

2026 Cumberland County Fair Home Arts Exhibitor Book

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July 7 - 11, 2026

Cumberland County Fairgrounds - 3001 Carmel Road, Millville, NJ



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Cumberland County Fair Schedule

July 7 - 11, 2026

Fair Hours: Tuesday 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Wednesday 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Thursday 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Friday 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Saturday 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Wednesday: Kids 12 and under are free

Thursday: Free Day for Senior Citizen Day 65 & older
Vets Day (with ID)

FEATURES

- 4-H Events & Shows ALL WEEK
- Activities for Children
- Amusement Rides (Tues.-Sat.)
- Butterfly Exhibit (Wed-Sat.)
- Demolition Derby (Sat.)
- Food Trucks & Concessions
- Free Entertainment
- Exhibits
- Fireworks Wednesday
- Give Aways
- Pony Rides & Petting Zoo

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Questions about entries please contact Heather

856-451-2800 (press 1) or email heatherco@cumberlandcountynj.gov.

- All entry forms must be mailed or emailed in by June 22nd, 2026
Attn: Home Arts, Rutgers Cooperative Extension 291 Morton Ave,
Millville, NJ 08332, heatherco@cumberlandcountynj.gov.
- To ensure an easier registration process, **please submit all entry forms by June 22nd** Late entries will be accepted on the day of drop-off with a completed entry form.
- If there are changes to an entry form, please call 856-451-2800 (press 1) or email heatherco@cumberlandcountynj.gov.
- Bring entries to the Fair at 3301 Carmel Road, Millville, NJ 08332 4-H Building (Red Barn) on Monday, July 6th, between 4:00 and 7:00 PM.
Exception: All food must be dropped off on Tuesday, July 8th between 9:00 and 11:00 AM.
- Any entries after 11:00 AM on Tuesday will not be judged and get a participant ribbon only. Judging will be Tuesday, July 7th after 11:00 AM.
- **No early pick ups.** All entries and awards will be displayed for the entire week.
- All entries must be picked up at the fairgrounds either between 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM, Saturday, July 11th or 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM, Sunday, July 12th. **No entries or awards removed before Saturday at 8:00 PM. All entries must be properly checked out.**
- If you cannot pick up by Sunday, July 12th by 12:00 PM please call 856-451-2800 (Press 1) or email heatherco@cumberlandcountynj.gov
- All classes are open to non-professional men and women.
- Age categories: Youth - 8 and under, 9 - 13, 14 - 18, Adult- 19+
- No entry fees will be charged.
- One entry per class. (unless noted otherwise)
- All entries must be the result of this past year's work.
- Each item entered must have an exhibitor's tag, given during registration.
- Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect entries while at the fairgrounds, but all entries are at risk of the exhibitor. No entries or awards are to be taken before Saturday at 7:00 PM.
- Judges' decisions are final. Each entry is judged on its own merit.

DIVISION 1 - Painting - Water Colors

Classes

- Landscape
- Seascape
- Still Life - Inanimate Object
- Portrait - Human
- Animals
- Wildlife
- Other



DIVISION 2 - Painting -Oil & Acrylic

Classes

- Landscape
- Seascape
- Still Life - Inanimate Object
- Portrait - Human
- Animals
- Wildlife
- Other



DIVISION 3 - Drawing

Classes

- Landscape
- Seascape
- Still Life - Inanimate Object
- Portrait - Human
- Animals
- Wildlife
- Other

Medium

- Pen & Ink
- Pencil
- Charcoal
- Pastel
- Crayon
- Chalk
- Markers
- Other



Painting/Drawing Rules

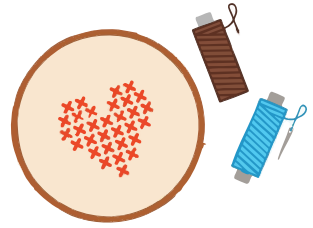
- No "paint-by-number" paintings and no kits.
- Size limit 30" x 50".

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DIVISION 4 - Needlepoint or Petit Point

Classes

- Framed Picture
- Pillow
- Household accessory
- Other



DIVISION 5 - Counted Cross Stitch

Classes

- Large Article
- Small Article
- Sampler
- Framed Picture
- Pillow
- Other



DIVISION 6 - Crocheting

Classes

- Afghan
- Blanket - Small & Large
- Clothing items - Adult or Child
- Mittens, Hat or Scarf
- Edged piece
- Pillow
- Other

DIVISION 7 - Knitting

Classes

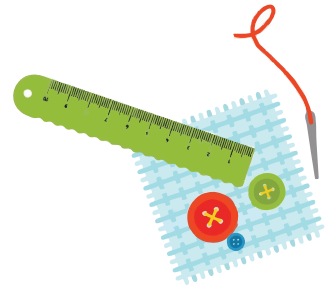
- Afghan
- Blanket - Small and Large
- Clothing Items - Adult or child
- Mittens, Hat or Scarf
- Pillow
- Other



DIVISION 8 - Embroidery

Classes

- Household items
- Clothing
- Picture
- Other



DIVISION 9 - Quilting

Classes

- Hand quilted
 - Full-Sized Quilt
 - Crib Quilt
 - Wall Hanging
 - Pillow
 - Clothing Article
 - Other
- Machine Stitched
 - Full-Sized Quilt
 - Crib Quilt
 - Wall Hanging
 - Pillow
 - Clothing Article
 - Other



DIVISION 10 - Other Handwork

Classes

(Any article demonstrating the following techniques)

- Trapunto
- Bargello
- Smocking
- Candlewicking
- Crewel
- Swedish Embroidery
- Liquid Embroidery
- Other



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DIVISION 11 - Woodworking or Metal Work

Woodworking

Classes

- Decorative item
- Furniture
- Bird houses/feeders
- Signs and lawn ornaments
- Doll houses
- Carving
- Wooden Toy
- Other

Metal Work

Classes

- Decorative item
- Furniture
- Bird houses/feeders
- Signs and lawn ornaments
- Other



DIVISION 12 - Flowers

Real

Classes

- Mixed Flowers
- Wild Flowers and/or seeds, berries, etc.
- Any Flower of One Variety
- Dried
- Other

Artificial

Classes

- Mixed Flowers
- Wild Flowers and/or seeds, berries, etc.
- Any Flower of One Variety
- Other



Flowers Rules

- Live entry must be cared for by exhibitor.
- All containers should be clean and marked on the bottom with the name of the owner.

DIVISION 13 - Recycled Art

Classes

- Paper
- Plastic
- Glass
- Combo
- Other



Recycled Art Rules

- Made from recycled materials

DIVISION 16 - Desserts

Classes

- Cakes
- Cupcakes (need 6 entered)
- Decorated Cake Division
 - Pre-shaped or molded pan
 - Decorated, round or square
 - Gingerbread or cookie house
 - Cut-up (forming a design)
- Pies
- Cookies (need 6 entered)
- Pastry
- Other



DIVISION 17 - Breads, Rolls, Muffins & Biscuits

Classes

- Bread
- Rolls (need 6 entered)
- Muffins (need 6 entered)
- Biscuits (need 6 entered, Dropped or rolled)
- Other



Baked Good Rules

- All food must be dropped off on Tuesday, July 8th between 9:00 and 11:00 AM.
- To cut down on waste, we will display only a portion of the item.
- The rest may be picked up after judging at 7:00- 8:00 PM on Tuesday, July 7th.
- All foods must be wrapped, cool before wrapping. Baked goods may be on paper plates. Be sure to put your name on bottom of pie tin or cake plate.
- Recipe should be included with all exhibits.
- No mixes may be used.

DIVISION 18 - Vegetables

Classes

- Root
- Greens
- Other

Vegetable Rules

- All entries must have been grown and selected by exhibitor.
- Each entry must consist of a single variety correctly named.
- Vegetables will be judged on quality and appearance.



DIVISION 19 - Canning

Classes

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Jams & Jellies
- Pickles
- Relishes
- Salsa
- Other



Canning Rules

- All items must have been canned in the past 12 months.
- Each entry needs two of the same item, one will be opened.
- Open jars will be marked. If you would like to pick up opened jar it may be picked up after judging at 7:00- 8:00 PM on Tuesday, July 7th.

DIVISION 20 - Herbs

Classes

- Flavoring (Live or Dry)
- Other



Herb Rules

- All entries must have been grown and selected by exhibitor.
- Each entry must consist of a single variety correctly named.
- Herbs will be judged on quality and appearance.
- Allowed more than one class entry

DIVISION 21 - Oils and Vinegars

Classes

- Neutral
- Fruity/Nutty
- Infused Oils
- Balsamic
- Wine (Red/White)
- Apple Cider
- Rice (Black/White)
- Malt
- Other



Oils and Vinegars Rules

- All entries must have been grown and selected by exhibitor.
- Will be judged on quality and appearance.
- Each entry needs two of the same item, one will be opened.

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