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NORTH AMERICA'S OLDEST AGRICULTURAL FAIR

HANTS COUNTY EXHIBITION

"Keep it Real" Christmas Tree and Wreath Competition

Closing date: August 27th, 2019

Trees and wreaths are to be delivered to the Exhibition Grounds between Wednesday, September 11th after 10 a.m. and Thursday, September 12th. (Deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursday).

Trees and wreaths exhibited will remain the Property of the Exhibitors and are to be picked up after 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 15th.

No premiums will be awarded in any class unless the exhibits are worthy. The Committee reserves the right to eliminate any tree or wreath that is unqualified.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

1. Christmas Trees grown anywhere in N.S. may be entered in this competition.
2. Exhibitor's may enter in as many classes as they wish, but no exhibitor shall make more than one entry in a single class in his own name, company name, a farm, or the name of some other person.
3. No tree may be exhibited with limbs or foliage added that did not grow naturally in place.
4. No tree may be exhibited that has been sprayed with or have artificial color or other chemicals added in any manner (exception to this rule is fertilizer).
5. Trees will be watered daily.
6. Trees to be exhibited shall be within the following classes with all height measurements being made from the end of the butt to the tie in at the top of the tree. Maximum butt length of 10".
7. The Judge reserves the right to place any tree in the proper class if it is entered incorrectly.
8. Everyone entering Christmas Trees in this competition must sign a statement confirming that these trees were grown on his or her property or one under lease.

Note: A sheared tree must be sheared at least 2 growing seasons before it can be entered. Shearing is allowed up to the date of entry.

All entries are to be treated on a first come, first served basis.

Exhibitors are asked to bring their own tree stands.

Scoring system information is available for tree judging.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WREATHS

1. The outside diameter of the finished wreath must be 20 inches. The Judge will deduct 1 point for every half inch over or under the 20 inches.
2. The center hole of the wreath must be 4 inches. 1 point will be deducted for every half inch over or under the 4 inches.
3. 1 point will be deducted for every 2 ounces the wreath weighs over 4 lbs.
4. The wreath must be of a thickness of 4 ½ inches. 1 point will be deducted for every half inch over or under the 4 ½ inches.
5. The wreath must have uniform placement of brush. It must be even and full. 1 point will be deducted for every uneven area or gap.
6. The ending must be hidden and secure.
7. There must be no cut ends or wire visible.

CATEGORIES & PRIZES

Classes: Prizes to 3rd place, ribbons to 6th place.

1. Sheared Balsam Fir – 4' to 6'
2. Sheared Balsam Fir – 6' to 8'
3. Natural – 4' to 6'
4. People's Choice

Each displayed tree will be numbered and the public will have the opportunity to vote for what they consider the nicest tree. The winner of the People's Choice will receive a prize.

5. Wreaths

Due to the generosity of the kind Sponsors for this competition there will be no entry fee charged for any classes. Generous prizes will be offered in all divisions.

Sponsors for this show:

1. **Sheared – Martock Custom Homes Ltd.**
2. **Sheared – Sherwood Golf Course**
3. **Natural – Baldwin's Nursery**
4. **People's Choice – Richard Neily/Avon River Metalworks**
5. **Wreath – C Mack Construction – Rod MacCormack**
6. **Bonus cash prizes – Lakeside Variety**

Grand Champion Grower will win a new Stihl Chainsaw donated by Windsor Home Hardware.