

Lakedell Agricultural Society
**49th Annual Country
Fair**
2026 Bench Show



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Entries accepted on Friday September 4th 2pm - 6pm

Judging begins at 6:30 pm Friday

Public viewing 9 am to 4 pm Saturday September 5th

Awards presented at 5:00 pm August 30

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Welcome!

On behalf of the LAS Board and my wonderful group of volunteers, welcome to the 49th Annual Lakedell Country Fair Bench Show. Farm communities have a long tradition of gathering in the fall to celebrate another year's harvest. The Bench Show at Lakedell features amazing artwork and photography, stunning floral displays, a wide variety of baking

and preserves, and beautiful needle crafts. The junior section is always filled with innovative and interesting entries.

We have high point prizes in each age category as well as trophies for the most entries. So if you have spent the long winter knitting, love baking, have a smashing garden, or have talents in any of our sections, bring your work to the Lakedell Fair!

Please take a moment to review the rules page to make sure your entry qualifies.

See you on the September Long Weekend.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Entry tags will be available on Entry Day, or can be obtained ahead of time at the Lakedell Agricultural Office. Regular office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 4pm. All entries must be tagged. Entrants must fill in their own tags, including Section, Class No. and description of exhibit. In Exhibitor No. Box, please mark your division, as per High Point Trophies Award.
2. All exhibits must be the bona-fide work of the exhibitor and must not have been previously entered in the Lakedell Fair, with the exception of houseplants. Soiled, unfinished or worn out articles will not be accepted. Only one entry, per class number, per exhibitor. Enter the exact number called for in each class, more or less will disqualify the entry. Juniors may enter in the adult class if no class is available in their section.
3. Entries are judged using the Danish System. Please see page 7 for more details. All judges' decisions are final.
4. Entries will only be **accepted on Friday from 2pm until 6pm**. Judging will take place starting at 6:30pm.
5. The Bench Show "Most Entries Trophy" will be awarded by the Lakedell Agricultural Society. It will remain at Lakedell Centre and a keeper trophy or prize will be awarded to the winner.

6. High Point Prizes will be awarded in the following divisions: Men's Senior (65 plus), Ladies Senior (65 plus), Adult Men's, Adult Ladies, Teen Boys 13-17, Teen Girls 13-17, Boys 7-12, Girls 7-12, Boys under 7 years, Girls under 7 years. Ages are as of August 30, 2025.
7. Exhibits will be open for public viewing from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Fair Day, September 5, 2026. Awards are presented at 5:00 pm.
8. All exhibitors are asked to remove their exhibits between 4:30pm and 5:30pm, September 5, 2026.
9. Lakedell Agricultural Society will not be responsible for loss or breakage of any exhibit from any cause whatsoever, but the greatest care will be exercised.

Judging

All entries are judged using the Danish System where they are compared to a standard rather than to the other entries. For example, in the muffins section, you may see three red ribbons, no blue and one white. This simply indicates that three of the entries met all of the standard for muffins and one only met some. Occasionally, the judges will give an award of excellence to an outstanding entry.

Rosette - Meets all standards and shows excellent quality

Red – 8, 9, 10 points – 1st Place

Blue – 5, 6, 7 points – 2nd Place

SECTION A - HANDICRAFT & NEEDLEWORK

- All articles must be clean and pressed.
- Articles must be finished and ready to use.
- Articles will be judged on workmanship only.
- Avoid entering garments that look worn.

KNITTING

- 100. Slippers, Mittens or Socks
- 101. Baby Layette
- 102. Men's or Ladies Cardigan Sweater
- 103. Men's or Ladies Pullover Sweater
- 104. Children's Cardigan or Pullover
- 105. Afghan or Bedspread
- 106. Cushion Cover
- 107. Bulky Knitting
- 108. Doll Clothing
- 109. Any article - novelty
- 110. Any article – practical
- 111. Any article not included above.

CROCHET

- 112. Doilies, flat up to 12"
- 113. Doilies, flat 12"-24"
- 114. Tablecloth or Bedspread (thread)
- 115. Afghan
- 116. Cushion Cover
- 117. Shawl

- 118. Three-piece baby layette

- 119. Rug
- 120. Any other article not included above (thread or yard)

NEEDLECRAFT

- 121. Hardanger, any article
- 122. Candle-wicking, any article
- 123. Crewel, any article
- 124. Petite-point, any article
- 125. Needlepoint, any article
- 126. Needlepoint - done on plastic canvas
- 127. Cross Stitch, any article
- 128. Needlecraft, any of the above (Christmas Theme)
- 129. Embroidery - dress, scarf, pillow case or cushion.
- 130. Embroidery, Silk Ribbon or Brazilian
- 131. Stitchery, any article not included above.
- 132. Felting , wet
- 133. Felting , dry

MACHINE EMBROIDERY

- 134. Tablecloth
- 135. Table Runner
- 136. Napkins - set of 4
- 137. Tea Towels - pair
- 138. Tote Bag
- 139. Bookmark
- 140. Single Article of Clothing
- 141. Any other article not included above

OTHER

- 142. Beadwork - any article
- 143. Weaving, off loom primitive (not rugs)
- 144. Weaving, loom
- 145. Homespun Yarn - 2 oz.
- 146. Rug – hooked, new material
- 147. Rug - any method, new material
- 148. Rug - any method, old material
- 149. Rug - Latch Hook
- 150. Repurposed Fibre's
- 151. Macrame

SECTION B - QUILTING & SEWING

- All articles must be clean and pressed.
- Articles must be finished and ready to use.
- Articles will be judged on workmanship only.
- Avoid entering garments that look worn.

QUILTING

- 200. Patchwork Quilt - hand quilted
- 201. Patchwork Quilt - machine quilted
- 202. Comforter, hand tied
- 203. Wall Hanging, quilted
- 204. Jacket or Vest, quilted
- 205. Place Mats or Pot Holders, quilted
- 206. Quillo
- 207. Quilt Block
- 208. Rag Quilt
- 209. Any other article not included above

SEWING

- 210. Blouse - ladies or child's
- 211. Slacks or Shorts - ladies, men's or children's
- 212. Shirt - ladies, men's or children's
- 213. Casual Dress - ladies or children's
- 214. Formal Dress - ladies or children's
- 215. Jacket -ladies, men's or children's
- 216. Western Wear - ladies, men's or children's
- 217. Sportswear - ladies, men's or children's
- 218. Sleep Wear - ladies, men's or children's
- 219. Stretch sewing (ie: t-shirt, pants)
- 220. Adult Outfit - two or more pieces
- 221. Girl or Boy Outfit - two or more pieces
- 222. Cushion, any type
- 223. Mats, Potholders, Oven Mitts, Apron etc.
- 224. Repurposed/Upcycling Fabric's
- 225. Halloween Costume
- 226. Doll Clothes
- 227. Ribbon Skirts/Shirts
- 228. Any article not included above



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SECTION C CRAFTS

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| 300. Holiday Craft | 321. Woodwork - any small piece |
| 301. Wreath | 322. Metal Craft |
| 302. Ornament, religious | 323. Greeting Card |
| 303. Ornament, secular | 324. Dried Flower Arrangement |
| 304. Swag | 325. Weed Arrangement |
| 305. Holiday Centerpiece | 326. Tole Painting |
| 306. T-Shirt - decorated, e.g. Tie Dye | 327. Decorated Picture Frame |
| 307. Jewelry | 328. Soap, hand made |
| 308. Decorated Basket | 329. Salves and Creams Handmade |
| 309. Wall Hanging | 330. Scrapbooking - computer |
| 310. Folk Art | 331. Scrapbooking - hand made |
| 311. Paper Tole | 332. Any other article not included above |
| 312. Silk Flower Arrangements | |
| 313. Doll - hand made | |
| 314. Pottery - any article | |
| 315. Ceramics - any article | |
| 316. Leather Craft - tooled | |
| 317. Leather Craft - soft | |
| 318. Woodwork - any large piece | |
| 319. Woodwork - carved | |
| 320. Woodwork - birdhouse | |

SECTION D BAKING

- No commercial mixes or fillings
- All entries should be displayed on paper plates suitable in size and wrapped in plastic twist tie bags or Ziploc bags.
- Name the recipe where possible.

400. Bread Machine - 1 loaf any type
401. White bread, yeast - 1 loaf
402. Brown bread, yeast - 1 loaf
403. Cheese bread, yeast - 1 loaf
404. Health bread, yeast - 1 loaf
405. Raisin bread, yeast - 1 loaf
406. Sweet bread, yeast - 1 loaf
407. White Dinner Buns, yeast - 3
408. Brown Dinner Buns, yeast – 3
409. Cinnamon buns, iced, yeast - 4
410. Cinnamon buns, un-iced, yeast - 4
411. Doughnuts, yeast - 3
412. Doughnuts, cake - 3
413. Baking Powder Biscuits - 3
414. Fruit Bread - 1 loaf
415. Muffins
416. Cake, Angel Food (from scratch)
417. Cake, Carrot (un-iced)
418. Cake, White Batter 8x8
419. Cake, Chocolate
420. Cake, Sponge
421. Cake, Chiffon
422. Apple Pie (double crust)
423. Raisin Pie (double crust)
424. Rhubarb Pie (double crust)
425. Saskatoon Berry Pie (double crust)
426. Lemon Meringue Pie (bottom pastry)

427. Cream Pie (bottom pastry)
428. Cookies, Shortbread - 6
429. Cookies, Peanut Butter - 6
430. Cookies, Chocolate Chip - 6
431. Cookies, Sugar (rolled, cutter) - 6
432. Cookies, Oatmeal - 6
433. Butter Tarts - 3 squares
434. Brownies - 3 squares
435. Fudge Candy - 3 Pieces
436. Peanut Brittle – 3 Pieces
437. Cupcakes, white
438. Cupcakes, chocolate 439. Cupcakes,
decorated
440. Special Occasion Cake (judged on
decoration only)
441. Banana Bread—1 loaf
442. Gluten Free
443. Cake Pops
444. Macaroons
445. Any other baking not included above.

SECTION E PRESERVED FRUITS, VEGETABLES, JERKY & PRESEVRED BEVERAGES

- All jars will be opened.
- Any preserves not properly sealed will be disqualified.
- Jars should be pint or quart size.
- Standard canning jars with snap lids are preferred.
- Label jars - not lids.
- Labels should indicate date and contents.
- Commercial pectin may be used in jams & jellies.



Fruits

- 500. Fruit Jam - 1 jar, labeled
- 501. Fruit Jelly - 1 jar, labeled
- 502. Freezer Jam - 1 jar, labeled
- 503. Marmalade - 1 jar, labeled
- 504. Canned fruit, purchased - 1 jar, labeled
- 505. Canned fruit, home grown – 1 jar, labeled
- 506. Canned Fruit, wild – 1 jar labeled
- 507. Any other item not included above

Vegetables

- 508. Pickles, Dill - 1 jar
- 509. Pickles, Bread and Butter - 1 jar
- 510. Pickles, Beet - 1 jar
- 511. Pickles, Sweet Mixed – 1 jar
- 512. Pickles, Mustard - 1 jar
- 513. Canned Tomatoes - 1 jar
- 514. Canned Harvard Beets - 1 jar
- 515. Sauerkraut - 1 jar
- 516. Chutney - 1 jar
- 517. Relish - 1 jar
- 518. Antipasto - 1 jar
- 519. Salsa

- 520. Tomato Sauce

Dried/Dehydrated Fruit/Vegetables

- 522. Any other item not included above

Jerky

- 523. Homemade Jerky

Beverages

- 524. Wine, red - 1 bottle labelled (from kit)
- 525. Wine, white - 1 bottle labelled (from kit)
- 526. Wine, red - 1 bottle labelled (from scratch)
- 527. Wine, white - 1 bottle labelled (from scratch)
- 528. Beer (from scratch)
- 529. Beer (from kit)
- 530. Juices (from scratch)
- 531. Kombucha (from scratch)
- 532. Mead (from scratch)

SECTION F FRESH VEGETABLES

- All entries should be clean, fresh and of standard size for the type.
- All entries should be free from insect damage and blemishes of any kind such as breaks, bruises, sunburn and dirt.
- All entries should be clean but not scrubbed.
- Root vegetables should have the tops trimmed to 1 cm above the crown.
- All entries should be displayed on paper plates suitable in size and wrapped in plastic twist tie bags or Ziploc bags.

FRESH VEGETABLES

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| 600. Parsnips - 4 | 614. Sweet Peppers, 2 with stems attached | 628. Potato - 1 biggest potato class |
| 601. Carrots - 4 of one variety | 615. Cucumbers, slicing plate of 2 | 629. Crab Apples - 6 with stems |
| 602. Beets, round - 4 | 616. Cucumbers, pickling - plate of 2 | 630. Eating Apples - 3 fruits |
| 603. Beets, cylinder - 4 | 617. Peas, 1 variety - 6 pods | 631. Cooking Apples - 3 fruits |
| 604. Cabbage, green - 1 head | 618. Broad beans - 3 pods | 632. Strawberries, ripe - 6 with stems |
| 605. Cabbage, red - 1 head | 619. Beans, green - 6 pods with stems | 633. Raspberries, ripe - 6 with stems |
| 606. Cherry Tomatoes with stems - 6 | 620. Beans, yellow - 6 pods with stems | 634. Melons |
| 607. Tomatoes, ripe - 4 with stems | 621. Corn on the Cob - 2 (1/3 of the cob exposed) | 635. Currants - 4 clusters with stems |
| 608. Tomatoes, ripe greenhouse - 4 with stems | 622. Celery - 1 plant | 636. Plums - 4, with stems |
| 609. Tomatoes, green - 4 with stems | 623. Scarlet Runner Beans - 3 with stems | 637. Turnips, summer - 2 |
| 610. Onions, winter storing - plate of 4 | 624. Purple Beans - 3 with stems | 638. Turnips, winter - 1 |
| 611. Potatoes, plate of 4 | 625. Pumpkin - 1 green or orange with stem | 639. Herb Collection - at least 4 kinds in separate jars of water (varieties labeled) |
| 612. Garlic | 626. Zucchini - 1, 8-10 inches in length | 640. Squash—1 |
| 613. Hot Peppers, 2 with stems attached | 627. Zucchini - 1 biggest zucchini class | 641. Kohlrabi - 1 |
| | | 642. Vegetable Oddity—1 |
| | | 643. Any other fruit not included above |
| | | 644. Any other vegetable not included above |

SECTION F (a) - Farm Produce

GRAINS, GRASSES, LEGUMES

- 645. Sheaf of grain - any kind
- 646. Canola - 1 quart
- 647. Grain - 1 quart (last year's harvest)
- 648. Hay (ie: alfalfa, clover) - 3lb. Plastic bag
- 649. Mixed Hay - 6 lb. plastic bag
- 650. Field peas - 1 quart

- 651. Any other not included above

FARM PRODUCE

- 652. Cheese - any kind
- 653. Eggs - 1 dozen
- 654. Goat Dairy Products
- 655. Any other product not included above

SECTION G - FLOWERS & HOUSEPLANTS

- **Classes that call for 1 stem or spike can be shown with leaves, buds, and flowers.**
- **Classes that call for blooms - only the flower is judged and should be displayed on a flat plate covered with foil with holes for stems (please include water).**
- **Roses should be shown with stem and leaves attached.**
- **House plants and planters are judged on plants not container, although container should be suitable.**

- 700. Aster - any variety, 4 blooms
- 701. Clematis - 2 blooms, any colour
- 702. Cornflower (Bachelor Button) - 6 blooms
- 703. Dahlia
- 704. Daisy, any variety - 6 stems
- 705. Gladiolus - 1 spike, any colour
- 706. Marigolds, over 3" - 4 blooms
- 707. Marigolds, under 3" - 4 blooms
- 708. Pansy or Viola, under 2" - 6 blooms
- 709. Pansy or Viola, over 2" - 6 blooms
- 710. Petunia, single plain - 4 blooms
- 711. Petunia, double - 4 blooms
- 712. Rose, Hybrid Tea - only long stem
- 713. Roses - one spray shrub variety
- 714. Rose Bowl - shown with foliage

- 715. Snapdragon - 3 spikes
- 716. Strawflower - 4 blossoms
- 717. Sunflower - in prime bloom, not seeded
- 718. Sweet Peas - 4 stems, one color
- 719. Sweet Peas - 12 stems, 4 colors, 3 of each
- 720. Zinnia - 3 Blooms
- 721. Corsage Fresh Flowers
- 722. Arrangement Garden Flowers - viewed one side
- 723. Arrangement Garden Flowers Center Piece - under 8 inches high
- 724. Arrangement Garden Flowers Center Piece - over 8 inches high

725. Green Trailing Plants

726. Flowering Trailing

Plants

727. Begonia - Tuberous

728. Begonia - Fibrous

729. Cactus

730. Succulent

731. Carnation

732. Geranium

733. Fuchsia

734. Hanging Basket

735. Window Box

736. Planter Arrangement - 6-12" in diameter

737. Planter Arrangement - 12" and over in
diameter

738. Vegetable Planter

739. Herb Planter



SECTION H - ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

- Art should be mounted and ready to hang.
- Pictures done on paper if not framed should be mounted on stiff backing at least 1” longer than the picture.
- Photos should be print size only; panorama size prints are acceptable. • All photos should be mounted on stiff white backing with 1/2” border.

ART

Oils

- 800. Birds
- 801. Flower
- 802. Animal Life
- 803. Still Life
- 804. Landscape
- 805. Other

Acrylics

- 806. Birds
- 807. Flowers
- 808. Animal Life
- 809. Still Life
- 810. Landscape
- 811. Portrait
- 812. Other

Watercolours

- 813. Birds
- 814. Flower
- 815. Animal Life
- 816. Still Life
- 817. Landscape
- 818. Portrait
- 819. Other

PHOTOGRAPHY

Colour Snapshot (4x6)

- 820. Animals
- 821. Birds
- 822. Flowers
- 823. Still
- 824. Scenic
- 825. Sports (action)
- 826. Humorous
- 827. Portrait
- 828. Night Photo
- 829. Generations
- 830. Story-telling Collage
- 831. Scrapbook
- 832. Other

B&W Snap Shot (4x6)

- 833. Animals
- 834. Birds
- 835. Flowers
- 836. Still
- 837. Scenic
- 838. Sports (action)
- 839. Humorous
- 840. Portrait
- 841. Night Photo
- 842. Generations
- 843. Story-telling Collage

Various Mediums

- 844. Black and White Sketch –
- 845. Other unframed
- 846. Pastel
- 847. Charcoal
- 848. Pencil
- 849. Ink
- 850. Diamond Art
- 851. Other Medium

Enlargements (Any size bigger than 4x6)

- 852. Animals
- 853. Birds
- 854. Flowers
- 855. Still
- 856. Scenic
- 857. Sports (action)
- 858. Humorous
- 859. Portrait
- 860. Night Photos
- 861. Generations
- 862. Other



SECTION I - JUNIORS

Two Age Categories:

- o 7 to 12 years
- or 6 years and under

All junior entries are to follow the same guidelines as the adult entries.

CRAFTS

- 900. Holiday Craft
- 901. Christmas Ornament/Decor
- 902. Wreath/Door Hanging
- 903. Fabric Painting (includes t-shirts and jeans)
- 904. Wrapped Gift Box
- 905. Any Occasion Card
- 906. Computer Designed Card (any occasion)
- 907. Pressed Flowers, Leaves, Weeds
- 908. Recycled Article
- 909. Bead Craft
- 910. Jewelry
- 911. Doll of any kind
- 912. Crocheting
- 913. Knitting
- 914. Resin or wax craft
- 915. Diamond Art
- 916. Paper Craft
- 917. Wood Craft - large (ie: Bird house)
- 918. Wood Craft - small (ie: popsicle sticks)
- 919. Wood Burning
- 920. Stuffed Toy
- 921. Metal Art
- 922. Fridge Magnet
- 923. Collection
- 924. Scale model – kit, or handmade
- 925. Recycled Article
- 926. Lego – creative
- 927. Lego – Kit

- 928. Craft project - from camp
- 929. Pottery - ceramic or clay
- 930. Craft made from Playdoh or Plasticine
- 931. Diorama or Scenic Display
- 932. Decorated Basket
- 933. Leather Craft - any type
- 934. Plastic Craft (loom, melted, etc)
- 935. Pom-pom craft
- 936. Diamond Art
- 937. Decorated Mason Jar
- 938. Any other craft article

ART

- 939. Painting - water color
- 940. Painting - oil or acrylic
- 941. Picture - wax crayon
- 942. Picture - pencil crayon
- 943. Picture - felt marker
- 944. Picture - oil pastel
- 945. Pencil Sketch
- 946. Page from coloring book-any medium
- 947. Finger Painting
- 948. Print making - wood, potato, etc.

- 949. Collage
- 950. Creative Computer Design
- 951. Any other article
- 952. Mixed Medium

- 953. Any other kind

SECTION I - JUNIORS (Continued...)

ART

PHOTOGRAPHY

- 954. Animals/Livestock
- 955. Nature
- 956. Portrait
- 957. 4 or more photos that follow a theme or tell a story
- 958. Scrapbook

SEWING

- 959. Tote Bag
- 960. Outerwear
- 961. Sleepwear
- 962. Sportswear
- 963. Crazy Hat
- 964. Shorts
- 965. T-shirt
- 966. Kitchen Accessory
- 967. Recycled Article
- 968. Craft - sewn from a kit
- 969. Craft - sewn original
- 970. Other Sewing

BAKING

- 971. Decorated Cookie - 1
- 972. Decorated Cupcake - 1
- 973. Muffins - 3 same kind
- 974. Cookies - 4 same kind
- 975. Squares - 4 same kind (non-cereal)
- 976. Squares - 4 same kind (cereal based)
- 977. Decorated Cake

VEGETABLES

- 978. Collection of 5 garden vegetables
- 979. Novelty figure made from fresh vegetables
- 980. Largest Vegetable
- 981. Odd Shaped Vegetable
- 982. Collection of 3 like vegetables

FLOWERS

- 983. Garden Arrangement - minimum 4 varieties
- 984. Container - garden vegetables
- 985. Container - garden flowers
- 986. Sunflower - in vase, full bloom, not seeded
- 987. Weed arrangement
- 988. Fairy Garden in container

STORIES

- 989. Fiction - max. 500 words
- 990. Non-fiction – max. 500 words



Classes to enter:

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