

111th
Cobble Hill
FAIR



Cobble Hill's Virtual Fair

Entries start August 1st – Display Date August 22nd

The Farmers Institute is pleased to host its
2020 Cobble Hill Fair 'Virtually'
for everyone's enjoyment and participation

View our Fair Catalogue to see what
you can enter in the 111th Cobble Hill Fair!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are all facing challenges in the coming year, and perhaps beyond, due to the Corona Virus. We, at the Farmers Institute, are also challenged as we work on new ways to help the community and to conduct our business.

Before getting to the future, I would like to take a moment to thank all of the volunteers and helpers who continue to contribute so much to the success of our Society and to the community as a whole. I am most grateful to those who helped support the numerous Cobble Hill events, groups and activities. This was truly a banner year.

We are moving ahead on a unique approach for this year's Fair. We will hold a 'Virtual' Cobble Hill Fair with entries submitted electronically. This will involve people entering various categories by taking pictures of their products, whether it's a quilt, baking, flowers, a sheep or a cabbage. Once submitted, these photos will be posted on our Fair website and judged within their classification with others who have also entered. The end result will be posted on our website for display. No fees will be charged to enter the Virtual Fair, and we are already working on the Fair Catalogue. It will contain the details of how the event will be done.

Information on this unique approach and how to participate will be well advertised and posted widely on electronic media. We are very proud of our Fair as this is our 111th event. We hope this will be a good way to keep the Fair alive and happening. Certainly as we look back years from now we will be proud of the notion that we kept going even under the very unusual circumstances facing us today.

We hope you and your family will participate in our 'Virtual Fair'. This is undoubtedly one of the best growing seasons we have had in years. Also with our enriched Children and Youth sections the young people in our community will be given lots of opportunity to show case their talents far and wide. I'm looking forward to seeing your entries. Although we will miss seeing you at the Fair, we are already looking forward to next year with the hope that everyone in our valley stays safe and well! Take care.

Roger Painter, President



Welcome to the 111th Virtual Cobble Hill Fair!
With Covid19 this is a difficult year for all, but I am immensely honoured to be involved with this enduring and all-encompassing event that brings both our local and neighbouring communities together year after year. Even though the Farmers Institute needed to cancel its traditional Fair to comply with the directive of Dr. Bonnie Henry, our provincial health officer, I hope you enter, enjoy and participate in this virtual version of the longstanding Cobble Hill Fair.

A big thank you to all of the other community volunteers, whether you work within or outside of the various CVRD Committees and Commissions, who work so tirelessly to make all our areas such a great place to be. Their contribution can never be underestimated.

It's frightening how quickly time goes by and how much our world has changed during this tumultuous period.

Am I still enjoying this, the life of a local politician? Absolutely - and I will continue to do so. If you have questions for me please email to mike.wilson@cvr.bc.ca

Mike Wilson, Cobble Hill (Area C) Regional Director

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Although we will miss the hustle, bustle and laughter of our traditional Fair, our hope is that everyone stays safe and well. We enjoy staging the Fair every year to showcase the bounty of our wonderful South Cowichan community, and we look forward to seeing you next year!

ABOUT US

Incorporated on November 3rd 1914, the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmer Institute gave new settlers a place to congregate, to share information and to seek needed help from those already established in our newly forming and visibly thriving farming community.

As Cobble Hill and the surrounding communities did not have any form of local governance until the late 1960s, the Farmers Institute along with other local organizations joined together to act on behalf of its citizens. As such, the Farmers Institute provided a social outlet for pioneers in addition to supplying agricultural needs like advice, seeds, fertilizer and blasting powder. It also acted with individuals, businesses and other groups to build amenities like the Cenotaph, which can be seen at the corner of Fisher Road and Heigh Street, as well as ensure schools and churches were built in the area.

Today, the Farmers Institute holdings act as a community hub. The Cobble Hill Hall is the only old historic community hall remaining from those early years. The community hall in Shawnigan Lake was replaced by a modern recreation facility run by the Cowichan Valley Regional District and in Mill Bay, the Mill Bay Community League Hall is also more current and sits on the same site as the Kerry Park Recreation Centre.

The facilities and grounds owned and operated by the Farmers Institute are managed and maintained entirely by volunteers. Governance is provided by a twelve person board of directors who are elected annually by the general membership. We are very fortunate to live in a community where volunteerism plays such a huge role in who we are. This helps to define us as well as accentuate the value of living in a rural agricultural area where the lifestyle we all enjoy remains.

ABOUT THE VIRTUAL FAIR



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No entry fees are required for our Fair!

We are pleased to provide this ‘Virtual Fair’ for your enjoyment!

We hope you will take the opportunity to enter your goods, produce and handicrafts into the 111th Cobble Hill Fair.

This virtual event involves you taking pictures of your entry and then emailing each photo along with entry information to our gmail address: info@cobblehillfair.ca

There are fillable entry forms on our website: <https://cobblehillfair.ca>
Click on the Catalogue & Registration link then scroll down the page and enter by age grouping.

Fair entries can be sent from Saturday, August 1st 2020 until Tuesday, August 18th after which the entries will be judged then all pictures will be posted on our <https://cobblehillfair.ca> website.

This will give contestants, residents and everyone viewing the website an opportunity to see all of the pictures that comprise our ‘Virtual Fair’!

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Have fun with your family and friends!
- All entries must be made in the form of photographs
- More than 1 photo may be submitted of the same entry to show the item from different angles, but only 1 photo will be posted on Facebook or on the website
- All photographs along with entry information must be made online or emailed to info@cobblehillfair.ca starting Saturday, August 1st
- All entries must be received by the Fair before 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 18th 2020 after which entries will be judged before posting on the <https://cobblehillfair.ca> website
- All entries with winners will be posted on the Fair website on Saturday, August 22nd 2020
- Identify each photo entered by using the subject line of your email to state the first name, last name, section and the class being entered. Eg: Sally Smith, C1 - Child's bike decorating or Susan Smith, Y7 - Best display of flowers and so on
- If sending multiple entries, please be sure to include the names of the individuals or families on each. If the entrant is an individual please state the age for those in the Child, Youth and Junior categories
- Children may have an adult's help to photograph and submit their entries and vice versa
- Please keep photo size 1MB or under to ensure all of the photos entered can be posted on the website
- The judges' decisions are final
- The Farmers Institute will award special prizes and ribbons in place of cash
- All pictures can be used for advertising purposes by the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute. Entries will be posted on the Facebook and Instagram with winning photos entered on the Farmers Institute website after August 18th
- Questions can be emailed to: info@cobblehillfair.ca

COBBLE HILL VIRTUAL FAIR ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

4-H Club Name (if applicable) _____

Club Leader (if applicable) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Section	Class	Photo Description	Age if Appropriate
eg: C or J or A	2 4 21	Colouring Contest Cake Decorating Painting, water colour	5 11

The above is a sample only showing the information required to enter the Virtual Fair. Please use the drop down registration form under the registration tab on the cobblehillfair.ca website. If you have any difficulty please email: info@cobblehillfair.ca

CHILDREN (6 & Under)



When you are deciding what to grow or enter in the 111th Cobble Hill Fair, remember to have fun and enjoy yourself.

It is okay to have some help photographing your entry when it is ready.

Two or three pictures taken from different angles can be sent to the Fair, but you can only submit one item for each class that you enter.

That means you can only enter one decorated bike and one colouring contest and one cookie and so on.

Section Class Description

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|---|---|--|
| C | 1 | Bike decorating contest |
| C | 2 | Country Grocer colouring contest, prescribed design posted on the Fair website |
| C | 3 | Garden item grown from seed, can be flower or vegetable |
| C | 4 | Zucchini fun: family, animal, most unusual shape |
| C | 5 | Toy treasure design, flowers and/or herbs displayed in a favourite toy |

The samples shown in the catalogue are from previous Cobble Hill Fairs.

Use your imagination to create a unique design of your own.

Make sure you ask the adults in your house if it is okay to use some flowers or herbs in your Toy Treasure design.



To build your creation use as many blocks or pieces as you like and make it as big as you want as long as the adults in your house approve.



Section Class Description

- C 6 Lego, K'nex, Megablocks or similar material, any structure, original design but kits can be used
- C 7 Cookie shaped like a monster, decorated
- C 8 Best decorated cake or cookie
- C 9 Best hobby or handicraft entry, any item
- C 10 Original crayon drawing or colouring, any subject
- C 11 Photography
 - a) your best friend
 - b) family pet
- C 12 AOV - anything we missed you would like to enter



JUNIOR (7 to 12)



Section Class Description

- J 1 Vegetable animal or logging truck
- J 2 Country Grocer colouring contest, prescribed design posted on the Fair website
- J 3 Lego, K'nex, Megablocks or similar material, any structure, original design



Section Class Description

- J 4 Best decorated cake
- J 5 Most unusual vegetable or fruit
- J 6 Best after school snack, display



- J 7 Best display of wild flowers
- J 8 Show your garden: vegetables, flowers or herbs
- J 9 Any knitted article, machine or hand knitted
- J 10 Any machine or hand sewn article
- J 11 Any crochet article
- J 12 Any woodworking item

- J 13 Original painting, water colour, oil or other medium, any subject
- J 14 Original drawing charcoal, pen or pencil
- J 15 Photography
 - a) animals or birds
 - b) life in the Cowichan Valley
- J 16 Original poetry, any theme
- J 17 AOV - anything we missed you would like to enter



YOUTH (13 to 16)

Section Class Description

Y 1 Your vegetable creation

Y 2 Your pet or favourite animal

Y 3 Lego, K'nex, Megablocks or similar material, any structure, original design



Y 4 Best decorated cake

Y 5 Most unusual vegetable or fruit

Y 6 Best after school snack, display

Y 7 Best display of domestic or wild flowers





Section Class Description

Y 8 Show your garden: vegetables, flowers or herbs

Y 9 Any knitted article, machine or hand knitted

Y 10 Any machine or hand sewn article

Y 11 Any crochet article

Y 12 Original painting, water colour, oil or other medium

Y 13 Original drawing, charcoal, pen or pencil

Y 14 Best computer drawing

Y 15 Photography
 a) animals or birds
 b) life in the Cowichan Valley
 c) best sunset, either local or international

Y 16 Any woodworking item

Y 17 Original poetry, any theme

Y 18 AOV - anything we missed you would like to enter



ADULT (17 and over)

Section Class Description

- A 1 Most unusual vegetable
- A 2 Best vegetable or sunflower, your choice
- A 3 One cabbage, any variety can still be growing, named
- A 4 Squash, any variety, can still be growing, named
- A 5 Canned fruit or vegetable, named
- A 6 Best decorated cake, any occasion, fancy



- A 7 Eggs, any variety, judged on appearance
- A 8 Best flower, any variety



- A 9 Best flowering plant, outdoor, can be any variety
- A 10 Potted plant, indoor can be any variety

Section Class Description

A 11 Best Rhododendron bloom, any variety, named if possible

A 12 Best Rhododendron bush, any variety, named if possible



A 13 Dahlia, giant, named

A 14 Dahlia, best colour, named

A 15 Rose, 1 bloom, named

A 16 Rose arrangement



ADULT - continued

Section Class Description

- A 17 Any type of floral, grass or roadside ditch arrangement



- A 18 Best crochet work, your choice

- A 19 Best knitted work, your choice

- A 20 Best quilt, machine quilted item, any size



- A 21 Best quilt, hand quilted item, any size



Section Class Description

A 22 Best painting: original can be water colour, oil or any other medium

A 23 Best drawing: original can be charcoal, pen, pencil or pencil crayons



A 24 Best woodworking, your choice

A 25 Original Poetry, any theme

A 26 Photography

a) Life in the Cowichan Valley

b) Best flower, any variety

A 27 AOV - Anything we missed you would like to enter



FAMILY



Section Class Description

- F 1 Scarecrow competition, build a scarecrow or scarecrow family
- F 2 Family themed bike or wagon decorating competition
- F 3 Best Jigsaw Puzzle, 500 pieces or greater
- F 4 Best family garden, vegetable, flower or combination





Section Class Description

- F 5 Best looking family pet, any kind including livestock
- F 6 Your favourite park or open space
- F 7 Best photography in the following categories
 - a Macro - any photograph of the subject matter up close, usually of very small objects
 - b Animals or birds
 - c Human portrait
 - d Life in the Cowichan Valley
 - e Highlights of Covid19 Social Distancing
 - f Coping with the Covid19 Pandemic
- F 8 AOV - Anything we missed you would like to enter



THE GREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST



Let's have some fun with this wonderful easily grown fruit!

Who can grow the biggest pumpkin? Which pumpkin will be the largest by girth and who will grow the weirdest looking pumpkin? And, for those who dare, who will enter the best dressed pumpkin?

To participate you must grow your own pumpkin and bring it to the Cobble Hill Hall during the day or the evening of Sunday, November 1st where it will be displayed either outside around the Hall or inside the Hall - weather and Corona virus dependent. Hopefully, we will have a great display to honour this year's gardens. The Cobble Hill Hall will be the place to showcase the great pumpkins grown in our community.

Did you know the pumpkin is one of our incredibly healthy fruits? It is rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. What's more, it's low calorie content makes it a friendly weight-loss food. Its nutrients and antioxidants may boost your immune system, protect your eyesight, lower your risk of certain cancers and promote heart and skin health.

The Great Pumpkin Contest is open to all age groups but please identify if the entrant is a child, junior, youth or adult on your entry form so the entry can be judged accordingly.

Convener:

George Robbins
250.246.7998

Questions: info@cobblehillfair.ca

P1 Best carved pumpkin

P3 Weirdest looking pumpkin

P4 Best dressed pumpkin

P2 Largest pumpkin by girth

P5 Best pumpkin under 5 pounds

4-H SECTION



The Cobble Hill Farmers Institute is delighted to help the various 4-H Clubs in our community by providing free meeting space and outdoor grounds annually for their many programs and activities.

The young people involved in 4-H activities have an opportunity to learn how to become productive, self-assured adults. They can make their community and country a better place. This ability is fostered through project and program work, experiences with their 4-H club members and leaders and their participation in district, regional and provincial programs.

The goal of 4-H is youth development. The objectives of 4-H clubs are knowledge, leadership, citizenship and personal development. 4-H is an organization dedicated to young people. The purpose of the 4-H program is to prepare girls and boys for their future as adults. 4-H stands for head, heart, hands and health. The 4-H pledge describes the significance of the four H's below:

I pledge:

My head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
My health to better living,
For my club, my community, my
country and my world.



The philosophy of the 4-H program is explained by the 4-H motto:

“Learn to do by Doing”

The following age groups and general rules apply in all 4-H Sections and Classes:

Junior - 9 to 12 years

Seniors 13 - 19 years

- All entries will be made in the form of photographs no greater than 1MB in size
- More than 1 photo may be submitted of the same entry to show the item from different angles, but only 1 photo will be judged and posted on the website
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- Identify each photo entered by using the subject line of your email to state the first name, last name, section and the class being entered. Example: Sally Smith, 4-H, CB1 (Photograph), Junior and state age or Jennifer Brown, 4-H SES (Small Engines), Senior and state age.

CLOVERBUDS

Convener:

Sheila Northcott-Merchant

Section Class Division

CB 1 Photograph, your choice of subject



FIBRE ARTS

Convener
Andrea Thomson

Section Class Description

FAJ	1	Weaving - first year fibre arts
FAJ	2	Weaving - second year fibre arts
FAJ	3	Felting

Section Class Description

FAS	1	Weaving
FAS	2	Felting



SMALL ENGINES

Convener
Suzanne Baird

Section Class Description

SEJ	1	Provide project description
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Section Class Description

SES	1	Provide project description
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4-H DOGS

Convener
Elisa Doran

Section Class Description

DJ 1 30 second video: loose leash, walking slow, fast and regular pace

Section Class Description

DS 1 30 second video: loose leash, walking slow, fast and regular pace

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS - ONE BOARD PER MEMBER

Convener
Lisa Finch

Section Class Description

EB 1 Junior
EB 2 Seniors



Other 4-H Clubs in the community that usually participate in the Cobble Hill Fair include: 4-H Avian Club, 4-H Holstein Club, 4-H Beef Club and 4-H Sheep. 4-H also participates in the 4-H Safety Project, the 4-H Herdsmanship program and the 4-H Horse Club stages the Horse Show at the Cobble Hill Fair.



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Words cannot begin to express our gratitude for the businesses that have stepped forward to help sponsor the Virtual Fair. This pandemic has been hard on all of us. Some businesses in our community have closed their doors while others have reduced their operating hours and revenue stream. It has been difficult for the Farmers Institute as well. In order to comply with the provincial health officer's restrictions all building rentals were cancelled in mid March and our biggest fundraiser, the Cobble Hill Fair, was also cancelled. With this lost revenue, we too are adjusting to leaner times. However, we are all in this together and we live in a great community with terrific people who are helping to see us through.

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I hope everyone will take the
opportunity to enter
Cobble Hill's Virtual Fair!*



Gerry Giles

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