

CHRISTMAS TREE EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION

Co-Chairpersons: Jack Jackson; Laura Dooley

Judges: Michael Sikora/Chuck Perna

THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF LONG-TIME JUDGE MIKE SIKORA.

This competition is sanctioned by the Essex County Tree Farmers and the Massachusetts Christmas Tree Association for the promotion of high quality, locally grown, natural Christmas Trees.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Trees are to be 6 to 8 feet high from the bottom of the handle to the tip of the leader. Trees will be supported on a base to be furnished by the Fair.
- Trees will be judged on the following:

FEATURE	POINTS	DESCRIPTION
Color	15	Normal for species
Taper	10	Spruce & fir 40-70%, Pine 40-90%
Density	20	Medium density scores higher
Naturalness	10	Not perfectly smooth outside surface
Defects	20	Straightness of stem, pest injury, holes, mechanical injury
Foliage	15	Fresh, clean, uniform
Handle	10	Well trimmed - 1" per foot of height
Cleanliness	10	No grass, leaves, etc.
Merchantability	10	How saleable is it
- Trees must be exhibited in the name of the land owner or grower. All trees must be plantation grown in Massachusetts. Trees must be adequately tagged with the name and address of the exhibitor and class to be entered. If the exhibitor wishes to take the tree after the Fair, he should so state on the tag. Trees

- will be on exhibit from Friday, October 3 at 4:00 pm until Monday, October 13 at 10:00 pm.
- Exhibitors may enter any or all classes but submit only one entry in each class.
 - After judging on Friday, October 3, trees will be identified with the exhibitor's name and address.
 - All trees must be submitted to the Topsfield Fair Christmas Tree Contest Committee between NOON and 8:00 pm Thursday, October 2, and 8:00 am and NOON Friday, October 3.
 - Send entry form to: Topsfield Fair
P.O. Box 134, Topsfield MA 01983

Awards: FIRST \$50.00 SECOND \$40.00 THIRD \$30.00
FOURTH \$25.00

- CLASS B
- Douglas Fir
 - All Other Fir
 - Blue Spruce
 - All Other Spruce
 - Scotch Pine
 - All Other Pine

BEST OF SHOW - \$50.00 and Engraved Bowl.

2008 TOPSFIELD FAIR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Superintendent: Bill Dickson, Groveland

Pick-Up Thursday, October 16, 2008; 9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- All photos must have been taken within the previous fair year and must depict an aspect of Massachusetts' agriculture.
- Entrants must be residents of Massachusetts.
- No photograph previously exhibited at a specific fair and receiving a first prize can be submitted to another fair.
- Only one entry per class, per entrant.
- If less than three entries are submitted for a given class, fair management will combine comparable classes.
- Photo must have been taken by the entrant, however, commercial processing and printing may be used.
- All entries must be prints; no smaller than 5x7 inches and no larger than 11x14 inches.
- Original negative or slide should be available upon request.
- Photos must be matted and shrink-wrapped but not framed.
- On 3"x 5" index card, secured to the back right corner of entry, type the following information:
Entrant Name
Address
Telephone number
Where the photograph was taken
Any other helpful photographic information
Add Class & Lot to card on back of photo

THEME: "AGRICULTURE IN MASSACHUSETTS"

Entry form and photos must be received in fair office by Friday, September 5, 2008.

Photos may be picked up on Thursday, October 16 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Topsfield Fair Premiums in Each Class

FIRST \$10.00 SECOND \$8.00 THIRD \$6.00
HONORABLE MENTION RIBBONS (2)

Adult Division:

CLASS A:

- Farm People
- Farm Animals
- Scenic: Farmland and /or Horticultural Landscape
- Still Life: Farm Buildings/machinery and/or farm implements

Youth Division:

CLASS B:

- Farm People
- Farm Animals
- Scenic: Farmland and/or Horticultural Landscape
- Still Life: Farm Buildings/machinery and/or farm implements

