

**DEPARTMENT 30-37  
CANNING**

**CANNING (DEPARTMENTS 30-37) RULES**

All exhibitors are required to read and comply with the GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS of the Creative Arts Division.				
<b>Entry Form Due</b>	August 15	Online: <a href="https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/">https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/</a>		
<b>Entry Fee per Item</b>	\$5			
<b>Entry Limit</b>	3 entries per Department in Departments 30-37			
<b>Classes</b>	A: Adult Professional	B: Adult Non-Professional	C: Youth 13-18	D: Youth 7-12
<b>Premiums</b>	Best of Department: \$20	Blue: \$20	Red: \$17	White: \$14
<b>Receiving</b>	Tuesday, September 3: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm		New England Center	
<b>Judging</b>	Closed to the public	Wednesday, September 4	Thursday, September 5	
<b>Release</b>	Monday, September 30, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm	Tuesday, October 1, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm	New England Center	
After November 1, all unclaimed items become the property of Eastern States Exposition and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.				
For additional information, contact Creative Arts at <a href="mailto:Creativearts@TheBigE.com">Creativearts@TheBigE.com</a> or call 413-205-5015.				

1. All entries must have been preserved after September 1 of the prior year.
2. Unsealed exhibits or exhibits showing signs of spoilage will not be judged.
3. Exhibits must be **labeled** with the **name of the food** and the **date preserved**. Entries without required labeling will not be judged.
4. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe, processing method and time used. Recipes should be typed or neatly printed as well as credit given to the recipe source. Exhibitor's name and address must be included on the back of the recipe. **All recipes must be on 3 X 5 index card or printed and cut to 3 x 5.**
5. All recipes become the property of Eastern States Exposition and may be edited, adapted, copyrighted, published and used for publicity, promotion and/or advertising at their discretion without compensation to the contestant.
6. All exhibitors are to follow the current USDA requirements for the items canned as described in the USDA publication "Complete Guide to Home Canning," which can be found at the National Center for Home Food Preservation at the University of Georgia, [http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications\\_usda.html](http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html).
7. Exhibits will be judged using the Danish system and will receive an award or placing only if determined worthy by the judge(s).
8. The decisions of the judge(s) are final.
9. Containers:
  - a) All exhibits must be canned in clear, non-colored glass commercial canning jars with a flat metal lid (part of the 2 part lid system recommended by USDA).
  - b) All jams and jellies and preserves must be canned in ½ pint jars.
  - c) All fruits and vegetables must be canned in pint or quart jars.
  - d) All pickles and relishes, honey and syrups must be canned in pint jars.

- e) **Identification tags:** Tags should be taped to the bottom of EACH jar. Tags may be obtained from the website ([www.TheBigE.com/creativearts](http://www.TheBigE.com/creativearts)). Feel free to photocopy. Please attach identification tags prior to arriving on receiving day to make check-in quicker.
  - f) Headspace required as specified in the current publication of “Complete Guide to Home Canning” published by the USDA.
  - g) Fancy padded lids, fabric overwraps or cozies interfere with the judging process and should not be used.
  - h) **For judging purposes, the product is to be exhibited without the screw band in place for all Jellies, Jams, Vegetables, Fruits, Preserves, Pickles and Relishes.**
  - i) Jars not clean are subject to disqualification.
10. Awards will be made on the basis of appearance, packing, color, clarity, consistency, head space and container.

**DEPARTMENT 31  
JAMS**

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**Jams** – a thick spread made with crushed or chopped fruit. Jam has the same brilliance and color as jelly, but is softer in texture.

- Division 3101** 2 Jars Blueberry
- Division 3102** 2 Jars Raspberry (red or black)
- Division 3103** 2 Jars Strawberry
- Division 3104** 2 Jars Any other Single Fruit
- Division 3105** 2 Jars Two Fruits or more (name fruits on label)
- Division 3106** 2 Jars Low sugar jam (name fruit(s) on your label)
- Division 3107** 2 Jars No sugar jam (name fruit(s) on your label)
- Division 3108** 2 Jars Other than classified

