



SEWING

Department 23—Open Show

Amount Offered: \$1,056.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)
Late Registration Fee – Approval Required: \$25.00 per entry
Judging Time: Monday, August 3rd, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Location: Building F
Superintendent: Fay Wilson.....(815)388-2945
Assistant Superintendents: Judy Corson.....(815)289-6005
 Dee Pedersen.....(815)276-4421

Rules and Regulations

NEW THIS YEAR: Curfew Enforced – Quiet time and curfew is 12:00 am midnight – 5:00am.

All exhibits are closed. This includes grandstands, midway, barns and campgrounds. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult during these times.

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. All exhibitors are required to purchase a week long exhibitor pass.
3. Home Arts General Rules apply.
4. Bring entries to **Building F** on **Monday, August 3rd, 2026**, between **12:00 pm and 6:00 pm**.
5. Non-livestock/Home Art exhibits will be released on the **SUNDAY of fair week between 6 pm and 7 pm OR MONDAY AFTER FAIR (AUGUST 10th) from 8 am-10 am, exhibits may not be removed before then.** Ribbons and exhibits will be available for pick up at these time slots only. Any exhibits that remain unclaimed after 4pm on the Friday following the Fair will be donated or discarded.
6. Each entry must be on a **swivel top hanger**. Quilters, if you are entering in Division Q or QQ (Full/Queen/King), a swivel hanger is not required. If you have further questions about display, call a Superintendent.
7. Exhibits must be the sole creation of the exhibitor unless otherwise stated.
8. Garments must be **NEW or LIKE NEW**, not noticeably worn. All entries must be clean and pressed. Soiled, stained or worn items **will be disqualified** prior to judging. Any items with excessive pet hair will not be judged.
9. Home sewing machines are to be used, unless designated by the division you entered in.
10. All identifying labels must be covered.
11. First place items are automatically entered in the appropriate Best of Show. Best of Show receives a ribbon.
12. Exhibitors may provide a 3" X 5" card with their name neatly printed to be attached to exhibit after judging so that people are able to read it from a distance. Attach face (name) down when entering the item.
13. The McHenry County Fair Association, for the safety of those attending the Fair (including the rider), prohibits the use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar wheeled riding items of the Fairgrounds, during the Annual Fair, including set-up and take-down.

Sewing Division Premiums First-\$5; Second-\$4; Third-\$3; Ribbons only for Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Place

Best of Show Machine Sewing (one from combined Divisions A-E): Rosette

Best of Show Knit & Surged Machine Sewing (one from combined Divisions F-G): Rosette

Best of Show Odds and Ends (one from combined Divisions H-M): Rosette

Quilting Division Premiums First-\$8; Second-\$6; Third-\$4; Ribbons only for Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Place

Best of Show (one from combined Divisions N-R): Rosette

Best of Show (Quilt Art-Division NN-QQ): Rosette

Best of Show (one from combined Divisions NN - QQ): Rosette

SEWING DIVISIONS		
Division	Class	
A Machine Sewing: Ladies and Girl's Wear	1 Blouse/Top	6 Sleepwear
	2 Coat/Jacket	7 Sportswear (pants-shorts)
	3 Evening Wear (Short or Long)	8 Dress
	4 Pantsuit/Skirt Suit	9 Vest

	5 Skirt	
B Machine Sewing: Men's and Boy's Wear	1 Play Clothes 2 Shirt 3 Pants 4 Sleepwear	5 Sport Coat 6 Suit 7 Vest
C Machine Sewing: Costumes	1 Adult Male 2 Adult Female	3 Child
D Machine Sewing: Infant Wear	1 Anything under size 1	2 Christening Set
E Machine Sewing: Clothing Accessories	1 Apron 2 Hats	3 Purse/tote – not quilted 4 Recycled Material (T-Shirt/Denim)
F Knit and Surged Machine Sewing: Adult Wear	1 Sports Wear/Workout Wear 2 Sleepwear	3 Knit top/shirt 4 Knit pants
G Knit and Surged Machine Sewing: Children's Wear	1 Knit top/shirt 2 Play Clothes	3 Sleepwear
H Household Accessories Not Quilted	1 Pillows 2 Pillowcases	3 Table Runner 4 Not Otherwise Specified
I Toys	1 Stuffed Toy 2 Stuffed Animal 3 Stuffed Doll	4 Bear/Rabbit (Hairy) 5 Doll Clothing
J Fleece	1 Throw-Squared knot 2 Pillows	3 Vest/Jacket 4 Other Fleece
K Embellished Purchased Clothing	1 Applique	2 Embroidered
L Upcycling (recycled items)	1 Wearable	2 Non-Wearable
M Me and Mommy	1 Simple Item-Exhibitor 7 years old and younger with the help of Mom, Dad, Grandma, etc. Sew a simple item-pillow, tote bag, etc.	

QUILTING DIVISIONS

***Note:** Many quilt projects combine techniques, classify your entry by the technique you wish to be judged. Quilted is defined as the layering of batting between the backing and the quilt top. Finish with desired technique.

PLEASE READ THROUGH QUILT ENTRY OPTIONS CAREFULLY AS THEY HAVE CHANGED!

**NEW THIS YEAR: NON-PROFESSIONAL QUILTERS ARE FOR BEGINNER OR INTERMEDIATE QUILTERS
PROFESSIONAL QUILTERS ARE ADVANCED/EXPERIENCED QUILTERS**

Division	Class	
N Non-professional Quilts: Miniature (under 2 feet in any direction)	1 Quilted by Hand	6 Applique Hand
O Non-professional Quilts: Wall Hanging (over 2 feet and up to 65 inches)	2 Quilted by Exhibitor on Home Sewing Machine	7 Applique Machine
P Non-professional Quilts: Lap/Twin (up to 65 X 90 inches)	3 Quilted by Exhibitor on Long Arm Machine – Hand Guided	8 Applique Fusible
Q Non-professional Quilts: Full/Queen/King (over 65 X 90 inches)	4 Quilted by Exhibitor on Long Arm Machine – Computerized	9 Hand Piercing
NN Professional Quilts: Miniature (under 2 feet in any direction)	5 Top completed by Exhibitor and Commercial Quilted	10 Machine piecing
OO Professional Quilts: wall Hanging (over 2 ft and up to 65 inches)		
PP Professional Quilts: Lap/Twin (under 65 x 90 inches)		
QQ Full/Queen/King (over 65 x 90 inches)		
R Quilted Accessories	1 Pillows 2 Purse 3 Tote	4 Table Runner 5 Wearable 6 Not Otherwise Specified
S Quilt Art –	1 Not otherwise specified	

Sewing Open Entry Form

Use a separate form for each show.

- Register online at www.mchenrycountyfair.com or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Tuesday from 9 am – 2 pm. In person registration dates: Tuesday June 2nd, Tuesday July 7th 2-7pm and July 19th 11 am-2pm ONLY.
- Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

	Dept. Number	Division Letter	Class Number	Description of Entry
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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2026 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of the competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the Home Arts Department Rules as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: mchenrycountyfair.com

Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) Date

Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) Date

#	Fee	Total
	\$1.00 per Open entry	
	\$25.00 Late Registration Fee – per Entry	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass (one required per Exhibitor)	
	Total	\$