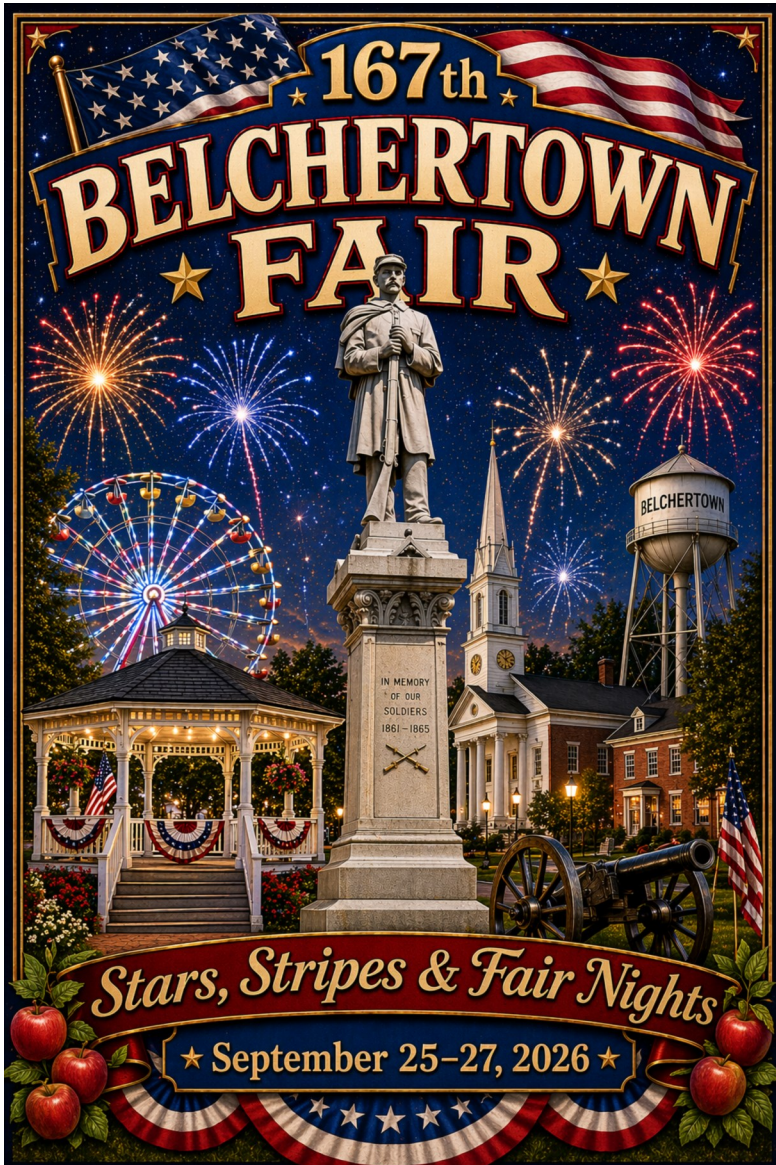


Exhibitor's Handbook



**Belchertown Fair
on the Common**

www.belchertownfair.com

The Belchertown Fair Committee

Mark Nute	Chairperson/ Grounds and Equipment
Carla Chaisson	Treasurer
Cindy Brown	Booth Space Coordinator/ Scheduling
Bill Austin	Director of Agriculture
Scott Brown	Parade Coordinator
Wendy Chevalier	Exhibit Hall Coordinator
Shawn Lindholm	Secretary/Entertainment
Loni Austin	Parade/Pulling Ring Assistant
Kerri Laurenzo	Youth Activity Coordinator

Associate Committee Members

Brian Mailhot

Dan Austin

Belchertown Friends of the Fair, Inc.
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Mona Griffin

Becky Newsome

NO SMOKING OR VAPING ON THE COMMON

**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON THE COMMON
(OPEN CONTAINER LAW PER TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN)**

NO PETS ALLOWED

SERVICE DOGS ARE WELCOME



Exhibit Hall Team

Lisa Aiken
Colleen Butler
Donna Butler
Kari Bachand
Liliana Galesi
Hope Guardenier
Julie Salva
Mary Salva
Linda Sterling

Exhibit Hall Hours

Friday 4:00 - 8:30 pm
Saturday 12:00 - 8:30 pm
Sunday 11:00 - 4:00 pm

Volunteers are always welcome!

Please contact Wendy Chevalier
413-813-8629
chevalierwendy@yahoo.com

The Belchertown Fair will take reasonable precautions to safeguard all entries. We will not be responsible for broken, lost, stolen or unclaimed items.

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Please visit other Massachusetts fairs

www.MAFA.org

Exhibit Hall Rules - Youth and Adult

Entries must have been made or grown by exhibitor within the past 12 months.

- The Adult Department is open to exhibitors 19 and older as of January 1, 2026.
- The Youth Department is open to exhibitors 18 and younger as of January 1, 2026.
Youth entries must include age.
- Judges reserve the right to further subdivide youth entries based on the age of the exhibitor 8 years and under, 9-14 years and 15-18 years.
- **Only one entry per lot number.**
- Maximum of 40 entries per exhibitor.

Mail Entry Form to:

Colleen Butler
46 King Road
Shutesbury, MA 01072
413-883-1713

or via email to **belchertownfair@gmail.com**
(confirmation will be emailed upon receipt)

**All entry forms must be postmarked by
Saturday, September 5, 2026**

There is a new program this year for Exhibit Hall entries. We encourage you to use the online entry option. Paper entry forms will be accepted this year. If you need assistance please contact: **belchertownfair@gmail.com**

Creating On-line Entries

1. Exhibitors submit entries at **fairentry.com**. Follow the prompts to find the Belchertown Fair.
2. Since this is your first time using the online entry, you will need to create an account.
3. Click “Begin Registration” and enter the exhibitor information into the required fields.
4. If any information is incorrect, click the green edit button in the appropriate box to make changes. When all the information is correct, select “Continue to Entries”.
5. **Creating Entries** - Select “Add an Entry”. Click the green “Select” beside the department you wish to enter. Click on the lot you wish to enter. Also notice that there are blue “Change” links in case you mistakenly select an incorrect department or lot. Click “Choose” when you have chosen the desired department and lot. Review the entry. If everything is correct, click “Continue”. Click on the green “Add an Entry” to continue with additional entries.
6. **Although there is no fee to enter, the checkout must still be completed to submit your entry.**
7. All submitted entries must be “Approved”. Once you have submitted your entries they are in “holding status” until they are able to be reviewed and approved. If you want to add any additional entries you must wait until your first submission of entries have been through the approval process. Once approved you can log back into fairentry.com and follow the prompts to create new entries.
8. You will receive an email confirmation listing your entries and a second email when your entries have been approved by the fair.
9. If you need entry assistance or have any questions you may email: **belchertownfair@gmail.com**

Thank you for your patience as we transition to the new program!



Entry Drop Off Time (Old Town Hall — 28 Park Street)

Monday **September 21st** **6:00 - 8:00 pm**
• Non-perishable entries

Tuesday **September 22nd** **4:30 - 8:30 pm**
• Non-perishable entries

Wednesday **September 23rd** **2:30 - 6:30 pm**
• Non-perishable and perishable entries

- Non-perishable examples - crafts, canning, art, photography
- Perishable examples - veggies, baked goods, flowers, fruits
- **Hall doors close Wednesday at 6:30 pm sharp!**
- **Entries must be in place for judging by 6:45 pm.**



Entry Pick Up Time

Sunday, September 27th 5:00 - 6:00 pm

- **Entries must remain in hall until Sunday at 5:00 pm.**
- Exhibitors removing items prior to 5:00 pm will be disqualified from future entries.
- **Only exhibitors who received a blue, red, white, purple or special ribbon need to wait in line to claim premium money.**
- Premiums for Adult & Youth exhibits (unless otherwise noted)

1st place	Blue ribbon	\$3.00
2nd place	Red ribbon	\$2.00
3rd place	White ribbon	\$1.00
Best in Department	purple ribbon	
and special ribbons		\$5.00
Grand Champion		\$10.00



- Premium money left unclaimed after 7 days will be donated to the Belchertown Fair.

**If you have any questions, please contact
Wendy Chevalier at 413-813-8629.
chevalierwendy@yahoo.com**

Youth Department 1 - Vegetables

- Exact number of specimens required.
- Uniformity of each specimen in size, shape and color.
- Clean, free of bruises, cuts and disease.

Lot

1. Beans, green, 10
2. Beans, shelled, ½ cup
3. Beans, yellow, 10
4. Beets with 1" stems, 5
5. Broccoli, 2
6. Cabbage, 2
7. Carrots with tops, 5
8. Carrots without tops, 5
9. Cauliflower, 2
10. Cucumbers, 2
11. Eggplant, 2
12. Garlic, 2
13. Garlic braid, 1
14. Gourds, 5
15. Lettuce, 2
16. Onions, 2
17. Peppers, green, 2
18. Peppers, hot, 5
19. Peppers, ornamental, 5
20. Peppers, sweet, red, 2
21. Peppers, sweet, yellow, 2
22. Potatoes, red, 5
23. Potatoes, white, 5
24. Pumpkin, giant, 1
25. Pumpkins, mini, 2
26. Pumpkins, traditional, 2
27. Pumpkins, any other, 2
28. Squash, acorn, 2
29. Squash, butternut, 2
30. Squash, summer, 2
31. Squash, zucchini, 2
32. Squash, any other, 2
33. Tomatoes, cherry, orange, 5, with stem
34. Tomatoes, cherry, red, 5, with stem
35. Tomatoes, cherry, yellow, 5, with stem
36. Tomatoes, green, 2, with stem
37. Tomatoes, heirloom, 2, with stem
38. Tomatoes, red, 2, with stem
39. Tomatoes, yellow, 2, with stem
40. Turnip, 2
41. Any other, 2



41. Display of at least 5 different vegetables in container
42. Mixed Bowl - vegetables, fruits, etc.
43. Veggie Varmit - made of only fruits & vegetables which may be purchased. Must be wrapped in plastic to prevent fruit flies.

Lots 41, 42 and 43 premiums

1st \$5.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

Youth Department 2 - Fruits

- Exact number of specimens required.
- Uniformity of each specimen in size, shape and color.
- Clean, free of bruises, cuts and disease.

Lot

1. Apples, note variety, 5
2. Berries, 1 pint
3. Grapes, 3 clusters
4. Melons, 2
5. Watermelon, 1
6. Any other, large, 2
7. Any other, small, 1 pint



Youth Department 3 - Herbs

Lot

1. Arrangement of garden herbs
2. Collection of at least 5, dried
3. Collection of at least 5, green
4. Herb Vinegar, 1
5. Any other



Youth Department 5 - Agricultural Products

- Exact number of items required.
- Must be clean, uniform in size, shape and color.
- Jars must be uniform in size.

Lot

1. Butter, homemade, 4 ounces
2. Cheese, cow, 4 ounces
3. Cheese, goat, 4 ounces
4. Eggs, chicken, blue/green, 1 dozen
5. Eggs, chicken, brown, 1 dozen
6. Egg, chicken, largest, 1
7. Eggs, chicken, white, 1 dozen
8. Eggs, any other, 1 dozen (duck, goose, etc.)
9. Honey, glass jar, 2
10. Any other agricultural product



Youth Department 6 - Flower Arrangements

Lot

1. Blue vase, white flowers
2. Corsage in water
3. Dried or silk flowers
4. Fresh flowers
5. Fresh flowers in a container not intended for flowers
6. Miniature, not over 3" in any direction
7. Red, white, blue
8. Wild flowers
9. Any other



Youth Department 7 - Cut Flowers

- Judged on horticultural perfection.
- Must include sufficient stem and foliage.

Lot

1. Asters, 5
2. Cosmos, 5
3. Dahlias, 5
4. Marigolds, 5
5. Petunias, 5
6. Sunflowers, dried, 2 heads
7. Sunflowers, fresh, 2 heads
8. Sunflower, largest head, 1
9. Sunflower, tallest, 1
10. Zinnias, 5
11. Any other, 5



Youth Department 8 - Houseplants

Lot

1. Cactus
2. Flowering
3. Foliage
4. Hanging
5. Mixed planter
6. Succulent
7. Terrarium
8. Any other



Youth Department 9 - Conservation

- All collections must be mounted and labeled.
- Endangered species will not be accepted.

Lot

1. Insects, 10
2. Leaves, 10
3. Rocks, 10
4. Shells, 10
5. Wildflowers, 10
6. Any other natural collection, 10



Youth Department 11 - Foods

- Foods must be covered with clear wrap, recipe attached.
- Foods should be attractive, good color, texture and flavor.
- Foods must be on disposable plate, pie pan, etc.

Lot



1. Bars, 6
2. Bread, handmade, yeast, 1 loaf
3. Bread, machine bread, 1 loaf
4. Brownies, 6
5. Cake
6. Cake, decorated, judged on appearance only
7. Candy, 6
8. Cookies, 6
9. Cookies, no bake, 6
10. Cupcakes, 6
11. Gluten-free, any
12. Lunch Box - pack a nutritious lunch, beverage may be included or listed. Include menu for all three meals.
13. Muffins, 6
14. Party mix, 2 cups
15. Pie
16. Quick bread, 1 loaf
17. Unique mixes - create a special cake using cake mix plus additional ingredients.
18. Vegan, any
19. Any other
20. **Youth Fair Cake—recipe on page 12**



Youth Fair Cake Recipe
Submitted by 2025 winner
Jackson Quinn

Caramel Apple Pudding Cake

- 2 cups thinly sliced, peeled tart cooking apples
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 cup raisins or dried cherries
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 3/4 cup caramel ice cream topping
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- Vanilla ice cream (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 2 quart square baking dish. Arrange apple slices in bottom of dish; sprinkle with lemon juice, cinnamon and nutmeg. Top with raisins.

In a large bowl combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder and baking soda. Add milk and 2 tablespoons melted butter, and vanilla; mix well. Stir in pecans. Spread batter evenly over apple mixture.

In a saucepan combine caramel topping, water and 1 tablespoon butter; bring to boiling. Pour mixture over batter in baking dish.

Bake for 35 minutes or until set in center. Serve warm. To serve, spoon cake, apples and caramel mixture into dessert bowls. If desired top with ice cream.

Youth Department 12 - Canning

- Contents must be uniform, properly sealed and filled to proper level.
- Containers must be uniform in size. Labeled with rings removed.

Lot

1. Applesauce, 2
2. Fruit, 2
3. Jam, 2
4. Jelly, 2



5. Pickled, cucumbers, 2
6. Relish, 2
7. Salsa, 2
8. Vegetable, 2
9. Any other, 2

Youth Department 14 - Needlework

- Judged on workmanship, design, originality and condition.

Lot

1. Accessories
2. Clothing, sewn
3. Counted cross-stitch
4. Crocheted item
5. Doll or stuffed animal
6. Embroidered item
7. Felted item, wet or dry



8. Knitted item
9. Latch hook
10. Needlepoint
11. Pillow
12. Plastic canvas
13. Quilted item
14. Sewn, other
15. Soft sculpture
16. Any other

Youth Department 15 - Art

“JUDY BETTENCOURT AWARD”

For youth best art overall

Lot

1. Calligraphy
2. Chalk
3. Clay
4. Collage
5. Coloring, printed page
6. Drawing, charcoal
7. Drawing, colored pencil
8. Drawing, crayon
9. Drawing, ink
10. Drawing, marker
11. Drawing, pastel
12. Drawing, pencil
13. Graphic art
14. Mixed media
15. Natural materials
16. Paint by number
17. Painting, acrylic
18. Painting, oil
19. Painting, watercolor
20. Poster, 4-H or group theme
21. Poster, Belchertown Fair
22. Sculpture
23. Zentangle
24. Any other



Youth Department 16 - Crafts

Lot

1. 4-H project
2. Acrylic pour
3. Basketry
4. Beaded item
5. Bookmark
6. Button art
7. Candle, 1
8. Ceramic
9. Christmas ornament
10. Decoupage
11. Decorated animal,
purchased, dressed and
decorated by exhibitor
12. Decorated hat
13. Decorated pumpkin
14. Diamond painting
15. Diorama
16. Doll
17. Duct tape
18. Fairy garden
19. Felt
20. Folk art
21. Greeting card, 1
22. Handmade flowers
23. Handmade jewelry
24. Holiday decoration
25. Macramé
26. Magnet
27. Metalwork
28. Mobile
29. Mosaic
30. Nature (natural materials,
pinecones, shells, etc.)
31. Origami
32. Painted rock
33. Paper
34. Paper cutting/silhouette
35. Paper maché
36. Plaster
37. Pony bead
38. Pottery
39. Punched metal
40. Puppet
41. Recycle
42. Resin
43. Reverse painting on glass
44. Rock sculpture
45. Scrapbook/memory book
(at least 5 pages)
46. Soap, handmade, 1
47. Seashells
48. Stained glass
49. Stamp, carved
50. Stamped item
51. Stencil work
52. "Swiftie" friendship
bracelet
53. Tie-dyed
54. Unsewn fabric
55. Wearable
56. Wreath
57. Yarn
58. "Zine"
59. Any other



Youth Department 17 - Woodworking

- Project must be assembled by exhibitor.
- No pre-made purchased items/kits may be used.

Lot

1. Birdhouse
2. Breadboard, basket or box
3. Footstool or shelf
4. Table, chair or bookcase
5. Wood burning
6. Wood carving
7. Wooden toy or game
8. Any other



Youth Department 18 - Educational Display

- Display must be no larger than 6' x 3'.

“NANCY SEARLE AWARD”

Given to the best in Lot 1



Lot

1. 4-H Club Educational Display
2. Club, agricultural
3. Club, non-agricultural
4. Individual, agricultural
5. Individual, non-agricultural
- * 6. School, agricultural
- * 7. School, non-agricultural



***School projects can be entered September 21- 23
Entry form not required in advance**

Individual and Club Premiums - Lots 1 - 5

1st \$15.00 2nd \$10.00 3rd \$5.00

School Project Premiums - Lots 6 - 7

\$15.00 for each class entry

Youth Department 20 - Amateur Photography

- Photographs must be taken in the past 12 months.
- **Must be able to stand on its own or hang on a hook.**
- Photo including mat must not be larger than 11" X 14".
(exception Lot 1 and Lot 23)
- Maximum of 3 entries per exhibitor.

Belchertown Photography

Lot

1. Set of 4 photos, 4 Seasons in Belchertown,
taken in same location (in one frame)
2. Place in Belchertown
3. 2025 Belchertown Fair
4. Notable Belchertown event, other than the Fair

Lot

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| 5. Abstract | 19. Pet, domestic |
| 6. Animal | 20. Person, single |
| 7. Black & White | 21. Photoshopped |
| 8. Bugs | 22. "Selfie" |
| 9. Celebrate America
(Red, White, Blue) | 23. Set of 4 photos,
story or sequence
(<u>in one frame</u>) |
| 10. Family gathering or event | 24. Sports, action |
| 11. Food | 25. Still life |
| 12. Great vacation or
exotic place | 26. Trick photography |
| 13. Harvest time | 27. Two or more people |
| 14. Holiday | 28. Weather |
| 15. Humor | 29. Wildflower, uncultivated |
| 16. Landscape | 30. Wildlife, animal |
| 17. Man-made thing | 31. Any other |
| 18. Nature | |



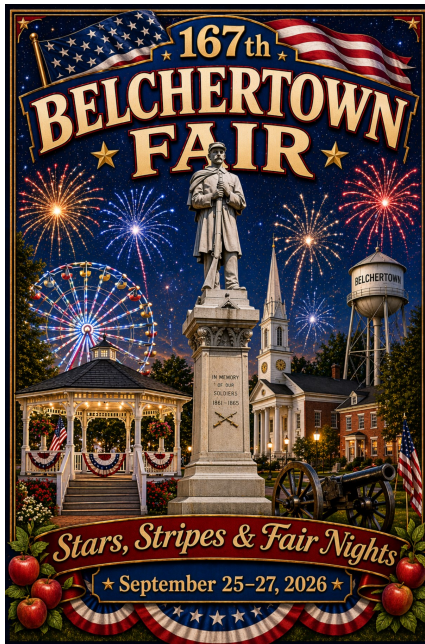
Department 30

2026 Belchertown Fair Logo

- Entry must incorporate the 2026 Belchertown Fair Logo (ex. art, craft, photography).
- Entry will be judged on creativity and best depiction of the 2025 logo.

Lot

1. Adult
2. Youth



The logo is used on the fair t-shirts, banners, book cover, volunteer tote bags and other items for the fair.

Premiums

1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.00 3rd \$1.00

Department 40 - Scarecrow Contest

- Bring your scarecrow to the Exhibit Hall
Wednesday, September 23rd between 2:30 - 6:30 pm.
- Must have sturdy **standing** support and be 5-8 ft tall.
- Must be able to be displayed outside on the Common.
- Must remain on display throughout the fair.

Lot

1. Adult
2. Family or group
3. Youth

Premiums

1st \$10.00 2nd \$7.00 3rd \$5.00



Department 50

Belchertown Fair Photographs in honor of the 250th birthday of America

- Photos must be from 1976 and before.
- Must be able to stand on its own or hang from a hook.
- Photo including mat should not be larger than 11x14.

1. Oldest photo (please label with year of photo)
2. Black and white photo
3. Color photo

Premiums

1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.00 3rd \$1.00



Department 60

26th Annual Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest

- Bring your favorite apple pie to the Exhibit Hall
Wednesday, September 23rd 2:30 - 6:30 pm.
- Recipe including crust must be attached to entry.
- All pies must be covered with clear wrap in a
disposable pie pan.
- Entries will be judged on appearance and taste.

Lot

1. Adult Pie
2. Youth Pie



Premiums

1st \$5.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

2025 Winners

Adult: Laurie Waite

Youth: Lincoln Quinn

Apron Contest

Here is a little history about grandma and her apron.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven; it was wonderful for drying children's tears.

From the chicken coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids, and when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace the old-time apron that served so many purposes.

This year's apron fashion show will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at 3 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall. Contestants can model their personal aprons or have someone model it for them. If needed, blank aprons that can be decorated are available during the Exhibit Hall drop off times (see page 5)

Your apron can be vintage, handmade, sentimental, new, funny or grand, and most likely will have a story that we'd like to hear!

Please pre-register your intention of attending and modeling an apron. Participants can write a short story about their apron to share. Some things judges will want to know: Did you make it? Did it belong to someone special? Was it a goofy gift? Do you like to collect aprons?

Adult categories

- Oldest
- Most interesting story
- Messiest (shows real use)
- Most stylish
- Most colorful
- Funniest
- People's Choice

Youth Categories

- Most "me" (shows personality)
- Creative use of materials
- Best superhero / fantasy theme
- Most colorful
- Funniest
- People's Choice

Premiums

1st	\$3.00	2nd	\$2.00	3rd	\$1.00
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Giant Pumpkin Contest

Giant Pumpkin Rules



- Bring your pumpkin to the Pulling Area Friday, September 25th at 5:30 pm for weigh-in.
- Pumpkins must be grown in Belchertown.
- Contestant must be a Belchertown resident and be present for weigh-in. Adult and Youth entries.
- Pumpkins must be cream-yellow to orange in color.
- Pumpkins must be healthy and undamaged.
- Winning pumpkin will be based on weight alone.
- Pumpkins must remain on display until Sunday, September 27th at 4:00 pm.
- The Belchertown Fair Committee will not be held responsible for loss or damage of any pumpkin.
- Pumpkins will be stored in a secure facility overnight.
- Pumpkins will be displayed outside the Exhibit Hall following the parade and throughout the weekend.

Premiums

1st \$75.00 2nd \$50.00 3rd \$25.00



Frog Jumping Contest

Sunday, September 27th

Begins at 12:00 noon

Located in the Barnyard area

Youth longest jump

Adult longest jump



Bring your own frog or use one of the frogs provided by the “Prince of Frogs” Terry Chevalier.

Trophies and ribbons will be awarded

1st, 2nd, 3rd place for youth and adult



Musical Entertainment in the Social Tent throughout the weekend



Friday, September 25

4:00 - 5:00

The Capabilities

5:30 - 7:30

Emotions

8:00 - 10:00

Baby Driver

Saturday, September 26

12:00 - 2:00

Hard Knox

2:30 - 4:30

Charlie Lask: Forever Diamond

5:00 - 7:00

DB Cooper

7:30 - 9:30

TBA "The Willies"

Sunday, September 27

11:00 - 12:00

Ultraviolet

12:30 - 2:30

The Yacht Rock Band

3:00 - 5:00

The Reminisants



Kids Pedal Tractor Pull

Located in the Kids Tent

Sunday, September 27th

11:00 am

Kids ages 4 to 10 years old

Ages will be broken down
into three categories

1st, 2nd, 3rd for each age group

Ribbons and prizes will be awarded.

Prizes sponsored by

Amanda and Steve Souza



Hay Bale Toss

Located in the Pulling Ring

Saturday, September 26th

5:30 pm

Junior guys and gals

7:30 pm

Guys and gals

1st, 2nd, 3rd for each group

Ribbons and ride tickets will be awarded.



Youth Pony Pull

Saturday, September 26th

**Approximately at 2:00 pm
following the light horse class**

- Elimination style pull to see who can move the top weight the farthest.



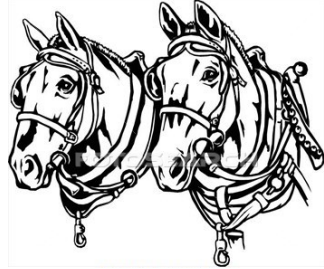
- We adhere to the 2026 Association Rules and Massachusetts Fairs Pulling Rules; however, the 2026 Belchertown Fair Pull Rules will supersede.
- The 2026 Belchertown Fair Pull Rules are available at www.belchertownfair.com and will be posted at the pull.
- For more information, contact Bill Austin 413-219-6900

Horse Pull
Saturday, September 26th
Starting after parade

Horse Draw

- Weigh-in begins at 8:30 am
- Scales on grounds
- Up to 3,300 pounds
- Over 3,300 pounds

- This is a six-foot pull



- **NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED**
(open container law per Town of Belchertown)
- Any teamster under the influence of alcohol will be asked to leave.
- Please clean around your area before leaving.
- Classes may be combined at the discretion of fair officials.
- Additional off grounds parking available.

- We adhere to the 2026 Eastern Draft Horse Association Rules and Massachusetts Fairs Pulling Rules; however, the 2026 Belchertown Fair Pull Rules will supersede.
- The 2026 Belchertown Fair Pull Rules are available at www.belchertownfair.com and will be posted at the pull.

- For information, contact Bill Austin 413-219-6900.

Oxen Draw

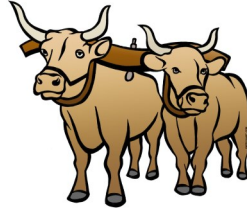
Sunday, September 27th

Starting at 9:00 - 10:00 am

- Weigh-in begins at 8:00 am.

- **Adult Steer**

- Up to 2,400 pounds
- Up to 2,800 pounds
- Up to 3,200 pounds
- Over 3,200 pounds
- This is a 6 foot pull



- **Youth Steer**

To be announced on the day of pull.

- Wood goad stick use only.
- **NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED**
(open container law per Town of Belchertown).
- Any teamster under the influence of alcohol will be asked to leave.
- Please clean around your area before leaving.
- Classes may be combined at the discretion of fair officials.
- Additional off grounds parking available.
- We adhere to the 2026 New England Oxen Teamster Rules and Massachusetts Fairs Pulling Rules; however, the 2026 Belchertown Fair Pull Rules will supersede.
- The 2026 Belchertown Fair Pull Rules are available at www.belchertownfair.com and will be posted at the pull.

Youth Department Rabbit/Cavy

Mail Entry Forms postmarked by Saturday, September 6th

Jessie Liptak
Rabbit Superintendent
60 Canal Drive
Belchertown, MA 01007

- Entry forms must include breed, variety, ear number and entry fee: \$1.50 per rabbit/cavy. Make checks payable to "Town of Belchertown".
- Rabbit/cavy exhibitors and their animals must arrive between 8:30-9:30 am on Saturday, September 26th.
- The written test and identification contest and showmanship will begin at 10:00 am.
- Please note on your entry if you are marching in the parade.
- This is an American Rabbit Breeders sanctioned youth show and is open to all youth. ARBA membership is not required but the show will follow ARBA show rules.
- Animals showing signs of disease will be barred from the show area.
- Youth are required to handle their own animals, this includes grooming, carrying to the table and showmanship. If assistance is needed, help from another youth exhibitor is allowed and encouraged.
- Exhibitors are required to keep their animals safe and comfortable.
- Exhibitors should keep their area clean - educational information and decorations are encouraged.
- Exhibitors who want written comments from the breed judging should request coop cards when they check in.

Official American Rabbit Breeders Association Sanctioned Show
P.O. Box 499 Knox, PA 16232
Membership Dues

Adult: \$20 per year / \$50 for 3 yrs. Youth: \$12 per year / \$30 for 3 yrs.

Combination husband & wife: \$30 per year / \$75 for 3 yrs.

Single Adult family: \$20 plus \$5 per youth, per year / \$50 plus \$10 per youth for 3yrs.

Husband/wife, family: \$30 plus \$5 per you per year / \$75 plus \$10 per youth for 3 yrs.

Show Classes

Purebred Rabbit/Cavy

Rabbits must have permanent ear tattoo, cavies must be ear tagged.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Senior buck/boar | 4. Intermediate doe/sow |
| 2. Senior doe/sow | 5. Junior buck/boar |
| 3. Intermediate buck/boar | 6. Junior doe/sow |



Pet Rabbit/Cavy

Open to animals ineligible to be shown in classes 1 - 6.

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 7. Senior buck/boar | 9. Junior buck/boar |
| 8. Senior doe/sow | 10. Junior doe/sow |

Showmanship

Exhibitors must be neat and wear dark slacks or skirt and a white long sleeved shirt or show coat.

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|---------------|---|
| 11. Novice | first year showing |
| 12. Cloverbud | under 7 years as of January 1, 2026 |
| 13. Junior | 8-13 years of age as of January 1, 2026 |
| 14. Senior | 14-18 as of January 1, 2026 |

Rabbit/Cavy Knowledge

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 15. Novice written test | 19. Novice identification |
| 16. Cloverbud written test | 20. Cloverbud identification |
| 17. Junior written test | 21. Junior identification |
| 18. Senior written test | 22. Senior identification |

New Categories

- 23. Educational Display
- 24. Rabbit costume
- 25. Rabbit, meat pens

Awards

Classes 1 - 6 and 15 - 25	1st \$5.00	2nd \$4.00	3rd \$3.00
Classes 7 - 14	1st \$3.00	2nd \$2.00	3rd \$1.00

Trophies for Best of Show, Best Reserve, Best Pet, Best of Breed (if at least 5 shown). Special award for "Outstanding Exhibitor" based on highest total in showmanship, written test and identification.

Youth and Adult Department Poultry

Mail Entry Forms postmarked by
Saturday, September 6th

Sandy Brougham
Poultry Superintendent
101 Mill Valley Road
Belchertown, MA 01007



For information contact Sandy Brougham at
hensnchicks101@gmail.com or 413-323-5161

- Poultry Show hours are Sunday, September 27th from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- Exhibitors and their poultry must arrive on Sunday between 9:00 -10:00 am.
- Breed and Variety must appear in description on entry column form.
- Adult and Youth entries will be judged separately.
- Exhibitors must show proof that their birds have been tested within one year prior to show date & are pullorum-free, salmonella-free and avian influenza negative.
- Birds must be clean and fully feathered.
- Birds showing signs of disease will not be allowed to show.
- Poultry under 6 months and waterfowl of any age do not have to be tested.



Class

1. Large fowl, cock
2. Large fowl, cockerel
3. Large fowl, hen
4. Large fowl, pullet
5. Bantams, cock
6. Bantams, hen
7. Bantams, cockerel
8. Bantams, pullet
9. Crossbred, cock
10. Crossbred, hen
11. Crossbred, cockerel
12. Crossbred, pullet
13. Turkey, old tom
14. Turkey, old hen
15. Turkey, young tom
16. Turkey, young hen
17. Waterfowl, old drake
18. Waterfowl, old duck
19. Waterfowl, young drake
20. Waterfowl, young duck
21. Waterfowl, old gander
22. Waterfowl, old goose
23. Waterfowl, young gander
24. Waterfowl, young goose
25. Meat bird
26. Production pullet
27. Production hen

Showmanship

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|---------------|--|
| 28. Novice | First year showing |
| 29. Cloverbud | 7 years & younger as of January 1, 2026 |
| 30. Junior | 8 -13 years of age as of January 1, 2026 |
| 31. Senior | 14-18 years of age as of January 1, 2026 |

- Exhibitors should present a neat appearance at all times.
- Dark pants or skirt, white long sleeve shirt or show coat required for showmanship classes.

New Categories

32. Educational Display
33. Funky chicken

Premiums

Poultry Classes 1 - 27

Showmanship Classes 28 - 31

New Categories 32 - 33

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00

Adult Department 101 - Vegetables

“PRESTON ATWOOD AWARD”

For adult best vegetable overall

- Exact number of specimens called for.
- Uniformity of each specimen in size, shape and color.
- Clean, free of bruises, cuts and disease.

Lot

1. Beans, green, 10
2. Beans, shelled, ½ cup
3. Beans, yellow, 10
4. Beets with 1” stems, 5
5. Broccoli, 2
6. Cabbage, 2
7. Carrots with tops, 5
8. Carrots without tops, 5
9. Cauliflower, 2
10. Cucumbers, 2
11. Eggplant, 2
12. Garlic, 2
13. Garlic braid, 1
14. Gourds, 5
15. Lettuce, 2
16. Onions, 2
17. Peppers, green, 2
18. Peppers, hot, 5
19. Peppers, ornamental, 5
20. Peppers, sweet, red, 5
21. Peppers, sweet, yellow, 5
22. Potatoes, red, 5
23. Potatoes, white, 5
24. Pumpkin, giant, 1
25. Pumpkins, mini, 2
26. Pumpkins, traditional, 2
27. Pumpkins, any other, 2
28. Squash, acorn, 2
29. Squash, butternut, 2
30. Squash, summer, 2
31. Squash, zucchini, 2
32. Squash, any other, 2
33. Tomatoes, cherry, red, 5,
with stem
34. Tomatoes, cherry, orange,
5, with stem
35. Tomatoes, cherry,
yellow, 5, with stem
36. Tomatoes, green, 2,
with stem
37. Tomatoes, heirloom, 2,
with stem
38. Tomatoes, red, 2,
with stem
39. Tomatoes, yellow, 2,
with stem
40. Turnip, 2
41. Any other, 2



42. "GLENN BUTLER AWARD"

Display of at least 5 different vegetables in container

43. Mixed Bowl - vegetables, fruits, etc.

44. Veggie Varmit - made of only fruits and vegetables which may be purchased. Must be wrapped in plastic wrap to prevent fruit flies.

Lot 41, 42 and 43 premiums

1st \$5.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

Adult Department 102 - Fruit

"E. C. HOWARD & SON AWARD"

For adult best fruit overall

Lot

1. Arrangement of 5 or more different fruits
2. Apples, note variety, 5
3. Berries, 1 pint
4. Grapes, 3 clusters
5. Melons, 2
6. Peaches, 3
7. Pears, 3
8. Watermelon, 1
9. Any other, large, 2
10. Any other, small, 1 pint



Adult Department 103 - Herbs

Lot

1. Arrangement of garden herbs
2. Collection of at least 5, dried
3. Collection of at least 5, green
4. Herb Vinegar, 1
5. Any other



Adult Department 104 - Honey & Maple Syrup

- Honey & maple syrup must be produced in Massachusetts.
- Jars must be uniform in size.



Lot

1. Beeswax candles, 2
2. Beeswax item
3. Beeswax, 2 pounds or more
4. Honeycomb, 4 inch cut, 2 sections
5. Honey, dark, glass jar, 2
6. Honey, light, glass jar, 2
7. Maple fudge, pure, half pound
8. Maple syrup, dark, glass jar, 2
9. Maple syrup, light, glass jar, 2
10. Any other, 2

Adult Department 105 - Agricultural Products

“HUBERT & JENNIE GREENE AWARD”

For adult best eggs overall

- Exact number of items required.
- Must be clean, uniform in size, shape and color.

Lot

1. Butter, homemade, 4 ounces
2. Cheese, cow, 4 ounces
3. Cheese, goat, 4 ounces
4. Eggs, chicken, blue/green, 1 dozen
5. Eggs, chicken, brown, 1 dozen
6. Egg, chicken, largest
7. Egg, chicken, white, 1 dozen
8. Eggs, any other, 1 dozen (duck, goose, etc.)
9. Ornamental corn, 5 ears
10. Popcorn, 5 ears
11. Any other agriculture product



Adult Department 106 - Flower Arrangement

- Live flowers unless otherwise noted.

Lot

1. 2026 Theme - "Stars, Stripes and Fair Nights"
Luncheon Tray
 - Must include tray, menu and vase of flowers.
(only the flowers are judged)

Premiums - 1st \$5.00 2nd \$3.00 3rd \$2.00

Lot

2. Basket, fresh
3. Blue vase, white flowers
4. Corsage in water
5. Decorated straw hat, dried
6. Decorated straw hat, fresh
7. Decorated straw hat, silk
8. Dried or silk flowers
9. Dinner center piece, 3 each of 3 different flowers
10. Flower and vegetable combination
11. Fresh flowers in container not intended for flowers
12. Holiday
13. Miniature, not over 3" in any direction
14. Red, white, blue
15. Silk, vase
16. White vase, yellow flowers
17. Wildflower, basket
18. Wildflower, vase
19. Wildflower, other
20. Wreath, dried
21. Wreath, fresh
22. Wreath, silk
23. Any other



Adult Department 107 - Cut Flowers

- Judged on horticultural perfection.
- Must include sufficient stem and foliage.

Lot

1. Asters, 5
2. Cosmos, 5
3. Dahlia, 5
4. Gladiolus, 5
5. Marigolds, 5
6. Petunias, 5
7. Rose, 1 bloom
8. Rose, 3 blooms



9. Seasonal berries, 5
10. Snapdragons, 5
11. Sunflowers, dried, 2 heads
12. Sunflowers, fresh, 2 heads
13. Sunflower, largest head, 1
14. Sunflower, tallest, 1
15. Zinnias, large, 5
16. Zinnias, small, 5
17. Any other, 5

Adult Department 108 - Houseplants

Lot

1. Cactus
2. Flowering
3. Foliage
4. Hanging
5. Mixed planter
6. Succulent
7. Terrarium
8. Any other

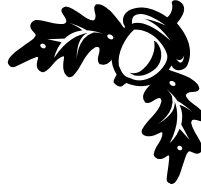


Adult Department 109 - Conservation

- Collections must be mounted and labeled.
- Endangered species will not be accepted.

Lot

1. Evergreens, 10
2. Insects, 10
3. Leaves, 10
4. Native woods, 10
5. Rocks, 10
6. Seeds, 10
7. Wildflowers, 10
8. Any other natural collection, 10



Adult Department 110 - Outdoor Sportsman

Lot

1. Bow, arrow
2. Knots, 5
3. Pack basket
4. Paddle, canoe
5. Rods
6. Tied flies, 5
7. Tip up
8. Any other



Adult Department 111 - Foods
“ELSIE WASKIEWICZ AWARD”
For adult best food overall

- Foods must be covered with clear wrap, recipe attached.
- Foods should be attractive, good color, texture and flavor.
- Foods must be on disposable plate, pie pan, etc.

Lot

1. Biscuits, 6
2. Bread, handmade, yeast, 1 loaf
3. Bread, machine bread, 1 loaf
4. Brownies, 6
5. Cake
6. Cake, decorated, judged on appearance only
7. Candy, 6
8. Cookies, bars, 6
9. Cookies, chocolate chip, 6
10. Cookies, decorated, 6
11. Cookies, dropped, 6
12. Cookies, no bake, 6
13. Cookies, rolled, 6
14. Gluten free, any
15. Muffins, 6
16. Party mix, 2 cups
17. Pie, one crust
18. Pie, two crust
19. Quick bread, 1 loaf
20. Rolls, 6
21. Scones, 6
22. Vegan
23. Any other
24. **Adult Fair Cake, recipe on page 42**



Adult Fair Cake Recipe
Submitted by 2025 Winner
Carol Piesyk

Peanut Butter Banana Cake

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 3 very overripe bananas, mashed (about 1 1/4 cups)
- 2 large eggs
- 3/4 cup maple syrup
- 3/4 cup natural creamy peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
(or 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 teaspoon banana extract)

Add ins

- Chocolate chips or mini peanut butter cups

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 13x9 pan with parchment and spray the sides.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together bananas, eggs, maple syrup, peanut butter and vanilla until smooth.
3. Add wet ingredients to cake mix and stir until just combined.
4. Fold in chocolate chips or mini peanut butter cups.
5. Add to pan lined with parchment paper. Bake 25-35 minutes. Cake is done when a tester comes out clean or with just a few crumbs attached.

Frosting

- 1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup natural creamy peanut butter
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla (or banana extract)
- 2-3 tablespoons unsweetened almond milk (or milk of choice), to make the frosting creamy

This cake can be made as a sugar-free cake if you use a sugar free cake mix, sugar-free maple syrup and a natural peanut butter that has just peanuts and salt. There are also sugar-free chocolate chips and sugar-free peanut butter cups available to keep this recipe as sugar-free. The frosting can be sugar-free as well if you use a sugar substitute confectionary sugar.

Adult Department 112 - Canning



“HELEN PAPP AWARD”



For adult best canning overall

- Contents must be uniform, properly sealed and filled to proper level.
- Containers must be uniform in size.
- Labeled with rings removed.

Lot

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Applesauce, 2 | 11. Fruit, any variety, 2 |
| 2. Beans, green, 2 | 12. Jam, any variety, 2 |
| 3. Beans, yellow, 2 | 13. Jelly, any variety, 2 |
| 4. Beets, cut, 2 | 14. Peaches, 2 |
| 5. Carrots, cut, 2 | 15. Pears, 2 |
| 6. Collection 3 fruits,
1 jar each | 16. Pickled, cucumber, 2 |
| 7. Collection 3 jams,
1 jar each | 17. Pickled, any other, 2 |
| 8. Collection 3 vegetables,
1 jar each | 18. Relish, 2 |
| 9. Condiment, 2 | 19. Salsa, 2 |
| 10. Corn, 2 | 20. Spaghetti sauce, 2 |
| | 21. Tomatoes, 2 |
| | 22. Vegetable, 2 |
| | 23. Any other, 2 |

Adult Department 113 - Gift Basket

“DONNA BUTLER AWARD”

Goes to the 1st prize winner

Relating to the 2026 theme

“Stars, Stripes and Fair Nights”



Lot

1. Basket filled with usable items - **do not wrap** (birthday, household, baby, garden, etc.)

Premiums

1st \$10.00 2nd \$7.00 3rd \$5.00

Adult Department 114 - Needlework

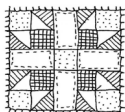
“BOB WILSON AWARD”

For adult best quilt overall

- Judged on workmanship, design, originality and condition.

Lot

1. Accessories
2. Apron
3. Costume
4. Counted cross-stitch
5. Crocheted, afghan
6. Crocheted, baby set
7. Crocheted, mittens
8. Crocheted, pillow
9. Crocheted, scarf
10. Crocheted, socks
11. Crocheted, sweater
12. Crocheted, vest
13. Crocheted, other
14. Dress, adult
15. Dress, child
16. Embroidered sampler
17. Fabric, toy or doll
18. Felted item, wet or dry
19. Flag, mini
20. Flag, standard
21. Hand spun finished item
22. Hand spun skein (3oz.)
23. Knitted, Afghan
24. Knitted, baby set
25. Knitted, hat
26. Knitted, mittens
27. Knitted, pillow
28. Knitted, scarf
29. Knitted, socks
30. Knitted, sweater
31. Knitted, vest
32. Knitted, other
33. Leather bag
34. Leather vest
35. Needlepoint, canvas
36. Needlepoint, plastic
37. Punch needle embroidery
38. Quilt, appliquéd, bed
39. Quilt, baby
40. Quilt, hand quilted, bed
41. Quilt, large pieced, bed
42. Quilt, novice quilter
43. Quilt, original design
44. Quilt, twin or lap
45. Quilted clothing
46. Quilted, other item
47. Rug, floor
48. Rug, wall hanging
49. Sewn pillow
50. Sewn, other item
51. Tufting
52. Wall hanging
53. Wearable item, other
54. Any other



Adult Department 115 - Art

- Art must be made by exhibitor.
- No copies or prints will be allowed.

Lot

1. Acrylic, abstract
2. Acrylic, landscape
3. Acrylic, portrait
4. Acrylic, seascape
5. Acrylic, still life
6. Acrylic, any other
7. Airbrush
8. Block printing
(on paper, fabric, canvas)
9. Chalk
10. Coloring, printed page
11. Digital art
12. Drawing, charcoal
13. Drawing, colored pencil
14. Drawing, crayon
15. Drawing, mixed media
16. Drawing, pastels
17. Drawing, pen
18. Drawing, pencil
19. Drawing, any other
20. Graphic art
21. Mixed media
22. Oil painting, abstract
23. Oil painting, landscape
24. Oil painting, portrait
25. Oil painting, seascape
26. Oil painting, still life
27. Oil painting, any other
28. Paint by number
29. Silkscreen
30. Slate painting
31. Watercolor, abstract
32. Watercolor, landscape
33. Watercolor, portrait
34. Watercolor, seascape
35. Watercolor, still life
36. Watercolor, any other
37. Zentangle
38. Any other



Adult Department 116 - Crafts

Lot

1. Acrylic pour
2. Basketry
3. Beaded item
4. Block print, wearable
5. Button art
6. Calligraphy
7. Candle, 1
8. Ceramic
9. Christmas ornament
10. Decorative painting
11. Diamond painting
12. Diorama
13. Duck tape
14. Fairy garden
15. Glass blowing
16. Greeting card, 1
17. Holiday
18. Jewelry
19. Leather
20. Liquid painting
21. Macramé
22. Metal
23. Mixed media
24. Mosaic
25. Origami
26. Painted rock
27. Paper cutting
28. Pottery, decorative
29. Pottery, free form
30. Pottery, glazed
31. Pottery, wheel thrown
32. Punched metal
33. Recycle
34. Resin
35. Reverse painting on glass
36. Scrapbook/memory book
(at least 5 pages)
37. Sculpture
38. Seashells
39. Silhouette
40. Silkscreen
41. Soap, handmade, 1
42. Stained glass
43. Stamp, carved
44. Stamped item
45. Stenciled work
46. "Swiftie" friendship bracelet
47. Tie-dyed
48. Wind chime
49. "Zine"
50. Any other



Adult Department 117 - Woodworking

- Entries must be made by the exhibitor.
- No pre-made purchased items/kits may be used.

Lot

1. Birdhouse
2. Carving
3. Decorative carving
4. Doll house
5. Furniture
6. Jewelry
7. Joinery
8. Miniature furniture
9. Sculpture
10. Whirligig
11. Whittling
12. Wood burning
13. Wood turning
14. Any other

Adult Department 118 - Educational Display

- Display must be no larger than 6' x 3'.

Lot

1. Family or Group, agricultural
2. Family or Group, non-agricultural
3. Farm, Belchertown
4. Individual, agricultural
5. Individual, non-agricultural



Premiums

1st \$10.00 2nd \$7.00 3rd \$5.00

Adult Department 119 - Trash to Treasure

“K.B. KEVIN BROWN AWARD” For adult best trash to treasure overall

- A before photo is required.
- Judged on creativity and artistic skill.

Lot

1. Upcycled item
2. Upcycled clothing



Premiums

1st \$10.00 2nd \$7.00 3rd \$5.00

Adult Department 120 - Amateur Photography

“LES CAMPBELL AWARD”

For adult best photograph overall

- Photos must be taken in the past 12 months.
- **Must be able to stand on its own or hang on a hook.**
- Photo including mat must not be larger than 11” X 14”. (exception Lot 1 and Lot 23)
- Maximum of 3 entries per exhibitor.

Belchertown Photographs

Lot

1. Set of 4 photos, 4 Seasons in Belchertown, taken in same location (in one frame)
2. Place in Belchertown
3. 2025 Belchertown Fair
4. Notable Belchertown event, other than the Fair

Lot

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|---|--|
| 5. Abstract | 20. Pet, domestic |
| 6. Animal | 21. Photoshopped |
| 7. Black & White | 22. “Selfie” |
| 8. Bugs | 23. Set of 4 photos, story or sequence (<u>in one frame</u>) |
| 9. Celebrate America (Red, White, Blue) | 24. Sports, action |
| 10. Family gathering or event | 25. Still life |
| 11. Food | 26. Trick photography |
| 12. Great vacation or exotic place | 27. Two or more people |
| 13. Harvest time | 28. Weather |
| 14. Holiday | 29. Wildflower, uncultivated |
| 15. Humor | 30. Wildlife, animal |
| 16. Landscape | 31. Any other |
| 17. Man-made thing | |
| 18. Nature | |
| 19. Person, single | |





THE BELCHERTOWN FAIR
Down the Midway, from the Ferris Wheel

Photo by Edward L. Schmidt, Jr.

"Well, I took my gal to the cattle show
In good old Belchertown;
Oh, I was dressed in my very best,
She had on her Sunday gown.
Says I to Liz, dos yer know yer Biz?
She says, I guess I do!
Then we'll take a chance on the Midway Plaisance
Where there ain't no coo chee coo.
Down the center where the fakirs fake,
Waiting for their man,
Clumsy cappers who are on the make;
They'll do you if they can.
Wheels of fortune and the three-ball game
Look so simple that they make you stare.
Say, ain't it funny when you find all your money
Has been blown at the county fair!

CHORUS

Good Old Belchertown,
'Tis a place of great renown;
There's a lot of pleasure if you're up that way
When the leaves are turning brown.
There you'll see the rube and clown
And your sorrows they will drown,
Oh, meet me in the happy autumn days
In Good Old Belchertown."

—"Good Old Belchertown", by Ben Chadwick, 1900



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