal or article worthy, they may award prizes as they see fit.
18. An exhibitor has the right to protest or appeal and is not allowed to interfere with the Judges while in the discharge of their duties. An exhibitor so interfering, or who may use abusive or contemptuous language to any Judges, shall forfeit their rights to any prize to which they may have been entitled. The N.D.A.S. reserves the right to exclude such persons from exhibiting for two years thereafter.
19. The Board of Director's decision shall be final and they may, if necessary, appoint a new judge.
20. Should any question arise not provided for in the Rules and Regulations, the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.
21. Education being one of the main objects of the Fair, the Judges may be requested to explain and give reasons for their decisions.
22. In the case of an error in printing of the Prize List, the Directors have the power to rectify the same. Prizes will be paid only on classes printed in the book and no extra classes will be allowed.
23. The Secretary-Treasurer will pay the prizes as soon as possible after the Fair.

24. On account of rain legislation, should receipts not be enough to pay prizes in full, at least 50% of the prize money will be paid, plus as much more as receipts will provide.
25. All certificates for Special prizes must be cashed within 30 days of issuance and all cheques cashed by December 31, 2025. After that day they will be invalid.
26. Where prizes are given on points: 1<sup>st</sup> - 4 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1 point. Judging is at 1:30 pm on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**North Dorchester Agricultural Society**  **DORCHESTER FAIR ENTRY FORM** Membership Fee is \$3.00  
(18 years and older)

Membership No. Please print neatly. Read "Hold Harmless" and sign below. Date: (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_

Name: Telephone:

Address: Postal Code: School:  
(Include B11 address)

Email Address: Membership Fee Paid FORM \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ (if more than 1)  
(For emailing next year's Prize List)

Class	Section	Description of Article	Prize	Amount Won

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**  
I, the signee below, shall indemnify and Hold Harmless the North Dorchester Agricultural Society (NDAS), their members, agents and employees from and against all claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, suits or proceedings by any third parties that may arise out of, or may be attributed to, all operations performed by or carried out by the NDAS, their agents, employees, or servants, or any one for whose acts they may be held liable, howsoever caused.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Exhibitor or Authorized Signing Officer  
(Signature of Parent or Guardian if Exhibitor under the age of 18)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> Please check box if you wish your Prize money donated back to the Fair.	Total Awards
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to learn about volunteering for the NDAS and/or the Fair.	Misc.
	Entry Fee
	Amount of Payment
	<b>Initial of Signee for money received</b>

**PRIVACY STATEMENT**  
"Any information collected by the North Dorchester Agricultural Society (NDAS) regarding members and exhibitors of the NDAS and the Dorchester Fair, will be solely used for the purposes of promotion of the NDAS and the Dorchester Fair and for the maintenance of their files and data base. Any member, exhibitor, commercial exhibitor, sponsor or director realizes that when they agree to take part in the NDAS and the Dorchester Fair, that their names may be published for these reasons only. None of this information whatsoever will be sold or transferred to any outside party for any reason."