

SUMMARY OF GUIDELINES AS FOUND IN THE 2019-2020 BENCH SHOW CATALOGUE.

Where will the Claresholm & District Fair Days Bench Show take place?

Claresholm Community Centre, 5920 8th Street West, Claresholm, Ab

When - Drop off entries Thursday, August 8th 6-9 pm & Friday, August 9th from 9 -11 am, Open to the Public Friday, August 9th 6-9 pm, Saturday, August 10th noon until 4pm pick up time.

What is this year's theme?

2019 - Safety at Home, Work and Play

Take a look through the catalogue for a variety of theme-based classes.

Where can I find a 2019-2020 Bench Show Catalogue?

Catalogues will be distributed to businesses around town in early June or found on the Town web site www.claresholm.ca

When and where can I buy entry tags?

June 1, the local Press will have entry tags for sale. Tags are available at the Farmer's Market three weeks before the Bench Show.

How much do entry tags cost?

Adult tags - \$2 each, Junior tags (17 years and under) \$1.

Purchase and prepare your tags ahead. Refer to the sample on page 35 of the catalogue.

What is a "Display Only" Class?

You may wish to enter an item into one of the Sections listed but cannot find an appropriate class to enter, bring it in for "Display Only". Specially marked tags are available Thursday night and Friday morning only at the Community Centre. There is NO charge for this tag. The entry will NOT be judged.

A sample of Entry Guidelines:

All entries must be the work of the person whose name is written on the tag.

*Exception for original work: Section 8- Heritage Display, all entries in this Section must be 50 years or older.

Please use the same name on each entry tag as you used for registration. This is the only way your award points can be tallied to make sure you receive the points you have earned.

The name of the person on the tag who is entering the item must be registered at the Registration desk.

If you are unable to pick up your pay out envelope and entries at 4pm on Saturday, please arrange to have someone pick them up for you. The pickup person's name must be given to the registration desk to be recorded on your Pay Out envelope. Prize money **NOT** collected at the close of the Bench Show will be considered a donation to the Claresholm Fair Board.

Fair Board Volunteers, following Registration, will receive the items, review the entry tag confirming Adult or Junior and verify Section and Class are documented match the **current** catalogue. Junior entries must state age and Age Division on the tag.

Food entries donated for the Bake Sale- please mark "donated" portion of tag with a check mark...**yes**. Only food items will be accepted for Donation.

President's Pie contest- Two crust fruit pie (can be two fruit combination) pies submitted Friday between 9-11am. Judging begins at 6 pm on Friday.

The Junior Reporter is sponsored by the Local Press, check ads in the Local Press.

Juniors are permitted to enter school work. Though out the school year some class assignments may match a class in Section 14 Junior Handicrafts or Section 15 Junior Art., setting up a folder for school work will make it easier to find assignments relevant to enter in the Bench Show.

Yard and Garden Competition for Adults and Juniors. To enter your garden in the competition contact Syd or Sheila at 403-625-2132 by **July 12th**. Refer to the Rules & Guidelines in the catalogue for judging criteria

Date of Judging will be published in the Local Press and on displayed posters about town. A \$2 entry fee will be collected the day of judging. Pictures of entries will be on display at the Bench Show. Pictures and prize money will be available for pick up at the Bench Show on Saturday at 4pm.

Section 2, 3 & 4, Grains, Forage, Range plants & noxious weeds are for both Adult and Juniors. Please refer to the "Judging Standards for Horticultural Shows" available from Alberta Agriculture.

Now for some unusual categories?

Enter a Quack grass root, complete with grass blade to compete for the "longest root". Need help with identification of any range plant or noxious weed; contact the Ag Field person at the MD of Willow Creek.

Did someone say Pet Show?

Pet Show takes place 7pm Friday night; watch for signs for location at the Community Centre. Area will be outlined with yellow rope.

No animals are allowed **INSIDE** the Community Centre. Entry fee \$1.00, collected when you register for the Pet Show Friday night.

Calling all Small, Furry or Feathered and Waterfowl,

Section 16, 17, & 18 please bring to the Community Centre Saturday morning between 9 and 11. Watch for signs for this designated area outside the Community Centre.

Worried You might miss something?

We've got it covered on - the center fold of the Bench Show Catalogue contains a list of all events taking place Thursday to Sunday of Fair days.

Remember: Come join our team of Volunteers- we would love to have you!

Fair Board meetings- fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Bill Simpson room of the Claresholm Public Library.