

MARSHFIELD FAIR CELEBRATES AMERICA

AUGUST 21 - 30, 2026

4-H Celebrates America

2026 Educational Poster theme Animals in American History
4-H Celebrates America throughout the week in many different ways.

Agriculture Celebrates America

250 years of Agriculture in the United States - Agriculture Educational Exhibits (pg. 28)
Scary Qinn Centennial - Patriotic Scarecrow (pg. 30)
Charcuterie Contest - Red, White and Blue and American BBQ (pg.26)

Arts & Crafts Celebrates America

Cooking Contest – American Pie and Cookout Foods (pg. 12)
Country Arts invites you to showcase your creativity with work inspired by the colors, culture, traditions, and symbols that make our country unique. Enter crafts in any of our categories incorporating “red, white, and blue”, patriotic imagery, Americana style or personal interpretation of what America means to you.” Special ribbons awarded.

Horticulture Celebrates America

Prizes As Listed in Department
Historic Farms - Amateur Garden Exhibit (pg. 22)
America’s 250th - Small Space Container Garden (pg. 22)
Early Americana - Mantel Contest (pg. 22)
Celebrating American Ingenuity - Floral Arrangement or Potted Plant (pg. 22)
Paul Revere’s Lantern - Fresh Floral Arrangement (pg. 23)

Photography Celebrates America

Photography - Photograph Depicting America the Beautiful

Quilting

The awarding of **Quilts of Valor** celebrating our local veterans/heroes (pg. 12)
Presentation on Sunday, August 30 at 1:00 pm.
Notes to Veterans (Arts & Crafts and Agriculture)



EXHIBITS & SHOWS

Fri, Aug. 21	All Day	GCFM Standard Flower Show
	12:30	Dog Show
	1-6	Ox Pulling
	4:00	Rabbit Achievement
Sat, Aug. 22	12:00	Cattle Sorting
	12:30	Poultry Achievement
	1:00	Baking & Cooking
		N. E. Giant Pumpkin Contest
	3:30	Beef Achievement
	5:00	Jr. Pumpkin Contest
	6:30	Dog Performance
Sun, Aug.23	12:00	Cattle Sorting
	12:30	Sheep Achievement
	2:00	Hydrangea Show
	4:00	Dairy Cattle Achievement
Mon, Aug. 24	12:30	Dairy Goat Show
	5:00	Swine Achievement
Tues, Aug. 25	12:30	Dairy Goat Achievement
	2:00	Open Sunflower Show
	5:30	Swine Show
Wed, Aug. 26	All Day	Ikebana in Horticulture
	All Day	4-H & Youth Activities
Thu, Aug. 27	12:30	Rabbit Show
	1 - 6	Horse Pulling
	2:00	Zinnia Contest
	6:30	Dog Agility Show
Fri, Aug. 28	12:30	Dog Achievement
		Horse Show - Ag Ring
	2:00	Horse Achievement - Ag Ring
		Meet the Dog Breeds
	4:30	Dairy Cattle Show
		Horse Vaulting
	7:00	4-H Talent Show
Sat, Aug. 29	12:00	Bird Carving Contest
	12:30	Sheep Show
	1:00	Baking & Cooking
	3:00	Charcuterie Vegetable Contest
	4:30	Beef Cattle Show
	5:30	Livestock Over the Hill Class
	6:00	4-H Alumni Class
Sun, Aug. 30	12-6	Antique Truck & Tractor Show
	12:30	4-H Quiz Bowl
	1:30	Quilt of Valor Ceremony
	2:00	Horticulture Awards
	4:00	4-H Fair Awards
		Plant Auction - Horticulture

SPECIAL EVENTS

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Horticulture

Downstairs in Agricultural Hall

BUTTERFLIES All 10 Days!

Aug. 21	Noon	GCFM Standard Flower Show
		Butterflies here for 10 days
Aug. 22	2:00	Plant ID Apps & Tech – Nick Lahage
	4:00	Learn about Sogetsu/Ikebana – Nefertiti SanMiguel
Aug. 23	11:30	Enter Hydrangea Show judged @2pm
	4:00	All about Native Plants–Kristen of Blue Stem Natives
Aug. 24	2:00	Butterfly Plants & Plans
	4:00	Hydrangea 101 – Roni Lahage
Aug. 25	11:30	Enter Sunflower Contest judged @1
	2:00	Growing Sunflowers with Bill Carpenter
Aug. 26	2:00	Tour new Ikebana Show
	4:00	Biodiversity in the Garden–Ann McGovern
Aug. 27	2:00	Raised Bed Planting Demo – Dana Shaw
	3-5	Kids Activity
Aug. 28	2:00	Butterfly Plants & Plans
	4:00	Tour the Herb Garden, Q & A
Aug. 29	12:00	Get your tickets (\$2) for Wine Tasting
	2:00	Garden Journaling with Martha Himes
	5:00	Wine Tasting, 50 seats only!
Aug. 30	2:00	Excellence & Popular Choice Awards
	4:00	Plant Auction
	6:00	Butterflies Go Free!

Arts & Crafts

Main Floor Agricultural Hall

Aug. 21	12-4	Painting – Dylan Lamphere
Aug. 22	12-4	Painting – Dottie Perotti
Aug. 23	12-4	Collage – Mandy Fariello
Aug. 24	12-4	Oil Painting – Jody Regan
Aug. 25	12-4	Chair Caning and Rushwork by Erin & John Matthews
Aug. 26	12-4	Hooked Rugs
Aug.27	12-4	Needlework – Carol DiFazio, Carol Walsh & Miriam Rosa
	12-4	Mug Rug Quilt – Make and Take
Aug. 28	12-4	Nantucket Baskets - Janice Card

Agriculture

Daily at 3 under the Grandstand

Organic Gardening

Daily at 3:00 with Rick Madden – Next to Horticulture

Ham Radio Exhibit

Daily at 3 & 6 - Intro to Ham Radio, How to get on Air next to First Aid/Security

Woodturners

Daily at 1- 6 – Demonstrations - next to First Aid

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society initiated a Scholarship Program in 1982. These scholarships are awarded annually to graduates of Marshfield High School. Preference will be given to a Marshfield High School student furthering his or her education in agricultural and horticultural studies, aquaculture, marine biology, conservation, forestry or other related fields.

Marshfield Agricultural & Horticultural Scholarships

Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society awards three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.

The 2025 and 2026 recipients were:

2025 – Riley Abell, William Jones, Liliano Minchello, Coltan Spano, Anna Sullivan
2026 - Nathan Boshans, Liam Deane, Brooke Kelly, Julie Pozerski, Patrick Sullivan

The Society also provides scholarships of \$1,000 each to a deserving student from Bristol County Agricultural School and Norfolk County Agricultural School.

Dean & Flynn Fiesta Show Scholarships

The Dean & Flynn Fiesta Show Scholarship awards are given in memory of Mrs. Lillian Dean. Five \$ 1,000 scholarships were given to:

2025 – Ainsley Dunn, Ryan Hay, Jack Kenney, Joseph Rotundo, Taylor Twomey
2026 - Caroline Comesso, Isabel Foley, Nolan Keeler, Mia LoVuolo, Brendan McLaughlin

Marshfield Fair 4-H Awards

The Marshfield Fair 4-H awards are for 4-H members who meet the award qualifications. Award nomination deadline is Thurs. Aug 27@ 6 pm. For a listing and complete description, go to marshfieldfair.org.

In 2001, long-time Marshfield Fair Director John LaForest passed away. After retiring, John became an avid bird carver who produced over 100 carvings, giving many as gifts and donating many to charity auctions. Those who are lucky to have one of John's carvings realize they own something special. For many years John also exhibited his carvings at the Fair and demonstrated carving in the exhibit hall. It was always John's wish to develop a larger bird carving presence at the Marshfield Fair. In his honor, in 2002 Marshfield Fair initiated the John LaForest Bird Carving Contest. It is now held the last Saturday of the Fair every year.

COUNTRY ARTS AWARDS

BLUE ROSETTE - Best in category - \$5.00

WHITE ROSETTE - Best of Show to be determined by Marshfield Fair Officials - \$10.00.

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY - Three prize rosettes based on artistic quality.

FRAN SVELNIS AWARD - Awarded to an outstanding exhibitor in Arts and Crafts Category. Fran was a talented artist remembered for her successful efforts to revitalize the Country Arts Dept. Selection based on: workmanship, quality, proper presentation, and artistic merit. The recipient will receive a special rosette and their name will be engraved on a plaque hanging in Agi Hall. **2025 Winner – Holly Carpenter**

KATHERINE (KAY) MILLER AWARD (Volunteers only) This award is given in memory of Kay Miller who is fondly remembered for her long time participation in the Marshfield Fair. The recipient's name will be engraved on a plaque to be hung in Agi Hall.

2025 Winner – Eunice Chandler and Dana Shea

LORRAINE WHITEHOUSE QUILTING AWARD – Awarded in memory of Lorraine Whitehouse whose commitment was to preserve the distinction of hand quilting. The recipient will exhibit exceptional ability in the creation of quilting by hand and represent excellence in the craft.

EXHIBITOR'S ENTRY DATE & TIME

July 13

4H Livestock - register by July 13, arrive August 20

August 15 & 16, 10 – 4 pm

Country Arts, Photography, Craft Shop (*by app't*)

August 20, 12 – 7 pm

Agriculture, Apiary, Canned Goods, Horticulture

Special Contests

GCFMA Standard Flower Show Aug 21
N.E. Giant Pumpkin Contest Aug 22, 9-12 pm
Youth Giant Pumpkin Contest Aug 22, 12-3 pm
Baking Contest Aug 22 & 29, 12 -1 pm
Hydrangea Show Aug 23, 11 -12 pm
Open Sunflower Show Aug 25, 11-12 pm
Ikebana and Appetizer Plate Aug 26
Zinnia Show Aug 27, 11 – 12 pm
John LaForest Bird Carving Aug 29, 11-12 pm
Char-Veg-erie Contest Aug 23 & 27, 2 pm

EXHIBITOR'S RULES & REGULATIONS

- In cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture, this year's fair is to be held August 21-30, 2026, inclusive at the Marshfield Fairgrounds.
- Premiums and gratuities in all departments of the Fair are open to all exhibitors.
- No discount is made for non-membership.
- Entries must be made only on designated dates and times. See list of entry dates and times on page 7.
- Premium lists, programs, posters, or any information regarding the Fair will be provided upon request to Carleton E. Chandler, Secretary. Please call 781-834-6629 or visit our website at www.marshfieldfair.org.
- No exhibits, games or concessions which violate the rules of the Society or the laws of the Commonwealth will be allowed on the grounds.

SOCIETY REGULATIONS - FOR EXHIBITORS

1. Exhibitors are requested to use the South River Street gate, leading directly to the Agricultural Hall.
2. **Absolutely no entry will be received in any department after the day and hour designated.**
3. All articles, products, flowers, fruits and vegetables offered for premiums must have been manufactured or produced by the person in whose name they are exhibited on or after August 14, 2025.
4. Awards are made in accordance with entries. Therefore, exhibitors should take care to have stock and articles properly entered.
5. No premiums will be awarded unless entry and required statement have been made according to the rules of the society.
6. In all departments every exhibit should be designated by entry number only, and no names of exhibitors are to be attached until the awards have been made.
7. Description cards will be furnished to exhibitors who are responsible for filling out and properly displaying with their animals or articles/items exhibited.
8. **Only one entry can be made by the same exhibitor in any one class unless noted.**
9. No animal shall be entitled to a premium unless it has been owned by the exhibitor for at least the required minimum amount of time as stated in the Animal General Rules.
10. The best animal will receive a premium, even though it has taken a premium at a previous fair.
11. Premiums will be payable by the treasurer within 10 days after the award. If a competitor is dissatisfied with the awards of the committee, a protest shall be made to the secretary in writing, no later than the day following the awards and the matter may be adjusted by the directors. Any questions regarding

premiums paid must be filed with the Marshfield Fair office before December 1st of the year issued.

12. **The Society uses every reasonable means to protect all property on exhibit but will not be responsible for loss from any cause.**
13. The exhibitor agrees to be solely responsible for any loss or injury to or damage done, occasioned by, or arising from, any animals on exhibit and to defend and to indemnify the Fair and the Management thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto, and upon these conditions only will entries be accepted. In view of the indemnity agreement appearing on Entry Forms and herein, exhibitors may find it advisable for their own protection to carry liability insurance, if not already covered.
14. To enter a 4-H division, the youth must be a currently enrolled 4-H member in good standing.
15. No supervisor or judge may enter a contest.

COUNTRY ARTS RULES

ENTRY: Saturday, August 15, 10-4 pm

Sunday, August 16, 10-4 pm

REMOVAL: Tuesday, September 1, 2 - 6 pm

Some kit crafts may not be accepted

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

1. All classes are open to anyone.
Entry fee \$1.00 per person.
2. Groups are judged separately (see entry form).
3. Only one entry per class number.
MAXIMUM 10 ITEMS PER EXHIBITOR
4. Entries must be made by the exhibitor between August 2025 - August 2026.
5. Entries should be finished, clean and unused.
6. No item may exceed 3 feet in any direction.
7. **JUDGING:** Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of qualified judges. Fine quality, artistic coloring, and design will be considered in the judging. No exhibit will be entitled to an award unless it possesses points of superiority. Judges reserve the right to make new classes.
8. Articles will be refused if previously entered or if there is a lack of display space.
9. Articles on exhibit may not be sold during the Fair.
10. Articles must remain on exhibit until removal day.
11. The Fair takes thorough security precautions but is not responsible for articles entered or not picked up on removal day nor for damage to items. If you cannot remove your exhibits on Tuesday, ask a friend to or make arrangements with the committee. If you have also entered flowers or vegetables, pickup all items on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2-6 p.m.

DEPARTMENT 124 PHOTOGRAPHY

ENTRY FEE \$5.00 PER PHOTOGRAPH
10 Picture Entry Limit per Photographer

NEW

ONLY ONE PHOTOGRAPH PER CATEGORY ALLOWED

It can be either color or black and white.

NEW

Judged on content, composition, light, originality, presentation and relevance to the class entered.

ENTRY: Saturday, August 15, 10 – 4 pm
Sunday, August 16, 10 – 4 pm

REMOVAL: Tuesday, September 1, 2 – 6 pm

LOCATION: Exhibit Barn (Building E)

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per photograph
10 picture entry limit

*** * *CONDITIONS OF ENTRY * * ***

- 1. Photographs must be at least 5" x 7" FRAMED and NO LARGER than 11" x 14" matted and framed. Anything smaller or larger will not be accepted.**
2. Photographs must be matted and framed. Frames must be made of wood, metal, or plastic only, be enclosed on all four sides with **no stands on the back. NO BOX FRAMES OR CLIP FRAMES.**
3. Photographs must be ready to hang with **PICTURE WIRE ONLY.** Picture wire must be taut and securely fastened to the back of the frame approximately 1/3 of the way down from the top.
- 4. Photos must have been taken within the past year, be original and been taken by the exhibitor.**
5. Exhibitor's name and address must be visible on the back of the photograph.
- 6. One entry per exhibitor per class and category, please!**
7. Absolutely **NO exceptions** to these conditions.
8. There is a **10 picture entry limit** per photographer.
9. NOTE: Entry fees are **\$5.00 PER PHOTOGRAPH**

**If your photograph does not meet these requirements, it will not be accepted.
NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Only one photograph per category
allowed either color or black and white.**

Categories

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Junior</u>
Color	Color
Black & White	Black & White

**PRIZES: \$25, \$15, \$10
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

Class #

- F120 **Wildlife** - any animal in nature including bird, insects, reptiles, mammals
- F121 **Pets** - any domesticated animal in any setting or circumstances
- F122 **Farming & Gardening** - anything related to the landscape of farms and gardens including farm animals (horses, cows, chickens etc.)
- F123 **Nature** - pictures of the natural world untouched by humans including landscapes, abstracts, trees, flowers, etc.
- F124 **Portraits** - pictures of adults and children, candid or posed, individual or groups, where human interest is central to the story told by the picture
- F125 **Scenic** - any outdoor scene, landscape or cityscape where there is a strong emphasis on light and composition
- F126 **Pictorial** - everyday ordinary events, places, people or things captured with a unique, imaginative perspective
- F127 **Marshfield Fair 2024** - an image from last year's fair that strongly embodies the spirit of the Marshfield Fair. All photographs entered in the Marshfield Fair class will be considered for use by the Marshfield Fair for advertising and publicity purposes.
- F128 **Travel** - a picture taken while on a trip
- F129 **Phone** - a picture taken with a Smartphone
- F130 **Holiday** - any holiday
- F131 **Predominate Color** - photo with a main color
- F132 **America the Beautiful** in your eyes

NEW

Use Photography Entry Form Only (page 20)
Entries accepted on entry days ONLY

PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRY FORM

Exhibitor No. _____

Enter in person on August 15 and August 16, 10 am – 4 pm

Entry Fee per Photograph - \$5.00

10 pictures entry limit per photographer – One entry per category only

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Check Group : Adult

Jr.- 13 (put age)_____
 Jr. 14-18 (put age)_____

	Dept	Class	Item Description – PLEASE BE DESCRIPTIVE
	124	F123	Nature – color photo –ocean/beach scene with blue matting
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-THIS RECEIPT NECESSARY TO COLLECT ARTICLES- Pick up on Tuesday after the fair, from 2 - 6 pm -

Name _____ No. of Articles _____