

*Celebrating the*  
**Bounty of  
Grey County**

167th Markdale Fall Fair



**AUGUST 22ND & 23RD, 2025**

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Pat Tucker

Become a member of the Markdale Agricultural Society! Enter in exhibitions and/or attend a meeting. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month in one of the Grey Agricultural Services meeting rooms at 7 p.m.

**All welcome to join in the fair fun!**

# President's Message

It's 2025 and WE ARE BACK and Proud to Present this year's 167th Markdale Fall Fair "Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County". A Huge Thank you to our Senior Ambassador - Trinity Bechan, Junior Ambassador - Sierra Campbell, my fellow board members, Ag Society Members, and the local community for your continued and unwavering support.

The Society received a lot of positive feedback on last year's Fall Fair. Building on that success, we again are planning some special events leading up to the Fair and on Fair day to celebrate agriculture in Grey County and beyond.

Like and follow us on Social Media or check out our Website at [markdaleagsociety.ca](http://markdaleagsociety.ca) as announcements are published. Admission to the 2025 Markdale Fall Fair will again be by donation. I look forward to seeing you all on Friday evening, August 22nd for our opening ceremonies and again on the 23rd for a fun filled day and evening.

Kindest Regards

Wayne Shier, President  
Markdale Agricultural Society



**AssistExpo is proud to be part of  
Markdale Fall Fair**



## Sierra Campbell - Junior Ambassador's Message

Hi, my name is Sierra Campbell, I am 13 and in grade 8. I've really enjoyed being the Markdale Agricultural Society 2024-2025 Junior Ambassador. Throughout my time as Ambassador I have been able to participate in many things like the District 10 meeting where Trinity Bechan (my Senior Ambassador) and I got to represent Markdale. It was a lot of fun celebrating Markdale's 175th with all the Jubilee events with one of them showing a movie that was filmed in Markdale. The 2nd Annual paint night hosted by the Agricultural Society was so much fun with good snacks and lots of laughs.

The Markdale Fair is one of my favourite fairs. It is usually the first fair in our area that I attend and participate in. I have always participated in the fair by entering crafts, photography and showing livestock. I started off showing beef calves then I went to showing dairy. I always looked up to the Ambassadors giving out ribbons and handing out awards and this year I got to do it! It was so exciting to go into all the different livestock rings, attend the different events throughout the weekend and help give out the awards at the closing ceremony.

It was such an honour to be the Junior Ambassador and represent the Agricultural Society and the Markdale community. Thank you to all the sponsors of the Ambassador program and the fair. Thank you to the directors and volunteers in the community for helping with the fall fair and keeping it active. As a final note I would like to give a very big Thank you to Megan Teeter and Trinity Bechan for organizing me and taking me under their wings.

Sierra Campbell



## 2024-2025 Ambassador Competition Competitors



## Trinity Bechan - Senior Ambassador's Message

Being the 2024/2025 Markdale Fall Fair Senior Ambassador was a great honor and really made me realize what an exceptional community I am a part of. With all the support and encouragement from the countless of people in Markdale I received this year I was able to make so many incredible memories, learn a whole lot, and make some great connections.

At the Markdale Fall Fair I loved going around and speaking with all the locals and even meeting some new faces! I handed out a lot of ribbons and prizes and even got to participate in a lot of the events like the hay bale tossing contest with my dad!

I started my year off by participating in the opening ceremonies for the Dundalk Fall Fair. In November I went to the District 10 O.A.A.S meeting where I got to meet a lot of different ambassadors from the area and got to participate in a lot of fun activities that helped us recognize the power in using our voices. In December I went to Megan's Paint night and had lots of laughs and so much fun painting with Sierra. This year I also attended the O.A.A.S convention with Megan. In addition to all the amazing events I have attended this year I have also been attending the monthly Markdale Agriculture Society meetings where I have been able to help plan this year's Markdale Fall Fair!

I am so grateful to the community of Markdale for always cheering me on through everything I do. A special thank you to Elaine Smyth who has been a mentor to me for so many years and is always encouraging me to be involved in this amazing community I call home. Another big thank you to Megan and the Markdale Agriculture Society for making my year as an ambassador unforgettable.

Thank you to Sierra, the Markdale Fall Fair Junior Ambassador for always making me laugh and making sure I always have fun.

A final thank you goes out to my family for being there for me throughout my whole ambassador experience and making sure I enjoyed every single second of my time as the Markdale Fall Fair Senior Ambassador.

To the 2026 Markdale Fall Fair Ambassador, make sure to enjoy every single second of your time. Remember that no matter how young you are your voice matters a great deal so be sure to use it. Sometimes it can be hard being the youngest voice in the room but please remember that your opinions and your ideas really do matter.

I can't wait to see what next year holds for me as I leave Markdale temporarily for University and I just know that I will miss this town dearly and will be visiting constantly.

Trinity Bechan



# Ambassador Leadership Program

Competition to be held Friday night of the Markdale Fall Fair

**Committee Members:** Megan Teeter, Heather McTaggart, Elaine Smyth, Trinity Bechan, Craig Martin

**All entries must be submitted by July 31st, 2025**

Application form to be completed on the MAS website:

[markdaleagsociety.ca/ambassadors](http://markdaleagsociety.ca/ambassadors)

Any questions can be directed to [megan.teeter@markdaleagsociety.ca](mailto:megan.teeter@markdaleagsociety.ca)

## Contestant Information:

Open to males and females ages:

Senior: 17-23 years of age (as of August 1st, 2025)

Junior: 9-15 years of age (as of August 1st, 2025)

All contestants must reside in or work/attend school within 30km of the town of Markdale.

## Contest Components:

Contestants will be judged on interview, speech, community knowledge and involvement, presentation, and personality.

1. Application - biography
2. Photo session - headshots
3. Me Board (board to be provided from committee)
4. 8-10 minute judges interview
5. Speech (2025 topics)
  - Junior -> (what I see out my bedroom window: the environment, animals, location, seasons, smells)
  - Senior -> (agricultural issue or leadership)
6. \*new for 2025\* Baking Auction, Contestants will help display and auction local donated baking goods

## Opportunities:

- Markdale Fall Fair weekend (end of Aug)
- Markdale Santa Claus Parade (Nov)
- Markdale Classic Car Show (July)



- District 10 Spring and Fall Meetings (Apr/Nov)
- MAS Fundraising Events
- Local fairs and parades (by invitation)
- Senior: OAAS Convention (Feb), CNE (Aug)

Some events are not required yet highly recommended by the committee.

Ambassador school schedules come first.

### **Rules:**

- Winner of the Junior and Senior Ambassador will be required to return for Saturday of the fair to take photos, meet the public, hand out ribbons, and award the afternoon prizes.
- Winner of the Junior and Senior Ambassador will attend the District 10 Spring (April) and Fall (November) meetings. Opportunities for workshops, meeting other D10 fair ambassadors and networking.
- Winner of the Senior Ambassador will have the opportunity to attend OAAS Convention (February), and CNE (August) during their year of reign.
- Winner of the Senior Ambassador will receive a \$1000 scholarship towards post-secondary education and additional bursaries for travel and dress attire expense Monetary amount is subject to change.
- Runners up for the Junior and Senior Ambassador have the opportunity to support the winner of each division during the fair weekend.
- Runners up for the Junior and Senior Ambassador may run again the following year.

Rules may be added that are not listed above. Decisions by the committee are final.





## Farmer Wellness Initiative

Owning or working on a farm can be very stressful and isolating. Each day, farmers, their families and farm workers face unique, difficult, and stressful challenges that can lead to mental health issues. If you find yourself struggling with the impact of these stresses, that's okay, you're not alone. As a farmer, effective management of stress and mental health are important as they can impact yourself and your family, business and community.

Call toll-free for access to free, professional mental health counselling support by calling 1-866-267-6255.

Designed to help connect Ontario farmers and their families with tailored mental health support offered by licensed professionals, the **Farmer Wellness Initiative** is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Ontario-based farmers and members of farming households (including spouses/domestic partners, children, dependents and family members involved in the operation of the farm) are eligible. Each person will have access to **free confidential counselling sessions** in accordance with the Personal Health Information Protection Act (2004).



### Entering Online with AssistExpo

1. Visit: <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markdale-ag-society>
2. Log in to your account or, if you are new to entering online, create a new exhibitor profile with your name and contact information (if you have exhibited in the past, your profile will be matched up with the exhibitor number you have used in previous years).
3. Click on 'Add Entry' (found at the top of the page).
4. Click on the Classes/Sections you want to enter.
5. If entering a virtual competition, upload your photo.
6. A summary page will appear (and ask for membership payment if not already paid in 2023 for the 2024 year). If you aren't done entering yet, click on 'Add Entry' at the top of the page.
7. To finalize your entries, click Submit – you will receive an email confirmation of your entries. You can still add more entries to your exhibitor profile after this.
8. **Please print and bring your confirmation with you to Registration when dropping off your items. You will need to pay an entry fee if you did not exhibit last year.**

NOTE: If you have more than one person in your household entering the Markdale Fall Fair, you can add them in under your profile by clicking on 'Add Exhibitor' at the top of the page.

Entry forms can be submitted online starting **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025** with entries accepted at the dates/time. Find the entry form at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markdale-ag-society>

**Paper copy entry forms will also be accepted.**

## **PRIZE LIST 2025**

Thank you for picking up a prize list for the  
**167th Markdale Fall Fair on August 22nd & 23rd, 2025**

Our theme is

### **“Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County”**

You are welcome to pick up an entry form and tags at the Walter Harris Memorial Library, 75 Walker Street, Markdale, Huron Bay Co-op, 774794 Highway 10, Markdale, email us at [info@markdaleagsociety.ca](mailto:info@markdaleagsociety.ca) or just give Heather McTaggart a call at 519-377-4222 and she will be happy to mail it to you. We endeavor to use the same exhibitor numbers year after year, however we switched to AssistExpo software last year and you may not get the same exhibitor number. Once you have created an account and logged in to AssistExpo, your profile will be matched up with the exhibitor number you have used in previous years, if you have exhibited in the past. If you have any questions regarding the prize list, there is a Convenor listed at the top of each category. Please do not hesitate to contact the Convenor listed. They will be happy to help you.

**Exhibits will be accepted Thursday, August 21st from 10am to 9pm as well as Friday, August 22nd from 9am to 11:30am. Judging will take place Friday August 22nd from 1pm to 6:30pm. The Agricultural Hall (arena floor) will be closed for judging and will be open to the public starting at 7:00pm on Friday evening, August 22nd, 2025.**

Homecraft Exhibits are to be picked up from the Agricultural Hall from 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm on Saturday, August 23rd, 2025.

**Your prize money will be mailed to you following the Fair.**

Thank you for your interest and support of the Markdale Agricultural Society.  
We look forward to seeing you and your exhibits at the

**Markdale Fall Fair!**

**Entries can be submitted online ahead of time.**

**See the next page for details.**

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

FAIR CONTACT ON FAIR DAY ONLY: 519-377-4222

**PLEASE NOTE:** No prize money will be awarded for indoor exhibits unless the entry form for each entry has been completed (including address and telephone number) and returned to Secretary by 11:30 a.m., Friday, August 22nd, 2025.

We encourage all participants to register online using AssistExpo at

<https://www.assistexpo.ca/mobile/markdale-ag-society/#>; however, last minute competitors can register in the Fair office.

1. All exhibitors 18 and over must be members of the Markdale Agricultural Society. A \$7 membership fee may be applied from 2024 entry deduction or paid on entry. Any Teen or Youth exhibitor showing in an adult class must pay \$7 membership fee unless restricted.
2. The fee of \$7 entitles all persons to one membership card. Only registered members may compete.
3. A \$7.00 membership fee will be retained from all prize totals for each exhibitor, excluding specials, and applied to 2026 membership fee.
4. Unless otherwise stated, on adult prize winnings over \$10 won by any member, 10% will be retained by the Society for indoor exhibits and 15% for outdoor adult exhibits.
5. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per section in all classes unless otherwise stated.
6. All grain, fruit, vegetables, root crops must be grown in 2025 on land occupied by the exhibitor.
7. All livestock and other exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and satisfactory proof of ownership must be produced if judges so require. **All animals must be insured by owner**; the Markdale Agricultural Society assumes no risk to or caused by exhibited livestock.
8. All entries for indoor exhibits may be entered on Thursday, August 21st from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. or Friday morning, August 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to close at 11:30 a.m.. No exhibits will be accepted after 11:30 a.m..
9. No exhibits are to be removed from the exhibition hall until after 4:30 p.m. on August 23rd, or unless otherwise stated by the MC at the conclusion of the awards presentation. Prize money for prior removals will be forfeited.
10. Exhibitors and the public are strictly forbidden to enter the exhibition hall until all indoor judging has been completed.

11. No exhibitor or assistant will be allowed to interfere with any judge. Nor will anyone, on the Fair premises, use any contemptuous or abusive language to any judge or officer of the Society. Anyone doing so will forfeit their right to any prizes and will be asked to leave the fairgrounds immediately.
12. Upon the discovery of fraud, deception or dishonest practice - in the preparation, ownership, age of any article or animal in any class in which it does not rightly belong, or any representation concerning any article exhibited which may be affected - the Society will withhold payment of prize awarded and may prohibit any such person or entrant exhibiting in any class for one or more years. The Society may also publish the name of person.
13. Directors have authority to refuse any entry suspected of being diseased.
14. Judges may use their own discretion in awarding 1st or 2nd prize, and in all cases where they do not think the animal or article worthy, they can withhold the higher prize. All items are judged against class standards and given a rating: several 1st and 2nd place exhibits may be awarded in each section.
15. An exhibitor disputing prize placing/judging will be required to submit a written protest, accompanied by a \$10 fee, to the Markdale Agricultural Society. This written protest must be received BEFORE September 2nd, 2025. The Directors will meet to settle the dispute at this meeting. Disputes received after this date WILL NOT be considered. An exhibitor with a dispute regarding their prize payout will follow the same format and fee, and the protest must be received prior to the Society's Annual General Meeting held in November.
16. The exhibition hall will be open for public viewing on Friday August 22nd from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, August 23rd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to value of exhibits, admittance will be allowed only during these times.
17. All persons admitted to fairgrounds must comply with traffic and parking regulations as directed by those in charge as a precaution against injury to animals, themselves or others. Bicycles, skateboards and roller blades are not allowed in the fairgrounds during Fair. The Society assumes no responsibility should injury occur. For insurance purposes, pets must be leashed at all times.
18. While Fair Directors take every precaution under the circumstances to ensure safety of articles brought to the Fair, owners assume risk of exhibition. Should there be a loss, the Directors will give all assistance in their power toward recovery but will not make any payment for value of lost property. To ensure the safety of exhibits, exhibitors must provide their exhibitor entry form to verify ownership of exhibits from Quilt and Antique Classes prior to pick up.

19. In case of insufficient income due to weather or other conditions, the Society reserves the right to pay only a percentage of prize money to be determined at the first scheduled board meeting after the Fair.
20. The Treasurer will be prepared to issue cheques for prize money as soon as possible after the Fair. All cheques and vouchers must be cashed no later than **October 31st, 2025**. After that date, they will become null and void and the amount will go to the Society as unclaimed.
21. Prizes offered at the Fair, if not competed for, become the property of the Society.
22. Persons wanting to sell goods, tickets or any articles will be allowed to do so only by paying a fee, at the discretion of the Society. All vendors must obtain prior approval to sell goods and services, tickets or any other articles.
23. All those obtaining privileges at the Fair (fully under the control of the President, Secretary or designate) must obey directions or forfeit privileges.
24. The Directors reserve the right to change, add or delete any rule as seen fit, up to and including the Fair.

**NOTE: Prize amounts with no standings i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd are amounts for all remaining entries.**

## **LIVESTOCK**

### **RULES GOVERNING STOCK CLASSES**

1. No single animal is entitled to more than one prize in one section.
2. Each animal must be provided with a chain or halter and securely fastened and led out for judging when called on.
3. All classes must come when called. Inquire of committee in charge as to procedure of judging. This rule will be strictly adhered to.
4. Purebred must be registered. Age is as of January 1, except under one year.
5. When there are less than three entries in a livestock class, prize money will be awarded as 2nd and 3rd amounts for 1st and 2nd only.
6. Each livestock exhibitor must have proof of liability insurance.

## Class 1

### Markdale Open Invitational Showcase

**Saturday, August 23rd, 2025 at 12:00 noon.**

**Convenor: Craig Martin 519-379-6429**

All exhibitors entering in Class 1, are to enter the grounds via Cavan St. (library) entrance. This is an outdoor show rain or shine.

PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE 11:00 A.M. AT THE FAIR OFFICE IN THE ARENA.

Rules:

- a. All exhibitors are required to pay a \$7 exhibitor fee to the Fair for this Class.
- b. All exhibitors are requested to wear clean presentable attire respective to their commodity. Black pants for beef, whites for dairy.
- c. Entrants fit and groom their own animal on show day. No professional help.
- d. Sections 2 through to 17 open to exhibitors between the ages of 9 and 21 as of January 1st, 2025.
- e. Any animal entering the grounds must have a visible CCIA/RFID tag as per livestock regulations. Any animal that **DOES NOT** have a required RFID tag will be asked to leave the grounds immediately.
- f. Only one entry (animal) per exhibitor.
- g. Animals exhibiting in Section 4 must be a minimum of 3 months of age as of show day.
- h. Exhibitors in the novice section (Section 1) must be a minimum 6 years of age as of show day.
- i. Exhibits in Section 13 should be of market/finish quality at show day. At the judge's discretion, if the animal is not market quality, prize money will be awarded at half (1/2) value.
- j. **Please pre-register your animal online at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/markdale-ag-society>, if possible.**

**(next page for show sections)**

## **Novice Entrants (age 6 to 8 yrs) Sections 1.1 to 1.4:**

**Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$6, 4th: \$5, others: \$3**

- 1.1. Beef Calf born in 2025 (minimum 3 months of age)
- 1.2. Dairy Calf born in 2025 (minimum 3 months of age)
- 1.3. Beef Showmanship
- 1.4. Dairy Showmanship

## **Open Classes:**

**Prizes: 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$15, 4th: \$10, others: \$8**

2. Junior Dairy Heifers Born March 1st, 2025 to May 31st, 2025
3. Intermediate Dairy Heifers Born December 1st, 2024 to February 28th, 2025
4. Senior Dairy Heifers Born September 1st, 2024 to November 30th, 2024
5. Summer Dairy Yearling Born June 1st, 2024 to August 31st, 2024
6. Junior Dairy Yearling Born March 1st, 2024 to May 31st, 2024

### **GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY HEIFER Prize: \$10**

7. Junior Dairy Showmanship (ages 9 to 12 yrs)
8. Junior Beef Showmanship (ages 9 to 12 yrs)
9. Intermediate Dairy Showmanship (ages 13 to 16 yrs)
10. Intermediate Beef Showmanship (ages 13 to 16 yrs)
11. Senior Dairy Showmanship (ages 17 to 21 yrs)
12. Senior Beef Showmanship (ages 17 to 21 yrs)

### **GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY SHOWPERSON Prize: \$10**

### **GRAND CHAMPION BEEF SHOWPERSON Prize: \$10**

### **SUPREME CHAMPION SHOWPERSON Prize: \$10**

13. Market Animals
14. Junior Beef Calves - Born 2025 (minimum 3 months of age)
15. Intermediate Beef Yearlings Born August 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024
16. Junior Beef Yearling Born April 1st, 2024 to July 31st, 2024
17. Senior Beef Yearling Born January 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2024

### **GRAND CHAMPION BEEF HEIFER Prize: \$10**



# Gymkhana

## Rules:

1. **All entrants are required to register and pay a \$20.00 fee to the Fair for this Class. There is no fee for anyone participating in Leadline Classes ONLY but entrants are still required to register at the Fair office. Please register at the Fair office inside the arena.**
2. All participants must provide proof of insurance at time of registration. Insurance and an Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF) membership can be purchased at <https://ontarioequestrian.ca/>; however, all insurance providers that provide at least \$5,000,000 of Personal Liability Insurance will be accepted.
3. Helmets must be worn by exhibitors under 18 years of age; however, we strongly encourage adults set a positive example for our younger participants and wear a helmet. Wear your lids kids! All adults who wear a helmet will be entered in a draw to win a special prize.
4. Safe attire is mandatory including heeled footwear.
5. Cruelty to animals will not be tolerated under any circumstances and any contestant doing so will be asked to leave immediately.
6. We encourage all participants to register online using AssistExpo at <https://www.assistexpo.ca/mobile/markdale-ag-society/#>; however, last minute competitors can register in the Fair office on the day of the Gymkhana, spots permitting. If no registration is filled out and paid for, the rider will be disqualified.
7. Exhibitors may wear English or Western attire for all classes.
8. Leadline competitors cannot travel faster than a trot.
9. Winners receive ribbons at the event and a cheque for winnings will be sent in the mail.

**The goal of the fair is for all riders to remain safe and have fun. Even if you have never competed before or can only trot, please come out!**

**Competitors! Come ready to answer questions about your horse, horses and horseback riding.**

**Register early! Event starts at 10 a.m.!**

## **Class 2**

# **Gymkhana**

**Convenor: Jess Walker**

**Contact: 519-477-0676 or E-mail [walkerjesika@gmail.com](mailto:walkerjesika@gmail.com)**

**Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$5, 4th: \$3, 5th: \$2**

1. Leadline Keyhole Dash
2. Junior Keyhole Dash
3. Senior Keyhole Dash
4. Leadline Pole Bending
5. Junior Pole Bending
6. Senior Pole Bending
7. Leadline Barrels
8. Junior Barrels
9. Senior Barrels
10. Leadline Down and Back
11. Junior Down and Back
12. Senior Down and Back
13. Leadline Novelty
14. Junior Novelty
15. Senior Novelty

**Lou Thibaudeau Memorial Junior Horseperson Award Prize: Trophy -**

Leadline contestants will be eligible for Lou Thibaudeau Memorial Junior Horseperson Award.



## **Class 3**

### **Pet Show**

**Convenor: Joyce Hawken 519-986-2507**

**Sign up on Saturday, August 23th, 2025 by 1:00 p.m. Show starts at 1:15 p.m.**

Rules:

- a. One (1) pet per exhibitor 12 years of age and under (accompanied by an adult).
- b. Please have your pet in the show area on time.
- c. Exhibitors must supply their own cages and all pets must be on a leash and/or under control by exhibitor.
- d. Pets can be entered in one or more sections.
- e. Rabies' certificates must be available upon request.
- f. Please stoop and scoop!
- g. NOTE: No birds can be shown at the Fair this year.

**Prizes: 1st: \$5.00, 2nd: \$4.50, 3rd: \$4.00, 4th: \$3.50, 5th: \$3.00**

Sections:

1. Best dressed pet
2. Cat or kitten
3. Dog or puppy
4. Small pet (not a cat or dog)
5. Photo of your pet that you can't bring to the fair to share - must be a 4" x 6" photo that is printed)
6. Favourite stuffed animal (for a child who does not have a pet)

**167 Years - Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL** - Each child who enters a pet in the show, will have their name added to a draw for a prize.

**Prize: Gift**  
**donated by the Hawken Family**

### Notice

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Any remaining items following the fair will not be held longer than 1 week.

For arrangements please contact the fair secretary at:

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## Class 4

### O.A.A.S. Agricultural Competitions

# Honey & Maple Syrup

Winners in Sections 1 and 2 will be eligible to compete in the District 10 competition. The winners at the District 10 competition will be able to enter in the Provincial competition in 2026.

The entries at the fair level, District level and Provincial level must be from the same batch. Should you win, 2 containers are required to move on to District 10. Should you win at the District level, 2 additional containers are required to move on to the Provincial Competition.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$45, 2nd: \$35, 3rd: \$20

#### 1. O.A.A.S. Liquid Honey Competition - 2025 President's SPECIAL

Grade: Pure, Ontario #1, White

One (1) Clear glass container having a capacity of 500 grams (375 ml). All other containers will be disqualified. - Prize money generously provided by Markdale Agricultural Society President, Wayne Shier.

#### Rules:

- Exhibitors of honey must be registered beekeepers and the exhibits shown by them must be pure honey from floral sources in their apiaries.
- Entry must be made solely by the person or family entering the competition.
- Entries must be labelled on the BOTTOM of the container only with a supplied entry number or identifier. No other labels will be permitted.
- Any honey entry containing any form of foreign material will be disqualified from the competition.
- Honey will be judged using the standards printed in the O.A.A.S. Agriculture and Horticulture Judging Standards for Ontario Fairs. An approved colorimeter will be used to assess the colour.

## **Judging Standards:**

### **Appearance - 45 points available**

- 15 - Density
- 10 – Brightness
- 10 - Flavour and aroma
- 5 - Uniformity
- 5 – Colour

### **Clarity - 45 points available**

- 15 - Free from crystals
- 15 - Free from pollen, wax, etc.
- 15 - Free from air bubbles, either in suspension or as froth

### **Containers - 10 points available**

- 5 - Pleasant appearance, of equal size and shape
- 5 - Uniform level of fill

- In addition to class specific rules, standard Markdale Fall Fair Exhibitor Fees and Rules will apply.

## **2. O.A.A.S. Maple Syrup Competition - 2025 President's SPECIAL**

Grade: Canada Grade A - Amber

One (1) Container: Each sealed in a 250 ml Kent style bottle. - Prize money generously provided by Markdale Agricultural Society President, Wayne Shier.

### **Rules:**

- Entry must be made solely by the person or family entering the competition.
- Only one entry per family.
- Please attach the Markdale Fall Fair entry tag to the handle.
- No additional labels are allowed.
- Please use a 250 ML curved Kent Style glass bottle (D & G #505188 syrup bottle w/handle) or equivalent.
- All other containers will be disqualified.
- Syrup must be hot packed (185° - 190° F or 85° - 91° C) and sealed with a lid.
- Maple Syrup will be judged using the standards printed in the OAAS Agriculture & Horticulture Judging Standards for Ontario Fairs. An approved maple syrup colorimeter will be used to assess the colour.

## **Judging Standards**

40% Flavour  
30% Density  
20% Colour  
10% Clarity

In addition to class specific rules, standard Markdale Fall Fair Exhibitor Fees and Rules will apply.

## **Class 5 Field Crops**

**Convenor: Gord Strutt 519-986-3359**

### **Rules:**

- a. Hay to be shown in 6" - 8" flake tied in two places (or equivalent).
- b. Haylage, approx. 1/2 bushel to be shown in a clear plastic bag.

**Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2**

1. Hay 1st cut, primarily (at least 75%) legume
2. Hay 1st cut, primarily (at least 75%) nonlegume
3. Hay 2nd cut
4. Haylage
5. Baleage
6. Barley - 2 row - 5 stalks
7. Barley - 6 row - 5 stalks
8. Oats, approx. 1/2 bushel, shown in a bag or box
9. Wheat, approx. 1/2 bushel, shown in a bag or box
10. Corn, 5 stalks for silage, tied in a sheaf
11. Corn, longest stalk, not including roots
12. Corn, largest cob
13. Corn, 1 closed ear, to be opened during judging
14. Largest sunflower head
15. Longest sunflower stalk - including head but not roots

## **Class 6**

### **Vegetables**

Convenor: Amanda Reaman Phone: 519-530-8204

Committee: Rebecca Gillen, Alyssa Gillen

#### **Rules:**

- a. All produce to be grown by the exhibitor or family.
- b. Quantities to be exact as specified.
- c. Remove loose soil from specimens but do not wash.
- d. Entries to be shown in firm containers as appropriate.
- e. Exhibitor tags to be affixed securely to each entry.

#### **Sections 1 through 20:**

**Prizes: 1st: \$4.00, 2nd: \$3.00, 3rd: \$2.50**

1. Beans, green - five (5), calyx, tip & portion of stem attached
2. Beans, yellow - five (5), calyx, tip & portion of stem attached
3. Beets, long - three (3), tops trimmed 2.5cm (1") above crown
4. Beets, globe - three (3), tops trimmed 2.5cm (1") above crown
5. Carrots, long, 18cm-20cm (7"- 8") - five (5), tops trimmed 2.5cm (1") above crown
6. Carrots, intermediate, 13cm-15cm (5"-6") - five (5), tops trimmed 2.5 cm (1") above crown
7. Corn, sweet - three (3), 1/3 of husk and silk should be removed
8. Cucumbers, slicing - three (3), short stem left on
9. Cucumbers, pickling, 5cm-10cm (2"-4") - five (5), short stem left on
10. Garlic - three (3) bulbs, roots trimmed to 0.6cm (1/4"), stems to 1.3cm (1/2")
11. Onions, cooking - three (3) unpeeled, only jagged edges removed
12. Onions - three (3) largest unpeeled, only jagged edges removed
13. Patti Pan Squash - three (3) 5cm-10cm (2"-4")
14. Potatoes, red - three (3)
15. Potatoes, white - three (3)
16. Squash, any variety other than Zucchini - two (2), short stem left on
17. Tomatoes, red - three (3), calyx attached



- 18. Zucchini, not over 25cm (10") - three (3), short stem left on
- 19. Zucchini, longest specimen - one (1), short stem left on
- 20. Romanesco (cauliflower) - one (1) - 2.265 kg (5lb) max

### **Sections 21 through 24:**

**Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$3**

- 21. Collection of three (3) different vegetables, two (2) of each vegetable. **prize money donated by Markdale and District Horticultural Society.**
- 22. **Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL** - a collection of squash displayed in a basket for an autumn table centerpiece.
- 23. Collection of four (4) different varieties of leafy vegetables (leaves, stems eaten as vegetables, also known as 'greens'), exhibited in a clear container of water.
- 24. **Lorne Hellyer Memorial SPECIAL** - Three (3) largest potatoes to be displayed in a basket, total weight as determined by judge. **prize money donated by the Hellyer family.**
- 25. A collection of at least eight (8) varieties of vegetables artistically arranged in a suitable container. Collection will be judged for quality and originality of display. **Prizes: 1st: \$20, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$10**

**May Howes Memorial SPECIAL** - Exhibitor with most points in Class 6 Vegetables, sections 1-20 **Prize: \$10 sponsored by Anonymous Donor**



# FLORICULTURE

**Convenor: Sharon Ludlow 519-986-2352**

**Committee: Jackie Fitzsimmons and Rosa Grinschgl**

**Rules:**

- a. Junior members are restricted to the Junior Class.
- b. House and patio plants/cut flowers must have been grown by the exhibitor for the last three months.
- c. Diseased or infected plants will be disqualified.
- d. Exhibitor tags to be tied securely to each entry; tags stuck into pots, cut flowers or arrangements will be disqualified.
- e. Only one entry per section per exhibitor.
- f. If a person wins a special prize, the amount of the special prize will replace the normal prize in that section.

## Class 7

### House Plants

**Prizes: 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2**

**For sections 1 - 10:**

1. African Violet, single crown
2. Cactus
3. Dish Garden
4. Fern, any variety (not asparagus)
5. Rex Begonia, one specimen per pot
6. Succulent, any variety (not cactus)
7. House plant, most unusual, named
8. House plant, in bloom (any one not already listed)
9. House plant, non-flowering (rarely blooms) grown for its foliage - any one not already listed
10. Spider plant

**Judge's Choice in Class 7 Prize: \$15 gift certificate donated by Vanvugt Greenhouses.**

### **ON-LINE FACEBOOK SILENT AUCTION**

**AUCTION BIDS open from 8:00 a.m. on Aug 8<sup>th</sup> and close time for bids will be 6:00 p.m. on Aug 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pick-up is Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Markdale Ag Society's storage building at King Edward Park (beside the arena)**

**If you are unable to pick up your item on August 20<sup>th</sup>, please contact Ruth Ann Hellyer at 519-986-3036.**

Watch our Facebook page for this event and bid on a wide variety of donated items through the Ontario Hibid Auction format to support the Fair!

## **Class 8**

### **Patio Plants**

**Prizes: 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2**

**For sections 1 - 10:**

1. Any trailing plant for foliage
2. Begonia, fibrous, in bloom, one specimen per pot
3. Begonia, tuberous, in bloom, one specimen per pot
4. Fuchsia, in bloom, one specimen per pot
5. Geranium (Pelargonium), in bloom, one specimen per pot
6. Geranium (Pelargonium), grown for foliage, one specimen per pot
7. Plant grown from a bulb, corm or tuber (other than Begonia)
8. Planter, with at least three (3) different varieties of Coleus
9. Planter of Hens and Chicks growing in an unusual container.
10. **"Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County" SPECIAL**

**Prizes: 1st: \$25 gift certificate, 2nd: \$20 gift certificate, 3rd: \$15 gift certificate.** 1st prize provided by The Ontario Seed Company; 2nd and 3rd prizes provided by Annan-Way Nursery.

- an outdoor container (could include flowers, veggies, grasses, or grains).

**Judge's Choice in Class 8 Prize: \$20 Gift certificate provided by Annan-Way Nursery.**

## **Class 9**

### **Cut Flowers**

#### **Rules:**

- a. Flowers to be exact in number, one over or under, exhibit will be disqualified.
- b. All specimens to be displayed with own foliage unless otherwise noted. Remove foliage below water line.
- c. Buds showing colour will be considered blooms.
- d. Place top-heavy cut flowers in weighted containers.
- e. All cut flowers to be judged as arranged.
- f. No valuable containers/vases please.
- g. Gladiolus - ideal spike should have 1/3 open florets, 1/3 buds showing colour, 1/3 buds not showing colour.

**Prizes: 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2**

#### **For sections 1 to 40:**

1. Aster, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
2. Begonia, Tuberous, 1 bloom floating freely in a clear bowl (no foliage)
3. Calendula, 5 stems
4. Cosmos, 3 stems
5. Dahlia, 1 bloom under 6"
6. Dahlia, 1 bloom over 6"
7. Dahlia, 1 bloom floating
8. Dahlia, 3 different cultivars (kinds), 1 bloom each
9. Echinacea, 3 stems
10. Geranium (Pelargonium)  
1 flower head with foliage attached
11. Gladioli, different colours, 3 spikes
12. Gladiolus, solid colour, 1 spike
13. Gladiolus, bicolour, 1 spike
14. Heuchera/Heucherella - best display of leaves  
exhibited for artistic effect and cultural perfection
15. Hosta, collection of 3 leaves  
named if possible
16. Hydrangea, round form, 1 stem

17. Hydrangea, conical form, 1 stem
18. Lily (Lilium), Asiatic or Oriental hybrid, 1 stem
19. Marigold, over 7.5cm (3") in diameter, 3 stems
20. Marigold, under 7.5cm (3") in diameter, 3 stems
21. Ornamental grass, in bloom, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
22. Petunia, 1 cultivar, same colour, 3 sprays
23. Petunia, 1 cultivar, bi-colour, 3 sprays
24. Phlox, perennial, 3 stems
25. Rose, floribunda, 1 spray
26. Rose, hybrid tea, 1 specimen bloom
27. Rose, miniature, 1 spray
28. Rose, different, 3 stems
29. Rose, 1 bloom floating freely in a clear bowl  
(no foliage)
30. Roses, best display (minimum of 6 blooms)  
exhibited for artistic effect and cultural perfection
31. Rudbeckia, collection of five (5) stems
32. Salvia, annual, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
33. Sedum, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
34. Snapdragon, dwarf type, 3 stems
35. Snapdragon, rocket type, 3 stems
36. Sunflower, 1 stem with the most blooms
37. Zinnia, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
38. Any annual not listed, 3 stems or sprays, identify
39. Any perennial not listed, 3 stems or sprays, identify
40. Collection of a minimum of five (5) different cut flowers

**Judge's Choice in Class 9 Prize: \$20 Gift certificate  
provided by Annan-Way Nursery.**

## **Class 10**

### **Floral Design**

#### **Rules:**

- a. Fresh flowers to be used in floral design unless otherwise specified.
- b. Flowers in designs DO NOT need to be grown by exhibitor unless otherwise specified.
- c. All designs viewed from one side unless otherwise indicated; background materials/accessories allowed.
- d. Wiring and tying permitted if not visible.
- e. No soil permitted in floral design (Class 10).

#### **1st prize for sections 1 through 5 donated by Riverside Greenhouses:**

1. **"Story Time"** - a design depicting a children's poem, fairy tale or book. **Prizes: 1st: \$10 Gift Certificate, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**
2. **"A Blast of Colour"** - a design using at least four (4) different colours. **Prizes: 1st: \$10 Gift Certificate, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**
3. **"Sunny Side Up"** - an interpretative design using shades of yellow. **Prizes: 1st: \$10 Gift Certificate, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**
4. **"The Farm Lane"** - a design using fresh materials from fields and roadsides. **Prizes: 1st: \$10 Gift Certificate, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**
5. **"Romantic Little Vase"** - a miniature design in a vintage bottle or vase. (Definition: a design with maximum dimensions no more than 12.7cm (5") in height, width and depth including any container, base and/or accessories.) **Prizes: 1st: \$10 Gift Certificate, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**
6. **"Waterfall"** - a cascade design. **Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**
7. **"Edibles"** - a design using herbs and flowers that are edible. **Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**
8. **"Brimming Basket"** - a design in a basket filled with one kind of flower. **Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**
9. **"A Little Twisted"** - a design incorporating some branches and/or vines. **Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**
10. **"Still Waters"** - a water-viewing design. (Definition: a traditional line design with a dominant line of plant material and great use of space, in a shallow container with one-half to two-thirds of the container surface showing water.) **Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**

11. **"Forest Beauty"** - a design of exhibitor's choice incorporating driftwood or other weathered wood and woodland materials with emphasis on vegetation used. **Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**
12. **"Tea for Two"** - a design in a teapot, flowers should complement the colour(s) of the container. **Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**
13. **"Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County" SPECIAL:** a design in a crock featuring a variety of flowers, and/or veggies, grains, and grasses. **Prizes: 1st: \$15 gift certificate, 2nd: \$10 gift certificate, 3rd: \$5 gift certificate provided by Vanvugt Greenhouses.**

**Judge's Choice in Class 10 Prize: \$25 Gift Certificate provided by Westside Nurseries & Greenhouses Ltd.**

**Most Points in Floriculture Classes 7-10 (combined).**

Vida and Leslie Hawken Memorial SPECIAL to receive a gift donated by the Hawken and Hanna families.



## **Class 11**

### **Bottled Goods**

**Convenor: Ruth Ann Hellyer**

**Questions call 519-986-3036**

**Rules:**

- a. Only one entry per section per exhibitor.
- b. All jars must be clean.
- c. All entries must be sealed, except sections 4 and 5, 20-21.
- d. Fasten tags to jars, not lids. Use elastic bands if possible.
- e. Entries should not contain food colouring.

**Prize money for the Bottled Goods - Class 11 donated by Florence Hellyer.**

**Sections 1 to 19:**

**Prizes: 1st: \$5.00, 2nd: \$4.50, 3rd: \$4.00**

#### **Sauces, Jams & Jellies**

Sections 1 through 10 must be in pint (500 ml) or half-pint (250 ml) jars.

1. Applesauce
2. Peach jam
3. Raspberry jam
4. Raspberry freezer jam
5. Strawberry freezer jam
6. Marmalade - any variety
7. Black Currant jelly
8. Crab Apple jelly
9. Grape jelly
10. Red Pepper jelly



## **Pickles, Relishes and Sauces**

Sections 11 through 19 must be in quart (litre) or pint (500 ml) jars.

11. Sweet Dill Cucumber pickles - no garlic
12. Icicle pickles
13. Bread and Butter pickles
14. Sour Dill Cucumber pickles
15. Beets, pickled

## **Pickles and Relishes**

Must be in quart (litre) or pint (500 ml) jars.

16. Chili sauce
17. Corn relish
18. Zucchini relish
19. Ripe Cucumber relish

## **Salsa and Sauces**

Salsa and sauces must be in small jars but must contain at least 1/2 cup (125 ml). Jars do not have to be sealed.

**Prizes: 1st: \$4.00, 2nd: \$3.50, 3rd: \$3.00**

20. Salsa, cooked - mild or medium only
21. Cranberry sauce

**Florence Hellyer SPECIAL: Exhibitor with most points in Class 11**

**Prize: \$25**

**Judges Choice in Class 11 - Bottled Goods to receive: Prize: \$25**

## **Class 12**

### **Baking**

**Convenor: Ruth Ann Hellyer**

**Questions call 519-986-3036**

**Rules:**

- a. One entry per section per exhibitor.
- b. Exhibits to be shown on a clean, sturdy, disposable plate inside a sealed clear plastic bag, unless otherwise stated.
- c. No plate required for loaves, pies or cakes.
- d. All layer and decorated cakes may be shown in a clear, plastic dome container or otherwise covered.
- d. NO PLASTIC SHRINK WRAP.
- e. Minimum size of cakes to be 8" X 8", single layer, unless otherwise stated in section description.
- f. Tags to be taped to the outside of the bags or domes (with clear tape).
- g. Temper new aluminum foil pie plates (or pans) at 400 F for 10 minutes.

**Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3 - Unless otherwise stated**

#### **Bread and Scones:**

1. Sourdough bread loaf
2. Three scones (triangle-shaped) no fruit, may be glazed

#### **Cookies and Brownies:**

3. Three chocolate chip cookies - (2 - 2.5" diameter round)
4. Three ginger cookies (no nuts) - (2 - 2.5" diameter round)
5. Three brownies, each 2" square (not iced)

#### **Muffins and Loaves:**

6. Three blueberry muffins
7. Three morning glory muffins
8. Lemon loaf
9. Zucchini loaf
10. Banana loaf

### **Cakes:**

11. Carrot cake (iced)
12. Upside down cake

### **Tarts and Pastry:**

13. Three cherry tarts
14. Three pecan tarts
15. Baked pie shell, no filling

### **Pies:**

1/4 of 9" pie (smaller sizes will be disqualified).

16. Dutch Apple pie
17. Blueberry pie with lattice crust
18. Rhubarb pie with double crust

### **Diabetic or Special Diet:**

19. Three banana muffins (label the special diet: Diabetic; gluten-free, etc. and include recipe)

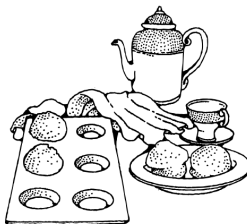
### **SPECIALS:**

20. **Marilyn Davis Memorial SPECIAL- Apple Pie, double crust, full pie** in memory of Marilyn Davis **Prizes: 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$10 sponsored by Stacey Ludlow**
21. **BRAN MUFFIN SPECIAL: 5 Bran Muffins (recipe next page)** **Prizes: 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$15, \$10 sponsored by Hellyer/Beavis Family**

One of our lifetime honorary members, **Florence Hellyer** is sharing her recipe for Bran Muffins!

### **Bran Muffins**

2 tablespoons white sugar  
Butter size of an egg  
1 egg  
1 cup sour milk  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 cup flour  
1 cup bran  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt



Beat together egg, sugar and butter. Add the bran and soda which has been mixed in the sour milk. Add flour and salt.

Drop into muffin tins and bake for about 20 minutes in a preheated 375 degree oven.

22. **Florence Hellyer SPECIAL** - Plate of 3 butter tarts and 3 pecan tarts.  
**Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$6 . 1st prize donated by Zion Friendship Group, in honour of long-time member, Florence Hellyer and 2nd and 3rd prizes donated by Gloria Cheeks.**
23. **167th Markdale Fall Fair -Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL - Decorated cake** (To be shown on a foil-covered board with cake covered. If plastic wrap is used, it should not touch the cake.) Minimum size 9" x 11" to maximum size 13" x 18". Cake to be judged on decoration; all decorations must be edible. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners to be retained by the Markdale Agricultural Society to be served at the Opening Ceremonies. **Prizes: 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$40, 3rd: \$27**

**CHAMPION BAKER AWARD - 2025 Champion Baker** Exhibitor with most points in Class 12 will be declared the 2025 Champion Baker and will receive \$50. **Prize: \$50**

**Class 13**  
**O.A.A.S. Butter Tart Competition**  
**(No fruit, no nuts, no raisins, no pecans)**

Rules:

- a. Entry must be made solely by person entering the competition (including pastry).
- b. Tarts must be full size tarts (no mini or bite size tarts).
- c. Tarts must not contain fruit or nuts (i.e. no raisins, no pecans).
- d. Tarts to be shown on a clean, sturdy, disposable plate (no paper plates) inside a sealed clear plastic bag.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$3

**1. Six (6) butter tarts**

Winner of the Butter Tart Competition is eligible to compete in the District 10 competition in the Fall of 2025. Winner of District competition will then advance to the Provincial competition held in February, 2026.

Rules:

**District Competition**

1. The entrant must have won the butter tart competition at the local Fair/Exhibition to be eligible to enter the District Competition.
2. The size of the tarts must be full size tarts (no mini or bite size tarts).
3. A total of 6 tarts will be required to be shown.
4. Tarts must not contain fruit or nuts (i.e. no raisins, no pecans).
5. Tarts must be on a clean, sturdy plate (no paper plates) inside of a clear plastic bag with the exhibitor's name and address using the entry tag provided.
6. Prize money to be paid by the District.

**Provincial Competition**

7. The entrant must have won the District Competition to be eligible to enter the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies' Competition at the convention.
8. In the case where the District winner is unable to send an entry to the convention then the 2nd prize district winner will be eligible to enter.
9. The size of the tarts must be full size tarts (no mini or bite size tarts).
10. A total of 6 tarts will be required to be shown.
11. Tarts must not contain fruit or nuts (i.e., no raisins, no pecans).

12. Tarts must be on a clean, sturdy plate (no paper plates) inside of a clear plastic bag with the exhibitor's name and address, and District represented, using the entry tag provided.

13. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries will not be returned to exhibitor but will be placed for auction at the convention.

**Provincial Prize Money:** 1st: \$50.00; 2nd: \$30.00; 3rd: \$20.00; donated by **Gay Lea Foods Co-operative**.

## **Class 14**

### **Quilts and Quilting**

**Convenor: Nancy Strutt 519-986-3359**

**Note: Quilts will be covered with protective plastic.**

Rules:

- a. One entry per section per exhibitor.
- b. Samples to be attached with a safety pin - NO STRAIGHT PINS.
- c. Entries to have been made in the last two (2) years.
- d. **ENTRY TAG for quilts must have the name of the maker, quilter and the pattern name on the back of the tag.**
- e. To qualify for the O.A.A.S. competitions the quilt must have a minimum perimeter of 324" and have been made and quilted by the exhibitor.
- f. Exhibitor must provide their copy of the exhibitor entry form to verify ownership of their Class 14 exhibits prior to pick-up at the close of the Fair.

#### **Hand Quilting (Sections 1-3):**

**Prizes: 1st: \$20, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$12**

1. Quilt, pieced
2. Quilt sampler, each block being different
3. Quilt, any other variety

**Markdale Fall Fair Grand Champion Quilt - Hand Quilted** Chosen from all 1st place winners in sections 1-3 **Prizes: 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$20 1st prize donated by Bluewater Quilters' Guild; 2nd prize donated by Queen's Bush Quilters' Guild**

**O.A.A.S. Hand Quilted Champion Quilt** Chosen from all 1st place winners in sections 1-3, provided that the quilt has a minimum perimeter of 324" and has been made and quilted by the exhibitor. If the quilt is eligible to be entered in the O.A.A.S. District 10 competition held in the Fall of 2024, the maker will receive \$100. **Prize: \$100**

**For (Sections 4-6):**

**Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6**

4. Quilt, lap or throw size
5. Quilt, crib (approx. 36" x 44"), original, not a panel
6. Quilt, crib (approx. 36" x 44") preprinted panel

**Machine Quilting - Long or Short Arm Sewing Machine (Sections 7-10):**

**Prizes: 1st: \$20, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$12**

7. Quilt, pieced
8. Quilt, appliquéd
9. Quilt, pieced and appliquéd
10. Quilt, any other variety

**Markdale Fall Fair Grand Champion Quilt - Machine Quilted / Reserve**

Chosen from all 1st place winners in sections 7-10 **Prizes: 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$20 1st prize donated by Quilting for You - Carol Anne Tolton 2nd prize donated by Queen's Bush Quilters' Guild**

**O.A.A.S. Machine Quilted Champion Quilt** Chosen from all 1st place winners in sections 7-10, provided that the quilt has a minimum perimeter of 324" and has been made and quilted by the exhibitor. If the quilt is eligible to be entered in the O.A.A.S. District 10 competition held in the Fall of 2024, the maker will receive \$100. **Prize: \$100**

**For (Sections 11-13):**

**Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6**

11. Quilt, suitable for a child's bed (approx. 48" by 60")
12. Quilt, crib (approx. 36" by 44") original, not a panel
13. Quilt, crib (approx. 36" by 44") preprinted panel

## **Open Quilting - Hand or Machine:**

**Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$7, 3rd: \$6**

14. Quilted wall hanging
15. Quilt top, not yet quilted
16. Pair of quilted potholders, must be matching
17. Article of paper-piecing

## **Class 15**

### **Sewing and Needlework**

**Convenor: Nancy Strutt**

**Phone: 519-986-3359**

Rules:

- a. One entry per section per exhibitor.
- b. Samples to be attached (where possible) with safety pins - NO STRAIGHT PINS.
- c. Entries to have been made in the last two (2) years.

**Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3 - Unless otherwise stated**

1. Apron, any style
2. Lady's blouse or top
3. Adult sleep pants
4. Child's costume
5. Any sewn article using a serger
6. Zipper pouch
7. Useful kitchen article made from scraps
8. An article made from flannel
9. Two potholders, matching
10. Two placemats, matching
11. Two oven mitts
12. Table runner
13. Tote bag
14. Felted article
15. Scrunchie wristlet
16. Purse made out of natural material
17. Decorative pillow for a child's room
18. Article made out of one metre or less
19. Article of sewing not listed



20. **COMMUNITY CHALLENGE SPECIAL** - A quilt block (9 inches by 9 inches) designed to celebrate Markdale Jubilee - celebrating 175 years. The jubilee logo must be sewn on the back of the quilt block. All blocks will become property of the Markdale Agricultural Society and will be displayed in locations around Markdale. **Prizes: 1st: \$10, others: \$5**

**Needlecraft:**

**Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3 - Unless otherwise stated**

- 21. Needlepoint, any article
- 22. Counted cross-stitch article

## **Class 16**

### **Knitting and Crocheting**

**Convenor: Jennifer Strutt**

**Questions regarding Class call Nancy Strutt 519-986-3359**

Rules:

- a. One entry per section per exhibitor.
- b. Samples to be attached (where possible) with safety pins - NO STRAIGHT PINS.
- c. Entries to have been made in the last two (2) years.

#### **Knitting (Sections 1-21):**

**Prizes: 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2**

- 1. Child's animal or monster hat
- 2. Child's mitts, one pair, size to 6 years
- 3. Child's bulky knit sweater, size to 6 years
- 4. Baby/toddler socks, one pair
- 5. Youth's hat, size 7 to 14 years
- 6. Youth's mitts made from self-stripping yarn, one pair, size 7 to 14 years
- 7. Youth's socks, one pair, size 7 to 14 years
- 8. Youth's pullover, size 7 to 14 years
- 9. Knitted gift for a baby, at least two items
- 10. Adult hat/toque
- 11. Adult mitts, one pair
- 12. Adult socks, one pair

13. Adult brimless hat
14. Adult headband
15. Adult socks, one pair
16. Adult fancy sweater
17. Adult sweater using cable work
18. Knitted farm animal
19. Cushion, 20" or less (shown on pillow form)
20. Knitted zipper pouch
21. Amigurumi (stuffed yarn creature) small enough to fit on palm of the hand

### **Crocheting (Sections 22-33):**

**Prizes: 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2**

22. Child's hat/toque
23. Child's sweater
24. Child's dress
25. Adult hat
26. Adult scarf
27. Crochet farm animal
28. Crochet zipper pouch
29. Cushion, 20" or less (shown on pillow form)
30. One table centerpiece, over 12", mounted
31. 3 Granny squares, each with a different pattern, mounted
32. 3 Scrubbies
33. Kitchen set of at least 2 items (dishcloth, pot holder, etc.)

### **Afghans (Sections 34-38):**

Construction as indicated, no smaller than 48" x 48"

34. Crocheted afghan, not pieced **Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$4**

### **Afghans:**

Construction as indicated, no smaller than 48" x 48"

**Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$6, 3rd: \$4**

35. Crocheted afghan, in mock quilt pattern
36. Crocheted afghan, ripple or zigzag pattern
37. Knitted afghan, not pieced

38. **Blanche McCullough Memorial Special: A collection of 5 knitted or crocheted flowers. Prizes: 1st: \$10, others: \$5**

## **Class 17**

### **Crafts**

**Convenor: Janie Hanna 519-986-2874**

Rules:

- a. One entry per section per exhibitor.
- b. Entries to have been made in the last two (2) years.

**Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3**

#### **Sections 1-20:**

1. Article made from recycled material
2. Mason jar lantern
3. A fairy garden to sit on an outdoor porch
4. Handcrafted jewellery
5. Hand painting on a stone
6. Article made from a clay pot(s)
7. Accessory for a baby's room
8. Craft incorporating old dishes or glassware
9. Handmade doll
10. Stained glass panel no larger than 20" x 20" (not fabric)
11. Painted sign for your home
12. Sketch of a place in Grey County, named
13. A Watercolour, any subject, ready to hang
14. Painting, any subject, any medium
15. Decoration using a letter of the alphabet
16. Be creative using Scrabble tiles
17. A garden ornament, any medium
18. Wind chimes
19. Homemade stepping stone
20. An Inukshuk, under 14 inches in any direction

## **SPECIALS:**

**Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$6**

21. **Traditional Hooked Article** - any discipline (primitive, shading, pictorial, abstract)
22. **Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL** - design a table runner using the theme

## **Class 18**

### **Seniors**

**Convenor: Janie Hanna 519-986-2874**

Rules:

- a. Restricted to exhibitors 65 years of age or older.
- b. One entry per section per exhibitor.
- c. Samples to be attached (where possible) with a safety pin - NO STRAIGHT PINS.
- d. Entries to have been made in the last two (2) years.

**Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3**

1. Handmade child's toy or puzzle
2. Button-on hanging kitchen towel
3. Article suitable for a bazaar, price of materials not to exceed \$10
4. Three (3) sets of vintage salt & pepper shakers - shown in a small box for security
5. A knitted cowl or infinity scarf
6. Handcrafted shopping bag, any medium
7. Handmade gift for a grandchild
8. Heating pad for your neck
9. A craft you learned as a child
10. Fall centerpiece - using handmade and/or natural material
11. Two mug rugs
12. Tea cozy, any medium, displayed on a teapot
13. Small handmade gift for a friend
14. Your hand written recipe book
15. An item saved from your childhood - with a short story

## **Specials:**

**Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$6**

16. **Our History SPECIAL** - 3 pictures of previous Markdale Fall Fairs mounted and named (with history if possible)
17. **Oldest Exhibitor SPECIAL** - A handmade article made by the exhibitor in the last two (2) years. To qualify for this special, the exhibitor must state his/her age on the entry tag.
18. **Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL** - Page of exhibitor's handwriting mounted on cardstock. Page may be embellished. "O' Canada".

*O Canada!*  
*Our home and native land!*  
*True patriot love in all of us command.*  
*With glowing hearts we see thee rise,*  
*The True North strong and free!*  
*From far and wide,*  
*O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*  
*God keep our land glorious and free!*  
*O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*  
*O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*

## **Class 19**

### **Special Occasions**

**Convenor: Janie Hanna 519-986-2874**

Rules:

- a. One entry per section per exhibitor.
- b. Samples to be attached (where possible) with a safety pin - NO STRAIGHT PINS.
- c. Entries to have been made in the last two (2) years.

**Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3**

1. Re-usable gift bag
2. A pillow - with a special occasion theme
3. Hand-made Christmas tree (no larger than 36")

4. Two placemats
5. Hostess gift (value under \$10)
6. An Easter basket - decorated eggs/accessories allowed
7. Door decoration
8. Canada Day decoration
9. Table runner
10. Fabric pumpkin
11. Thanksgiving Day decoration
12. Hallowe'en mask
13. Ghost or Witch, any medium
14. Trick or Treat loot bag
15. Painted pumpkin - real or artificial
16. A candle mat
17. Table centerpiece
18. Christmas tree skirt
19. Four (4) different Christmas tree ornaments
20. Christmas stocking
21. Nativity scene, any medium
22. A Christmas figure, any medium (eg. elf, reindeer)
23. Any article for a special occasion not listed.

### **SPECIAL:**

24. **Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL** - Any article in keeping with the Fair's theme **Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$8, 3rd: \$6**

## **Class 20**

### **Woodworking**

**Convenor: Ruth Ann Hellyer 519-986-3036**

Rules:

- a) One entry per section per exhibitor.
- b) No painting on articles unless otherwise stated. Clear coat finish only.
- c) Entries to have been made in the last two (2) years.

**Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3**

**Sections:**

1. Wooden game (puzzle, cribbage board, etc.)
2. A novel item of woodworking
3. Turned article
4. Flower box or tote
5. Beverage box or tote
6. Article made from wood cookie slice(s)
7. Article made from twigs
8. Article with carving
9. Bird feeder or house
10. Display box

**Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL - Exhibitor with most points in Class 20 to receive Prize: \$25**

**Class 21****Scrapbooking & Paper Crafts**

**Convenor: Ruth Ann Hellyer 519-986-3036**

Rule:

a. One entry per section per exhibitor. Additional rules noted below.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$4, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2

**Crafts:**

1. Article made of folded paper
2. Hand-crafted gift bag - may be hand-crafted or decorate an existing bag
3. Three gift tags, mounted and inside a clear bag or sleeve
4. Quilled picture, not larger than 18 inches in any direction
5. Article of paper cutting

**Jigsaw Puzzles:**

Rule: a. Puzzle must be framed and ready to hang.

6. People, maximum of 200 pieces
7. Activity, minimum of 250 pieces
8. Rural community, minimum of 500 pieces
9. Farm, minimum of 1,000 pieces

**Greeting Cards Rules:**

- a. No envelope unless otherwise specified.
- b. Blank inside of card - no verse(s), stamping, or decorating.
- c. Display entry in clear bag or sleeve.

**Greeting Cards:**

- 10. "Celebration" - e.g. Wedding, Baby Shower, Birthday, Invitation etc. - open technique
- 11. "Special Occasion" - mixed media
- 12. "Happy Birthday" - must include stamping technique
- 13. "Happy Anniversary" - any technique, but must have a hand-crafted envelope

**Colouring Page Rules:**

- a. Single page only.
- b. Page must be coloured in crayons or pencil crayons - no markers.
- c. Page must be mounted and displayed in a clear bag or sleeve.

**Colouring Page:**

- 14. Animals
- 15. People
- 16. Scene
- 17. Open

**Scrapbooking Page Rules:**

- a. Single page only. Entries with scrapbook page on reverse side will be disqualified.
- b. Scrapbook page to be 12" x 12".
- c. Page must include title, photo(s), and journaling. Please no digital scrapbooking.
- d. Photos do not have to be taken by exhibitor, but the work on the scrapbooking page must have been done by the exhibitor.
- e. Page to be covered with a clear page protector.



## Scrapbooking Page:

18. "167 Years", any page illustrating the Markdale Fall Fair in its last 167 years
  19. "Celebrating", any page illustrating a celebration in your family current and/or in the past.
  20. "Bounty of Grey County" any page illustrating harvest in Grey County.
- Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL** - Exhibitor with most points in Class 21 **Prize: \$25**

## Class 22

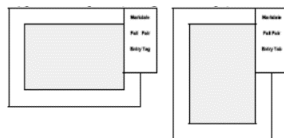
### Photography

**Convenor: Joyce Hawken 519-986-2507**

#### Rules:

- a. Prints to be original size, no enlargements and no cropping.
- b. Mount each print on 6" x 8" white card, railroad or Bristol board.
- c. Do not use photo corners to attach pictures to the Bristol board.
- d. Photos to have been taken by the exhibitor.
- e. Please tape the exhibitor tag to the upper right-hand corner. Please do not cover any portion of the picture (see diagram for example). Do not use staples.
- f. Photos to have been taken within the last two (2) years.
- g. Disqualification may result if rules are not followed.
- h. The Markdale Fall Fair is a family event. Any photos not suitable for family viewing will not be judged or displayed.

**NOTE: If more than 10 entries in Section, 4th prize will be awarded of \$1.50.**



**Prizes: 1st: \$3.00, 2nd: \$2.50, 3rd: \$2.00**

## **One Colour Photo 4"x6"**

1. Lighthouse
2. Rainbow(s)
3. Fishing "Look what I caught"
4. Close up of a spider
5. Hummingbird
6. The beauty of springtime
7. Fruit on a tree (eg. apple, pear, peach etc.)
8. "Oh Canada"
9. Wild animal(s)
10. Park ride in action
11. Cave(s)
12. Scarecrow fall decorations
13. Beauty of icicles or formations
14. Beauty of a snow fall
15. Winter fun activity
16. Working on the farm
17. Pet(s) portrait
18. 4-H Pet
19. Silly hat(s)
20. First day of school
21. Child(ren) trying to help
22. Shades of pink
23. Painted face(s)
24. At the feeder
25. Beauty in the sky (eg. sunrise or sunset)
26. Blooming flower
27. Biking
28. Summer family photo
29. Action shot
30. Fluffy clouds - "What can I see in the clouds?"
31. Christmas parade
32. Summertime fun in or on the water
33. Front porch fall decorated
34. Waves in action along the shore
35. Mirror reflection (eg. pond, mirror, lake etc.)
36. 2024 Markdale Fall Fair Junior Exhibits
37. 2024 Markdale Fall Fair - "Fun at the Fair"

- 38. Still life - garden vegetables
- 39. View looking through something

**One Black & White Photo 4"x6"**

- 40. Landscape
- 41. Tree roots and bark close up
- 42. Photographer's choice

**Two Photos, each 4" x 6"**

Sections 43 and 44 must have two (2) photos, each section mounted on white bristol board. No larger than 11"x15".

**Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3**

- 43. Bug(s)
- 44. Flower(s)

**Four Photos, each 4"x6"**

Sections 45 and 46 to be four (4) photos mounted on one sheet of white Bristol board. No larger than 11" x 15".

**Prizes: 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$4**

- 45. Four (4) different waterfalls
- 46. Four (4) different animals

**CELEBRATING THE BOUNTY OF GREY COUNTY SPECIAL - Most Points in sections 1-46 (combined) donated by the Hawken Family**  
**Prize: Gift \$20**  
**donated by the Hawken Family.**



## **Class 23**

### **Fair Day Photography**

**Convenor: Ruth Ann Hellyer 519-986-3036**

All entries to be e-mailed by September 1st, 2025 to  
info@markdaleagsociety.ca

Rules:

- a. All photos (unless otherwise stated), to be taken at the 2025 Markdale Fall Fair.
- b. Only one entry for each section from an exhibitor.
- c. Name each image file with section number (and caption where indicated).

**First place photographs become the property of the Markdale Agricultural Society.**

**Prizes: 1st: \$8, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2**

1. Honey/Maple syrup display
2. Enjoy the ride! (i.e. midway, horse/pony, stroller etc.)
3. Fair food
4. An Exhibitor (exhibiting or competing)
5. A child/youth with their pet or 4-H project/entry at the fair
6. Prize winning pumpkins
7. An outdoor "Welcome to the Fair" display (at fair/arena site)
8. Show off your theme (a display/exhibit)
9. Generations at the Fair! (i.e. Grandpa/Grandma, parent, child)
10. Your President in action at the Fair
11. Black and white photo at the Fair
12. Isn't that sweet! (featuring baking displays)
13. A prize-winning quilt at the Fair
14. Your favourite floral entry
15. Show your veggies
16. Ambassadors(s) in action at the Fair
17. Your choice (not already listed)\* include caption below photo
18. An amusing photo/event from your Fair (Be creative.)

## **Class 24**

### **Antiques & Collectibles**

**Convenor: Sarah Morris 519-921-1316**

Note: All entries will be secured behind a screened, protected area

Rules:

- a. One entry per section per exhibitor.
- b. An antique is recognized as any piece at least 50 years old.

Collectibles at least 25 years old, may be older.

- c. Historical interest and approximate date of entry would be appreciated but is not necessary for a prize.
- d. Items will be judged on rarity and age. Items with some conditional problems are allowed.
- e. Secure small items with a protective clear bag or covering.
- f. Exhibitor must provide their copy of the exhibitor entry form to verify ownership of their Class 24 exhibits prior to pick-up at the close of Fair.

#### **Photographs**

- a. **No photocopies or newspaper clippings (unless otherwise stated).**
- b. Photographs to be displayed in frame or clear plastic bag or sleeve.
- c. Photographs may include people.
- d. People and/or location to be named if possible.

**The Antiques and Collectibles Class is sponsored by ReDiscovered on Marsh Antiques & Vintage, Clarksburg, Ontario.**

**Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2**

#### **Be True To Your School:**

- 1. Jacket from a high school
- 2. Pennant from a high school
- 3. Year book
- 4. Graduation program
- 5. School ring
- 6. School pin

### **Around the House:**

7. Vintage or antique phone
8. Phone book
9. Calendar
10. Encyclopedia volume
11. Yard stick
12. Vintage video game (game only, not the system)
13. Board game

### **From the Parlour:**

14. Doily or doily set
15. Article of embroidery
16. Embroidered or cross stitched sampler
17. Post card addressed to a Grey County address
18. Travel souvenir
19. Camera
20. Flower vase
21. Flower frog
22. Radio (no cabinet style, must be able to sit on a mantle or table)
23. Musical instrument

### **From the Kitchen:**

24. Handheld beaters
25. Apron
26. Mixing bowl
27. Hand written, original recipe
28. Nut grater
29. Butter ladle
30. Flour sifter
31. Kitchen scale

### **From a Child's Bedroom:**

32. Piggy bank
33. Newspaper clipping of a birth announcement
34. Baby's hospital I.D. Bracelet
35. Valentine
36. Baby's shoe(s) or boot(s)

37. Picture book/story book

**Christmas:**

38. Tree stand

39. Card

40. Cookie cutter (Christmas themed only)

41. Plate

42. Decoration in its original box

43. Star or angel tree topper

**From the Garden:**

44. Seed catalog

45. Almanac

46. Picture of garden

47. Hand-tools for gardening

**Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County:**

48. Harvest photo

49. Spring blooms photo

50. Vintage/antique photo of farming equipment

51. Aerial photo of farm

52. Livestock photo

53. 4-H memorabilia

54. Photo of show animal

55. Photo of local festival, picnic or fair

56. Local handcrafted item

**TWEENS & TEENS**  
**Class 25**  
**Ages 11-17 years old**

**Convenor: Joyce Hawken 519-986-2507**

**Rules:**

- a. No membership fee for Markdale Agricultural Society required to show in class.
- b. One entry per section per exhibitor.
- c. No soiled work.
- d. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
- e. Samples required where possible.
- f. Baking exhibits to be shown on a clean, sturdy, disposable plate (no paper plates) inside a sealed clear plastic bag.
- g. Refer to "Rules" listed in Class 6 - Vegetables, Classes 7-10: Floriculture and Class 22: Photography.
- h. Points in this Class are not included in the Future Farmer Award.

**Prizes: 1st: \$5.00, 2nd: \$4.50, 3rd: \$4.00**

**Crafts & Collections:**

1. Create something from recycled materials
2. Decorate a fly swatter
3. Diamond painting
4. A pencil sketch
5. Acrylic painting
6. Create a Tic Tac Toe game board - "be creative"
7. Make an emergency first aid kit for a hiking trip (minimum 6 items)

**Baking:**

8. Three (3) decorated sugar cookies
9. One (1) slice of apple pie (1/6 slice of a 9" pie)
10. Three (3) Coconut raspberry tarts



## Photography:

Prize money for sections 11 to 16

**Prizes: 1st: \$3.00, 2nd: \$2.50, 3rd: \$2.00**

11. My favourite season
12. Fun in the water
13. Family pet(s)
14. Group selfie "Silly Faces"
15. New Years Eve fun
16. What I made "cooking or baking"

## **167 Years - CELEBRATING THE BOUNTY OF GREY COUNTY**

**SPECIAL Exhibitor with the most points in sections 1-16 to receive a gift prize. Prize: Gift \$20 donated by Joyce Hawken**

## Flowers:

Prize money for Tweens & Teens Flower sections donated by Nicole Carter, RMT.

**Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$2**

17. A design using only one colour (greenery and accessories allowed).
18. "Wildest Dream" (Taylor Swift song) - a design of wildflowers, foliage or branches to illustrate her song.
19. "Little Red Riding Hood" - a design using red flowers in a small basket. **Prizes: 1st: \$5.00, 2nd: \$4.50, 3rd: \$4.00**



## **Class 25 Future Farmer of the Year Award**

### **FUTURE FEMALE FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The girl, age 13 and under, receiving the most points in Junior Classes 26 - 33 (including crafts, vegetables, baking, flowers and photography) will receive the annual Future Female Farmer of the Year Award of \$10.

Prize money donated by Zion Friendship Group.

### **FUTURE MALE FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The boy, age 13 and under, receiving the most points in all Junior Classes 26 - 33 (including crafts, vegetables, baking, flowers and photography) will receive the annual Future Male Farmer of the Year Award of \$10.

Prize money donated by Zion Friendship Group.

**Winners to be announced Saturday, August 23rd, 2025!**

## **JUNIOR FAIR**

Rules:

- a. No membership fee for Markdale Agricultural Society is required to exhibit in the Junior Fair.
- b. One entry per section per exhibitor.
- c. Unless otherwise stated, all pictures to be 21.5cm x 28cm or 8-1/2" X 11" in measurement.
- d. Additional prize ribbons may be awarded at judges discretion.

## **Class 26**

### **Junior Crafts - Up to 2 years old**

**Convenor: Jackie Kilgour 519-373-3863**

**Prizes: 1st: \$2.50, 2nd: \$2.00, 3rd: \$1.50**

1. Painting made with Q-tips
2. Best colouring page
3. Handprint animal
4. Sticker collection - "farm animals" (8 ½" x 11")
5. Collection of five (5) things you would find on a nature walk - display inside a 32oz mason jar
6. Cut out and glue any four (4) pictures to a piece of paper

**Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL Prize to be awarded to the exhibitor with most points in Class 26. Prize: \$5 donated by the Kilgour family.**

## **Class 27**

### **Junior Crafts - Ages 3 to 5**

**Convenor: Jackie Kilgour 519-373-3863**

**Prizes: 1st: \$2.50, 2nd: \$2.00, 3rd: \$1.50**

#### **Sections:**

1. Item using recycled toilet paper roll(s)
2. Blow painting with a straw, "Monsters"
3. Hand printing, write "Markdale Fall Fair"
4. Paint/decorate small trinket box
5. Trace yourself, cut out and paint/decorate, theme "Scarecrow"
6. Stamp art, theme "Gift for someone special"
7. Sponge painting - "Summer scene"
8. Any item using recycled item(s)
9. Original work of art - any media not previously listed
10. Draw a poster (11" x 17") - "My Mom and/or Dad"

**Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL - Prize to be awarded to the exhibitor with most points in Class 27. Prize: \$5 donated by the Kilgour family.**

## **Class 28**

### **Junior Crafts - Ages 6 to 9**

**Convenor: Jackie Kilgour 519-373-3863**

**Prizes: 1st: \$3.00, 2nd: \$2.50, 3rd: \$2.00**

#### **Sections:**

1. Paper collage scene - "Farm scene"
2. Create a pipecleaner animal
3. Hand sewn felt farm animal
4. Four (4) sentences, hand printing - describe your favourite autumn activity
5. Fork stamp picture "Tulips"
6. Draw, colour and label the life cycle of a plant
7. Draw your favourite animal and colour it

8. Creation using Perler Beads
9. Create a wreath for any season
10. Masterpiece in a jar
11. Original work of art - any media not previously listed
12. Make a greeting card "Happy Birthday"
13. Any art project using recycled item(s)
14. Repurpose a shoe box
15. Draw a poster (11" x 17") - "My favourite summer activity is..."

**Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL - Prize to be awarded to the exhibitor with most points in Class 28. Prize: \$5 donated by the Kilgour family.**

## **Class 29**

### **Junior Crafts - Ages 10 to 13**

**Convenor: Jackie Kilgour 519-373-3863**

**Prizes: 1st: \$3.50, 2nd: \$3.00, 3rd: \$2.50**

#### **Sections:**

1. String art - theme "my favourite character"
2. Make a pop up Christmas card
3. Ten (10) sentences, hand printing - "If I had magic powers I would..."
4. Magnet using shrink paper
5. Tin can luminary
6. "Gift in a jar" (not cookies) - with instructions
7. Tie dye pillowcase
8. Zentangle colouring page
9. Article made with knitting loom
10. Hand draw and colour your favourite cartoon character.
11. Diamond art - any size media
12. Original work of art - any media not previously listed
13. Repurpose a shoe box
14. Pat McKenzie SPECIAL - Create a garden scene using Lego, not a kit (no larger than 10" x 10") **Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2, others: \$0 prize money donated by Zion Friendship Group.**
15. Draw a poster "Our Family Values" (11" x 17")

16. **Kerri Stafford Memorial SPECIAL - Draw a picture of my favourite activity to do in my community.** To be drawn on an (8" x 10") sheet of white paper and coloured with crayons or pencil crayons.

**Prizes: 1st: \$10, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$3, others: \$0**

**Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL - Prize to be awarded to the exhibitor with most points in Class 29. Prize: \$5 donated by the Kilgour family.**

## **Class 30**

### **Junior Eggs & Vegetables**

**Convenor: To be determined**

Rules:

- a. Open to all ages up to 13 years.
- b. Vegetables to be shown in firm container.
- c. Where specified, vegetables to be exact in number.

**Prizes: 1st: \$3.00, 2nd: \$2.50, 3rd: \$2.00 - Unless otherwise stated**

1. Eggs, one (1) dozen
2. Beans, green - five (5) (calyx, tip and portion of stem attached)
3. Beets, long or globe - three (3) tops trimmed 2.5cm (1") above crown
4. Carrots, long or intermediate three (3) tops trimmed 2.5cm (1") above crown
5. Corn, sweet - three (3) 1/3 of the husk and silk should be removed
6. Cucumbers, slicing three (3) short stem left on
7. Onions, cooking three (3) unpeeled, only jagged edges removed
8. Potatoes, red - three (3)
9. Potatoes, white - three (3)
10. Tomatoes, red - three (3) calyx and short stem attached
11. Tomato - one (1) calyx and short stem attached - heaviest by weight
12. Zucchini - one (1) short stem left on - longest
13. Potato - one (1), with the most 'eyes' on your potato as recorded by you on the exhibitor tag. (Judge's determination will be final.)
14. 'Animal' made from fresh plant materials (for example - roots, leaves, stems, etc.) - accessories allowed. **Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$2 donated by Sharon Ludlow.**

## **Class 31**

### **Junior Baking**

**Convenor: Jackie Kilgour 519-373-3863**

Rules:

- a. Open to all ages up to 13 years.
- b. Exhibits to be shown on a clean, disposable plate (no paper plates) inside of a sealed clear plastic bag.

**Prizes: 1st: \$3.50, 2nd: \$3.00, 3rd: \$2.50**

**For Ages up to 5 years old:**

1. Create a marshmallow "Turkey", displayed on a plate.
2. Candy skewer - judged on decoration only
3. Three (3) no-bake cookies - one variety

**For Ages 6 to 9 years old:**

4. Create a candy necklace - judged on decoration only
5. "Dirt dessert" displayed in a clear glass bowl or cup
6. **Pat McKenzie SPECIAL- Three (3) carrot cake muffins**

**Prizes: 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$3, 3rd: \$2**  
**donated by Zion Friendship Group.**

**For Ages 10 to 13 years old:**

7. Carrot cake with cream cheese icing, made in a loaf pan, displayed on a plate
8. Mug brownie - judged on taste (recipe must be attached)
9. Three (3) decorated cupcakes
10. **O.A.A.S. PLAIN CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE COMPETITION (no nuts)**

Eight (8) plain chocolate chip cookies.

**Prizes: 1st: \$20, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$10**

Rules:

- a. Open to youth up to age 15 years (as of December 31, 2023)
- b. Cookies must be no larger than 3" (3.75cm) and no smaller than 2" (5cm).

c. Recipe must be attached.

Markdale Fall Fair's winner is eligible to compete in the District 10 Competition held in the Fall of 2024.

Winner of the District 10 Competition will then advance to the O.A.A.S. Provincial Competition held in February 2025.

**District Competition:**

1. The winner from Markdale Fall Fair will be eligible to enter at the District Competition.
2. District entry must consist of 8 cookies displayed on a clean, sturdy plate (no paper plates) inside of a clear plastic bag with the exhibitor's name and address using the entry tag provided.
3. Plain chocolate chip cookies, with no nuts, must be no larger than 3" (6.75cm) and no smaller than 2" (5cm).
4. Prize money to be paid by the District.

**Provincial Competition:**

5. The entrant must be the winner from the District Competition.
6. In the case where the District winner is unable to send an entry to the Convention, then the 2nd place District winner will be eligible to enter.
7. The entry for the Convention must consist of 8 cookies displayed on a clean, sturdy plate (no paper plates) inside of a clear plastic bag with the exhibitor's name, address and District represented using the entry tag provided.
8. Plain chocolate chip cookies, with no nuts, must be no larger than 3" (6.75cm) and no smaller than 2" (5cm).

**Provincial Prize Money: 1st: \$20.00; 2nd: \$15.00; 3rd: \$10.00**

## **Class 32**

### **Junior Flowers**

**Convenor: Sharon Ludlow 519-986-2352**

Rules:

- a. Open to all ages up to 13 years.
- b. Flowers must be fresh, of good quality, uniform in size and in suitable container.
- c. Flowers to be exact in number, one over or under, exhibit will be disqualified.
- d. A bud showing colour is considered a bloom.
- e. Foliage is allowed and using flower's own foliage where possible is suggested. Remove foliage below water line.
- f. Place top-heavy cut flowers in weighted containers.
- g. Exhibitor tags to be tied securely to the entry.
- h. NO PRIZE will be awarded unless entry shows sufficient merit.

**Prizes: 1st: \$3.00, 2nd: \$2.50, 3rd: \$2.00 - Unless otherwise stated**

1. Dahlia, 3 blooms.
2. Echinacea (Cone Flower), 3 blooms
3. Gladiolus, 1 stem, no side shoots.
4. Marigold, large (over 5cm (2") in diameter), 3 blooms.
5. Marigold, small (under 5cm (2") in diameter), 3 blooms.
6. Sunflower, 1 stalk - the main stem of the plant, may have multiple blooms)
7. Zinnia, any variety, 3 blooms.
8. "My favourite flower" - (a single bloom with greenery) in a container of your choice.
9. "Toy Time" - a design or bouquet of flowers (may include greenery) in a toy.

**Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$2**

10. "A Little Weedy" - a design or bouquet of fresh wild flowers (may include greenery) in a bottle or mason jar.

**Prizes: 1st: \$6, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$2**



## **Class 33**

### **Junior Photography**

**Convenor: Joyce Hawken 519-986-2507**

Rules:

- a. Open to all ages up to 13 years.
- b. Photos to have been taken by the exhibitor.
- c. Photos to be printed on photo paper.
- d. Photos to be standard 4" x 6" size and mounted on 6" x 8" sheet of white construction paper/Bristol board.
- e. Please tape the exhibitor tag to the upper right-hand corner. Please do not cover any portion of the picture (see diagram in Class 22 for example). Do not use staples.

**Prizes: 1st: \$2.50, 2nd: \$2.00, 3rd: \$1.50 - Unless otherwise stated**

1. Favourite holiday
  2. My pet
  3. Reflections in water, mirror or glass
  4. Summertime fun
  5. "I'm proud I made this" (i.e. craft, art, cooking, baking, etc.)
  6. The beauty of winter
  7. Elf on the shelf Christmas "Mischief" (include the elf/elves)
  8. What a view on a bike ride!
  9. Group selfie at event or on vacation (2 or more faces)
  10. Silly photo taken with Snapchat filter
  11. **Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County SPECIAL** - Six (6) different 4" x 6" photos mounted on one sheet of white Bristol Board no larger than 16"x16" (maybe smaller). "Your favourite photos of Grey County"
- Prizes: 1st: \$7, 2nd: \$5, 3rd: \$3**

## **Class 34**

### **Grey County Farm Safety Association Poster**



#### **Fair Prizes:**

1<sup>st</sup> \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3

#### **Grey County Farm Safety Association Prizes:**

1st \$15; 2nd \$10; 3rd, \$5

All posters to be on a half sheet of Bristol board.

Lettering to be limited to 25 words or less.

All entries must be clearly marked with age, name, mailing address, grade, school and teacher name (if submitted through school).

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries in each class shall be submitted to Grey County FSA. These entries will then be entered into the FSA Grand Prize Competition where the board will judge all submitted posters and award the following prize money for each of the Classes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15. Cheques will be delivered to the schools or mailed to the recipients.

Grey County Farm Safety Association (FSA):

Paul McQueen (Secretary), 705-444-8056, [greycountyfsa@gmail.com](mailto:greycountyfsa@gmail.com)

#### **Prizes: 1st: \$20, 2nd: \$14, 3rd: \$8**

1. Grades 1 & 2 - The Dangers of Open or Flowing Waters Around the Farm
2. Grades 3, 4 & 5 - Fire Hazards Around the Farm
3. Grades 6, 7 & 8 - How to Protect Yourself Around the Farm



## **Class 35**

### **Grey County Federation of Agriculture (GCFA) SPECIAL**

All entries require the GCFA logo to be visible.

All worthy entries after 1st, 2nd and 3rd receive a \$1 prize.

**Prizes:** 1st: \$5, 2nd: \$4, 3rd: \$3, others: \$1

#### **Preschool:**

- 1. Print and colour a picture of farm animal(s)**

#### **JK-SK:**

- 2. Create an animal using recycled materials (paper towel roll, egg carton, etc.)**

#### **Grade 1 - Grade 3:**

- 3. Paint a farm scene - maximum size 12" x 12"**

#### **Grade 4 - Grade 6:**

- 4. Make and paint a tractor sculpture out of popsicle sticks**

#### **Grade 7 to Grade 8:**

- 5. Build a farm out of LEGO - maximum 12" x 12"**

#### **Grade 9 and Up:**

- 6. Poetry - Agriculture themed - no more than 24 lines.**  
- Agriculture themed - mounted on bristle board/card stock no larger than 12"x12"

### **O.A.A.S. District 10 Poster Competition**

## **Junior - Intermediate - Senior**

### **Rules:**

- a. "Promoting Your Fair" - Name and date of Markdale Fall Fair must be clearly shown on poster.
- b. Poster must be hand drawn.
- c. Poster size:
  - Minimum approximately 22cm x 28cm
  - Maximum approximately 28cm x 44cm, without border
- d. Each entry must be centered on a BLACK CARDSTOCK or BRISTOL BOARD exposing approximately a 5.5cm border on all four sides.
- e. Affix a label on reverse of poster noting exhibitor's name. The winning poster from each class at Markdale Fall Fair competition will be eligible to enter the District 10 competition in November 2025.

## **Class 36**

### **O.A.A.S. District 10 Junior Poster Competition**

#### **Youth up to Grade 4**

**Prizes: 1st: \$20, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$10**

### **Sections:**

1. **Hand drawn poster depicting the theme of the Fair: 167th MARKDALE FAIR - "Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County"**  
Clearly showing the name/dates of the Fair, i.e. Markdale Fall Fair, August 22-23, 2025.

## **Class 37**

### **O.A.A.S. District 10 Intermediate Poster Competition Grades 5 to Grade 8**

**Prizes: 1st: \$20, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$10**

**Sections:**

- 1. Hand drawn poster depicting the theme of the Fair: 167th  
MARKDALE FAIR - "Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County".**  
Clearly showing the name/dates of the Fair, i.e. Markdale Fall Fair,  
August 22-23, 2025

## **Class 38**

### **O.A.A.S. District 10 Senior Poster Competition Grade 9 to Grade 12**

**Prizes: 1st: \$20, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$10**

**Sections:**

- 1. Hand drawn poster depicting the theme of the Fair: 167th  
MARKDALE FAIR - "Celebrating the Bounty of Grey County"**  
Clearly showing the name/dates of the Fair, i.e. Markdale Fall Fair,  
August 23-24, 2025

## ***THANK YOU!!***

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