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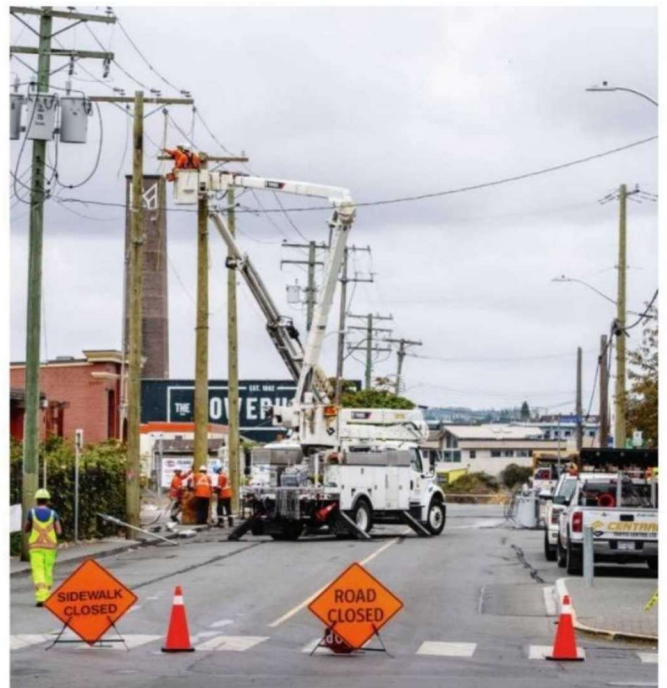


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 Secretary: Dee Nelson
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 Cobble Hill, BC V8H 4A8

Schedule of Events

Pancake Breakfast.....	7:30 am
Vendor Village	8:00 am
Hall Exhibits Open	9:00 am
Parade	9:00 am
Official Opening.....	9:30 am
KIDS ZONE.....	10:00 am
Stage Entertainment Common	10:00 am
Lunch in the Hall	11:30 am
Scarecrow Competitions	1:00 pm
Tzouhalem Spinners and Weavers Guild showcasing "Sheep to Shawl"	9 to 5

Outdoor Activities All Day

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE:

On the Cobble Hill Commons Stage:

Featuring fantastic live entertainment including:

Aneeda Music.....	10:00 am
Renfrew Road.....	11:45 am
Oakes.....	1:30 pm
Taylor Vance.....	3:15 pm

Be sure to check our website for updates!
<https://cobblehillfair.ca>

In the KIDS ZONE:

Magic of Donald Dunphy 11 am 1pm 3pm

Outdoor Activities:

Kids Zone Play	The Raptors
Vendor Village	Dog Agility
Master Gardeners	Fruit Testers
Live Entertainment	Vintage Machinery
Blacksmith Demos	Historical Displays
Livestock Shows	4-H Demonstrations
Food Vendors	Photo Fun
Donald Dunphy's Balloon Twisting	
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Admission

Children 6 and under.....	Free
Juniors 7 to 15 years.....	\$ 7.00
Seniors (65 and older).....	\$10.00
Adults (16 to 64).....	\$12.00
Family (2 adults & 2 Juniors).....	\$30.00
4H Members and Leaders.....	Free

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Please support the businesses who sponsor the Cobble Hill Fair and our community, for without their help we could not stage this wonderful family event every year!

President's Message

I have been attending the Cobble Hill Fair for as long as I can remember. As a kid, it was the highlight of the year — somewhere between the livestock barns, fair food, and trying to convince my parents I absolutely needed another lemonade and mini-donuts. At nine years old, I began my 4-H career showing sheep and rabbits, and over the years I went on to become a leader, judge, convener, fair committee member, and Farmers Institute director. Apparently, once the fair gets into your blood, there is no escaping it.

So, to now serve as President of the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute and Agricultural Society during the 117th Annual Cobble Hill Fair is truly an honor.

I would like to sincerely thank Roger Painter and his team for the countless hours they dedicate behind the scenes to make this event happen each year. Most people see the polished fairgrounds, the displays, and the activities. What they do not see are the meetings, planning, repairs, organizing, lifting, moving, fixing, and occasional head scratching that happens long before the gates open. Without their dedication, there simply would not be a fair.

To all the exhibitors, conveners, judges, and volunteers — thank you. Whether you are growing it, baking it, building it, raising it, sewing it, preserving it, or hauling it into the grounds at an hour most reasonable people are still asleep, I know firsthand the work that goes into preparing for the fair. Your efforts are what keep the roots and traditions of this event alive, and we are grateful you continue to share your talents and knowledge with the community.

To our sponsors, thank you for your continued support. Events like this do not happen without businesses and individuals willing to dig into their pockets to help keep community traditions alive. We truly appreciate your contributions and hope the fair continues to provide value back to both the community and your businesses.

And finally, to the community — thank you. To those who have attended the fair for decades, those bringing children for the very first time, and even those who mainly come for the food trucks and somehow leave with a petting-zoo selfie, you are the reason this fair matters. The Cobble Hill Fair is about more than exhibits and ribbons. It is about community, memories, agriculture, and traditions that continue to connect generations.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Fair — exploring the exhibits, cheering in the barns, enjoying some classic fair food, getting your face painted, or maybe even petting a cow for the first time. Those are the memories I remember most from growing up around the Fair, and we hope this year's Fair creates a few more for all of you.

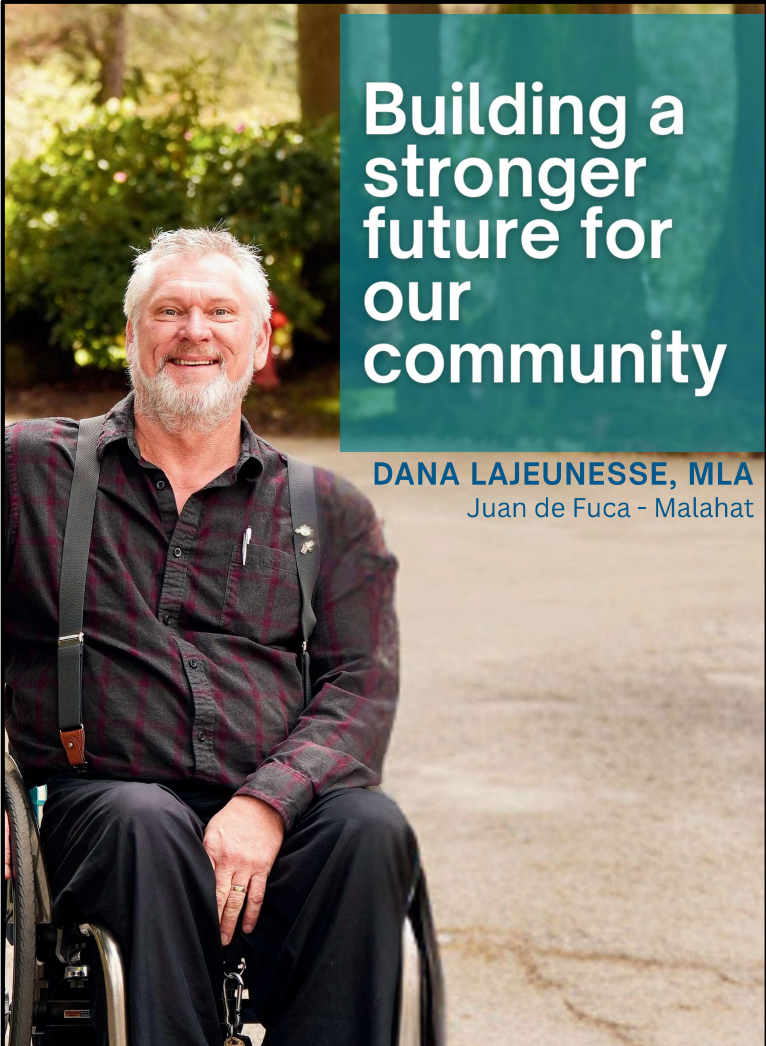
On behalf of the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute and Agricultural Society, welcome to the 117th Annual Cobble Hill Fair. We are glad you are here.

Roy Davies

President of the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute and Agricultural Society

Be sure to look for the smiley face where you will find details on amazing additional prizes this year!!





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From Mike Wilson: CVRD Director, Area C, Cobble Hill

Hello All,

With every passing year, the pleasure and honor I feel in writing this short note of welcome to the Cobble Hill Fair gets greater and greater. 2026 will be the 117th and this wonderful community event always attracted visitors from all over our beautiful Island. .

As you may know, the Cenotaph area has been modified with new lighting so that the central point is always bathed in low light during darkness throughout the year. The power for these lights was installed and paid for by the Farmers Institute, just another example of the great work that they do! We also installed two new flagstuffs so that the Canadian, BC and Legion flags could all be flown at the same time. Remembrance Day in the village centered around the Cenotaph is always attended by over 1,000 people, old and young, service personnel and organizations.

Work has commenced on construction of the permanent band stage in the park area so that other community events, such as Music In The Park can be held on a much-improved facility. Once again, the Farmers Institute and many other local businesses and organizations stepped up with donations and materials. A huge thank you to all those who have helped.

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REMINDER

Entry forms deadline is
2 WEEKS before the Fair

REGISTER ANYTIME

by email or Canada Post.
Use the registration forms
from the catalog
(available online, search for
Cobble Hill Fair)
See How to Enter on next page.

and if you like the in-person experience...

In Person Registration day is now two weeks before the Fair at the
Youth Hall, 3565 Watson Avenue Cobble Hill from **1 pm to 6 pm**

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on amazing additional prizes this year!!***



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Rules and Regulations

*ENTER ANYTIME
ONCE THE CATALOG IS OUT*

Entry Deadlines and Entry Placements:

Entries must be made on the proper entry forms provided and accompanied by the entry fees.

Registration for all entries is open from early July (when catalog out) until TWO WEEKS BEFORE the Fair.

How to enter:

- Email entries to the Fair Registrar at fairentries@farmersinstitute.ca
- Mail entries to 3550 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill, BC V8H 4A8.
- Bring entries to **Registration Day** which is TWO Saturdays BEFORE the Fair. Registration takes place in the Youth Hall located at 3565 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill from 1 pm to 6 pm.

How to pay for your entry:

- E-transfer payments to the Farmers Institute secretary at fairentries@farmersinstitute.ca being sure to indicate what/who the payment is for. The e-transfer password if needed, is: "entry"
- Mail payments to 3550 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill, BC., V8H 4A8
- Bring cash to **Registration Day** which is TWO Saturdays BEFORE the Fair. Registration takes place in the Youth Hall located at 3565 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill from 1 pm to 6 pm.

When/where to bring in your entries:

- **ALL NEEDLEWORK** including quilts, and **Photography, Poetry and Posters** are to be brought to the Fair Office in the Cobble Hill Hall on the **THURSDAY BEFORE the Fair, from 3 pm to 6 pm (TIME CHANGE)**. Entries brought in for these Divisions on Friday Will NOT be judged.
- General Open Entries are to be brought to the Fair Office in Cobble Hill Hall on the **FRIDAY BEFORE** the Fair, from 1 pm to 6 pm. At this time entries will be brought into the halls and placed in the appropriate display areas.
- Livestock must be in place by 7:30 am on Fair Day, unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Section Convener. For safety reasons, late arriving vehicles must be escorted by 2 signal people.

**THURSDAY
DROP-OFF
CHANGES**

Exhibitor Regulations:

1. Exhibits must NOT be removed before 5 pm on the day of the Fair. At 5 pm exhibitors must take complete charge of their exhibits.
2. All ribbons which have been awarded must be displayed during the Fair.
3. The Farmers Institute is not responsible for exhibits left on the grounds after the Fair closes.
4. All exhibitors must pay admission to the fairgrounds according to the current rates.
5. All prize money for Open Entries (including livestock) may be picked up at the Hall Office from 2 pm to 5 pm on the Saturday AFTER the Fair. Any prize money not picked up will be gratefully considered as a donation to the Farmers Institute.
6. 4-H prize money will be mailed to the 4-H Clubs.
7. No competitor will be allowed to enter more than one exhibit in the same class, except for Livestock and Wine divisions.
8. No exhibit having previously won a prize at the Cobble Hill Fair will be eligible for a prize for the same class, exhibit or article, except for livestock.
9. No exhibit will come from a commercial or other professional entity.
10. The Farmers Institute directors reserve the right to refuse any exhibit. The Cobble Hill Farmers Institute also reserves the right to not display an exhibit if they deem it inappropriate for the general public/attendees, reflecting the safe 'country fair' atmosphere.
11. A.O.V. means "Any Other Variety" not listed in the catalog. Exhibits are entered in this class if there is no specific class for them.
12. Livestock must have been the bona fide property of the exhibitor for at least 30 days. Proof of ownership or health certificate must be produced on request.
13. Each Livestock Convener has the right to order the removal from the grounds of any exhibit that, in their opinion, and on the advice of a qualified veterinarian, shows evidence of a contagious disease.

Judging Regulations:

1. Each convener is charged with handing into the Registrar, in a timely manner, the Judging sheets with the awards clearly noted on each sheet.
2. In the absence of competitions in any class, the judges have the power to award such prizes as they deem the entry deserves. In no case will a prize be awarded unless the exhibit is worthy.
3. The decision of the judge is final. When requested to do so, judges may give reasons for their decisions.
4. Except where otherwise stated, third place winners will only receive a ribbon.
5. The Farmers Institute reserves the right to award special prizes instead of cash.
6. If any errors or omissions are made in the prizes awarded, the Registrar must be notified in writing within two weeks of the Fair.
7. Protests regarding judging are to be made in writing to the Farmers Institute Board of Directors stating the grounds on which the protest is made and be accompanied by a deposit of \$25. Protests are to be made before 6 pm on the day of the judging. Should the complaint be justified, the deposit will be refunded. If the complaint is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to the Farmers Institute. At no time will a protest be entertained regarding the merit of any animal or article exhibited.
8. See specific rules for Livestock at the start of the Livestock Divisions.

Vendors:

1. All village vendors and food vendors must have a signed, dated application form; appropriate liability insurance and health department permits where applicable. Application forms and information sheets are available from Vendor Coordinator at chfairvendor@farmersinstitute.ca . Vendor sites may be limited; therefore, “First Come and Completed” will apply.
2. Vendors will set up on Friday between 1 - 3 pm or 3 -5 pm as previously arranged with the Vendor Coordinator. Food trucks are to set up after 5 pm. All grounds, concessions, displays etc. must be in place before 7:30 am and vehicles removed from the site on Fair Day and vendors must remain in operation until the close of the Fair at 5 pm. No exhibit is to be removed from the grounds until the close of the Fair.
3. Vendor’s space must be kept clear of all refuse, litter and undesirable materials and all garbage generated by their vendor space must be removed by the vendor at the end of the day.
4. Soliciting for charitable purposes, including raffles, is prohibited.

Risks:

The Farmers Institute will take every precaution to ensure the safety of articles and livestock exhibits, but it must be understood the owners are required to assume all risks should any animal or article be accidentally injured, lost, or stolen. The Farmers Institute will render all assistance in its power to bring about recovery of the same, but it will not recognize any claim for payment of the value of any portion thereof. No claim for injury to any person or property shall be assented or suit instituted or maintained against the Farmers Institute, its officers, or their agents, by or on behalf of any visitor, exhibitor, or any person, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives or employees having license of privilege to visit or exhibit on the Farmers Institute grounds or occupying space thereon.

We want everyone to have a safe, fun and happy experience at our Fair. Please be careful walking around and be aware of any tripping or other hazards. Enjoy yourself and have a fun day!



Only certified service dogs or dogs displayed and used for training purposes will be permitted at the Fair. At no time will these dogs be allowed in the livestock area!

PARADE

Parade Marshall: Betsy Burr ~ Phone 250.744.9269 or email to bburr@shaw.ca

Come join in the Cobble Hill Parade, which features a variety of entries including bands, children's floats, decorated bikes plus riders, dignitaries, the Mill Bay Fire Department, the RCMP and local clubs like 4-H, Girl Guides and Scouts.

Participants gather and register at 8:30 am in the Cobblestone Pub's parking lot on Holland Ave. on the day of the Fair. The parade starts at 9:00 am and winds its way through the Fair grounds to the Cobble Hill Hall.



DECORATE YOUR BICYCLE ~ Division FG1

- * Bicycles must be rideable and riders must wear a helmet. Safety always comes first!
- * Decorating is to be done by the entrant, but parents can help children 4 years of age and under.
- * Decorate with a theme of your choosing or this year's Fair theme **Make Mine Maple!**
- * To register, meet at Cobblestone Pub's parking lot on Holland Ave at 8:30 am on the day of the Fair.
- * Judging will take place at the parade.

Convener:
June Painter
250.743.2521

No Entry Fee

Prize Money:
First: \$10.00
Second: \$ 5.00
Best Theme Design: \$10.00

\$75.00 prize money donated by Heather and Gord Dickenson

Additional Prizes: Best Overall: receives a \$50.00 Gift Certificate donated by Experience Cycling

Classes

1. 10 years and over, yes adults too!
2. 7 – 9 years old
3. 6 years and under

FUN AND GAMES

POSTER CONTEST ~ Division FG3

- * Poster must be no larger than 279 mm x 432 mm (11 inches x 17 inches) including the border.
- * Print your name, address, telephone number and age on the back of your poster.
- * Drop your poster off at the Main Cobble Hill Hall on the Thursday before the Fair, from 3pm to 6 pm
- * Your poster should highlight what a great Fair looks like to YOU!
- * The Fair Theme for 2026 is 'Make Mine Maple'
- * The overall winning poster will become the property of the Cobble Hill Fair and may be displayed in a future Fair catalogue.
- * This contest is open to anyone 16 years of age and under, and must be the original work of the entrant.

No Entry Fee

Prize Money:

First \$5.00
Second \$3.00

Classes: 1. 13 - 16 years 2. 10 - 12 years 3. 7 - 9 years 4. 5 - 6 years

Scarecrow Frenzy ~ Division FG5

- * Frenzy Contest takes place outside on the north side of the hall close to the KIDS ZONE. Starts at 1 pm
- * You will have 20 minutes to build your own scarecrow with the materials provided.
- * Open to Teams of Youth (16 and under), Teams of Adults or Teams of Young People and Adults.
- * Register at the area near the main entrance to the Cobble Hill Hall.

Convener

Jennifer Symons
250.888.9067

No Entry Fee:

Prize Money:

First \$20.00
Second \$10.00

Classes: 1. Team of Youth (16 years and younger) 2. Team of Adults and Young People



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Additional Prizes:

Div. A2-1, A3-3, A3-4:

Each First prize also receives a \$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by Great Greens Farm Market

Div. C1-12 First prize also receives a \$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by Top Shelf Feeds

Div. CZ3-1 First prize also receives a \$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by Sweet Meadows

Vegetables Junior 13-16 years ~ Division A2

- 1. Carved or sculpted root vegetable
- 2. Tallest corn stalk
- 3. Tallest sunflower (with stalk)



Vegetables Junior 12 yrs&Under ~ Division A3

- 1. Largest sunflower (flower only)
- 2. Longest bean, 1 specimen, any variety
- 3. Vegetable person (no fruit)
- 4. Vegetable animal (no fruit)
- 5. Vegetable truck (no fruit)
- 6. Weirdest (oddest) shaped vegetable



Field Produce ~ Division B1

- 1. Sheaf of oats, 3” to 5” in diameter
- 2. Sheaf of A.O.V. 3” to 5” in diameter
- 3. Six stalks ensilage corn
- 4. Five pounds, potatoes, named, any variety
- 5. Hay, one bale, grass mixture
- 6. Hay, one bale, clover mixture

Prize Money Donated by: Baird Brothers Farm

Fruit Division ~ C1

- 1. Three citrus, named
- 2. Five apples, named
- 3. Twelve crab-apples
- 4. Five Bartlett Pears
- 5. Five Bosc Pears
- 6. Five pears, any variety, named
- 7. Twelve plums, any variety, named
- 8. Five peaches, any variety
- 9. Twenty-four blackberries (stem optional)
- 10. Grapes, one plate, two bunches, named
- 11. Three figs, named
- 12. Any other variety of fruit, named
- 13. Six mixed nuts, can be last year’s if this year’s crop is not ready



Division ~ CZ1 Zucchini Junior 13 - 16 yrs

Division ~ CZ2 Zucchini Junior 7 - 12 yrs

Division ~ CZ3 Zucchini Junior 6 & under

- 1. Zucchini family
- 2. Zucchini animal
- 3. Most unusual shaped zucchini
- 4. Any other zucchini entry



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Prize Money:

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Applicable Rules:

- * Entries in Divisions D1 and D2 must have been made in the last 12 months
- * If possible display your entry on a plate 12" or less
- * Junior divisions can add a descriptive card to their display

Additional Prizes:

Div. D1-3:	First prize also receives a	\$20.00 Gift Certificate donated by Hanks Bakery and Provisions
Div. D1-5:	First prize also receives a	\$30.00 Gift Certificate donated by The HUB Cafe
Div. D2-1, D2-4	Each First prize also receives a	\$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by Top Shelf Feeds
Div. D3-1, D3-2, D3-3, D3-4, D3-5, D3-6, D3-7, D3-8, D3-9, D3-10, D3-11, D3-12, D3-13, D3-14, D3-15:	Each First prize also receives a	\$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by True Grain Bakery
Div. D4-1, D4-2, D4-3, D4-4, D4-5	Each First prize also receives a	\$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by True Grain Bakery
Div. D5-1	First prize also receives a	\$20.00 Gift Certificate donated by Hanks Bakery and Provisions

Jams & Jellies ~ Division D1

1. Jam, berry, single jar, named
2. Jam, fruit, single jar, named
3. Jam, collection of three kinds, named
4. Jelly, single jar, named
5. Marmalade, named
6. Jelly, savory, single jar, named: includes hot pepper jelly or other types serve with meat
7. Jam, Jelly, Fruit Butters, A.O.V., named

Canned ~ Division D2

1. Pickled cucumbers, dill
2. Pickles, sweet
3. Pickles, A.O.V. named
4. Relish, named
5. Chutney, named
6. Salsa, named
7. Canned fruit, named
8. Canned food, A.O.V., named



Baking ~ Division D3

1. Loaf of white bread, hand kneaded
2. Loaf of brown bread, hand kneaded
3. Loaf of bread, AOV, hand kneaded
4. Loaf of sourdough bread
5. Cinnamon buns, 4, not sliced
6. Buns, any variety, 4
7. Tarts, 4, any variety
8. Scones, 4, any variety
9. Sweet loaf, any variety, named
10. Best cake, iced
11. Decorated cake, any occasion, fancy
12. Bars or squares, 4, named
13. Cookies, 2 varieties, 3 of each
14. Muffins, 4, any variety, named
15. AOV Baked Item - convener may reclassify

Pastry ~ Division D4

1. Apple pie
2. Berry pie
3. Lemon meringue pie
4. Savory pie
5. Pie, any variety, named

Junior 13 - 16 years ~ Division D5

1. Cookies made from scratch, 4, named
2. Decorated cake, made from scratch
3. Bars or squares, 4 pieces, named
4. Muffins, 4, named
5. Bread, hand kneaded, one loaf

Additional Prizes:

Div. D6-1, D7-4

First prize in each also receives a \$10.00 cash prize



Junior 7 - 12 years ~ Division D6

1. Cookies, 4, made from scratch, named
2. Cake made from scratch, decorated
3. Muffins, 4, named
4. Bars or Squares, 4



Junior 6 & Under ~ Division D7

1. Ants on a log
2. Monster themed decorated cookie, max size 12"
3. Rice Krispie squares, 4 squares, must use marshmallows and Rice Krispie or puffed rice cereal, your choice of flavouring and additions
4. Decorated cupcake (emphasis on the decoration)



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EGGS

Convener:

Jeannie Christison
250.709.1072

Entry Fee:
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Prize Money:
First \$10.00
Second \$5.00

Prize Money Donated by: Morningside Farm

Additional Prize: Best Display of Eggs receives a \$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by Top Shelf Feeds



Eggs ~ Division E1

1. Bantam eggs, one dozen
2. Eggs, one dozen, extra large white
3. Eggs, one dozen, extra large brown
4. Eggs, one dozen, large white
5. Eggs, one dozen, large brown
6. Eggs, one dozen, large tinted
7. Eggs, one dozen, medium white
8. Eggs, one dozen, medium brown
9. Eggs, one dozen, medium tinted
10. Eggs, largest chicken egg, by weight
11. Egg, smallest chicken egg, by volume
12. Duck eggs, basket of 6 only
13. A.O.V. eggs, basket of 6 only
14. Best decorated egg by person under 17 yrs old



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Applicable Rules:

- * All plant material must be grown and owned by the exhibitor
- * Exhibitors are asked to name varieties where possible
- * Remove damaged petals and leaves
- * Flowers must not be past their prime

Additional Prize:



Div. F2-1, F3-17 First prize for each also receives a **\$25.00 Gift Certificate** donated by **Top Shelf Feeds**

Potted Plants, Indoor ~ Division F1

1. Cacti, and/or succulent, 1 kind
2. Geranium, plants in bloom
3. African Violet, in bloom, one plant
4. Potted plant, any kind, flowering, indoor
5. A.O.V. could be group of succulents

Potted Plants, Outdoor ~ Division F2

1. Potted plants, flowering, in bloom, outdoor, no hanging baskets
2. Hanging Fuchsia Basket
3. Hanging Basket, mixed plants
4. Window Box



Cut Blooms ~ Division F3

Vases are provided by the fair

1. Sweet peas, mixed with 6 stems, foliage optional
2. Dahlia, giant, 1 bloom over 10"
3. Dahlia, large, 1 bloom 8" to 10"
4. Dahlia, medium, 3 blooms, 6" to 8"
5. Dahlia, small, 3 blooms, 4" to 6"
6. Dahlia, miniature, 3 blooms, up to 4"
7. Dahlia, ball, 3 blooms, over 3.5"
8. Gladioli, 3 spikes, 1 vase
9. Asters, 6 blooms
10. Pansies, 6 blooms
11. Collection of 5 or more different types of flowering herbs
12. Rose, 1 bloom, named if possible, with leaves
13. Red Rose, 1 stem with leaves, named if possible
14. One Rose bloom with leaves, to be judged on fragrance, named if possible
15. Collection of 3 different types of Roses, name each if possible, 1 stem of each with leaves, 1 vase
16. 3 different colored heathers in a low container
17. Highlight 3 annuals, 3 stems of each, 1 container
18. Highlight 3 perennials, 3 stems of each, 1 container
19. Collection of 3 different sunflowers, 3 stems, any variety
20. Collection of 3 different heathers, 1 stem each
21. Lily, 1 stem, not day or water lily
22. One Begonia bloom, under 4" remove side shoots
23. One Begonia bloom, over 4" remove side shoots
24. Oriental lily, one stem
25. One flower, AOV





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Tips for Exhibitors

- Remember this is a flower design category. Make your flowers the outstanding feature of your entry
- Use only the best flowers for show. Flowers and leaves that have been nibbled by bugs or damaged by weather are not good enough for show
- Flowers need water! Make sure all flowers you use in an arrangement are in clean water or in water soaked floral foam meant for flower arranging
- Measure up! Make sure to measure flower designs with stated size restrictions
- Ask advice. Not sure how to make a design? Ask some knowledgeable adults for tips and help, but then you must do it yourself
- Practice! Do not wait until the day before the Fair to try your first flower design. Make some for home and see how they turn out. Learn from your mistakes then make your Fair entry
- Be on time. Late arrivals at the hall may be turned away so get there early

Additional Prizes:

Div. F4-1:	First prize also receives a	\$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by Top Shelf Feeds
Div. F6-2:	First prize also receives a	\$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by Dinters Nursery
Div. F7-2:	First prize also receives a	\$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by Dinters Nursery



Floral Arts ~ Division F4

1. Shades of Autumn – Design using dried flowers, grasses, pods or other natural materials that showcase the colours of autumn
2. Garden of Your Choice - use a square or round cake tin, accessories allowed
3. Road Side Surprise – Design using items found on the side of the road, not in the ditch



Floral Arts Junior 13 - 16 Yrs ~ Division F5

1. Tea Cup and Saucer – Mixed flower design using a tea cup and saucer
2. Arrangement In A Bowl – use foam and attach something green over the foam then use mixed flowers and colours to create a pleasant garden. Any size


Floral Arts Junior 7 - 12 Yrs ~ Division F6

1. Good Morning Farm – Design using flowers, herbs and weeds in a tin can of any size
2. Fairy Garden or Farm Garden



Floral Art Junior 6 & Under ~ Division F7

1. Your Favourite Toy – Design your favourite toy using flowers, weeds and grasses create a display to match your favourite toy or toys
2. Fairy Garden or Farm Garden

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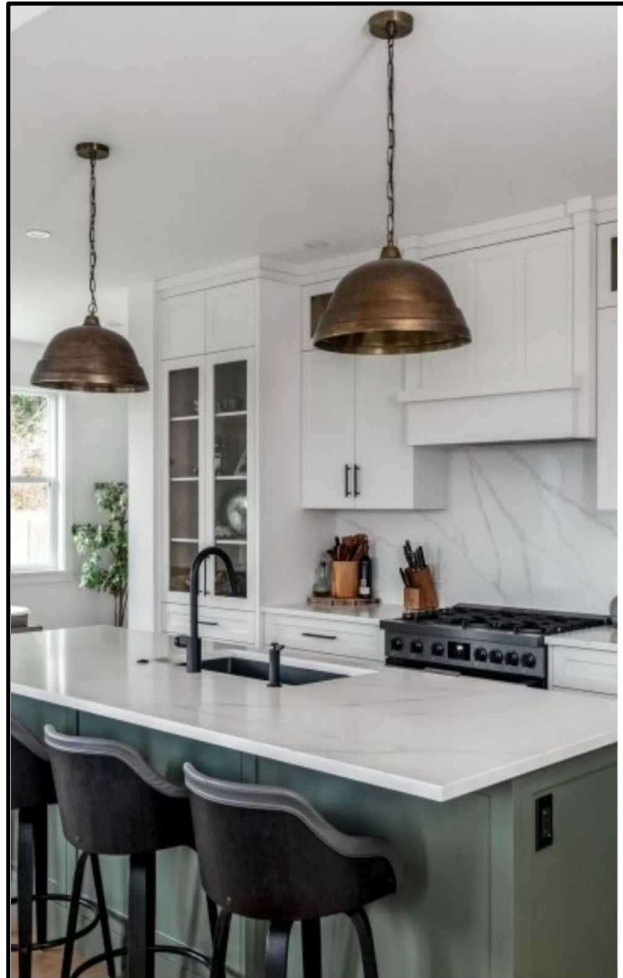
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Applicable Rules:

* ALL NEEDLEWORK

MUST be brought to the Cobble Hill Hall on the **Thursday** before the Fair from **3 to 6 pm** for judging.

Any Needlework brought in on Friday will NOT be judged.

- * No glue to be used in this section unless otherwise stated
- * This year's Fair theme is **'Make Mine Maple'**
- * Novice is someone who has worked in this craft for 2 years or fewer
- * A.O.V. (any other variety) can only be entered if there is no other class specifically designated for the item

Note the date & time change for drop-off of ALL NEEDLEWORK

Additional Prizes:

Div. G1-2, G1-6, G1-7, G2-2, G2-3, G2-8:

First prize in each also receives a

\$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by All Tied Up Wool & Fibre

Div. G1-4, G2-1:

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Div. G2-9, G3-3, G4-4:

First prize in each also receives a

\$15.00 cash prize donated by Tzouhalem Spinners & Weavers Guild

Div. G3-2, G4-1:

First prize in each also receives a

\$25.00 Gift Certificate donated by Knotty by Nature

Crochet ~ Division G1

1. Crochet work, fine yarn, one item such as doilies and table runners. No stuffed toys
2. Crochet work, medium yarn, one item such as doilies and table cloths. No stuffed toys
3. Crochet work, heavy yarn, one item such as afghan or bedspread can be twin, double, queen or king. No stuffed toys
4. Crochet item for baby such as baby blanket, garment, layette set. No stuffed toys
5. Crochet item made from synthetic or wool yarn
6. Crochet item made by a Novice
7. Crochet item A.O.V.

Weaving ~ Division G3

1. Weaving for the home, such as tea towel, place mat, table runner, rug, table cloth
2. Weaving for fashion, scarf, garment, hat, shawl, wrap, tote-bag. Items may be sewn together
3. Weaving, any item made by a Novice
4. Weaving AOV (tapestry or any article not mentioned above), item may be sewn together

Knitting ~ Division G2

1. Knitted garment for a man or lady, no shawls/wraps
2. Knitted garment for baby or child, no shawls/wraps
3. Knitted socks any size
4. Knitted mittens or gloves, any size
5. Knitted afghan or bedspread - any size
6. Knitted baby blanket, crib, or toddler size
7. Knitted hats or toques
8. Knitted shawl or wrap
9. Knitted item made by a Novice
10. Knitted item A.O.V.

Spinning ~ Division G4

Must include a sample of fibre, labelled and with the source identified

1. Hand-spun - two or more different fibres, one skein at least 25 yards
2. Hand-spun - one skein at least 25 yds, any fibre
3. Spin for a purpose - a wearable garment made from hand-spun yarn, may be embellished but no glue. Include a sample of the spun yarn
4. Fibre spun by a Novice – one skein at least 25 yds

Additional Prizes:

- Div. G5-1: First prize also receives a
- Div. G6-2: First prize also receives a
- Div. G8-10: First prize also receives a
- Div. G9-7: First prize also receives a

- \$20.00 Gift Certificate donated by Duncan Fabricland
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Textile Art ~ Division G5

1. Create a piece of textile art using different techniques such as spinning, weaving, felting, knitting or crochet to create unique artwork.



Felting ~ Division G6

1. Felted animal
2. Felted item, not an animal



Embroidery ~ Division G7

1. Counted cross-stitch picture
2. Counted cross-stitch item other than a picture
3. Christmas themed embroidered or cross stitched item
4. Crewel embroidery - any item
5. Hand-embroidered article, pictures must be framed
6. Needlework A.O.V. such as petite-point, candle-wicking, lace-net darning or other not mentioned

Quilting ~ Division G8

1. Quilt, 60" or more wide, domestic machine quilted
2. Quilt, 60" or more wide, long arm quilted – work of one person
3. Quilt greater than 41", hand quilted
4. Baby quilt, max 40" wide, long arm machine quilted (work of one person)
5. Small quilt, 41" to 59", machine quilted (not a wallhanging)
6. Small quilt, 41" to 59", domestic machine quilted (not a wallhanging)
7. Wall hanging less than 41" wide (must have hanging sleeve)
8. Wall hanging, 40" or more wide (must have hanging sleeve)
9. Wall hanging, any size, hand quilted (must have hanging sleeve)
10. Theme Challenge: "Make Mine Maple" any size
11. Home boutique, pillow, runner, potholder (not a wallhanging)
12. Beginner (fewer than 3 years quilting) quilted item, any size
13. Quilted item A.O.V.



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Sewing ~ Division G9

1. Dress or skirt
2. Pants or shorts
3. Ladies Blouse
4. Men's Shirt
5. Garment made for a child
6. Tailored Jacket or blazer
7. Forever in Blue Jeans, create a new use, other than pants, from your favourite old blue jeans
8. Any sleepwear, pajamas, night gown, robe or lounge wear
9. Garment remade or recycled from a worn garment
10. A.O.V. sewn garment not mentioned above.



Additional Prizes:

Div. G10-2, G11-2, G12-2:

First prize for each also receives a

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Div. G11-3, G11-4, G12-3, G12-4, G12-8:

First prize for each also receives a

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Div. G11-8: First prize will also receive a

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Other Sewn Items ~ Division G10

1. Stuffed toy other than a doll, 10" and under
2. Doll with a homemade outfit
3. Handmade rug, any method including hooked rug
4. Household goods, such as tea cozy, curtains, placemats or other item
5. Pillow case or sham
6. A.O.V. sewing or needlework not mentioned, no toys



Junior Class 13-16 Years ~ Division G11

1. Stuffed toy
2. Garment for person made on a sewing machine or Serger
3. Crochet, any article
4. Knitted, any article
5. Weaving, any article
6. Spinning, one skein or yarn and an article made from hand spun yarn
7. Felting, any type, any item
8. Textile art using 3 different techniques such as spinning, weaving, felting, knitting or crochet
9. A.O.V. hand-made or machine sewn, no glue, no toys



Junior Class 12 Yrs&Under ~ Div G12

1. Stuffed toy, maximum 10"
2. Garment for person made on a sewing machine or Serger
3. Crochet, any article
4. Knitted, any article
5. Weaving, any article
6. Spinning, one skein or yarn and an article made from hand spun yarn
7. Hooked item, rug, wall-hanging, pillow, etc.
8. Embroidery or cross stitch, any article
9. Create a piece of textile art using different techniques such as spinning, weaving, felting, knitting or crochet
10. A.O.V. hand-made or machine sewn, no glue, no toys



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Over the years, the Farmers Institute has been exceptionally fortunate in attracting some stalwart individuals who help year after year and in a few instances for decades.

When individuals give of themselves in a way their service distinguishes them to the Farmers Institute, their value is sometimes recognized with a life membership. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a member by the organization. Pictures and a brief description of those individuals whom have been given life memberships are displayed in the dining room of the Cobble Hill Hall.

This past year the Farmers Institute lost one of our very valued life members: Nellie Poelman who will be greatly missed by the organization.



Nellie Poelman giving her greetings as she opens the Cobble Hill Fair.

Nellie first exhibited at the Cobble Hill Fair in 1962.

Perhaps it was her first-place win for the cucumbers that helped her decide the Farmers Institute would be a good place to focus her volunteer efforts over the next half century and more, but she certainly became a powerhouse!

Nellie and her husband Jannes were well known local dairy farmers in the area. After 1962, they never failed to bring their prize-winning cows along with some of the new born calves to show and explain the dairy industry to the children at every Fair.

Over the years Nellie used her skills to create curtains and tablecloths for the hall. She fed hundreds of other volunteers and for many years she took on the role as secretary of the Farmers Institute.

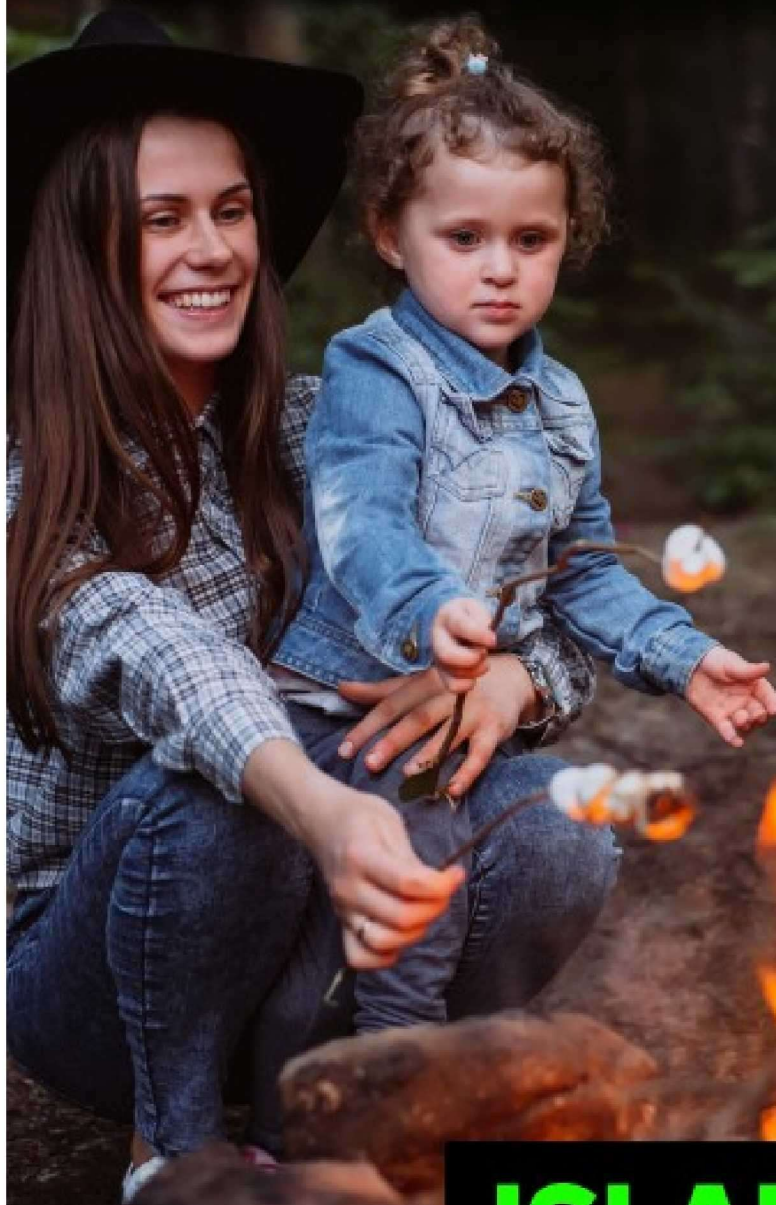
She often said her best years for volunteering were in the 1980s and 1990s when she was at her strongest. During those years the hall basement and stage were done. The kitchen and dining room were overhauled and the hall was made handicapped accessible all of which Nellie was instrumental in helping accomplish.

Over the decades, Nellie exhibited and won countless awards for her needlework, sewing and domestic science. She often recalled the joy of getting ready for the Fair and how the camaraderie among the members “shone through many hard times.” Nellie received the 1993 President’s Award for volunteer of the year.

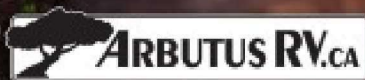
She was an outstanding individual and she will be missed by all who knew her!



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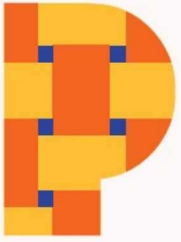
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Applicable Rules:

- * All entries for Ages 10 through Open: wired frames appreciated for hanging, at minimum, all paintings and drawings should be card-backed and matted
- * All entries for ages 9 and under should have construction paper or card backing
- * Maximum size for all entries is limited to 20" x 20"

Additional Prizes:

Div. HB2-3, HB3-2, HB4-2:
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Fine Arts Open ~ Division HB1

1. Original painting, oil acrylic or watercolour
2. Original drawing, pen, pencil or pastel
3. Mixed Media (art made with more than one medium, eg. paints, fabric, paper, wood, metal and found objects - secured to a flat surface)
4. Original digital art (manipulation of computer-generated images eg. Pictures, drawings, designs, portraits, scenery to create 'personalized' art)

Fine Arts Junior 13-16 Yrs ~ Division HB2

1. Original painting oil, acrylic or watercolour
2. Original drawing, pen, pencil or pastel
3. Mixed Media (art made with more than one medium, eg. paints, fabric, paper, wood, metal and found objects - secured to a flat surface)
4. Printmaking (eg. with sponge, leaves, fabric, oil paint on water)



Fine Arts Junior 10-12 Yrs ~ Division HB3

1. Original painting oil, acrylic or watercolour
2. Mixed Media (art made with more than one medium, eg. paints, fabric, paper, wood, metal and found objects - secured to a flat surface)
3. Print making (eg. With sponge, leaves, fabric, oil paint on water)



Fine Arts Junior 7-9 Yrs ~ Division HB4

1. Original painting or drawing any medium
2. Mixed Media (art made with more than one medium, eg. paints, fabric, paper, wood, metal and found objects - secured to a flat surface)
3. Own designs or patterns, hand-drawn, any medium 3 colours only



Fine Arts Junior 6 Yrs&Under ~ Division HB5

1. Family portrait, any medium
2. Original crayon drawing
3. Pet portrait, any medium



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Open ~ Division J1

1. Second Time Around – an article made from recycled materials
2. Jewelry - 1 or more pieces - necklaces, earrings, hairpiece or other item
3. Painting - an article painted using folk art, stenciling, tole painting, sponging or other similar technique. Please identify technique used with the article
4. A.O.V. Handicraft - convenor may reclassify

Juniors 10 - 12 Years ~ Division J3

1. Beadwork or Jewelry, original design
2. Here We Go Again - an article made from recycled material
3. Natural Art - an article made from nature. Use items like pine cones, rocks, shells and branches

Juniors 7 - 9 Years ~ Division J4

1. Collection - must be titled and individual items should be labeled. Maximum size 12" x 12"
2. Beadwork or Jewelry, original design
3. Sculpture - clay or wax, no playdough
4. Paint - using any medium on a bird house, rock, egg or plantpot
5. Here We Go Again – an article made from recycled materials

Juniors 6 Years & Under ~ Division J5

1. Popsicle Stick Art - maximum size 12" x 12"
2. Pasta Art - maximum size 12" x 12"
3. Natural Art - an article made from nature. Use items like pine cones, rocks, shells and branches.



**The Building Division is for youth to show off their individual skills.
Please ask your parents NOT to help.
All entries must be on a solid base.**

Building Divisions

10 – 12 Years	Division J6
7 – 9 Years	Division J7
6 Years & Under	Division J8

1. Own design using Lego, K'nex, Megablocks or similar building materials. Maximum size 18" x 18"
2. Kit build using Lego K'nex, Megablocks or similar that have step-by-step instructions for building a particular model or set Model kit build such as a realistic, detailed car or airplane replica.

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Christopherson Award.....Best Wine in Show
Ovans Award.....Best Non-Grape Wine in Show

Convener:
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Entry Fee:
\$1.00

Prize Money:
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Applicable Rules:

- * All wines must have been made by the exhibitor by the process of fermentation. Kit wines and beers are accepted for judging. U-brew products are commercial by nature and are not accepted for judging
- * Wine entries must be in clear, green or brown 750 ml bottles with only one label affixed, stating type of wine and vintage. Bottles must bear no other marking. Clear bottles are preferable so the wine can be seen by the public
- * Artificial flavouring or colouring must not be used. Fortified wines may only be entered in Class 8
- * Each exhibitor may enter multiple bottles in each class, but each bottle must be a product of a different ingredient and in the case of grapes, from different varieties or different vintage
- * Wine will be judged for Appearance (1 point), Bouquet (5 points), Balance (5 points), Flavor (3 points), Finish (3 points) and General Quality (3 points)
- * Non-grape wines can compete in the same class as grape wines or in the country wine class
- * Country wines are made from non-grape ingredients.
- * For Classes 9 - 12 beer, mead & cider, two bottles of each entry are required with a label affixed by inclusion in the proper class
- * Be sure to enter wine in the proper class according to the right specific gravity:
Dry .990 – .999, Medium 1.000 – 1.010, Sweet Above 1.010

Wine, Beer and Cider ~ Division L1

1. Red table wine - dry
2. Red table wine - medium
3. White table wine - dry
4. White table wine - medium
5. Rose wine - medium
6. Country wine - non grape
7. Miscellaneous - sweet wine
8. Fortified wines - after dinner, aperitif, sherry
9. Pale Beer or Ale
10. Dark Beer or Ale
11. Mead
12. Cider



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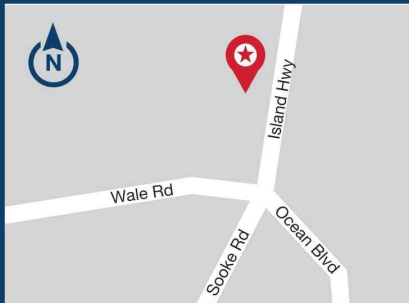
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Cowichan Valley Landmark	An object or feature of Cowichan Valley that is easily seen and recognized from a distance.
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Human Portrait	Any photograph of a person (usually one depicting only the face or head and shoulders) that reveals the character/essence of the person.
Altered Reality	Any photograph that displays the use of production (varied shooting techniques) or image editing special effects.
All Things Mechanical	Trains, planes, automobiles, farm equipment, industry machinery; may include people as secondary elements.
Assigned 2026	2026 Fair Theme is ' Make Mine Maple' Our Canada! With a land mass of nearly 10 million square kilometers, Canada is the 2 nd largest country in the world. This category is to depict the amazing diversity of Canada. Reveal your own personal 'take' on the unique qualities of Our Canada.
Your Best Friend	Human or otherwise, your best friend should be the main subject.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Convener:
Cicely McLachlan
250.510.7723

Entry Fee:
\$1.00

Prize Money:
First: \$5.00
Second: \$3.00

Applicable Rules:

- * All photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor and not shown in a previous Cobble Hill Fair
- * One entry per exhibitor per class
- * Photograph sizes are to be as described in each Division/Class
- * All photographs must be mounted on a matte board provided by the Cobble Hill Fair
- * Please pick up mattes for your photographs at the Youth Hall **TWO Saturdays before the Fair** from 1 to 6 pm
- * All exhibits are to be brought to the Cobble Hill Hall on the Thursday before the Fair from **3 to 6 pm**
- * Photographs brought in on Friday before the Fair will not be judged
- * The Cobble Hill Fair reserves the rights to refuse any exhibit and also reserves the right not to display an exhibit deemed inappropriate for the general public/attendees reflecting the safe 'country fair' atmosphere.

*** See the previous page for detailed Division descriptions**

Additional Prizes:

Div. PH1-1 and PH5-1:

First prize for each also receives a
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Open ~ Division PH1 - 8"x10" Colour

1. Animal (s) or Bird (s)
2. Cowichan Valley Landmark
3. Macro/Closeup
4. Landscape/Seascape/Skyscape
5. Human Portrait
6. Altered Reality
7. All Things Mechanical
8. Assigned – See previous page



Juniors 13-16 Yrs ~ Division PH3 - 5" x 7" Colour

1. Animals or Birds
2. Human Portrait
3. All Things Mechanical

Juniors 7-12 Yrs ~ Division PH4 - 5" x 7" - Colour

1. Animal (s) or Bird (s)
2. Human Portrait

Open ~ Division PH2 - 8"x10" Black & White

1. Animal (s) or Bird (s)
2. Cowichan Valley Landmark
3. Macro/Closeup
4. Landscape/Seascape/Skyscape
5. Human Portrait
6. Altered Reality
7. All Things Mechanical
8. Assigned – See previous page

Youth 6 Yrs & Under ~ Division PH5 - 5" x 7" – Colour

1. Your Best Friend





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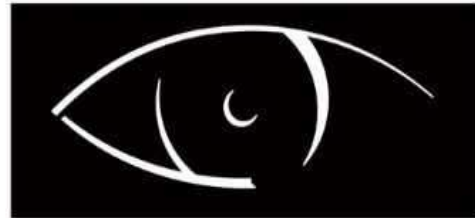
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Rebecca Day Reynolds

Entry Fee:
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- * All poems must be brought into the Cobble Hill Hall on the Thursday before the Fair between **3 and 6 pm**
- * Please write your name, telephone number, Division and Class on the back of your poem
- * The Farmers Institute Directors reserve the right to refuse any exhibit and also reserves the right not to display an exhibit deemed inappropriate for the general public/attendees reflecting the safe 'country fair' atmosphere.

Additional Prize: Best Overall Junior Poetry From Divisions PO2, PO3, PO4, PO5
receives a \$35 Gift Certificate donated by Volume One Bookstore



Poetry Open ~ Division PO1

1. Own Composition
2. Theme: "Beneath a Maple Canopy."

Poetry Junior 13–16 Yrs ~ Division PO2

1. Own Composition
2. Theme: "The Sweetness of Change."



Poetry Junior 10 – 12 ~ Division PO3

1. Own Composition
2. Theme: "Sticky Situations."

Poetry Junior 7 – 9 Yrs ~ Division PO4

1. Own Composition
2. Theme: "Autumn From My Kitchen Window."

Poetry Junior 6 & Under ~ Division PO5

1. Own Composition
2. Theme: "Sweet and Yummy."



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1. All livestock must be in place by 7:30 am on the day of the Fair unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Section Convener. For safety's sake, late arriving vehicles must be escorted by two signal people.
2. The Farmers Institute will provide bedding material, but all livestock pens/stalls must be left cleaned at the end of the Fair. All exhibitors with animals in the Open Divisions must ensure their areas are cleaned up before leaving the grounds after the Fair closes.
3. Livestock must have been the bona fide property of the exhibitor for at least 60 days. Proof of ownership or health certificate must be produced on request.
4. Each Livestock Convener has the right to order the removal from the grounds of any exhibit that, in their opinion, and on the advice of a qualified veterinarian, shows evidence of a contagious disease.
5. Maximum of 2 entries per exhibitor per class.
6. In the event of fewer than three exhibitors in a class, that class may be judged with other classes.
7. All OPEN livestock prize money is to be picked up at the Hall Office from 2 pm to 5 pm on the Saturday AFTER the Fair. Any prize money not picked up will be gratefully considered donated to the Farmers Institute.
8. See also General Rules and Regulations in the front section of the catalog.

DAIRY CATTLE

BC PREMISES ID NUMBER BC44HRCM9

Buckerfield's AwardBest Dairy Cow, Bred by Exhibitor

Convener:

Bill Wikkerink
250.743.9276

Entry Fee:

\$5.00

Prize Money:

First	\$20.00
Second	\$15.00
Third	\$10.00

- If there are fewer than three entries of one breed in a class they may be combined with another breed at the discretion of the judge and judged as one single class with prize money paid accordingly.
- All livestock Rules and Regulations apply

Breeds: 1. Holstein 2. Jersey 3. Ayrshire 4.. Any Other Breed

Open ~ Division M1

1. Junior calf, born after December 1st of last year
2. Junior calf, born between March 1 - 31st of this year
3. Intermediate calf, born after September 1st of last year
4. Senior calf, born after March 1st of last year
5. Yearling born after September 1st the year before last year
6. Cow in milk
7. Dry cow
8. Family cow, dairy herds exempt

Open ~ Division M2

NO ENTRY FEE

1. Calves and youth dress in costume of their choice.
Special non-cash prize awarded by the Fair.

Stalls must be cleaned out and left free of debris.

A fun fact about black and white cows (primarily Holsteins) in Canada is that Holsteins are the most popular dairy cow breed, with over 93% of Canada's national herd being Holsteins. This breed was brought to Canada in the 1800s from the Netherlands and is known for its high milk production.

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BEEF CATTLE

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Bloomingdale AwardBest Beef Herd

Convener:
George Baird
250.743.4377

Entry Fee:
\$5.00

Prize Money:
First \$20.00
Second \$15.00
Third \$10.00

- If there are fewer than three entries of one breed in a class they may be combined with another breed at the discretion of the judge and judged as one single class with prize money paid accordingly.
- All livestock Rules and Regulations apply

- Breeds:
- | | | |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. Angus | 2. Hereford | 3. Simmental |
| 4. Shorthorn | 5. Commercial | 6. Any Other Breed |

Open Division ~ N1

1. Bull calf born this year (minimum 3 months)
2. Bull born after January 1st of last year
3. Bull born after January 1st the year before last year
4. Heifer calf born this year (minimum 3 months)
5. Heifer born after January 1st of last year
6. Female born after January 1st the year before last year
7. Cow with this year's calf at foot
8. Commercial Steer Class – This animal is not to be slaughtered



Open Division ~ N2 NO ENTRY FEE

1. Breeder herd, both sexes, three animals owned by the breeder. Rosette only

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Convener:
 Sue Shortreid
 250.743.3605

Entry Fee:
 \$5.00

Prize Money:
 First \$20.00
 Second \$15.00
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- All sheep to be clean and shorn in 1" staple or less except for animals shown in the wool classes & 4-H animals
- If there are less than three entries of one breed in a class they may be combined with another breed at the discretion of the judge and judged as one single class with prize money paid accordingly.
- All Livestock Rules and Regulations apply.

Breeds: 1. White-faced purebred 2. Black-faced purebred 3. Commercial – cross breed

Open ~ Division O1

1. Ewe lamb
2. Ewe yearling
3. Ewe mature
4. Ewe with lamb at foot
5. Ram lamb
6. Market lamb
7. Wool ewe lamb
8. Wool ewe yearling



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POULTRY

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- Award.....Best in Show
- Award.....Reserve Best in Show
- Award.....Champion Bantam in Show
- Award.....Reserve Champion Bantam in Show
- Award.....Champion Large Fowl in Show
- Award.....Reserve Champion Large Fowl in Show
- Award.....Champion Waterfowl in Show
- Award.....Reserve Champion Waterfowl in Show

Convener:	Entry Fee:	Prize Money:
Dawn Webster 250-216-9077	\$1.00	First \$5.00
Bruce Bickle		Second \$3.00

Applicable Rules:

- * ALL POULTRY ENTRIES, BOTH 4-H AND OPEN, ARE DUE 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE FAIR
- * Entries may be limited in accordance with pens available.
- * Please specify Division, Class, Breed and Sex/Age (cock, cockerel, hen, pullet) on the entry form.
- * All birds must be free of lice and mites.
- * Any diseased birds must be removed immediately.
- * All breeds and varieties will be judged separately.
- * All Pullets and Cockerels must not be over 12 months of age.

Additional Prize for Best Bird in Show, entered by a Junior (a person 18 years old or younger) receives a \$25 Gift Certificate donated by Top Shelf Feeds



REMINDER:

Please specify Division, Class, Breed and Sex/Age (cock, cockerel, hen, pullet) on the entry form.

Standard Fowl – Division P1

1. American
2. English
3. Mediterranean
4. Any other standard breed

Bantam Fowl – Division P2

1. Single Comb Clean Legged
2. Rose Comb Clean Legged
3. Feather Legged

Waterfowl – Division P3

1. Bantam ducks
2. Light ducks
3. Heavy ducks
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4-H SECTION

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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.

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is explained by the 4-H motto:

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For questions regarding 4-H
please email

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4-H Rules and Regulations

- * All 4-H animals must be 4-H projects and have proper 4-H identification and abide by 4-H rules
- * All 4-H project sections will be judged by the Danish System
- * For all 4-H sections there will only be one prize payout per 4-H unit per member
- * Maximum of 4 payouts allowed for Unit Classes per member
- * Only one payout for showmanship class
- * All Livestock must be in place by 7:30 am on Fair Day unless alternative arrangements have been made with the section convener. Late arrivals must be escorted by 2 signal people.
- * All stalls must be cleaned out and left free of debris. It is the responsibility of the 4-H leader to ensure the stalls and barns are cleaned by club members before the fairgrounds are left on Fair Day.
- * See the Registration Rules and Regulations in the front of the catalog

ALL 4-H ENTRIES MUST BE REGISTERED TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE FAIR
(See Rules and Regulations in the front of the catalog)

4-H BEEF

BC PREMISES ID NUMBER BC44HRCM9

Convener:

Jennifer Buck
Jennifer-Lee84@hotmail.com

Prize Money:

First \$7.00
Second \$5.00
Third \$3.00

Beef - Showmanship ~ Division Y2 - 1

1. Senior - 13 to 19 years
2. Junior - 9 to 12 years



Beef - Unit Classes ~ Division Y2 - 2

1. Market Steer - (unit 3) Class broken into two or more classes by weight if 12 or more entries
2. Heifer - (unit 4) Class broken into two or more classes by age if 12 or more entries
3. Carcass Steer (unit 7)
4. Cow (unit 5/6) with this year's calf
5. Young Beef (unit 2)
6. Interclub - one entry per club, 4 animals per entry

4-H DAIRY

BC PREMISES ID NUMBER BC44HRCM9

- Robison's Award**..... Best 4-H Dairy Calf in Show
Buckerfield's Ltd. Award..... 4-H Junior Dairy Showmanship
J.W. Wikkerink Award 4-H Intermediate Dairy Showmanship
Guy Motherwell Award 4-H Senior Dairy Showmanship

Convener:

Michelle Laszczyk
glenviewfarm@hotmail.com

Prize Money:

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Dairy Showmanship ~ Division Y3-1

1. Senior - 13 to 19 years
2. Junior - 9 to 12 years

Dairy - Unit Classes ~ Division Y3-2

1. Junior Calf, born Dec. 1st of previous year to March 31st this year
2. Intermediate Calf, born Sept. 1st to Nov. 30th of previous year
3. Senior Calf, born March 1st to Aug. 31st of previous year
4. Yearling born after Sept 1st the year before last year
5. Interclub - one entry per club, 4 animals per entry

4-H HERDSMANSHIP

BC PREMISES ID NUMBER BC44HRCM9

Convener:

Marian Davies
250.743.2137

Prize Money:

First \$25.00
Club Prize

Herdsmanship ~ Division Y5-1

- * Best club exhibit judged according to decoration, cleanliness, tidiness of exhibit and courtesy of attendants
- * Competition commences Saturday at 8 a.m. and it is continuous until 5 p.m.
- * Extra points will be given to projects displaying details about each project: regulations and what is required of 4-H Members
- * Special attention should be given to Fair Theme. 2026 Fair Theme is "Make Mine Maple"

1. Tied
2. Penned
3. Caged
4. Non-Livestock

4-H SHEEP

BC PREMISES ID NUMBER BC44HRCM9

R. Saunders Award Junior Champion 4-H Sheep Showmanship
Island Savings Credit Union Award.....Best fitted/shown 4-H Lamb (Cobble Hill 4-H only)
Joan McKay Memorial Award.....4-H Best Ewe Lamb

Convener:

Susan Shortreid
250.743.3605

Prize Money:

First \$7.00
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Sheep Showmanship Classes ~ Division Y6-1

- 1. Senior - 13 to 19 years
- 2. Junior - 9 to 12 years

Sheep Unit Classes ~ Division Y6-2

- 1. Ewe Lamb
- 2. Yearling Lamb
- 3. Mature Ewe with lamb at foot
- 4. Market Lamb

4-H POULTRY

BC PREMISES ID NUMBER BC44HRCM9

Convener:

Matthew Smith
matthew.a.smith@shaw.ca

Prize Money:

First \$7.00
Second \$5.00
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Poultry Showmanship ~ Division Y7-1

- 1. Senior – 13 to 19 years
- 2. Junior - 9 to 12 years

Poultry Unit Classes ~ Division Y7-2

- 1. Chicken
- 2. Duck
- 3. Geese
- 4. Turkey
- 5. Specialty bird
- 6. Beginner poultry breeder
- 7. Market layer
- 8. Market meat
- 9. Fitting
- 10. Interclub

Ensure you provide the breed and variety for each bird entered in this Division.



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Convener:

Marian Davies
250.743.2137

Prize Money:

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Cloverbud Unit Classes ~ Division YB-1

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- 2. Educational Poster
- 3. 4-H Photo (to be mounted on black cardstock)
- 4. Safety Poster (max size of 8.5x11)



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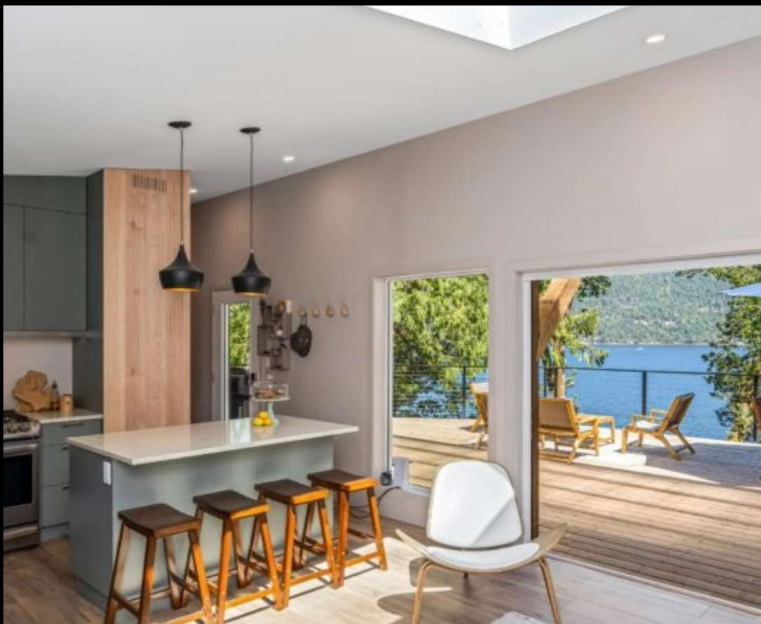
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Educational Displays ~ Division YD-1

1. Senior /Club - 13 to 19 years and over
2. Junior – 12 years and under

* Education displays must be in place **BEFORE 8 am on Saturday on Fair Day**
* **This division is open to any 4-H member.**
* **Educational Boards may be on any topic provided 4-H guidelines are followed**

4-H SMALL ENGINES

Convener:
Suzanne Baird
bairds@shaw.ca

Prize Money:
First \$7.00
Second \$5.00
Third \$3.00

Small Engine Showmanship ~ Division YE 1

1. Senior – 13 to 19 years
2. Junior – 9 to 12 years

Small Engines Projects ~ Division YE 2

1. Unit 1 - Two-Stroke Engine
2. Unit 2 - Four-Stroke Engine
3. Unit 3 - Mastering Mechanics
4. Unit 4 - Beyond Engines



4-H SAFETY PROJECT

Convener
Elise Doran
250.743.4548

Prize Money:
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This division is open to the Cowichan 4-H club only.

4-H Section, Safety Class ~ Division YH1

1. Safety Project Project will be judged on the following criteria:
 - * Relevance to the Project
 - * Information
 - * Display
 - * Public Interaction

Must use Safety Yellow as main color.
Competition commences on Saturday
at 8 am and runs until 5 pm

4-H DOGS

BC PREMISES ID NUMBER BC44HRCM9

Convener:
Elisa Doran
250.743.4548

Prize Money:
First \$7.00
Second \$5.00
Third \$3.00

Dog Showmanship ~ Division YK1

1. Seniors - 13 to 19 years
2. Junior - 9 to 12 years

Dog Obedience ~ Division YK 2

2. Unit 2 Exploring Obedience
3. Unit 3 Beginner Novice
4. Unit 4 Novice



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The various amenities owned by the Farmers Institute are far more than what is viewed as a traditional or typical "recreation centre." We are a community centre: one of the few remaining structures built by and for the community a century or more ago and still owned and operated entirely by community volunteers.

Membership

The Farmers Institute is an organization run wholly by volunteers. It has an open membership, which currently stands at around 90. We are a transparent organization and invite everyone to join and participate in our activities. ***Remember, you don't have to be a farmer to join the Farmers Institute!***

Membership in the Farmers Institute is \$10 annually for which you will be invited to help clean the grounds and barn, prepare for the Fair, help stage various functions like Seedy Saturday, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Spring and Christmas Concerts, Halloween, Remembrance Day and a wide variety of other activities.

Our Holdings

The Farmers Institute is a community driven entity. It owns, operates and maintains the Cobble Hill Hall, the Youth Hall and the Stu Armour Hall. It also owns a variety of animal structures located on the fairgrounds: the Baird Barn, the Poultry Barn, the Turkey Barn, the Sheep Barn and the Donkey Barn. All of these amenities sit on approximately 6 acres of land situated in the heart of the Cobble Hill Village. Depending upon how you look at it, the Farmers Institute's holdings are either a wonderfully green rural amenity within the Village core or these lands hinder growth, development and a transition from rural life.

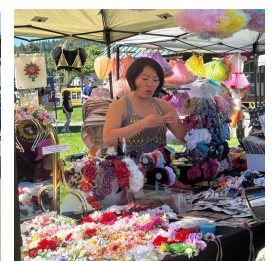
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Through a referendum held in 1985, the taxpayers of Cobble Hill voted by more than 70 per cent to provide an annual grant to the Farmers Institute. As a consequence of that referendum, the Farmers Institute receives approximately \$22,000 annually from the taxpayers in Cobble Hill through the CVRD. These funds cover the Farmers Institute's annual insurance policy. The remainder of the funds are needed to meet the Farmers Institute's annual budget of approximately \$132,000 which are raised by renting the facilities to regular user groups or for events like weddings, Celebrations of Life, private parties and other activities. The Farmers Institute also raises funds to meet its budget through the various activities it stages with the Cobble Hill Fair and selling its very popular beef and chicken pot pies along with other fundraising events.

Community Services and Events

Some of the community services provided either through a donation of space or as a Farmers Institute run event include sponsoring 8 local 4-H Clubs by providing free meeting space. This sponsorship benefits young people in our community as 4-H emphasizes agricultural education and community responsibility.

The Farmers Institute also sponsors the South Cowichan Seniors Luncheons by providing free space. This group now serves approximately 120 seniors a hot lunch on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. We also hosted Seedy Saturday on the second Saturday in March. Over the past two years, the event has expanded to include the Stu Armour Hall. Seedy Saturday is a free to the public event, and it is usually attended by more than 2,000 enthusiastic gardeners as there are a wide variety of vendors on hand during this first harbinger spring.



THIS IS US

The best Easter Egg Hunt in the Cowichan Valley is hosted by the Farmers Institute and sponsored by Bill and Dee Motherwell formerly of South Cowichan Storage. More than 100 youngsters attend this event. We also provide a bonfire and Halloween goodies free of charge to between 300 and 400 children and adults on the spookiest night of the year. In support of the Legion, we host the Remembrance Day Services in the hall and provide free space and support for the Spring and Christmas Variety Shows. All proceeds from these two variety shows go to the CMS Food Bank.



Giving Back

Because of their benefit to the community, we also sponsor AA, TOPS, Dog Obedience Classes and a variety of other activities by providing rental space for a reduced rate. All Candidates Meetings and other events important to the community are usually staged for free. From time to time there are other organizations or issues that come along that the Farmers Institute sponsors by donating meeting space but the above provides a glimpse at the annual activities we have supported for years.

The Cobble Hill Fair

Saturday, August 22nd marks the 117th Cobble Hill Fair, which again is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The Fair will be visited by about 6 thousand people and those attending will catch glimpses of our past that were so eloquently detailed in a 1909 Victoria Daily Colonist article about the first Cobble Hill Fair. Our Fair retains the atmosphere of an old fashioned country Fair and it provides a wonderful venue for people from all walks of life to appreciate both our rural roots and the continued importance of agriculture and the agriculture industry in our community. The Fair also highlights our community and supports local businesses. Funds raised from the Fair support the various programs supported by the Farmers Institute including 4-H and the very popular Seniors Lunch program.

Knowledge Sharing

The Farmers Institute remains instrumental in securing and disseminating information pertinent to our community. Topics include, but are not limited to, speakers who share their expertise on diverse agriculturally oriented subjects from groundwater monitoring and protection, to pruning demonstrations, to the importance of dam safety, to the raising of specialty crops and to the innovations surrounding udder health in animals.

The Farmers Institute was originally founded by farmers for the benefit of farmers. Over time the organization has evolved along with the community it serves. Members come from all walks of life and share the common connection of preserving and sharing our agricultural past and present while working toward maintaining this strong bond in the future.

We are able to do this because ours is a volunteer organization run by people who are passionate about the community in which they live. For more information contact secretary@farmersinstitute.ca

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

The Cobble Hill Fair would not be possible without the many generous sponsors, community partners, donors and volunteers who contribute to this event. There are too many to list them all and some want to remain anonymous, but we sincerely appreciate all of the support offered to this terrific community event!

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Please support the local businesses that continue to support this wonderful community event. They not only help the Farmers Institute but, in turn, the Farmers Institute is able to support other organizations in our community like the very popular South Cowichan Seniors Luncheons as well as various 4-H groups in our community. They also provide the much needed local jobs and contribute to our local economy.

We thank them for their support!

FREE PARK AND RIDE

Ride in comfort to the Cobble Hill Fair.

*Take the FREE Park and Ride Shuttle Service from
Cobble Hill Christian Church at 3791 Cobble Hill Road*

BUSES EVERY FEW MINUTES

**8:00 am
to 5:30 pm**

