



2014 Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day Information Packet

March 22, 2014, 9:00AM – 3PM
University of Connecticut
Greater Hartford Campus
1800 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT

Registration Deadline: February 3, 2014
Textile Arts Entries submitted on March 22, 2014
Art Contest Entries submitted on March 22, 2014

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Schedule

9:00 a.m. Registration – Zachs Community Room

9:30 a.m. Opening Announcements – Zachs Community Room

9:45-10:45 Session I

- **Talent Show**

Workshops – Please choose one

Photo Editing and Graphics Design made Simple

Professionals know that every photo needs help to look its best. But how do the rest of us give our photos that professional touch? In this hands-on session you will learn to use cloud based photo editing software and Microsoft PowerPoint to fine tune your photos and prepare them for use in presentations, the web and posters.

Introduction to Weaving

What is a warp, a weft and a heddle and what do you do with that shuttle? Participants in this workshop will have an opportunity to learn the basics of the ancient art of weaving as they make a simple project. There will be opportunities to practice on small table looms as well as learning how to use other textile tools.

Pass the Beads Please

Sign up for this hands-on workshop to learn beading techniques. Younger or less experienced participants will create an introductory project and older, more experienced participants will make a project with bead weave technique.

My Style

Learn about what colors look best on different people and styles that best accentuate your silhouette. Discover colors and styles that look best on you – are they what you thought they would be? Try on a variety of colors, shades, and clothing styles such as crew necks, v-necks and learn about different waistline styles. Create a new look or enhance the style you know is great for you already!

Ribbon Wreaths – Using wire coat hangers shaped into a ring, participants will create a beautiful holiday wreath by cutting ribbons/fabric to appropriate length and tying them around the ring.

11:00-12:00 Session II

- **Fashion Revue modeling workshop for all Fashion Revue participants**
- **Senior Fashion Revue evaluations for Court of Honor by appointment**

Workshops Repeated – Please choose one

- **Photo Editing and Graphics Design Made Simple – see description above**
- **Introduction to Weaving – see description above**
- **Pass the Beads Please – see description above**
- **My Style – see description above**
- **Ribbons Wreaths – see description above**

12:15-1:00 Lunch – Zachs Community Room – School of Social Work

1:00-3:00 Awards Program in the Library Building Auditorium

This portion of the event includes the 4-H Fashion Revue, Talent Show and award presentations

Overview

Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day is an exciting one-day event providing participants with the opportunity to celebrate the 4-H Expressive Arts in Connecticut. The day will include the Connecticut 4-H Fashion Revue, the 4-H Photography & Art Contest, 4-H Textile Arts Contest and the 4-H Talent Show. Workshops, lunch and an awards program complete the day. All youth and adult participants must register and pay a registration fee. A registration form is included in this packet.

The purpose of this packet is to distribute complete and concise information on the objectives, eligibility requirements and guidelines for each of the contests and events happening on this day.

Registration forms for all activities must be received no later than close of business on Monday, February 3, 2014.

Photography entries must be submitted by February 3rd.

Art entries must be submitted at the event on March 22 no later than 9:30 a.m.

Textile Arts entries must be submitted at the event on March 22 no later than 9:30 a.m.

Objectives

- To develop life skills in communication and expressive arts
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate their creativity through expressive arts
- To develop poise and self confidence before an audience
- To provide a state level expressive arts showcase for 4-H members
- To provide the opportunity for 4-H members to receive feedback about their projects and also to receive recognition for their work

Workshops

Workshops will be offered which allow participants to expand their expressive arts horizons. The workshops will give participants the opportunity to use their creativity and, learn new skills. Fashion Revue participants may select a workshop during Session I, however, during the second session they will participate in the Fashion Revue Dress Rehearsal/modeling workshop. Talent Show participants will be able to select a workshop during Session II.

Eligibility Requirements

- Events are open to all registered Connecticut 4-H members ages 7-19.
- Age is determined on January 1, 2014.
- All adults and youth attending the day must register and pay a \$10.00 registration fee. Registration forms must be received no later than close of business on Friday, February 3, 2014.

Health Forms for Youth Not Accompanied by Parent

If a parent or guardian will not be accompanying a youth participant to Expressive Arts Day, the chaperon accompanying the youth must have a 4-H Member/Volunteer health form in his or her possession for each participating member not accompanied by a parent or guardian. The health form must be signed by the youth's parent or guardian. Participants not accompanied by an adult must complete the 4-H Member/Volunteer health form and submit at the registration check in.

Directions to UConn Greater Hartford Campus

Take I-84 east/west to Exit 43, Park Road. Turn right onto Park Road and immediately left onto Trout Brook Drive. Turn left onto Asylum Avenue and take the first right. Parking is available on Saturday behind the Library building when you first enter the campus. Visitor parking is also available beyond the intersection of Trout Brook Drive and Asylum Avenue. Visitor parking lots are on the right, opposite the campus.

Guidelines and Evaluation Information for the 4-H Fashion Revue

All 4-Hers (ages 7-19) are invited to participate in the Fashion Revue at Connecticut Expressive Arts Day. This event replaces any county fashion revue programs that might have occurred in the past. Plan your exhibit now and be sure to pre-register by February 3rd. Participants will have the opportunity to attend one workshop and the Fashion Revue Dress Rehearsal/modeling Workshop. All participants will model their outfits during the afternoon program.

Participants may choose to enter the Fashion Revue in one of the following categories. No participant may enter both categories.

Option 1: Incredible Creations - Sewn Garments

In *Incredible Creations* each participant sews his or her outfit. You choose whether the outfit will consist of only one item such as a skirt, shorts, or top, or if the outfit will be a complete outfit that can be worn without needing any additional clothing, such as a pair of pajamas, a skirt and top, a pair of pants and sweatshirt, etc. Choose an outfit or garment that matches your skill level or is a challenge to you – it is your choice.

Option 2: Smart Shopper

Smart Shopper is a consumer education project and requires no sewing. The participant uses the Smart Shopper Workbook to assess their needs for clothing, accessories, and other fashion items and chooses to purchase some ready-made clothing for their fashion revue project. The Smart Shopper Workbook must be completed and turned in for evaluation. Participants must work with a total budget of \$35.00 for all items in their final outfit.

Court of Honor Selection: Separate Courts of Honor for Incredible Creations and Smart Shopper Categories will be selected. In order to qualify, the following criteria must be met:

- Must be in the Senior division (ages 13-18 by Jan 1, 2014)
- Must sew a complete outfit – or- Must have created a complete outfit for Smart Shopper
- Must receive a blue ribbon on that outfit at the evaluation
- Those qualifying for the Courts of Honor selection will be notified. Qualifying individuals will be judged for Court of Honor selection on Expressive Arts Day and will be given a specific time for judging. A rosette ribbon and certificate will be presented to those selected to the Court of Honor in each category

EVALUATION:

NEW THIS YEAR! All evaluations of Smart Shopper and Incredible Creations outfits will occur prior to Expressive Arts Day and will be held in Middlesex, Litchfield, Tolland and Hartford Counties during the first or second week of March. Participants can go to any of the judging locations. Each participant will be evaluated by qualified and trained volunteer judges and will be awarded a blue, red or white ribbon. Additional details will be sent to you once you register. All participants need to bring their outfit and commentary form to the judging.

Smart Shopper participants will need to bring their Smart Shopper Workbook to the evaluations; the judges will use the evaluation form found in your workbook. All workbooks will be kept and submitted for judging and will be returned on Expressive Arts Day.

FORMS TO DOWNLOAD at www.4h.uconn.edu and bring to evaluations:

Incredible Creations:

- 4-H Fashion Revue Commentary Information Sheet – Sewn Outfits

Smart Shopper:

- Smart Shopper Workbook
- 4-H Fashion Revue Commentary Information Sheet – Smart Shopper

Guidelines and Evaluation Information for 4-H Photography & Art Contests

Photography entries will be judged during the month of February. Entries are required to be submitted by February 3rd along with registration form. You may not bring photography entries to Expressive Arts Day.

Art entries will be judged during the event on March 22. Participants must register by February 3rd. Entries should be brought that day to the event (no later than 9:30 a.m.)

Guidelines

- Any items submitted must have been taken or created by the 4-H member submitting the entry.
- The following information must be attached to the back of each entry: Name of 4-H member; age; address, including town/city; State & zip; county affiliation & phone number, category entered.
- There are two separate divisions that may be entered. Entrants must submit their items within the division that applies to them – Junior ages 7-12 on 1/1/14 OR Senior ages 13-18 on 1/1/14.
- NO frames or mat boards on any artwork or photos. Photos may be inserted in a page protector if desired.
- Artwork or photography may be of any subject.
- An individual may submit a **total of one item per category**.
- Captions on artwork or photos are optional.
- In Addition:

Photos:

- There are three categories for the Photography Contest:
 - 1) Color;
 - 2) Black & White;
 - 3) Digital Darkroom – Includes images created or drastically altered in software like Adobe Photoshop. This is a category showcasing photos as digital art. Does not include photographs altered just for red eye reduction, enlargement, or cropping. Must include before photograph(s) and one after photograph – counted as one entry and a list of how the photograph was altered.
- Traditional prints, enlargements, digital photographs or photos printed by member are acceptable. Digital photos should be of a high resolution for best results in enlargements.
- Sizes accepted will be 4”x 6”, 5”x 7” or 8”x 10” only.
- All photos, including digital, must be printed out on photo paper.

Art entries:

- There are four categories for the art contest:
 - 1) Sketches
 - 2) Watercolors
 - 3) Paintings – acrylic or oil
 - 4) Sculpture (no kits)
- For this contest no frames or mats are allowed.
- Art entries must be submitted no later than 9:30 a.m. on the morning of CT 4-H Expressive Arts Day. Late items will be evaluated at the judge’s discretion.

Evaluation

Judges will be selected from qualified individuals in the field of photography, graphic art or fine arts. The decision of the judges is final and not subject to change.

All photos and artwork will be judged and receive appropriate ribbons using the Danish system. A “Best of Show” Award rosette will be given in both senior and junior divisions in each category in both photography and art work as deemed appropriate by the judges. The CT 4-H Program will use photos for promotional purposes throughout the year. Artwork may be taken home following the awards ceremony or will be returned to the county 4-H office.

Anyone attending 4-H Expressive Arts Day must complete and mail the registration form on page 9 to Nancy Wilhelm by February 3.

Guidelines and Evaluation Information for the 4-H Textile Arts Exhibit

Guidelines

- Exhibits must be in place no later than 9:30 a.m. on the morning of Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day. Late items will be evaluated at the judge's discretion.
- A completed Textile Arts Information Sheet **MUST** accompany each article.
- Patterns must be included with each article. Where no pattern has been used, a clear, written explanation of the steps taken must be included. Points will be deducted for not following this direction.
- Exhibits will be evaluated during the morning of the program and will be displayed at lunch following the evaluation.
- Exhibitors are responsible for picking up their exhibits at the end of the day.
- Exhibits must have been made by the 4-H member since CT 4-H Expressive Arts Day, 2013.
- All items must be sewn, woven or stitched. "Non-sewn" items, such as hand tied fleece blankets or items that are fused together will not be accepted.
- 4-H members may exhibit up to two different items in each category.

Categories

- Quilt, quilted wall hanging or quilted article (can be machine quilted, hand quilted or tied)
- Knitted article
- Crocheted article
- Needlework article such as Crewel, Counted Cross Stitch or Needlepoint
- Sewn Accessory (purse, hat, tote bag, pillow etc.)
- Woven article
- Felting (sewn or knit or crocheted article that has been felted)
- Macramé
- Article that is spun, knit crocheted or woven and finished from roving by the exhibitor (please indicate on the directions)

Evaluation

Judges will be selected from qualified individuals in the field of textile arts. All exhibits will be judged and receive appropriate ribbons using the Danish system. A "Best of Show" Award rosette will be given in both senior and junior divisions in each category as deemed appropriate by the judges. The decision of the judges is final and not subject to change.

Please protect items in plastic.

Registration form must be submitted to the State 4-H Office by February 3. Entries must be in place no later than 9:30 a.m. the morning of the program.

Participants only need to register and pay \$10 registration fee if attending the March 22nd event.

Textile Arts Information Sheet
(to be completed for each item submitted)

Fill in completely and attach to exhibit. Exhibit and form must be in place no later than 9:30 the day of Connecticut Expressive Arts Day. Exhibits must be picked up by the exhibitor at the end of the day.

Name _____ Birth date _____ Age (as 01/01/13) _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ e-mail _____ Club _____

How many years have you been involved in this project? _____

How many items have you made during this time? _____

Name of item displaying _____

Material used (fiber content) _____

Did you use a pattern or create your own pattern? _____

Cost of materials	\$ _____
Cost of pattern	\$ _____
Cost of notions	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Attach Material
Swatch Here

Where would you use this item? _____

Why did you choose to make this item? _____

List 3 things you learned from this project.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Include a copy of the directions (can be photocopied). If an original design, list steps taken.

Guidelines and Evaluation for the 4-H Talent Show

Guidelines

- Talent acts may be presented by an individual or group.
- Talent acts may be drawn from dance performance, musical, and skits.
- Each act should be a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- Participants should consider the following items when selecting and presenting a talent act:
 - a. Stage presence and professionalism – overall confidence, poise, and ability to communicate with the audience.
 - b. Technical ability – voice quality, pitch, projection, and props.
 - c. Appropriate dress or costume
 - d. Difficulty of selection of act
 - e. Creativity (uniqueness)
 - f. Audience appeal (Wow Factor)!
- Animal acts, use of fire, acts requiring excessive time to set up and special lighting are not allowed.
- The auditorium to be used for the talent show will have a microphone and a sound system for a cd. Participants should bring their own amplifiers and equipment to prevent any compatibility issues.
- A piano is not available for use.
- A cd or dvd of intended performance must be submitted along with registration form by February 3, 2014.

Evaluation

Performances will be judged during the morning and the top three (3) performances will be selected to perform at the closing ceremonies. All participants will receive participation ribbons/certificates and the top performers will receive Rosettes. Participants will be invited to perform on the New England Center stage at The Big E in the Fall.

Registration form along with description of performance (cd or dvd of intended performance is preferred) must be submitted to the State 4-H Office no later than February 3, 2014. Specific information will be mailed to participants after their registration is received.



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Registration Form

Please return registration form by close of business on **Monday, February 3, 2014** to **Nancy Wilhelm, State 4-H Office, 1376 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06269-4134**. Include \$10.00 registration fee for each person. All adults attending this event must also register and pay the \$10.00 fee. Make checks payable to the University of Connecticut. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Wilhelm at 888-368-7428 or nancy.wilhelm@uconn.edu.

Name _____ Phone _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Participant Email Address _____

Parent Email Address _____

Club Leader Email Address _____

Age _____ County 4-H Affiliation _____

Please check off all that apply:

I will be participating in the 4-H Fashion Revue in the _____ Smart Shopper Category or _____ Sewn Creations Category

I will be participating in the _____ 4-H Photography Contest _____ 4-H Art Contest.

I will be participating in the Textile Arts Contest. I will be entering a total of _____ exhibits.

Category of Textile Arts entry(s) [i.e., Quilted, knitted, crocheted] _____

I will be participating in the 4-H Talent Show.

Adult/parent attending with youth participant

Workshop Session I & II Choices:

Workshops are one hour in length. Participants must attend for the full duration of the workshop. Fashion Revue participants will only participate in the Session I workshops. Talent Show participants will only participate in the Session II workshops.

SESSION I (9:45-10:45)

- Photo Editing & Graphics Design
- Intro to Weaving
- Pass the Beads
- My Style
- Ribbon Wreaths

SESSION II (11:00-12:00 noon)

- Photo Editing & Graphics Design
- Intro to Weaving
- Pass the Beads
- My Style
- Ribbon Wreaths

Lunch: (includes pizza and salad)

Yes I will be attending lunch _____ How many people?

No I will not be attending lunch.

If you have any special dietary needs, or if special accommodations are needed, please indicate in writing. Requests for special accommodations should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.