

# GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR



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## 2018 NEWS RELEASE

*...the best little fair around!*

### GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR EXTENDS A SPECIAL INVITE TO OPEN CLASS EXHIBITORS

Best of Show in your future? Entering your projects in the Green Lake County Fair is easy!

Think you have the tastiest chocolate chip cookies in town? Prettiest flowers? Best vegetable garden? Talented with a paint brush? Have a great eye? Whatever your passion may be, share it with your community and have the chance to win those highly coveted Green Lake County Fair blue ribbons...or even, Best of Show!



2017 Best of Show Open Class Exhibitors

Now is the time to fulfill the promises made to yourself at last years Green Lake County Fair that this year you would enter the quilt you finally finished, the strawberry jam your family loves, one of your famous flower arrangements, or that fabulous photo of your vacation. Whatever your talents are, entering your projects in the exhibits competition at the Fair is easy.

The Green Lake County Fair (August 2-5) may be months away, but planning for this summer's event is well underway! The Committee and Staff would like to remind county residents, that the Open Class Division offers an opportunity for anyone of any age, unless eligible to enter in the Junior Division, to exhibit projects showcasing new skills, refining old skills or just for the fun of it! Whatever your interest, there should be a place for it in our entry list.

Open Class Exhibitors are eligible to enter in the following Departments: Dairy, Horses, Dogs, Plant & Soil Science, Houseplants & Flowers, Natural Science, Cultural Arts, Photography, Foods & Nutrition, Clothing, Knitting & Crocheting, Home Environment and Educational Booths. Just like Junior Exhibitors, Open Class Exhibitors compete for ribbons and premium money.

Returning this year is Open Class Conference-Style judging for Photography and Foods & Nutrition. Open Class judging for these two Departments begins at 10:00 a.m. The remaining Departments require that exhibits be in place by Noon.

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● *The mission of the Green Lake County Fair is to provide positive youth development and leadership skills, along with promoting agriculture, family, and community involvement through education and tradition.* ●

The newly implemented Conference Style judging allows exhibitors and fairgoers to listen to the judge critique exhibits grouped in lot numbers. The judge must make decisions based on all articles without input from the exhibitors. After careful examination, the judge will share his/her decision as to the awards with justification based on a short explanation of the good points and items in need of improvement. This is a wonderful educational opportunity for Open Class exhibitors, as regular Open Class judging offers no contact with the judge or an understanding of the reasons for first, second, third, fourth placings or Best of Show. Whether you have exhibits entered or not, everyone is invited to observe the judging process.

The entry process is very easy and is explained in the Fairbook and online. Just bring your exhibit(s) to the Fair by 10:00 a.m. or noon (depending on what department you are entered in) on Thursday, August 2 and pick up at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 5, along with your ribbon! A premium check is mailed to each exhibitor by the end of August.

Please feel free to contact the Green Lake County Fair at 920.294.4033 or email [kim.zills@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:kim.zills@ces.uwex.edu) if you have any questions about entering the Open Class Division at the Fair!