

WEST VIRGINIA STATE FOLK FESTIVAL

Jam, Jelly & Butters Contest

2024

Anyone wishing to enter this contest, should turn all jars into the Country Store at least **ONE** hour before the judging begins at **1:00 p.m., on Friday, June 21st**. An entry form will be filled out for each class/type. No one entering an exhibit will be present at the time of judging. No exhibit will be accepted after 1:00 p.m. Once the judging has been completed, the winners will be announced and jars exhibited in the Country Store, along with any awards. ALL jars—winners or non-winners—must pick up his/her exhibits before the closing of the Country Store on Saturday night of the Folk Festival. Any jars, which are not picked up by this time, will not be the responsibility of the West Virginia State Folk Festival.

RULES: Two jars are required for each entry, (one for tasting and one to exhibit in the Country Store). Half pint or pint jars may be exhibited in a brand name jar (Mason, Ball, Kerr, etc.). No jar will be judged that is not a brand name jar. Jars should be clean, with name of jam/jelly on the lid, and sealed with a non-rusty ring. No person should put his/her name on the lid/jar—as the jars are numbered and will match the application, which was completed in the Country Store.

CLASS I-----JELLY

1. Any type of berry (ex: strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, etc.)
2. Any type of fruit (ex: pear, apple, crabapple, etc.)
3. Mixed berry or fruit (ex: pear/apple, blueberry/cherry, etc.)

CLASS II-----JAM

4. Any type of berry (ex: strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, etc.)
5. Any type of fruit (ex: pear, apple, crabapple, etc.)
6. Mixed berry or fruit (ex: pear/apple, crabapple/gooseberry, etc.)

CLASS III-----Butters

7. Any type of butters (ex: apple butter, pear butter, etc.)
8. Any type of mixed butters (ex: apple butter/pear butter, etc.)

CLASS IV-----Most Unique flavored jam, jelly, or butter

Judging:

1. Judges will base their decisions on the categories listed above.
2. Judges will taste each entry and follow the rules/check list given to them prior to judging.
3. Judges will have a score sheet, based upon a 50-point scale. The highest score will secure the top award in each category.
4. The winner, from each category, will receive a ribbon and trophy and a dozen jelly jars. Second and third place winners will receive a ribbon.
5. **Grand Prize Award:** The Judges will select one jam/jelly/butter with the highest score. If a tie occurs, the judges will re-evaluate each jar by checking the scores and once again tasting each exhibit. The winner will receive a ribbon, trophy, a dozen jars, bag of sugar, box of Sure-Jel, and have his/her name placed on a plaque, to be displayed in the Country Store.
6. **Combined Champion:** given to the Exhibitor, who has entered at least **THREE** categories and received the highest combined score of those categories. This Exhibitor will receive a ribbon, trophy, and a dozen jars, bag of sugar, and box of Sure-Jel.