

PREMIUM LIST

1894

**RAILROAD TOWN
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

FAIR



September 14th & 15th

Premium diplomas awarded in all departments.

Special attention will be given to all entries of foods, arts, produce, sewing, and crafts. Entries may be made on Saturday, Sept. 14th before 10:00 AM.

Fairgrounds
Located in Front of
The Glade Roller Mill.

Exhibits!

Needlework!

Food, Preserves, & Produce!

J.P. Black's Curiosities!

Art, School, & Photographic Work!

Industrial Arts: Woodworking, Metalworking,
Leatherworking, etc.!

Misc. Exhibits – Arranged Flowers!

Entries Encouraged in
All Departments!

***SEE BACK PAGE FOR ENTRANT
INFORMATION AND PARAMETERS!***

Class 1 – Farm Produce & Livestock

Lot 1, Grains, Beans, and Seeds

Red Winter Wheat	Lima Beans
Indian Corn	Beans
White Winter Wheat	Calico Corn
Red Spring Wheat	Sweet Corn
Barley	Popcorn
White Field Beans	White Corn
Buckwheat	Field Corn
Rye in Straw	Rye
Corn on Stalks	Oats

Best display of grains, beans, or seeds

Lot 2, Vegetables

Irish Potatoes	Sweet Potatoes
Sweet Pumpkins	Onions
California Pumpkins	Turnips
Hubbard Squash	Table Beets
Summer Squash	Peas
Kershaw Squash	Celery

Marble Head Squash	Cabbage
Sugar Beets	Cauliflower
Late Potatoes	Tomatoes
Carrots	Radishes
Black Walnuts	Rhubarb
Peanuts	Chili Squash
Mangle Wurtzel Beets	
Best Assortment of Vegetables	
Greatest Variety of Potatoes	

Lot 3, Fruits

Dominic Apples	Peaches
Geniton Apples	Plums
Ben Davis Apples	Musk-melons
Tamense Apples	Watermelons
Burbanks Apples	Catawba Grapes
Winter Apples	Elnora Grapes
Crab Apples	Concord Grapes
Rhode Island Greenings	White Grapes

Lot 4, Livestock*

*Arrangements for showing Livestock at the Agricultural Fair MUST be made ahead of time with Alyssa Smith

Class 2 – Preserves & Dried Vegetables

Lot 1, Canned Goods

Grapes	Blueberries
Plums	Wild Plums
Apples	Crab Apples
Peaches	Pears
Cherries	Strawberries
Gooseberries	Blackberries
Apricots	Currants
Tomatoes	Corn
String Beans	Peas

Lot 2, Preserves, Jelly & Jam, Dried Fruits

Peach	Plum
Apple	Cherry
Gooseberry	Currant
Strawberry	Raspberry
Blackberry	Grape
Pumpkin	Citron
Tomato	Apple Butter
Peach Butter	Plum Butter
Crab-Apple Butter	

Lot 3, Pickles

Cauliflower	Onion
Cabbage	Tomato
Chow Chow	Mixed Pickles
Mangue	Peach
Apple	Crab Apple
Pear	Beet
Gherkins	Pepper
Piccalilli	

Quilts (Patchwork & Crazy – Traditional Patterns)

Lot 2, Girls Department

Darning	Fancy Tidy
Sofa Pillow	Patching
Stitching Sampler	Buttonholes
Hand Sewn Apron	

Class 3, Foods

Fruit Pies	Cream Pies
Marble Cake	Jelly Cake
Fruit Cake	Sponge Cake
Rye Bread	Milk-Raised Bread
Sponge Bread	Hop-raised Bread
Cream	Butter
Candy	Cookies

Class 5 – Florals & Botanicals**Lot 1, Houseplants****Lot 2, Roses****Lot 3, Flowers****Lot 4, Floral Arrangements – vase, etc.****Lot 5, Floral Wreaths****Lot 6, Preserved Flowers**

Pressed Flowers	Waxed Flowers
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Class 4 – Textiles & Needle Arts**Lot 1, Textile Fabrics**

Rag Carpet	Lace Work
Hearth Rug (Hooked)	Shawls
Woolen Mittens	Knit Wool
Crochet Tidy	Table Mats
Cotton Lace	Petticoat
Night Dress	Skirt
Corset Cover	Chemise
Bodice	Calico Dress
Fancy Apron	Work Apron
Sun Bonnet	Hemstitching
Drawnwork	Crochet
Pillow Shams	Tray Cloth
Doylies	Wall Banner
Table Cover (Cloth)	Sofa Pillow
Outline Embroidery	Laundry Bag
Bed Spread	Broom Holder
Pillow	Tea Cloth
Afghan	Child's Bib
Machine Quilting	Cross-Stitch
Woven Spread	Tidy
Beadwork	Card Basket

Class 6 – Art & Miscellaneous Work**Lot 1, Photographic Works****Lot 2, Painting & Drawing**

Oil Paint	Water Color
Pen & Ink	Charcoal
Pencil	Oil or Chalk Pastels

Lot 3, Schoolwork

Penmanship	Artwork
Bookkeeping	Arithmetic
Map of Nebraska	
Map of the United States	
Drawing of County Schoolhouse	

Lot 4, Other Craft

Shellwork	Featherwork
Printmaking	Lithography
Other Craft Not Specified	

Class 7 – Industrial Arts

Woodwork	Leatherwork
Tinwork	Metalwork (other)

Special Instructions to all Entrants:

- *Enter six pods or one-half cup of dried beans, grain, or seeds.
- *Enter one or two examples of Vegetables or Fruits.
- *Enter one example of a baked item, but at least 6 (six) cookies.
- *Enter one example of any Domestic item, floral arrangement, Class 6 art or schoolwork, or miscellaneous work.
- *All Class 3 foods entered ***must*** be accompanied by their recipe in order to verify that they are period-appropriate (pre-1900) recipes. These recipes will not appear alongside the items when displayed; these will be seen only by the fair organizers to confirm historical veracity.

***Entry items will be
accepted on Saturday,
September 14th before 10
AM in the fair office.
Entries may be retrieved at
4:30 PM on Sunday,
September 15th.***

A BIT OF HISTORY!

Agricultural Fairs of the nineteenth century were an opportunity for farmers and townspeople alike to take advantage of exhibits of hundreds of items presented or produced by others, and where they learned of new or “improved” breeds of livestock or improvements in farm produce. Businesses would make special exhibits of their product lines, including many “new” items and advances in technology. Premiums or premium diplomas were awarded to individuals and businesses for the best exhibits. Local business interests offered special premiums for exhibits of particular interest to them, often in exchange for the item exhibited, such as the best pie.

Fairs were considered *the* fall social gathering to attend. Entertainments included various games, speeches by politicians, informative lectures, lunches served by local church organizations or other social and fraternal groups, balloon ascensions, high wire acts, music, and most importantly horse racing. Races were scheduled several times each day with special purses awarded for the various trotting, running, and pacing races.

Highlights for this year's Railroad Town Agricultural Fair

**Reading of Agriculturally-themed poetry – sponsored by the Railroad
Town Literary Guild*

**Exhibitions Sponsored by the Railroad Town Tomato Growers
Association, The Platte Valley Poultry Sassiety, and The Farmers Alliance*

**The Jones Traveling Medicine Show*

**The Apple Peeling Contest*

The items listed are merely suggestions. Please contact Alyssa Smith (Stuhr Museum Interpretive Resources Department, 308-385-5316, ext. 211) if you have any questions concerning entry items.

Do you raise heirloom vegetables or flowers? Do you quilt, sew, or bake? Please consider entering examples of your work in our fair! Entries must be grown or made by the exhibitor and meet the criteria in the premium list. Please provide information on heritage variety crops. All baked goods and food-related entries must be accompanied by their recipe in order to verify that they are period-appropriate (pre-1900) recipes. (These recipes will not appear alongside the items when displayed; these will be seen only by the fair organizers to confirm historical veracity.)

Please contact Alyssa Smith at Stuhr Museum (308-385-5316, ext. 211) or Alexandra Bird (308-385-5316, ext. 202) if you have questions regarding entry of items. If mailing entry forms, please address all items to *Stuhr Museum attn. Railroad Town Agricultural Society, 3133 W. Hwy. 34, Grand Island, NE, 68801.*

Entry items will be accepted at the Fair offices in Railroad Town starting on Saturday, September 14th before the start of the Fair at 10 AM. No entries will be accepted before September 14th! Entries may be retrieved at 4:30 PM on Sunday, September 15th.

Please Print!

Entrant Full Name _____

Entrant Address _____

Entrant City, State, Postal Code, etc. _____

Other entrant contact information _____

Entry 1 – _____

Entry 2 – _____

Entry 3 – _____

Entry 4 – _____

The Agricultural Fair at Stuhr Museum – September 14th & 15th! If you miss it, you'll regret it!