



Muskoka Heritage Place
Heritage Fall Fair

Exhibitor Rules & Regulations
October 2-4, 2026

HISTORY

Muskoka has had a long history of fairs – going back well over 100 years. Fall fairs were a way for the community to show off their skills in cooking, baking, farming and animal husbandry. Later, the fairs became a regular spot for the sale of farm stock.

The North Muskoka Agricultural Society (now Huntsville and District Agricultural Society) held the first Huntsville Fall Fair in 1883 where the Canada Summit Centre now stands. In 1973, the Fair was moved to its current site on Ravenscliffe Road.

The Stisted Agricultural Society was organized in 1885, with the first fair in 1886 at the Loyal Orange Lodge – the lodge is now located at Muskoka Heritage Place.

The categories below are those that would have been in local fairs in the late 1800s and early 1900s – Huntsville, Stisted, Stephenson – as recorded in the Huntsville Forester and in former fair prize lists. Please note these class titles are a reflection of the time period in which it was written.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All entries will **not be accepted earlier than Saturday, September 26, 2026**. All entries must be **registered by 12:00pm (noon) on Thursday, October 1, 2026**. Entries are to be dropped off at the main admissions, 88 Brunel Road.

All products must have been raised and/or made by the exhibitor. An exhibitor may exhibit in more than one category (e.g. watercolour painting, needlework sample, apples). Any person can exhibit in any class of their choosing.

No person will be allowed to remove any article from the Fair until Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 4:00pm. Items must be picked up by October 11, 2026, or will be at the discretion of Muskoka Heritage Place to dispose of.

First, second and third prize cards are awarded in each category, which are decided on by public vote on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Gift certificates to be redeemed at the gift shop will also be awarded to first, second and third prize winners.

1st \$5.00

2nd \$3.00

3rd \$1.50

Fair organizers reserve the right to remove from competition items whose workmanship and design does not reflect the historical nature of the Fair. All judges' decisions are final.

PRIZE LIST

CLASS A – GRAIN AND SEED DIVISION

1. Barley, Bunch
2. Beans, White
3. Corn, any field variety (2)
4. Sheaf Sunflowers, 3 stalks with heads
5. Sheaf, Fall Wheat, 6 stalks

CLASS B – ROOT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION

6. Beets, Globe (3)
7. Carrots, any field variety, with tops (3)
8. Cabbage, any variety (1 head)
9. Potatoes, Cobbler (3)
10. Potatoes, Early Variety (3)
11. Potatoes, Late Variety (3)
12. Mangolds, any variety (3)
13. Onions, from seed (3)
14. Parsnips, any variety (3)
15. Pumpkin, field or feeding variety (1)
16. Squash, Green Hubbard (1)
17. Turnips, Swede, any variety (3)

CLASS C – ORCHARD AND GARDEN DIVISION

18. Apples, any variety (3)
19. Crabapples, any variety (5)
20. Gladioli, 3 spikes
21. Herbs, Dried, any variety (1 bunch)
22. Marigolds, Calendula, 6 blooms
23. Marigolds, African, 6 blooms
24. Flowers, any variety, bouquet

CLASS D – DAIRY AND DOMESTIC DIVISION

25. Butter, 1 lb print (judged on display only)
26. Bread, white, 1 loaf (judged on display only)
27. Bread, whole wheat, 1 loaf (judged on display only)
28. Canned tomatoes
29. Jelly, Crabapple
30. Maple syrup
31. Pickles, mixed, any kind
32. Preserved Blueberries
33. Preserved Strawberries, wild or tame

CLASS E – LADIES WORK or SEWING AND NEEDLEWORK DIVISION

- 34. Quilt square, 2ft x 2ft
- 35. Child's Dress
- 36. Hooked mat, no larger than 2 ft x 4 ft
- 37. Knitting in cotton, any material and article
- 38. An article made from a flour bag
- 39. Embroidery in cotton, no larger than 1ft x 1ft
- 40. Ornamental needlework in silk or any other material, no larger than 1ft x 1ft
- 41. Wool socks
- 42. A children's toy, e.g. marionette, whirligig, or hand-made dominoes

CLASS F – ART AND PENMANSHIP DIVISION

- 43. Pen and Ink Sketch, any subject
- 44. Pencil drawing, Muskoka Pioneer Village building
- 45. Painting in Oils, water theme
- 46. Penmanship, "The Seven Grandfather's Teachings", in ink
- 47. Watercolour painting, flowers

CONTESTS

Victorian carnival games

Egg and Spoon Races

Potato Sack Races

Tug-of-War

NOTES

Items Requiring Containers

Do not use plastic – it is not period appropriate. Glass is recommended for liquids (butter, honey, maple syrup) and flowers (mason jars work well). Baskets or paper lunch bags are recommended for Class B.

Identifiers

Please do not mark anywhere on exhibited article that may identify you as an exhibitor to maintain objectiveness of judges. Any names on produce or articles (not including the exhibitor entry tag) will be disqualified.