



2025 Corn Palace Festival

Open Class Exhibit Book

Here is an opportunity to showcase your hard work and creativity at this year's Corn Palace Festival!

Ages 3 & over are eligible to compete in the Corn Palace Festival Open Class Exhibits. Age divisions include: Beginner (B) Ages 3-11, Junior (J) Ages 12-18 and Senior (S) Ages 19 and over. Ages as of August 20, 2025.

Categories include: Visual Arts, Foods, and Horticulture/Agriculture.

Each exhibit must be accompanied with an entry tag containing the exhibitor's name, age, category, class, division, and a brief description of the exhibit and how it is related to agriculture. All exhibits must be agriculture related and made this year. There is a maximum of ONE (1) entry per person per class.

Exhibits need to be delivered to the Corn Palace Armory above City Hall on Wednesday, August 20th from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The judging will begin at 5:30 p.m.

All exhibits must be picked up from the Armory on Sunday, August 24th between the hours of 1-5 p.m. or will be discarded. When submitting perishable items, all produce becomes Corn Palace property. We are not responsible for the exhibits.

A grand champion will be awarded in each category for each age division. First, second and third place will be awarded in each class and age division. Every beginner exhibit will be given a participation ribbon.

Grand champion winners may receive a prize consisting of either a Festival Carnival Ride Pass or a Festival Concert Ticket. First place will receive \$15 in Corn Cash and second place will receive \$10 in Corn Cash and third place will receive \$5 in Corn Cash to be used at the Corn Palace Concessions. Only one prize per person will be awarded. Winners can claim your prize at the Corn Palace Box office.

Exhibits will be judged on: Visual Appearance, Originality, Workmanship/Craftmanship, Class/Category requirements.

Class numbering system for entry tags EXAMPLE:

Category = Visual Arts (the word(s) behind Category)

Class # = 101 (the 3 digits before the class title)

Age Division = B (the age division of the participant as of August 20, 2025) *see above for age divisions

Category – Visual Arts

Class 101 – Coloring Contest

Color the selected festival picture for your age division. You may color the picture using crayons, markers, pens or colored pencils (no paints or glue). No additional items should be added to the coloring page. The coloring sheet for each division can be found at www.cornpalace.com or can be picked up at the Corn Palace Box Office.

Class 102 – Design Art

All design art items need to include an agriculture theme. Design art items may include any form of painting, drawing, chalk, graphic art and/or other forms.

Class 103 – Textile

All textile items need to include an agriculture theme. Textile items may include any form of fabric or any fiber-based material.

Class 104 – Corn Craft

Corn crafts must include some part of the corn such as: kernels, cob, husk, leaf, tassels, and/or silk.

Class 105 – Photography

Photos can be standard or digital, black & white or color. The photo subjects must be in relation to corn or agriculture. Photos must be displayed on a mounting board or matte board (not framed). The boards may not exceed 18”x 24”. The exhibit may contain one picture or a collage of pictures. Photos must be taken within one year of the year exhibited.

Category – Foods

*Food items should be exhibited on a disposable plate or pan and sealed in a plastic bag. Use either a zipper-close bag or a plastic bag closed with a twist fastener. Do not use plastic wrap to cover food items.

Class 201 – Breads

Bake your favorite bread.

Class 202 – Jams & Jellies

Jams and jellies can be any recipe. They must be contained in one standard jar using a standard sealed lid.

Class 203 – Popcorn

Create your own flavoring of popcorn. Popcorn needs to be popped and flavored to your liking. Popcorn must be brought in a quart sized sealed bag.

Class 204 – Cakes, Muffins, Bars

Cakes, muffins, or bars must contain at least one vegetable or fruit (ex. carrot, zucchini, apple). Cakes and bars must be one layer only and muffins must have foil or paper liner.

Class 205 – Decorated Cakes or Cupcakes

Decorate six (6) cupcakes or one (1) cake with an agricultural theme.

Class 206 – Cookies, Exhibitors Choice

Make three (3) matching cookies of your choice.

Category – Horticulture/Agriculture

*All exhibits must be grown by the participant in 2025. All items need to be cleaned and free of soil. All produce must be exhibited on a disposable plate.

Class 301 – Sweet Corn

Plate of three (3) matching ears of sweet corn.

Class 302 – Produce

Plate of three (3) matching items of produce. Produce may include green beans, carrots, peppers, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, zucchini, rhubarb (remove leaves), cucumbers, etc.

Class 303 – Fruit

Plate of three (3) matching items of fruit. Fruit may include apples, cherries, strawberries, pears, raspberries, etc.

Class 304 – Pumpkins/Melon

Display one (1) pumpkin or melon. Melons may include watermelon, muskmelon, cantaloupe, etc. May be any size.

Class 305 – Floriculture

Fresh cut flowers placed in a vase, bottle, cup, bucket, etc. Flowers should be free of insects. Foliage should be included with each stem but not below the water line. No bows, ribbons, or decoration.

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