

HYLO/VENICE HARVEST DAYS
ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW
AUGUST 21 & 22, 2026



Presented by:

The Hylo/Venice Recreation & Agricultural Society

*"Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end
contribute most to real wealth, good morals & happiness." —*
Thomas Jefferson

Official Show Rules and Regulations:

Admission: Entry is entirely free of charge and open to all community members.

Entry Limit: Strictly one entry per individual class is allowed per exhibitor.

Originality: All exhibits must be grown or created by the exhibitor. Items must not have been previously shown at the Hylo competition.

Drop-Off Hours: Friday evening from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM sharp. Absolutely no late entries accepted after 7:00 PM.

Pre-Tagging: Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to fill out their exhibit tags at home to avoid Friday evening delays.

Label Security: All entry tags must be securely pinned, stapled, or taped directly to the exhibit.

Displays: The committee will supply paper plates for all vegetable and baking displays.

Exhibit Pick-Up: All items must remain on display until Saturday at 5:00 PM.

- **Cash Prize Distribution (All Sections):**
 - **1st Place:** \$5.00 cash ribbon
 - **2nd Place:** \$3.00 cash ribbon
 - **3rd Place:** \$2.00 cash ribbon

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SECTION A — FLOWERS

- **Exhibitor Preparation Guidelines:**
 - **Exhibitors:** Please Note: All entries must be grown by the exhibitor.
 - **Containers:** Use clean, sturdy recycled glass jars or clear bottles. **Styrofoam cups are strictly prohibited.**
 - **Hydration:** Flowers should be gathered in the morning. Trim flower stems at a 45-degree angle to maximize water absorption. Fill containers with adequate water and strip all leaves below the water line to ensure freshness over the 2-day display. Floral preserve maybe added to the water. Warm water will revive wilted flowers and make them open.
 - **Flowers** with small and of soft stems may be placed through slits in tin foil caps made to cover the container opening.
 - **Quantities:** Provide the exact number of stems, spikes, or blossoms specified below.
 - **Identification:** Write the specific floral variety on your entry tag whenever possible.

Section A

Cut Flowers

Exhibitors – please note: All entries must be grown by the exhibitors. Use a suitable recycled container (jar or bottle of appropriate size) to hold your cut specimens.

All entries must be grown by the exhibitors.

Include variety name (if known) on the entry tag, (e.g. Petunia/Sugar Daddy). Only provide the number of heads or blossoms as required by the class.

Flowers should be gathered in the morning with stems cut at a 45-degree angle to maximize water absorption. Keep cool till show time.

Use clean attractive containers that are compatible with the size of flowers. Please do not use Styrofoam cups. Prefer clean jars or vases.

The depth of the water should be sufficient for 2 days.

Remove leaves below water line to help prevent bacteria growth.

Flowers with small and of soft stems may be placed through slits in tin foil caps made to cover the container opening.

Floral preserve maybe added to the water.

Warm water will revive wilted flowers and make them open.

Class	Number Required
1. Baby Breath – Perennial	1 stem
2. Bachelor’s Buttons	3 blossoms
3. Calendula	3 blossoms
4. Cosmos	3 blossoms
5. Daisy	3 blossoms
6. Dianthus – Pinks	3 stems
7. Geranium	1 head
8. Lily	1 stem
9. Marigold	3 blossoms
10. Nasturtiums	3 blossoms
11. Pansy – any type	3 blossoms
12. Petunia – any type	3 blossoms
13. Poppies – any type	3 blossoms
14. Rose	1 blossom
15. Snapdragon – any type	3 spikes

16. Sunflower	1 head
17. Sweet Peas	3 stems
18. Sweet William	1 head
19. Open Class (any Flower not listed)	1-3 blossoms

Arrangements and Potted Plants

Please Note: All entries must be grown by the exhibitors and must be in the possession for at least 3 months prior to the show. Use a clean suitable container of appropriate size.

The composition of color, size and shape to produce a pleasing effect. Each unit (flower, fruit, vegetable, etc.) is placed so that collectively, they produce a design.

Class

1. African Violet
2. Arrangement of Picked Wild Flowers and Foliage
3. Cacti
4. Exotic Flowering Plant
5. Flowering Houseplant
6. Foliage Houseplant
7. Dining Table Arrangement (Fresh Flowers)
8. Novelty Arrangement in an unusual container
9. Potted Herb
10. Open Class (Any arrangements/Plant not listed above)

SECTION B

Vegetables

Size should be of moderate; not extra large.

Color of vegetable should be bright, clear and attractive.

All specimens are to be as uniform as possible in color, maturity, shape and size.

Condition of vegetable refers to a minimum of blemishes caused by insects, diseases, dirt and mechanical damage.

All specimens are required to be as true to the variety or type specified.

Rhubarb – Long, large diameter stocks preferred. Leaf to be trimmed in a 1” fan shape and to be left intact as pulled.

Class	Number Required
1. Beans - Green	6 pods
2. Beans – Wax, Yellow	6 pods
3. Carrots	3
4. Cucumber - Pickling	5
5. Garden Herbs – 3 or more kinds bunch/kind	1
6. Garlic	1 bulb
7. Lettuce	1
8. Nature’s Freak – Most Unusual	1
9. Onions Green – trim tops to 3” of 6	Bunch
10. Peas	6 pods
11. Potatoes	3
12. Radishes	5 rods

13. Rhubarb stalks	3
14. Spinach plants	2
15. Swiss Chard	1 plant
16. Tomatoes	3
17. Zucchini	2
18. Pumpkin	1
19. Vegetable Display –	
a. not more than 12 kinds, minimum of 5 kinds	
20. Open Class – Any vegetable not listed above.	

SECTION C

Include the variety name on the entry tag if known. The number of fruits exhibited needs to be the exact number listed for the class. Prepare your own display. Paper plates provided.

Tame Fruits

Class	Number
Required	
1. Apples	6
2. Cherries - Nanking	6
3. Gooseberries	12
4. Plums	6
5. Raspberries – stem attached	12
6. Saskatoons	12
7. Haskap	12
8. Open Class – Any tame fruit not listed above	6-12

Wild Fruits

Class	Number
Required	

1. Blueberries	12
2. Chokecherries	12
3. Cranberries High Bush	12
4. Cranberries Low Bush	12
5. Hazelnuts	12
6. Pincherries	12
7. Saskatoons	12
8. Gooseberries	12
9. Huckleberries	12
10. Open Class – Any Wild Fruit not listed above	12

SECTION D

Canning and Beverages

Please note: Label jars NOT the lid with contents and date made.

One Jar allotted per exhibitor per class. Preserves must be the exhibitors' own creations.

Class

1. Canned Fruit
 - A) Crab-apples
 - B) Cherries
 - C) Plums
 - D) Peaches
 - E) Pears
 - F) Tomatoes
 - G) Apricots
 - H) Blueberries
 - I) Raspberries

- J) Saskatoon
- K) Strawberries tame
- L) Strawberries wild
- M) Fruit Syrup
- N) Fruit Leather
- O) Other fruit not listed above.

- **Pickles & Savory Preserves:**

- A. Bread and Butter Pickles
- B. Dill Cucumber Pickles
- C. Pickled Garden Vegetables (Carrots, beans, etc.)
- D. Specialty Cucumber Pickles (Icicle, gherkin)
- E. Mixed Garden Vegetables
- F. Pickled Beets
- G. Sweet Mixed Pickles
- H. Pickled Garlic
- I. Homemade Gourmet Mustard
- J. Vegetable Relish (Cucumber, pepper, or corn base)
- K. Savory Tomato Preserves (Ketchup, chili sauce, paste)
- L. Unusual Preserves
- M. Homemade Salsa (Must be labeled explicitly as Mild, Medium, or Hot)
- N. Chutney
- O. Pasta Sauce (Authentic tomato base)
- P. Antipasto
- Q. Open Class Savory Preserve

- **Home Jams (Cooked Only):**

- A. Fruit Butter
- B. Blueberry
- C. Chokecherry or Pin cherry

- D. Currant
- E. Gooseberry
- F. Raspberry
- G. Saskatoon
- H. Jam Blend (Combination of any two fruits)
- I. Strawberry
- J. Marmalade
- K. Haskap
- L. Open Class Cooked Jam

2. Jelly

- A) Crab-apple
- B) Blueberry
- C) Chokecherry or Pincherry
- D) Currant
- E) Raspberry
- F) Saskatoon
- G) Pepper Jelly
- H) Other Jelly

SECTION E

Baked goods are to be displayed on paper plates. Pies maybe in tin foil plates. Cover all with a clear plastic. Please no baking that requires refrigeration (e.g. cream pies).

Baking – No mixes allowed.

Class – Cake Required	Number
1. Jelly Roll – limited to jelly filling	1
2. Decorated Cake	1

3. Baked Squares squares	3
4. Unbaked Squares squares	3
5. Cupcakes cupcakes	3
6. Cake no icing	3 slices
7. Open Class – any cake	1

**Class – Cookies - no mixes allowed
Required** **Number**

1. Sandwich or Filled Cookies	3
2. Unbaked Cookies	3
3. Baked cookies	3
4. Cookies decorated	3
5. Ginger Snaps	3
6. Shortbread	3
7. Open Class (other than listed above)	3

**Class – Candies
Required** **Number**

1. Fudge	3
2. Peanut Brittle	3
3. Homemade Chocolates	3
4. Open Class	3

**Class Breads – no mixes allowed
Required** **Number**

1. Plain White Bread	1 loaf
2. Brown Bread	1 loaf
3. Rustic Sourdough or specialty	1 loaf
4. Buns – White	3 buns

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| 5. Buns – Brown | 3 buns |
| 6. Cinnamon Buns | 3 buns |
| 7. Open Class not listed | 1 loaf/ 3 buns |

Class – Quick Breads

Number Required

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| 1. Doughnuts – Yeast | 3 each |
| 2. Doughnuts – Cake | 3 each |
| 3. Muffins | 3 each |
| 4. Tea Biscuits/Scones | 3 each |
| 5. Tea Bread, (e.g. banana, date, orange, etc.) | 3 slices |
| 6. Open Class | 3 slices |

Class – Pastries

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| 1. Two Crust Pie | 1 pie or 6" |
| 2. One Crust Pie | 1 pie or 6" |
| 3. Tarts | 3 |
| 4. Open Class | 3 |

Class – Spectacular Desserts

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| 1. Unbaked | 3 |
| 2. Baked | 3 |
| 3. Frozen | 3 |
| 4. Open Class – other than listed above | 3 |

SECTION F

Sewing

Articles are to be finished and ready to wear.

1. Baby Outfit
2. Sleepwear
3. Child's Party Dress
4. Costume – (Halloween, dance, skating)
5. Handbag or duffle bag
6. Shopping bag or tote
7. Open Class (any garment not listed above)

SECTION G— CROPS

Section G: Grains, Hay & Crop Seeds:

Note: All agricultural crop sheaves and grains must be harvested from the exhibitor's active family farm.

Asterisk (*) Note: Exhibitors may submit one distinct entry for each separate sub-variety in these classes.

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| a. Alfalfa | 1 bundle |
| b. Barley* | 1 sheaf |
| c. Canola* | 1 pint or 1 sheaf |
| d. Clover | 1 pint or 1 sheaf |
| e. Field Peas* | 1 sheaf or 1 pint |
| f. Legume Hay | 1 sheaf |

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| g. Oats* | 1 sheaf or 1 pint |
| h. Wheat* | 1 sheaf or 1 pint |
| i. Indian Corn | 1 pint or 1 cob |
| j. Open Class Field Crop | 1 pint or 1 sheaf |
| k. Cleaned Seed Grain (Barley, Canola, Oats, Wheat, Alfalfa,
Clover, or Open) | 1 pint total |

SECTION H— FINE ARTS

- a. Drawing — Black Pencil / Graphite
- b. Drawing — Charcoal
- c. Drawing — Traditional Pen and Ink
- d. Drawing — Coloured Pencil
- e. Drawing — Mixed or Alternate Mediums
- f. Painting — Classic Watercolour
- g. Painting — Watercolour blended with Pen & Ink
- h. Painting — Acrylic Landscape
- i. Painting — Oil Landscape
- j. Painting — Acrylic Portrait
- k. Painting — Oil Portrait
- l. Traditional Calligraphy
- m. Painting — Acrylic Floral Study
- n. Painting — Oil Floral Study
- o. Painting — Modern Abstract
- p. Painting — Wildlife (Birds or Animals)
- q. Open Class Fine Art Work

SECTION I-PHOTOGRAPHY

- **Section I: Photography Rules:**
 - **Freshness:** Prints must be entirely new to this fair and never previously judged.
 - **Mounting:** Secure photos to plain white paper board or heavy Bristol board with a border extending no more than ½” past the print. **Glass frames or unmounted prints will be disqualified.**
 - **Display:** Do not mask photos with over-matting or clear plastic sleeves. **Text captions or watermarks are completely forbidden.**
 - **Sizing:** Photos must range from a minimum of 4" x 6" to a maximum of 5" x 7".
 - **Exhibitor Exclusion:** The photographer must not appear anywhere in the composition, except within Class 14.

Photo Classes (Color or Black & White):

- a. Plant or Flower Study
- b. Scenic Landscape
- c. Humorous or Comedic Catch
- d. Brilliant Sunrise or Sunset
- e. Animal or Pet Portrait
- f. Captivating Reflections
- g. Nostalgia or Historic Imagery
- h. People — Single Individual Portrait
- i. People — Group or Family Gathering
- j. High-Speed Action Object
- k. Inanimate Still Life Object
- l. Authentic Farm Life
- m. Unique Local Scene of the Hylo/Venice Area
- n. Creative Selfie (Exhibitor inclusion allowed)
- o. Tender or Emotional Moment
- p. Open Class Photography

SECTION J - HANDICRAFTS

- a. Afghan
- b. Infant Wardrobe Set (Knitted or Crocheted)
- c. Intricate Beadwork
- d. Festive Christmas Stocking
- e. Fine Crochet Tablecloth
- f. Cross Stitch Needlework Embroidery
- g. Decorative Cushion
- h. Hand-Dressed Collectible Doll
- i. Full-Sized Sweater (Knitted or Crocheted)
- j. Traditional Freehand Embroidery
- k. Winter Mittens
- l. Needlepoint Art
- m. Handmade Rug
- n. Cozy Slippers or Socks
- o. Kitchen Potholder, Hot Pad, or Table Trivet
- p. Hand-Stuffed Child's Toy
- q. Detailed Diamond Art Project
- r. Winter Toque or Hat
- s. Hand-Tooled Leather Work
- t. Winter Scarf (Knitted, crocheted, or sewn)
- u. Heirloom Quilts
- v. Open Class Textile Handicraft

SECTION K: HOBBY CRAFTS

- a. Wooden Outdoor Birdhouse
- b. Decorative Holiday Centerpiece
- c. Kiln-Fired Ceramics
- d. Rustic Furniture crafted from Willow
- e. Decorative Garden Ornament
- f. Garden Scarecrow (Must include a functional display stand)
- g. Customized Garden Stepping Stone
- h. Hand-Stamped Greeting Card
- i. Multi-Media Handmade Card
- j. Artisan Handmade Jewellery

- k. Holiday Theme Craft (Non-centerpiece)
- l. General Woodworking Projects
- m. Wire or Beaded Jewellery
- n. Leather Hobby Craft
- o. Hand-Thrown Pottery
- p. Quilts — Traditional Hand-Stitched
- q. Quilts — Precision Machine-Stitched
- r. Completed Scrapbook Memory Album
- s. Small Christmas Tree Ornaments (Must be ready to hang)
- t. Artisan Soap Making
- u. Stained Glass Project
- v. Fabric or Mixed-Media Wall Hanging
- w. Detailed Wood or Antler Carving
- x. Seasonal Wreaths (Spring, Summer, Fall, or Winter)
- y. Open Class Hobby Craft

SECTIONS L, M, N (AGES 0-17)

Section L: Preschool (Ages 5 and Under):

- a. Handcrafted Seasonal Holiday Decoration
- b. Material Collage (Macaroni, seashells, buttons, or seeds glued to a backing)
- c. Original Picture or Crayon Drawing
- d. Creative Paper Bag Puppet
- e. Play-Dough or Clay Sculpture
- f. Mess-Free Finger Painting
- g. Fun Decorated Large Cookie
- h. Handcrafted Family Greeting Card
- i. Painted or Decorated Garden Rock
- j. Open Class Preschool Craft Project

SECTION M: Children (Ages 6–8):

Sizing Note: The absolute maximum dimensions for posters, drawings, and paintings are 11” x 17”.

- a. Handmade Seasonal Holiday Decoration
- b. Fun Decorated Large Cookies
- c. Intricate Material Collage
- d. Modeling Clay or Dough Art
- e. Educational Poster carrying a distinct message

- f. Handcrafted Character Puppet
- g. Creative Handmade Jewellery
- h. Painted Artwork (Must be neatly mounted or framed)
- i. Sketch or Drawing (Pencil, crayon, colored pencil, or marker)
- j. Photography — Animal Life
- k. Photography — Scenic Sunrise or Sunset
- l. Original Lego Structure (**Commercial building kits are strictly forbidden.** Maximum allowed structural footprint: 8.5” W x 11” L x 12”H)
- m. Creative Popsicle Stick Building
- n. Enchanted Fairy Garden (Must range between 6 to 12 inches wide and sit on a solid, mobile base)
- o. Handcrafted Greeting Card
- p. Painted or Multi-Media Decorated Rock
- q. Hand-Painted or Vibrant Tie-Dye T-shirt
- r. Open Class Children's Craft Project

JUNIOR SECTIONS (AGES 9-17)

PLEASE STATE YOUR AGE

Section N: Youths (Ages 9–12) & Teens (Ages 13–17):

Registration Note: Junior exhibitors must clearly mark their exact age on the back of the entry tag.

Sizing Note: The absolute maximum dimensions for posters, drawings, and paintings are 11” x 17”.

- 1. Handmade Seasonal Holiday Decoration
- 2. Healthy After-School Snack (Judged heavily on nutritional value and visual design)
- 3. Uniquely Decorated Cupcake
- 4. Homemade Personal Pizza (6-inch maximum diameter)
- 5. Best Homemade Cookies from scratch (2 cookies required)

6. Painted Artwork (Must be neatly mounted or framed)
7. Educational Poster carrying a distinct message
8. Artisan Handmade Jewellery
9. Creative Drawing (Pencil, crayon, charcoal, watercolor paints, or marker)
10. Photography — Animal Life
11. Photography — Scenic Sunrise or Sunset
12. Photography — Creative Selfie
13. Photography — Humorous Capture
14. Original Lego Structure (**Commercial building kits are strictly forbidden.** Maximum allowed structural footprint: 8.5" W x 11" L x 12"H)
15. Complex Popsicle Stick Architecture
16. Enchanted Fairy Garden (Must range between 6 to 12 inches wide and sit on a solid, mobile base)
17. Creative Pop-Up Paper Art
18. Hand-Painted or Vibrant Tie-Dye T-shirt
19. Hand-Sewn or Fabric Stuffed Toy
20. Original Cartoon Strip (Single or multiple frame layout; must be an original concept)
21. 3D Diorama Project (Built securely inside a standard shoe box or deep shadow frame)
22. Detailed Diamond Art Project
23. Original Poetry Piece (Must be neatly mounted or framed for display)
24. Hand-Built Scale Model (**No snap-together kits allowed.** Must be glued, constructed, and painted entirely by hand)
25. Kiln-Fired Ceramics
26. Hand-Thrown Pottery
27. Fresh Flower Floral Arrangement styled inside an interesting or unusual container
28. Functional or Decorative Woodwork Project
29. Open Class Youth or Teen Craft Project

SECTION O: Fresh Farm Fare

- a. Churned Farm Butter
- b. Homemade Hard or Soft Cheese
- c. Fresh Farm Eggs (1 dozen)
- d. Pure Honey Jar
- e. Raw Wool or Spun Skein
- f. Cured Meat Jerky
- g. Homemade Sausage
- h.** Open Class Farm Fare Product

The Hylo/Venice Recreation & Agriculture Society

Extends a massive thank you to all our brilliant community exhibitors and participants!

A special shout-out and heartfelt thank you to our incredible army of volunteers who make this weekend possible!

"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul."

— Luther Burbank

Hylo Harvest Days

Cash Only

Growing Together,
Stronger Together!

♡♡ A PARADE OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT! ♡♡

AUGUST 21ST FRIDAY

Horticultural Show

Celebrate the talents of the community – harvests, baking, art and more

Entries Accepted from 4-7 pm Winners Showcased Saturday



Dinner and Movie in the Park

Bring the kids and enjoy a movie!
Concession available.



6-8PM

AUGUST 22ND SATURDAY



Pancake Breakfast

Served by the seniors association



10AM-NOON



Brisket Cookoff Judging

Deadline to join Brisket Cookoff Aug 9
Contact Yvonne (780)623-9756 to join

11AM



Parade – Community Spirit

Join the parade contact Kerstin (780)674-0864

12:30PM



Show N Shine

Contact Brohden 780-623-8762

1:00PM



Cornhole Tournament

To sign up contact Mike at (780)689-8540

1PM



Pig Catch

You Catch it? You Keep it!
Ages 2-adult!

5PM



ALL DAY



Kids Entertainment



Beer Garden



'Almost Live' Chickens



Chicken Poop Bingo



Contests & Prizes



Vendor Market



Concession



FOR MORE INFO

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