

Hillstown Grange Agricultural Fair



September 9, 2023

Hillstown Grange #87 in East Hartford CT has over 134 years of service to the community established in 1888. Hillstown Grange is part of the Connecticut Grange which began in 1875 and affiliated with the National Grange that began in 1867. Exhibitions showcasing fruit, vegetable, flowers, crafts and collections, baked and canned goods. Hillstown Grange is a staple organization, with a humble mission to guide individuals, families, and youth in exploring the pleasures of backyard gardening, protecting the world, and growing your own food in a healthy environment.

Fair Entry Drop Off is Thursday 9/7/23 between 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Judging is Friday 9/8/23

Agricultural Fair is Saturday 9/9/23 9:00 AM -2:00 PM

Pickup Entries at end of Fair by 2:00 pm on 9/9/23

Note: All entries should be picked up only by the contestant unless noted on the registration form

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If you would like to become a sponsor for next year's fair, please contact the Fair Committee (Dan Gallagher, Frank Forrest or Michelle DeDominicis)

Contact the Fair secretary for more information:

Michelle DeDominicis, 56 Hills Street, East Hartford, CT 06118

Email kma.dedominicis@gmail.com or call 860-558-4688



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General Fair Rules and Instructions

- All are invited and welcome to exhibit: Grange membership and East Hartford residency not required.
- Juniors are those exhibitors 15 years of age or younger.
- For the health and safety of the community, all exhibits of flowers, vegetables, fruit and baked goods will not be returned to exhibitors. Other exhibits need to be picked up at end of fair.
- Mail in entry forms for exhibits must be received by one week before the fair to ensure exhibit space. Mail entry forms to Hillstown Grange c/o Michelle DeDominicis, 56 Hills Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. Email kma.dedominicis@gmail.com
- Drop off of exhibits can be made on the Thursday before the fair. Exhibit should be delivered ready for display. Members of grange will be there to meet exhibitors and collect exhibits.
- Judging will be September 8, 2023. By the selected judges.
- See each entry category for requirements.
- No entry in any department or class will receive the 1st prize blue ribbon unless deemed worthy by the judges. There can be duplicate prizes awarded within any class.
- Your fair premium will be awarded upon pickup.
- All entries must be the property of the exhibitor and either made or grown by the exhibitor during the last 12 months.
- No more than one entry in any one class may be made by an individual exhibitor.
- Please check each department's rules prior to entering exhibits- there may be additional criteria.
- No person shall be a judge in any department or class in which they may be an exhibitor.
- Decisions of the judges are FINAL! No person shall interfere with the judges while in the discharge of their duties.
- Any questions please reach out to a fair coordinator.
- Entries must be picked up at the end of the fair. Vegetables, flowers, baked and canned goods will be disposed of if not retrieved.



Hillstown Grange Agricultural Fair Entry List

Vegetables

Class#	Class Name	Required Number	Sub Class # Name
1 A	Beans, String	5 pods	A Green B Yellow C Other
1 B	Beans, Lima	5 pods	
1 C	Beans, Shell	5 pods	
2	Beets	5	
3	Broccoli	1 head	
4	Broccoli Raab	5 stems	
5	Cabbage	• head	A Green B Red
6	Carrots	5	A Orange B Other
7	Cauliflower	1	A White B Other
8	Corn	3	A Yellow B White C Ornamental D Multi-Colored E Popcorn
9	Collard Greens	1 plant	
10	Cucumbers	3	A Slicing B Pickling C Specialty
11	Eggplant	1	A Standard B Asian C Italian D Mini E Other
12	Fennel	1	
13	Ground Cherries	5	
14	Leeks	3	
15	Okra	3 pods	
16	Onions	3	A White B Yellow C Red
17	Parsnips	3	
18	Peas	5	A Snap B Shell
19	Peppers	3	A Bell B Cherry C Long Hot D Banana
20	Potatoes	3	A Red B White C Sweet D Other
21	Pumpkins	1	A Sugar B Field C White D Other
22	Radish	5	A Red B White
23 A	Squash, Summer	3	A Straight Neck B Crook Neck C Zucchini D. Patty Pan D Other
23 B	Squash, Winter	1	A Butternut B Acorn C Hubbard D Spaghetti E Kabocha F. Other.
24	Swiss Chard	1 Plant	
25	Tomatillo	3	
26	Tomatoes	3	A Red B Yellow C Plum D Cherry E Grape F Heirloom G Other
27A	Best Collection		
27B	Miscellaneous		



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Herbs

Class#	Class Name	Required Number	Sub Class # Name
28	Basil	1 plant	A Standard B Purple C.Other
29	Chives	1 plant	
30	Cilantro	1 plant	
31	Dill	1 plant	
32	Garlic	3 bulbs	
33	Parsley	1 plant	
34	Oregano	1 plant	
35	Rosemary	1 plant	
36	Sage	1 plant	
37	Tarragon	1 plant	
38	Thyme	1 plant	
39A	Best Collection	1 plant	
39B	Miscellaneous	1 plant	



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Fruit

Class#	Class Name	Required Number	Sub Class # Name
40	Apples	3	
41	Cantaloupe	1	
42	Peaches	3	
43	Pears	3	
44	Grapes	1 Bunch	
45	Nuts	5 with 1 open	A Chestnut B Walnut C Hickory D Hazel E Other
46	Watermelon	1	
47A	Best Collection		
47B	Miscellaneous		



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Flower Arrangements

Class#	Class Name	Required Number	Sub Class # Name
48	Small Arrangement	4 inches or less	
49	Basket		
50	Centerpiece		
51	Large Arrangement		
52	Flowers in unusual Container		
53	Plants	1	A Flowering B Non-flowerng
54	Wreath		A. Live B. Silk C. Dried D. Other
55	Miscellaneous		



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Flowers

An exhibitor may enter more than one variety in any one class to be judged for horticultural perfection. Include sufficient stem and foliage when practical. Same type one class.

Class#	Class Name	Required Number	Sub Class # Name
56	Asters		Any Type
57	Balloon Flower		Any Type
58	Begonia		Any Type
59	Black-eyed Susan's		Any Type
60	Camellias		Any Type
61	Chrysanthemum		Any Type
62	Corn Flower		Any Type
63	Cosmos		Any Type
64	Dahlias		Any Type
65	Daisy		Any Type
66	Echinacea		Any Type
67	Hydrangea		Any Type
68	Petunia		Any Type
69	Rose		Any Type
70	Salvia		Any Type
71	Sedum		Any Type
72	Sunflower		Any Type
73	Wildflowers		Any Type
74	Zinnias		Any Type
75	Miscellaneous		Any Type



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Canning

Class#	Class Name	Class#	Class Name
76	Apples	93	Pickles, Bread and Butter
77	Apple Sauce	94	Pickles Dill
78	Beans, Green	95	Pickles, Onion
79	Beans, Yellow	96	Pickles, Watermelon
80	Beans, Other	97	Relish, Cucumber
81	Carrots	98	Relish, Corn
82	Corn	99	Relish , Tomato
83	Chili	100	Relish , Pepper
84	Honey	101	Relish , Misc
85	Horseradish	102	Spaghetti Sauce
86	Maple Syrup	103	Succotash
87	Peaches	104	Tomatoes, Red
88	Peas	105	Tomatoes, Yellow
89	Pears	106	Tomato Juice
90	Peppers, Green	107	Miscellaneous
91	Pepper, Red		
92	Peppers, Hot		



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Jam and Jelly

Class#	Class Name	Required Number	Sub Class # Name
108	Compote	1	Any type
109	Jam	1	A Apricot B Blackberry C Blueberry D Cherry E Gooseberry F Peach G Plum H Raspberry I Strawberry J Other
110	Jelly	1	A Apple B Cherry C Grape D Mint E Strawberry F Other



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Pastry/Baked Goods

Class#	Class Name	Required Number	Sub Class # Name
111	Bread, Yeast	1 loaf	A White B Rye C Oatmeal D Gluten Free E Other
112	Quick Bread	1 loaf	A Date Nut B Banana C Zucchini D Other
113	Baking Powder Biscuits	½ Dozen	
114	Rolls, Yeast	½ Dozen	
115	Pie	1	A Apple B Cherry C Blueberry D Banana E Squash/Pumpkin F Chocolate G Other.
116	Cookies	½ Dozen	A Sugar B Tollhouse C Molasses D Oatmeal E Peanut Butter F Other
117	Brownies	½ Dozen	A Traditional B Blonde C Frosted
118	Fudge	½ Dozen	A Chocolate B Peanut Butter C Other
119	Candy	½ Dozen	A Truffles B Peanut Brittle
120	Cake Frosted or Unfrosted	1	A Chocolate B White C Angel Food D Carrot E Coffee Cake F Applesauce G Other
121	Cinnamon Buns	½ Dozen	
122	Muffins	½ Dozen	A Blueberry B Bran C Corn D Other
123	Miscellaneous		
Adult Baking Contest Current year's entry from Fair Book Association of CT Fairs			
Junior Baking Contest Current year's entry from Fair Book Association of CT Fairs			



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Photography

Class#	Class Name	Required Number	Sub Class # Name
124	3½ x 5 ½ Or 4 x 6	1	A Portrait B Landscape C Animals D Buildings E. Other
125	8 x 10	1	A Portrait B Landscape C Animals D Buildings E Other
126	Larger Format	1	A Portrait B Landscape C Animals D Buildings E. Other



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Knitting		Crocheting	
Class#	Class Name	Class#	Class Name
127	<i>Afghan</i>	141	<i>Afghan</i>
128	<i>Baby set</i>	142	<i>Baby set</i>
129	<i>Decorations</i>	143	<i>Decorations</i>
130	<i>Gloves</i>	144	<i>Edging</i>
131	<i>Hat</i>	145	<i>Gloves</i>
132	<i>Mittens</i>	146	<i>Hat</i>
133	<i>Pillow</i>	147	<i>Mittens</i>
134	<i>Poncho</i>	148	<i>Pillow</i>
135	<i>Scarf</i>	149	<i>Poncho</i>
136	<i>Shawl</i>	150	<i>Scarf</i>
137	<i>Slippers</i>	151	<i>Shawl</i>
138	<i>Socks</i>	152	<i>Slippers</i>
139	<i>Toy/Doll</i>	153	<i>Socks</i>
140	<i>Misc.</i>	154	<i>Tablecloth</i>
		155	<i>Toy/Doll</i>
		156	<i>Miscellaneous</i>



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Tatting			
Class#	Class Name	Class#	Class Name
157	<i>Doilies</i>	159	<i>Miscellaneous</i>
158	<i>Edging</i>		



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Embroidery

Cross Stitch

Class#	Class Name	Class#	Class Name
160	Apron	168	Pillow
161	Garment (ex. Skirt)	169	Pillow Cases (pair)
162	Pillow	170	Sampler Suitable for Framing
163	Pillow Cases (pair)	171	Tablecloth
164	Tablecloth	172	Towel
165	Towel	173	Miscellaneous
166	Wall Hanging/Sampler Suitable for Framing		
167	Miscellaneous		



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Crewel

Needlepoint

Class#	Class Name	Class#	Class Name
174	Pillow	177	Pillow
175	Sampler Suitable for Framing	178	Sampler Suitable for Framing
176	Miscellaneous	179	Miscellaneous



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Sewing

Class#	Class Name	Required Number	Sub Class # Name
180	Apron	1	
181	Dress/Skirt (Adult)	1	
182	Dress/Skirt (Child)	1	
183	Pillow	1	
184	Quilt/Quilted	1	A Baby Blanket B Bed Spread C Pillow D Other
185	Quilt/Tied	1	A Baby Blanket B Bed Spread C Pillow D Other
186	Stuffed Toy		
187	Miscellaneous		



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Crafts

Class#	Class Name	Required Number	Sub Class # Name
188	Ceramics	1	
189	Etching	1	Wood B. Metal C. Glass
190	Felting	1	A Hat B Mittens C Slippers D Toy E Other.
191	Hobby Collection	3 or more	
192	Latch Hook	1	A Pillow B Rug C Wall Hanging D Other
193	Macrame	1	A Hanging B Clothing
194	Paper	1	
195	Painting	1	A Oil B Watercolor C Acrylic D. Mixed Media
196	Painted Furniture	1	
197	Painted object	1	
198	Pottery		
199	Puppet	1	A Hand B Marionette
200	Rug (Misc.)		
201	Stenciling		
202	String Art		
203	Tie Dye	1	
204	Woodwork		A. Furniture B. Toys C. Kitchen Items D. Wall hanging E. Other
205	Sculpture		A. Wood B. Clay C. Metal D. Other
206	Jewelry		A. Ring B. Necklace C. Earrings D. Bracelets E. Other
207	Miscellaneous		

**For Your Next Event or Meeting
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**Hillstown Grange Hall
617 Hills Street, East Hartford, CT**

- ✓ Reasonable Rates
- ✓ Perfect for Bridal & Baby Showers
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- ✓ Off Street Parking
- ✓ Full Kitchen
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Helpful Hints to Prepare Your Entries for Judging and to Win that Ribbon!



VEGETABLES, HERBS, FRUIT,

Appearance and color are very important. Strive to submit entries that are firm and fresh, i.e. of excellent "market quality." Uniform size and shape are very important. The judges will be the only people to handle the exhibits, carefully checking for bruises and blemishes. Pick the fruit or vegetables as close to the Fair date as possible to ensure freshness!

CANNING (Use Premium Produce)

Bruised or blemished products can be unpredictable during preservation-especially when it comes to appearance and texture. Take extra care in packing produce into the jar. Avoid particles and cloudiness-careful slicing, picking out fragments and broken pieces and not over-processing will help to ensure a consistent, show quality product. Use of a clean lid and new ring suggest that it was perfectly handled during processing. Be sure that the proper headspace is maintained for the contents, size of jar, and processing method. Be sure that you have enough liquid present to completely cover the contents. Follow processing times and methods from a modern source. Strive for consistency-not too solid, not too runny.

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ADVICE FOR TAKING YOUR DIGITAL PHOTO

Find a location that is well lit with even light, for example, near a window, but not in direct sunlight. When you take the photo, try to make your entry as large as possible in the picture. Make sure it is in focus. The goal is to have your entry presented to the judges in as clear an image as possible. Remember it is a requirement to mat all picture entries

FLOWERS

Appearance is very important. Try to submit blossoms of uniform size and development, stems of similar length and with good quality leaves. If a leaf has a hole in it, carefully remove it by pulling it off down the stem, or carefully cutting it off with a knife blade. Submit what the exhibit requires. Pick the flowers as close to the Fair date as possible to ensure freshness!



Grange Membership

Hillstown Grange #87 is one of East Hartford's oldest organizations still going strong and having fun!

Membership is open to all persons who are 14 years and up.

Become a member today and join your neighbors and friends in a variety of interesting and educational Grange activities throughout the year.

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Save the Date

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Hillstown Grange Agricultural Fair Entry Form

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Age Class:

Adult

Junior

(Circle one)

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Entries must be picked up at end of fair (2:00 pm) unless otherwise noted

See Exhibit Tender at that time for any prize money.