



2017 Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day Information Packet

**March 18, 2017, 9:00AM – 3PM
Eversource
107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT**

Registration Deadline: February 24, 2017

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Schedule

9:00 a.m. **Registration**
Senior Fashion Revue evaluations for Court of Honor begins at 9 a.m.

9:15 a.m. **Opening Announcements**

9:30 to 10:45 **Session I**

- **Talent Show Evaluations**
- **Workshops (Please choose one)**

Felting – Learn needle felting techniques and make your own adorable owl to bring home with you.

Fairy House Adventure – Make your own miniature dwelling place for the fairies. Using natural supplies such as twigs, stones and sand, participants will create their own magical house for the fairies and their imagination.

Zentangle Inspired Art – Intimidated by drawing and doodling, Create your own one of a kind abstract art using simple repetitive strokes. No two designs come out the same.

11:00 to 12:15

Session II

- **Fashion Revue modeling workshop for all Fashion Revue participants**
- **Workshops Repeated – Please choose one**

Felting

Fairy House Adventure

Zentangle Inspired Art

Food Art

Make a Scene

Arm Knitting

12:15 to 1:15

Lunch – Eversource Cafeteria

– View Textile Arts, Photography and Arts Contest Exhibits

1:15 to 1:30

Eversource Cafeteria

– Clean up lunch and collect exhibits

1:00 to 3:00

Awards Program in Eversource 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 Friday, February 24, 2017

Photography entries must be submitted by February 24, 2017

Textile Arts AND Art entries must be submitted *at the event* on March 18th 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. 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 7-18 by Jan 1, 2017.
- Age is determined on January 1 of the program year.
- All participants attending the day must register and pay a **\$10.00 registration fee**. Lunch will be provided to adults at a cost of \$10 each. Please indicate number of people ordering lunch on the registration form. *Registration forms must be received no later than close of business on Friday, February 24, 2017.*

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 Eversource

Eversource is located at 107 Selden Street in Berlin, CT right off of the Berlin Turnpike, US 5/Route 15. Please refer to Google Maps and other sources for the best route from your area.

Guidelines and Evaluation Information for the 4-H Fashion Revue

All 4-Hers are invited to participate in the Fashion Revue at Connecticut Expressive Arts Day. Plan your exhibit now and be sure to pre-register by February 24th. 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 article of clothing such as a skirt, shorts, top up to a complete outfit. 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 (\$35 budget) some ready-made clothing and accessories for their fashion revue project. The Smart Shopper Workbook must be completed and presented at the local judging.

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, 2017)
- 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:

All evaluations of Smart Shopper and Incredible Creations outfits will occur prior to Expressive Arts Day and will be held in Litchfield, New Haven, New London, Tolland and Hartford Counties. Participants can go to any of the judging locations. Please indicate your choice for evaluation site on the registration form. If you cannot make one of the scheduled evaluations, you should contact the local coordinator to see what arrangements can be made.

Each participant will be evaluated by qualified and trained volunteer judges and will be awarded a blue, red or white ribbon. Once you have registered for your evaluation, someone will contact you to schedule the time of your evaluation. 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.

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

Incredible Creations:

- 4-H Fashion Revue Judging Form & Interview Questions

Smart Shopper:

- Smart Shopper Workbook (judging form is in the booklet)

Fashion Revue Evaluation Sites, Dates, and Contact Information:

Location	Day & Times	Contact:
Meadow Brook of Granby 350 Salmon Brook Street Rte. 10-202, Granby, CT	Friday, March 10 th 6:00-8:00 pm	Debbie Crosset 860-653-4379
Bethlehem Fair Office 384 Main Street North, Route 61 Bethlehem, CT	Saturday, March 11 th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Elaine Brodeur ebrodeur@snet.net 203-266-7461
New Haven County Extension Center, 305 Skiff Street, North Haven, CT	Saturday, March 4 th Morning	Erin Barlow Erin_koehler@sbcglobal.net 203-598-8150
New London County Ext. Center 562 New London Tpke., Norwich	Saturday, March 4 th 9:30 a.m.	Pam Gray Pamela.gray@uconn.edu 860-885-2824
Tolland Agricultural Center 24 Hyde Avenue Vernon, CT	To be announced	Maryann Fusco-Rollins Maryann.fusco@uconn.edu 860-875-3331

Limited accommodations can be made for alternate times.

Guidelines and Evaluation Information for 4-H Art Contest

Art entries will be judged during the event on March 18th. *Participants must register by February 24th.* Entries should be brought that day to the event (no later than 9:30 a.m.)

Guidelines

- Any items submitted must have been 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 age divisions that may be entered. Entrants must submit their items within the division that applies to them – Junior ages 7-12 on January 1 of program year OR Senior ages 13-18 on January 1 of program year.
- Frames or mat boards on artwork are allowed.
- Artwork may be of any subject.
- An individual may submit a **total of one item per category**.
- Captions on artwork are optional.
- There are three categories for the art contest:
 - 1) Drawings
 - 2) Paintings
 - 3) Sculpture (no kits)
- 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 graphic art or fine arts. The decision of the judges is final and not subject to change.

All 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 as deemed appropriate by the judges. 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 at the end of the packet to Nancy Wilhelm by February 24th.
Confirmation will be mailed to participants after their registration is received.**

Guidelines and Evaluation Information for 4-H Photography Contest

Photography entries will be judged during the month of March. *Entries are required to be submitted by February 24th along with registration form.*

You may not bring photography entries to Expressive Arts Day.

Guidelines

- The following information must be attached to the back of each entry:
 - Name of 4-H member
 - Age
 - Address, including town/city; state & zip
 - Phone number
 - County affiliation
 - Category entered.
- There are two separate age divisions that may be entered. Entrants must submit their items within the division that applies to them – Junior ages 7-12 on January 1 of program year OR Senior ages 13-18 on January 1 of program year.
- NO frames or mat boards on any photos. Photos may be inserted in a page protector if desired.
- Photography may be of any subject.
- An individual may submit **a total of one item per category.**
- Captions on photos are optional.
- There are four 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 for red eye reduction, enlargement, or cropping. *Please include a list of how the photograph was altered.*
 - 4) My 4-H Project
 - Whether your project is your special bird, favorite cow, handmade shelf or dress, capture your work and submit for judging in this year's 4-H Photography Contest.
- 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.

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 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 CT 4-H Program will use photos for promotional purposes throughout the year.

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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 lunch.
- Exhibits must have been made by the 4-H member since CT 4-H Expressive Arts Day, 2016.
- 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)
- Needle Felting
- 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 24th.

Entries must be in place no later than 9:30 a.m. the morning of the program.

Anyone attending 4-H Expressive Arts Day must complete and mail the registration form at the end of the packet to Nancy Wilhelm by February 24, 2017.

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 _____ Age (as of 01/01/17) _____ Years in project _____

Club _____

Describe item entered: _____

Construction technique ex. sewing, knitting, weaving, etc.: _____

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

What did you learn while making this project? _____

For Judges use only

	Points	Score	
Construction/Workmanship: Appropriate tension, Evenness of work, No visible knots, Joins hidden, Appropriate finish	50		AWARD ___ Blue (90-100) ___ Red (80-89) ___ White (79 & below)
General Appearance: Clean and neat, Materials suitable for project, Color design and texture are harmonious and uniform Attention to detail- no loose threads Appropriate use of decoration	50		
Total	100		

Your exhibit can be improved by: _____

The best part of your exhibit is: _____

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.
- Acts should not be repeated from previous performances.
- A description of intended performance must be submitted along with registration form by February 24, 2017.

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 and the top performers will receive Rosettes. Participants will be invited to perform on the New England Center stage at The Big E on October 1.

Registration form along with description of performance (video file of intended performance is preferred) must be submitted to the State 4-H Office no later than February 24, 2017. Confirmation will be mailed to participants after their registration is received.



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Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day
Registration Form



Please return registration form by close of business on Friday, **February 24, 2017** to **Nancy Wilhelm, State 4-H Office, 1376 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06269-4134**. Include \$10.00 registration fee for each participant. Lunch will be provided to adults at a cost of \$10 each. Make checks payable to the University of Connecticut. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Wilhelm at 860-486-4127 or nancy.wilhelm@uconn.edu.

Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____
Complete Mailing Address _____ County Affiliation _____
Participant Email Address _____ Parent Email Address/Phone _____
Club Leader Email Address _____ Name/Phone of adult attending as chaperon _____

Please check off all that apply:

____ I will be participating in the 4-H Fashion Revue in the:
____ Smart Shopper Category or ____ Incredible Creations Category

I will be attending the fashion revue evaluation located in: (circle one)

Bethlehem Granby North Haven Norwich Vernon

____ I would like to serve as a fashion revue commentator or MC.

____ I will be participating in the 4-H Photography Contest
(include entries with registration)

____ I am participating in the following:

____ 4-H Arts Contest entering a total of ____ exhibits

____ 4-H Talent Show

____ Textile Arts Contest entering a total of ____ exhibits

List the categories and estimated number in each:

____ quilted ____ knit ____ crochet ____ sewn ____ needlework
____ woven ____ felted ____ needle felted ____ macramé
____ roving by exhibitor ____ other

Workshop Session I & II Choices:

Workshops are one hour in length. Fashion Revue participants will only participate in the Session I workshops. Talent Show participants will only participate in the Session II workshops.

SESSION I (9:30-10:45)

SESSION II (11:00-12:15)

____ Felting

____ Felting

____ Fairy House Adventure

____ Fairy House Adventure

____ Zentangle Inspired Art

____ Zentangle Inspired Art

____ Arm Knitting

____ Arm Knitting

____ Food Art

____ Food Art

____ Make a Scene

____ Make a Scene

____ Talent Show Evaluations

____ F.R. Modeling

If you have any special dietary needs, or if special accommodations are needed, please indicate in writing. Requests for special accommodations should be submitted as soon as possible prior to the event. Please be aware that advance notice is necessary as some accommodations may require more time for the University to arrange. A good faith effort will be made to provide accommodations up until the time of the event.