

HARDWICK COMMUNITY FAIR ASSOCIATION
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262nd Hardwick Community Fair

Originated in 1762 • "The Oldest Fair in the United States"
On the Common • Hardwick, Massachusetts

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Friday, August 16, 2024 *AND*
Saturday, August 17, 2024

☆ The 2024 Hardwick Fair is Dedicated to Terry Briggs ☆

HARDWICK FAIR RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

EXHIBITORS

Please arrange your exhibits on:

Thursday, August 15th Friday, August 16th
7 PM - 9 PM 9 AM - 2:30 PM

**NO EXHIBIT WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER
2:30 PM ON FRIDAY AUGUST 16TH**

Please note: Entries for the Literary Competition have
a strict deadline of 3:00 PM on Thurs. August 15th.

Exhibit halls will be closed to the public for judging on Friday, August 16th at 2:30 PM, so be sure to enter your exhibit(s) prior to this time. All exhibits must remain in place until Saturday, August 17th, 3:00 PM. Youth exhibits are for boys and girls 16 years of age and under as of January 1, 2024, unless otherwise stated.

A person shall not offer for exhibit any item not produced and/or prepared by him/herself, or any item previously entered in the Hardwick Community Fair. An exhibitor shall make only one entry in a given class. The only exception to either of these rules is in certain livestock classes.

New classes may be listed and judged at the discretion of the Committee Chairperson, provided there are three or more entries. Undesirable quality exhibits and those not properly entered will not be accepted. The committee, judges, and Fair management reserve the right to reject any and/or all exhibits they determine to be undesirable. Placing is awarded on the basis of quality of exhibit, and the decision of the judge(s) is final.

Final prize money will be allocated to exhibitors based upon money available and total number of points earned. Any interpretation of these rules rests with the Fair's Board of Directors. Unless otherwise stated, all prizes will be: 1st - 3 points, 2nd - 2 points, and 3rd - 1 point.

All fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, eggs, baked goods, and hay will be auctioned at the end of the fair on Saturday, August 17th at 3:30 PM. All Fair exhibitors should read the rules as given in the premium list and follow the premium list exactly.

All booths and concessions must be approved by July 31, 2024 by the Fair's Board of Directors and must be accompanied by a signed contract and full payment. For information, please check our website, hardwickfair.com, call 617.834.0048, or write to the Fair at P.O. Box 1, Hardwick, MA 01037.

Livestock exhibitor standards: It is recognized that in classes of livestock, exhibitors have standards of dress that have been accepted by the industry. Examples are white shirts, white or tan slacks, skirts, or dresses. NO shorts or bathing attire will be allowed. A solid, durable shoe must be worn at all times. NO sandals, clogs, sneakers, or bare feet will be allowed. Please refer to the Fair Animal Health Rules for livestock rules in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These are posted at: www.mass.gov/info-details/animal-imports-and-livestock-markets.

The Hardwick Community Fair, Inc. will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits, or injury to animals or persons.

For more information, visit us at hardwickfair.com

PLEASE REMEMBER



No Dogs are permitted at the Fair unless they are a service animal. Owners must provide appropriate tags or certification reflecting that registration and vaccines are current. Thank you!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY AUGUST 16TH

4:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Food Trucks
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Tri-Parish Church baked potato bar
5:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Historical Society corn on the cob bar
7:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies & Fair Dedication { FLAG POLE }
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Historical Society Opens { EXHIBITS }
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Exhibit Halls Open
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Blacksmithing & Pottery Demonstrations
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Timber Framing
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Antique Tractor & Implement Exhibit
7:15 PM	Lumberjack Contest
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Entertainment { THE OTTERS }

PARKING

Parking is available at the field on 32A and at the Eagle Hill School • 242 Old Petersham Road • Hardwick

FREE Shuttle service will be available to and from the Fair on Friday and Saturday at frequent intervals. Handicapped parking will be available at the Universalist Church and adjacent to the Police Command Center at Corner of Barre Rd and Rte. 32A.

SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH

7:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast
9:00 AM	Mountain Bike Ride/Race
9:00 AM	Running of the Road Race
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM	Exhibit Halls Open
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM	4-H Livestock Exhibit
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM	Book Sale & Hardwick Fair-y Villages { PAIGE LIBRARY }
9:00 – 2:30 PM	Hardwick Treasures Rock Painting
9:30 AM	Cattle Judging
9:30 AM – 2:30 PM	Blacksmithing Demo
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Hay Rides { MAINE-LY DRAFTS }
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Face Painting
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM	Timber Framing & Pottery Demonstrations
10:45 AM	Stone Cutting
11:00 AM	Dance Demo { NEAR SMALL COMMON }
1:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Sheep Shearing, Carding, & Spinning Demo
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Tri-Parish Church baked potato bar
11:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Historical Society corn on the cob bar
12:00 PM	Children's Parade
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Entertainment { THE OTTERS }
12:30 PM	Antique Tractor & Implement Parade
1:00 PM	Central Mass Rabbit Breeders Display & Demo
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Historical Society Opens { EXHIBITS }
1:30 PM	Frog Jumping Contest
1:30 PM	Horseshoe Contest
2:00 PM	Children's Games
3:30 PM	Auction of Exhibits
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Hardwick Farmers Guild Fair Supper

FAIR SUPPORT & VOLUNTEERS

President Fay Butler
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Merchandise Mike, Lauren, Dylan, & Samantha Mace
Historical Exhibits Historical Society
Judging Coordinator & Historian Emily Bancroft
Door Registration Marlo Stein
Road Race Meg Talbot
Mountain Bike Ride Rick Romano, Neil Dawson
Antique Tractor Exhibit Dana Prouty
Obstacle Course Paula Ouimet
Kiddie Kraft Kate Kelly
Children's Parade Megan Kelly Dias
Legos Gabriella and Nathaniel Henshaw
Scarecrows Kathy Hosley
Eggs Megan Kelly Dias
Cattle Jessica Goodfield, Nicole Kibbe
Lumberjack Contest Bill Ward Jr., Russ Sanderson

Art & Photography Deanna Talbot, Jen Dimauro, Liz Hanson
Crafts Liz and Franklyn Cyran
Literary Gayle Huntress, Julie Bullock, Judith Berg Kohn, Mary Warbasse
Fruits, Veggies, & Herbs Abbie White, Mary Duquette, Roberta McQuaid & Family, Nan Wolverson & Family, Abby and Don Mayou
Home Baking Maureen Czabaj, Kaeli Raymond, Laurie Hickson, Cara Wilczynski
4-H Room Tracie Shea, Maura Shea, Ellie Shea
Fabric Arts Pam Hinckley, Sharyn Buelow, Diane Kubaska, Barb Newton, Patty Shaaf, Bev Despres, Christine Greene, Beth Annon, Paula Hurd, Anne Van Arsdell, Jennifer Mott, Ellie Frost, Robin Paris
Home Canning Lucinda Childs, Rachel Montoya
Flowers Michelle Webb, Donna Holden, Emily Paquette, Karen Gerulaitis, Jill Stolgitis, Suzanne Harper, Kirsten Noble
Nature Photography & Conservation Stacey Hill, Gasco Family
Field Crops Steve Gould
4-H Animals Kimberly Veilleux, Sarah Bjorkland, Clarissa Madden
Children's Games Ian Kelly
Horseshoes Luke Wright, Dane Stolgitis
Blacksmithing Jennifer Petrilla
Stone Cutting Randy Noble
Timber Framing Ridge Shinn and Hardwick Post & Beam
Pottery Clayworks/Workshop 13
Dance Demonstration Get Up & Dance
Rabbit Demonstration Central Mass Rabbit Breeders, Kristen Coltey Wentworth
Sheep Shearing, Carding, & Spinning Demonstration Colin from Yankee Shearing and Kim Veilleux



Kindly **recycle** your beverage containers in the blue recycling bins located around the Common. The Hardwick Boy Scouts and our town will benefit from your care.

DONATIONS HELP KEEP THE FAIR GOING EACH YEAR. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION, IT IS MUCH APPRECIATED!

EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

FIBER ARTS

{ FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH "ON THE HILL" }

* Amateur exhibitors only. Ribbons Only are awarded *

RULES: All framed articles must be ready for hanging. Youth (age 16 and under) will be judged separately from Adults (17+ years).

A. Machine Sewing

1. Clothing
2. Other

B. Hand Sewing

1. Embroidery (stamped pattern)
2. Cross stitch (evenweave or aida fabric)

C. Pillows

D. Knitting

1. Sweater
2. Socks
3. Hats/mittens
4. Afghan
5. Other

E. Crochet

1. Sweater
2. Baby Clothes
3. Afghan
4. Other

F. Quilts

1. Hand quilted
2. Machine quilted by exhibitor
3. Machine quilted by professional
4. Tied

G. Hand spun yarn

H. Weaving

I. Hooked rugs

J. Open class for seniors (age 65 and older)

CHILDREN'S PARADE

{ ON THE COMMON }

* Participation Ribbons awarded *

THEME: "Fun in the Sun"

Get ready to soak up the joy and radiate sunshine as we celebrate the magic of summertime. Let your imagination soar as you deck yourself out in bright beachwear, dazzling sunglasses, tropical accessories, and your favorite summer gear! Whether you're a surfing superhero, glorious gardener, or a beachcombing pirate, come join the fun and spread smiles under the sunny skies! Assemble by the bleachers on the Common (Frog Jumping area) at 11:45am on Saturday, August 17th. Children will walk a parade route beginning at 12:00pm.

CHILDREN'S TREASURE ROCK PAINTING

{ ON THE COMMON }

* No fee to participate. All materials provided! *

RULES: Come paint and decorate a rock for the rainbow that leads to the pot of gold that is Hardwick!

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY & CONSERVATION

{ TOWN HOUSE – 1ST FLOOR }

* Amateur exhibitors only. Ribbons Only are awarded *

RULES: Separate classes for Youth (16 and under) and Adult (17+ years). Classes may be divided further at discretion of committee and/or judge. Size limit on photography of 8 inches by 10 inches. No names on photos please.

A. Nature Photography –

B&W or Color (Pictures must be ready to hang; no man-made objects can be visible, except as noted below.)

1. Flora
 - a. Cultivated Flowers
 - b. Any other
2. Fauna (fences & collars allowed)
 - a. Farm Animals
 - b. Domestic Animals
 - c. Birds
 - d. Bugs, Butterflies, or Bees
 - e. Other

3. Landscape
4. Combination(s) of 1, 2, & 3
5. Artistic view of natural subject

B. Collections –

Animal, Vegetable, or Mineral (At least 10 specimens mounted and labeled. Classes may be divided further at discretion of committee and/or judge.)

C. Bird House, Feeder, Terrarium

D. Conservation Project or Display (i.e.: "Reduce, Reuse, or Recycle" or "Energy Conservation" theme.)

HOME BAKING

{ TOWN HOUSE – 2ND FLOOR }

* Amateur exhibitors only. Ribbons Only are awarded *

RULES: All food will be cut and auctioned or sold at the fair. All food *must* be made by the exhibitor. No *microwave* cookery. All food *must* be cooled and placed on a plate that can go to auction (in a resealable plastic bag.) We *do not* accept exhibits that require refrigeration. *All* quick breads and cakes *must* be whole. (*Do not slice*) All entries must include a *complete recipe* and not just an ingredient list. Please use a 3x5 index card or typed any size. *No* box mixes, *except in specific category*. All winning recipes become the property of the Hardwick Community Fair. Please note required amounts for some items. (When in doubt, or not specified, place 7 items on a plate)

ADULT COOKING (15+ years)

A. Pies with Homemade Crust

(Must include recipe for crust as well as filling)

1. Apple
2. Favorite

B. Freestyle Bake

(Enter your favorite recipe)

C. Quick Breads

(must be standard loaf size, uncut)

1. Zucchini
2. Favorite
3. Banana

D. Muffins (7 on a plate)

1. Berry
2. Favorite

E. Ditch the Coca Cola and Grab Some Granola!

(Your favorite granola recipe presented in a quart Mason jar)

F. Cakes

1. Coffee
2. Favorite
3. Chocolate

G. Cookies (7 on a plate)

1. Chocolate Chip
2. Spice
3. Favorite

H. Brownies (7 on a plate)

1. Blond
2. Chocolate

I. Creative Use of a Mix

(Start with a boxed mix and add ingredients to create something entirely different!)

J. Sweet Yeast Dough

(Tea rings, Braids, Poppy Seed Breads, Rolls, etc.)

K. Gluten Free

1. Cookies
2. Squares
3. Muffins
4. Cakes

L. Yeast Bread

(Sourdough, Bagels, Rolls, etc.)

M. Everything but the Kitchen Sink!

(Your Favorite DUMP cake recipe)

N. Micky DiMartino

Adult Challenge Recipe

(In honor of our friend and long-time Hardwick Fair Baking Committee leader, this year's challenge is: Peach Cream Cheese Coffee Cake. Recipe can be found at www.hardwickfair.com. *Recipe may not be altered in any way*)

YOUTH COOKING (14 years and under)

A. Cookies (7 on a plate)

1. Peanut Butter
2. Favorite
3. Chocolate Chip

B. Squares (7 on a plate)

1. Fruit
2. Chocolate

C. Quick Breads

(must be standard loaf size, uncut)

1. Banana
2. Favorite

D. It's Sprinkling Sprinkles!

(Any recipe that features sprinkles of any type or shape (rainbow, chocolate, etc.)

E. Freestyle Bake

(Enter your favorite recipe)

F. I'm a Chocoholic

(Your favorite recipe that satisfies that chocolate craving!)

G. Everything but the Kitchen Sink!

(Your Favorite DUMP cake recipe)

H. Gluten Free

(Any recipe of your choice)

I. Youth Challenge Recipe

(Let's see who can create the best Ice Cream Cone Cupcakes using the same recipe. Recipe can be found at www.hardwickfair.com. *Recipe may not be altered in any way*)



FAMILY & FRIENDS CHALLENGE

Pick one of the above categories and challenge your family members and/or friends to a bake off! Have fun!

RAFFLE for RED SOX TICKETS

* Tickets sold at Lost Towns Brewing or on the Common during the fair *
Please visit www.hardwickfair.com/raffle for more information

4-H ROOM

{ TOWN HOUSE, 1ST FLOOR, BACK ROOM }

* Premiums: 3 pts., 2 pts., 1 pt., unless otherwise noted *

RULES: Only 4-H members may exhibit. Separate classes for Cloverbud (5–8 yrs), Junior (9–13 yrs) and Senior (14–18 yrs) as of January 1st

A. Creative Stitchery

1. Small Item
2. Large Item

B. Quilts

1. Tied
2. Quilted

C. Sewing

1. Tops
2. Pants, Shorts, or Skirts
3. Any other article of clothing
4. Sewn Household Item
5. Sewn Decorative Item
6. Any other sewn item (1 entry only)

D. Cooking

(Home baking rules apply)

1. Quick Bread of Muffins
2. Cake or Cupcakes
3. Dropped Cookies
4. Bars (cookies, brownies, etc.)
5. Creative use of a box mix

E. Home Improvement

1. Any item for the Kitchen
2. Bulletin Board
3. Wreath or other wall decoration
4. Centerpiece or tabletop arrangement or decoration
5. Flower arrangement in a vase or container (live cultivated and/or wildflowers)
6. Any other (1 entry only)

F. Crafts

1. Creative use of discarded materials (discarded materials must be named)
2. Jewelry Item
3. Decorated cloth Item (t-shirt, bag, pillowcase, placemat, etc.)
4. Any project using clay, pottery, or ceramics
5. Nature craft (any craft using primarily natural items)
6. Any other craft project (1 entry only)

G. Photography

1. 4-H Friends
2. 4-H Projects (animals, community service, etc.)
3. 4-H Fun

H. Trades Craft

(Carpentry, Metal work, Electrical, etc.)

1. Wood work (small item)
2. Wood work (large item)
3. Any other work (small item)
4. Any other work (large item)

I. Posters

1. 4-H is Great! (any poster promoting 4-H or a 4-H event)
2. Any other entry (1 entry only)

J. Educational Display

(5 pts., 4 pts., 3 pts.)

1. Science, Engineering and Technology: includes animal science (Individual)
2. Science, Engineering and Technology: includes animal science (Group)
3. Any other – Individual (1 entry only)
4. Any other – Group (1 entry only)

FRUITS, VEGETABLES, & HERBS

{ TOWN HOUSE – 2ND FLOOR }

* Premiums: 3 pts., 2 pts., 1 pt. *

RULES: All entries must be grown, selected, & arranged by exhibitor. FAQ are posted online. New classes will be created at the discretion of the committee & judges. White paper plates will be provided by the Fair. Other display containers are provided by exhibitor. Exhibitors have option to use moist paper towels, and/or jars of water to maintain freshness.

A. Fruit Plates

1. 5 Apples, any variety
2. 5 Pears, any variety
3. 5 Peaches, any variety
4. Blueberries, 1 pint
5. Other, 1 pint or 5 each

B. Container Display

1. Display of at least 6 kinds of vegetables
2. At least 2 kinds of fruits, 2 kinds of herbs, & 2 kinds of veggies
3. 1 kind of vegetable, at least 6 different varieties

C. Vegetable Creatures (Home grown vegetables not required)

D. Vegetables & Fruits for Taste

(Judged solely on taste, not appearance)

1. 15 Beans
2. 2 Cucumbers
3. 2 Garlic Heads
4. 5 Hot Peppers
5. 5 Small Tomatoes
6. 2 Large Tomatoes
7. Blueberries, 1 pint
8. 2 Melons
9. 5 Peaches

F. Herbs

- (Displaying in jars of water, preserves freshness)
1. 2 stems of one kind
 2. At least 6 kinds

E. Vegetables for Display

1. 15 pods green beans
2. 15 pods other color beans
3. 5 beets
4. 2 heads cabbage
5. 5 carrots
6. 5 ears of sweet corn
7. 5 pickling cucumbers
8. 2 slicing cucumbers
9. 5 garlic
10. 5 stems greens such as swiss chard, kale, spinach
11. 2 heads lettuce
12. 5 onions
13. 1 onion/garlic/shallot braid
14. 5 bell peppers
15. 5 hot peppers, 3" or longer
16. 15 hot peppers, less than 3"
17. 5 potatoes
18. 2 pumpkins
19. 5 green tomatoes
20. 5 red tomatoes
21. 5 ripe other-than-red tomatoes
22. 15 cherry/grape/plum tomatoes
23. 2 zucchini
24. 2 yellow summer squash
25. 2 winter squash
26. Other not listed: large–2 each, medium–5 each, small–15
27. 1 largest size of any type
28. 2 eggplant

HORSESHOE CONTEST

{ NEXT TO THE CATTLE TENT ON GREENWICH RD. }

* Cash prizes for 1st – 3rd place. Trophies awarded to the winners *

FEES: \$5.00 per person per match

RULES: The Horseshoe Contest is made up of singles and doubles matches. All matches are played to 11 points, but one must win by at least 2 points. It's a great time and remains a popular event at the fair.

FIELD CROPS

{ TOWN HOUSE – OUTSIDE }

* Premiums: 7 pts., 5 pts., 3 pts. *

RULES: Only full bales will be accepted

A. Full Bale, 1st Cutting Mixed Hay

B. Full Bale, 2nd Cutting Mixed Hay

C. 5 Stalks Silage Corn (70 day)

D. 5 Stalks Silage Corn (90 day)

E. 5 Stalks Silage Corn (105 day)

F. Sunflowers (Open to all ages)

1. Best of three (3 specimens of the same color and size)
2. Largest sunflower

LUMBERJACK CONTEST

{ ON THE COMMON }

* Class winners take all proceeds *

FEES: None

RULES: The Lumberjack Contest showcases some of the best and most skilled lumberjacks in the area. Contestants must make two different cuts within predetermined lines, as quickly as possible. Best qualified time wins. There are four classes based on engine size, starting with 55CC and under, through 91CC and above. Following the chain saw portion, there is an open crosscut saw competition; best time wins.

LITERARY COMPETITION

{ TOWN HOUSE – 1ST FLOOR }

* Amateur exhibitors only. Ribbons Only are awarded *

RULES: All entries must be received *no later than 3:00PM Thursday, August 15th* at the Paige Memorial Library, P.O. Box 128, Hardwick, MA 01037. Mailed entries or online entries must be received by the same date. To submit your entry online please visit our online submission form: www.bit.ly/HardwickFairLit or on hardwickfair.com. Entries must be limited to 1000 words (equivalent to about 4 double-spaced pages with one-inch margins and 11 to 12-point font). *Please do not write your name on your entry.* Include a separate sheet or card with your name, address, age, and class. Separate classes for Children (up to 8 years), Youth (9-12 years), Teens (13-16 years) and Adult (17+ years). One entry allowed per class.

A. Poetry

(any free verse or any verse that follows a rhyme theme)

B. Picture Books

(No clip art. Adult entries welcome! Picture books should be no longer than 20 pages)

C. Fiction

(any piece of fiction)

D. Non-Fiction

(any piece of non-fiction such as editorial, essay, school paper, scientific paper, biography, or opinion editorial)

EGGS

{ TOWN HOUSE, 2ND FLOOR }

* Premiums: 3 pts., 2 pts., 1 pt. *

RULES: All Youth and Adult Classes

A. Dozen Large Brown Eggs in a Box

B. Dozen Large White Eggs in a Box

C. Dozen "Other" Eggs in a Box

CRAFTS

{ FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH "ON THE HILL" }

* Amateur exhibitors only. Ribbons Only are awarded *

RULES: One entry per category. Each entry must be an original work and must have been created within the last year. Youth (16 and under) and Adult (17+ years) canning will be judged separately.

A. Woodworking

1. Tabletop Items
 - a. Carved
 - b. Assembled

B. Decorative Painting

1. Fabric
2. Non-fabric

C. Baskets

D. Pottery

E. Jewelry

1. Single Item
2. Set of 2 or more
(Must be displayed in a box or attached to a display board.)

F. Decorations

1. Wreaths
2. Table centerpieces with candle(s)
3. Welcome sign or flag for a door or walkway

G. Scrapbooking

Bring your scrapbook. We want to see how you display your memories!

H. Windchimes

Make a wind chime out of anything you would like! Please bring your own shepherd's hook to hang it from! All wind chimes will be displayed on the church lawn

I. Garden Art/Recyclables

(Using recycled items, make a piece of garden art! What will it be? A fantasy creature? A work of art? A twist of metal? All garden art will be displayed on the lawn of the First Universalist Church, so make sure it's weatherproof. There are no size restrictions; you are only limited by your imagination!

J. Suncatchers

(Make a piece of art that will catch the sun and make wonderful color patterns while it hangs in a window!

CATTLE

{ CATTLE TENT – CORNER OF GREENWICH & 32A }

* 50 pts., 40 pts., 36 pts., 30 pts., 24 pts., 16 pts., 10 pts. *

RULES: Send entries by August 4th to: Jessica Goodfield, 59 Adams Rd, Athol, MA 01331. Showmanship Classes will begin at 9:30 AM sharp. General Livestock Rules & Standards and Entry forms at www.hardwickfair.com. *Purebreds will compete against other purebreds; crosses will compete against other crosses. Heifers and steer will compete separately. Classes are for animals over one year and under one year for each prospective breed and sex. There will be no individual champions of breed, and if there are less than 10 head, there will be only one overall Champion.

FEES: \$5 Entry fee per animal – Checks payable to the Hardwick Community Fair.

A. Dairy/Beef Showmanship

1. NOVICE: Age 8 years and over with no prior show experience.
2. JUNIOR: Ages 8 through 12
3. INTERMEDIATE: Ages 13 through 15
4. SENIOR: Ages 16 through 19 as of January 1, 2024.

B. Dairy

1. JR. (SPRING) CALF (born March 1 – May 31 of current year)
2. INTERMEDIATE (WINTER) CALF (born Dec. 1, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2024)
3. SENIOR (FALL) CALF (born Sept. 1, 2023 – Nov. 30, 2023)
4. JR. (SUMMER/SPRING) YEARLING (born March 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023)
5. SENIOR (WINTER/FALL) YEARLING (born Sept. 1, 2022 – Feb. 28, 2023)
6. JUNIOR CHAMPION – Rosette only (if over 10 head of each breed, otherwise there will be champion only)
7. COW CLASS (born before Sept. 1, 2022)
8. CHAMPION

C. BEEF

1. STEERS UNDER 1
2. STEERS OVER 1
3. HEIFER UNDER 1
4. HEIFER OVER 1
5. COW
6. CHAMPION STEER
7. CHAMPION FEMALE

HOME CANNING

{ TOWN HOUSE – 2ND FLOOR }

* Premiums: 3 pts., 2 pts., 1 pt. *

RULES: The products shown must have been canned in the past 12 months and made by the exhibitor. Labeling must be uniform and indicate the type of processing. The jars in each entry shall be of the same size and must be screw top. Screw bands must be removed from all jars, except maple syrup, honey, and salsa, which will be opened. All products, including jam (but not jelly), shall be sealed by processing, hot water bath for fruits and tomatoes, and pressure for vegetables. All canned goods will be returned. Youth (16 and under) and Adult (17+ years) canning will be judged separately.

A. Vegetables (2 jars, any kind)

B. Fruit (2 jars, any kind)

C. Pickles (2 jars)

1. Dill
2. Bread & Butter
3. Relish
4. Other

D. Jam

(2 jars, not less than 4 oz. each)

1. Strawberry
2. Raspberry
3. Peach
4. Blueberry
5. Other

E. Jelly (2 jars, not less than 4 oz. each)

1. Strawberry
2. Apple
3. Grape
4. Other

F. Jam/Jelly Combinations

(2 jars, any kind)

G. Collections

(3 jars, 1 jar each of 3 kinds)

1. Vegetable
2. Fruit
3. Jam/Jelly

H. Honey (strained, 2 jars)

I. Maple Syrup (2 pints)

J. Salsa (2 jars)

K. Vinegars (herbal)

SCARECROW CONTEST

{ TOWN HOUSE – CEMETERY }

* No Electronics please. Ribbons Only are awarded *

RULES: Exhibitors are responsible for mounting scarecrows for display on stakes provided by the Fair. Scarecrows should not have been exhibited at any previous Hardwick Fair. Adults (17+ years) and Youth (16 years and under) will be judged separately. Judges may change category entered at their discretion.

A. Traditional

B. Scariest

C. Most Creative

D. Recyclables

E. Mechanicals (Powered by

solar, wind, or hydro; must be

self-contained & reasonably quiet)

F. Prettiest

CHILDREN'S GAMES

{ ON THE COMMON }

* Good Old Fashioned Fun! *

RULES: Potato Sack Race (4–13 years) Egg Toss (all ages welcome!)
Foot Race (4–13 years) Pie Eating Contest (5–15 years)
Potato Toss (4–13 years)

LEGO® CONTEST

{ TOWN HOUSE, 1ST FLOOR, BACK ROOM }

* Ribbons Only are awarded *

RULES: Creations may be no larger than 1 ft. long x 2 ft. wide x 2 ft. high. Kits are allowed in the Preschool class only. Portions of kits may be used as pieces of the exhibit in other classes but cannot comprise the whole entry. Classes: Preschool (under 5 yrs.), Children (5–6 yrs.), Kids (7–8 yrs.) Youth (9–12 years), and Young Adult (13–16 years)

HARDWICK TREASURES SCAVENGER HUNT

{ NEW FOR ADULTS! }

* Ribbons and Bragging rights awarded *

RULES: In the week leading up to the Fair, find Hardwick's treasures! Rules and items to find will be available August 9th on the Hardwick Fair website: www.hardwickfair.com/scavenger-hunt
Entries due via email Thursday August 15th by noon (12:00 PM).
Winners will be announced after the Fair's opening ceremonies.

ART

{ TRI-PARISH CHURCH }

* Amateur exhibitors only. Ribbons Only are awarded *

RULES: One entry per category.

Each entry must be an original work and must have been created within the last year. *Pieces must be ready to hang or tack. Matted pieces and lightweight frames are encouraged. Please, no heavy frames or glass.* Please indicate which way is up for hanging purposes. We are not responsible for damage to frames. Entries will be hung and displayed at the discretion of the Committee. Separate classes for Children (5–8 yrs), Youth (9–12 yrs), Young Adult (13–16 yrs), and Adult (17+ yrs)

A. Oil/Acrylic

B. Watercolor

C. Pen & Ink

D. Pencil

E. Pastel/Charcoal

F. Mixed Media

G. Sculpture

H. Open Class for Seniors

(Age 65 and older)

FLOWERS

{ TOWN HOUSE – 2ND FLOOR }

* Premiums: 3 pts., 2 pts., 1 pt. *

RULES: One entry per class. Designs must be the work of the exhibitor. Exhibitor MUST grow horticulture specimens. All plant material must be fresh. Containers for cut specimens (H-I) to be provided by the Fair. Three specimens of same color and size are required in the cut specimen classes; foliage to be included. If your specimens do not have those requirements they will not be accepted for judging. The arrangements MUST stay within the measurements listed or will not be accepted for judging. Measurements include the container. Youth (16 years and under) and Adults (17+ years) will be judged separately.

THEME: "Everything but the Kitchen Sink"

ARRANGEMENTS

A. Recyclable

An arrangement using any container that would be recyclable (ie: tin can, plastic container, cardboard box, etc.)

B. Strainer

An arrangement using a strainer with primary red, green, and white in honor of pasta night.

C. Shoe

An arrangement of primarily field flowers using a shoe or boot from around your house or farm (not to exceed 18 inches in any direction).

D. Teacup (mini arrangement)

An arrangement using primarily white flowers in a teacup. (Not to exceed 7 x 7 inches.)

E. Vase

An arrangement of your choice using your best design techniques

F. Lost in the Moss – YOUTH CLASS

Must be 10 years or younger.

An arrangement in any container from around the house (or provided by Lone Birch Blossoms) and must incorporate moss.

CUT SPECIMENS

G. Perennials

1. Roses
2. Phlox
3. Asters
4. Delphiniums
5. Other

H. Bulbs, Corms, or Tubers

1. Dahlias
2. Gladioli
3. Other

I. Annuals

1. Marigolds
2. Zinnias
3. Petunias
4. Cosmos
5. Other

J. Plants

1. Hanging
 - a. Flowering
 - b. Non-Flowering
2. Non-Hanging
 - a. Flowering
 - b. Non-Flowering

* SPECIAL THIS YEAR! *

Kids (chaperoned by an adult) are welcome to pick flowers for the arrangements only at Lone Birch Blossoms located at 1805 Lower Road in Hardwick, FREE of charge on Thursday, August 15th from 3-6pm.

KIDDIE KRAFT CLASS

{ TOWN HOUSE, 1ST FLOOR, BACK ROOM }

* Ribbons Only are awarded *

RULES: One article will be accepted from any youngster 7 years and under. All entries will be judged on the Danish System.

16TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE/RACE

{ ON THE COMMON }

* Helmets Required. No e-bikes. Meet on the Common at 9:00 am *

RULES: Come join the friendly competition as we ride through the rolling terrain surrounding the Hardwick Common. This 1+/- hour intermediate trail traverses a variety of Hardwick environs, introducing the rider to our historic, local, open space, allowing for a great start to a great day!

47TH RUNNING OF THE ROAD RACE

{ ON THE COMMON }

* Arrive early if you did not pre-register. 9:00 am start *

FEES: \$25 – Pre-registration (Pre-register by August 12th)
\$30 – Registration day of the race

RULES: The race is a hilly, 5.7 mile figure eight, featuring mile markers, water stations, timed splits, bathroom facilities, and a post race raffle. The event is USATF sanctioned. For an application, please download it from www.hardwickfair.com, or send a SASE to Meg Talbot at PO Box 331, Hardwick, MA 01037. For more info. or to volunteer, please contact Meg at 413-519-8461.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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A. Color Photography

(Categories open to creative interpretation)

1. Favorite Faces
2. Macro
3. Amazing Places
4. Action
5. Pets at Their Best

B. B&W Photography

1. Portrait
2. Landscape
3. Other

C. Photo Series (3–6 photos that together tell a story; must be mounted as one piece and be ready to hang)

D. Best Photo of the 2023 Hardwick Fair

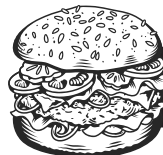
E. Filter Fun

(Any type of photo editing software may be used)

F. Aurora Borealis 2024

(Any photo – or series of photos – of this rare event!)

Hardwick Farmers Guild Burger Bash



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024
5:00 – 8:00 PM • RAIN OR SHINE!**

The Hardwick Farmers Guild invites you to cap off the 2024 Hardwick Fair with an **ALL LOCAL** Burger Bash on the town common. Smoked Brisket Burgers and Sides – raised and produced by Hardwick Farmers.

Meal Details:

\$17 per plate – includes 1 burger, 2 sides + non-alcoholic beverage
Meals also available to-go! Separate mocktail bar available

To purchase tickets:

<https://farmersguildofhardwick.org/products/hardwick-fair-burger-night>

*Tickets are limited, so get yours before they are sold out!

Tickets are non-refundable*