

Staffordshire Federation of Women's Institutes
2024 County Show Schedule



Alice in Wonderland

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th May 2024

County Showground, Stafford ST18 0BD

Closing Date for entries: Thursday 2nd May

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Staffordshire County Show

SFWI Preview Reception



Tuesday
28th May 2024

Join with Staffordshire Civic Dignitaries to have an early viewing of all the amazing SFWI Show entries. Family and friends welcome.

The marquee will be open from 6pm until 8pm. There will be no admission before this time so please bear in mind if rain is forecast!

Parking is available on site and on the red car park.

Tickets are £8.00 and available from SFWI Federation Office.

Please apply no later than Thursday 9th May



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Schedule of classes for the 2024 Staffordshire County Show

Overall theme for all displays, entries and marquee:

"Alice in Wonderland"

Exhibits to be staged by members between 8:30am and 11:30 am on Tuesday 28th May.

Late entries will not be accepted on the setting up day. **Exhibits must not be removed before 5:00pm on Thursday 30th May.** The Committee accepts no responsibility for exhibits not collected by 6pm.

Notes for Exhibitors

All Classes – Exhibits must fit the class theme

Craft Exhibits

1. Exhibits must not have been entered on an SFWI County Show previously
2. All exhibits should be in pristine condition and made within the last 2 years
3. All Staging is to be free standing – back boards may be used but will not be provided.

All entries will be judged by the 2021 Edition of "On with the Show". Judges decisions are final.

Co-operative Classes

In both classes, the table will be covered in green fabric and exhibits will be viewed from the front. Each WI may enter more than one exhibit in co-operative classes.

Class 1: Co-operative Produce	Eat Me, Drink Me
<p>Produce needs to reflect the theme of Alice in Wonderland Three items of produce using 3 different methods. One of the items must be a cordial.</p> <p>Accessories may be used. A base board of not more than 76 cm/30 “ wide and 61cm/24” deep may be used, height unlimited. All items will be moved for judging and will be replaced uncovered. The entry must be the work of more than one member. Items will be judged following the individual “On with the Show” criteria. Staging and Interpretation scores will also be given to create an overall max score of 100.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cordial should be presented in a clear glass bottle with a screw lid leaving a 12- 25 mm headspace. 2. Tops can be metal or plastic and can be recycled as long as they have been sterilized. Swing- stopped bottles with new seals and corks are also acceptable. 3. On with the Show states that cordial must contain fruit tissue 	
Class 2: Co-operative Handicraft	The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party
<p>Three items of craft using 3 different methods. Craft items themselves needs to reflect the theme of Alice in Wonderland, not just the materials they are made from.</p> <p>Accessories may be used. A base board of not more than 76 cm/30 “ wide and 61cm/24” deep may be used, height unlimited. All items will be moved for judging and will be replaced uncovered. The entry must be the work of more than one member. Items will be judged following the individual “On with the Show” criteria. Staging and Interpretation scores will also be given to create an overall max score of 100.</p>	

Classes for Individual SFWI Members

N.B. The maximum number of entries is two per person per class, **except for photography which is four entries per W.I.**

Novice classes are open to members who have not won a first place in that class at a previous County Show.

Produce	
Class 3: Produce	Caterpillar Cupcakes
3 highly decorated cupcakes	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decoration must be entirely edible with no wires, skewers or cocktail sticks in order to be judged as Cookery 2. Cake base may be any type of sponge and any flavour 3. Decoration does NOT need to be identical on each cupcake 	
Class 4: Preserves	Alice's Orange Marmalade
An orange marmalade	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All jars and lids should be plain and without trademarks 2. Lids should be new and there should be a "seal of preservation" 3. Label should state name of the preserve and day, month and year of making 	
Class 5: Novice Produce	Queen of Hearts Jam Tarts
3 Jam tarts	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any type of pastry can be used 2. Jam used must be the same flavour for all 3 tarts 3. Jam tarts must be identical in size and shape 	
Handicraft	
Class 6: Handicraft (fibre)	The Cheshire Cat
A crocheted, knitted or needle felted Cheshire Cat	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No size restriction 2. Any fibre based material 	
Class 7: Handicraft	Alice's Apron
A bibbed apron suitable for Alice to wear in Wonderland.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any suitable fabric 2. May be embroidered or embellished 3. Does not need to be traditional Alice white 	
Class 8: Novice Handicraft	An embellished Alice Band
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No fresh flowers 2. The base for the Alice band can be purchased 	

Floral Art	
Class 9: Floral Art	The Red Queen's Garden
<p>A floral exhibit to reflect the theme of "The Red Queen's Garden"</p> <p>Exhibits will be judged from the front. Space allowed 61cm/24" square, height unlimited. Accessories may be used. The table will be covered in green fabric.</p>	
Class 10: Floral Art – Foliage to Dominate	Through the Looking Glass
<p>A foliage based exhibit to reflect the theme of "Through the Looking Glass"</p> <p>Grasses may be used in this exhibit. Exhibits will be judged from the front. Space allowed 61cm/24" square, height unlimited. Accessories may be used. The table will be covered in green fabric.</p>	
Class 11: Novice Floral Art	The Dormouse's teapot
<p>A floral exhibit presented in a teapot.</p> <p>The teapot for this exhibit should be no larger than a standard teapot (approx. 1L/2 pint). Space allowed 61cm/24" square, height unlimited.</p>	
Children's Class	
Class 12: Children's class	A Mad Hat
<p>A Hat worthy of the Mad Hatter. The hat base does not need to be hand made to qualify for entry.</p> <p>This class is in two sections, up to 6 years and 7-12 years of age. All entrants will receive a small prize.</p>	
Photography	
Class 13: Photography	Wonderland
<p>A photograph to reflect the theme of "Wonderland".</p> <p>The photograph is to be presented on a plain white mount measuring 8" x 10" (22.5cm x 25.5cm) including the mount. Photographs should not be portraits. No professional photography is allowed in this class. Please provide a suitable stand. Photographs must have been taken by the entrant.</p> <p>N.B. Oversized, unmounted and framed photographs will not be judged. Photographs must not have been entered in a previous County Show. <u>This class is restricted to a maximum of four entries per W.I.</u></p>	
Art	
Class 14: Art	Curiouser and Curiouser
<p>This is an open class. Create a picture reflecting the theme of "Curiouser and Curiouser." The picture should be suitable for hanging. It can be in any medium but any work on paper should be framed and glazed. No entry is to have any side more than 61cm/24 in when glazed. A table easel should be provided. N.B. Over sized entries will not be judged.</p>	

Trophies

Class 1	Eat Me, Drink Me	The Co-operative Produce Trophy
Class 2	The Mad Hatters Tea Party	Classes 1-
Class 3	Caterpillar Cupcakes	
Class 4	Alice's Orange Marmalade	The Salloway Cup for Individual Produce
Class 5	Queen of Hearts Jam Tarts	The Linda Hurley Cup
Class 6	The Cheshire Cat	The SFWI Individual Craft Trophy
Class 7	Alice's Apron	The SFWI Rosebowl
Class 8	An embellished Alice Band	The Novice Craft Trophy
Class 9	The Red Queen's Garden	The Hilderstone Floral Art Trophy
Class 10	Through the Looking Glass	The Sylvia Kelly Trophy
Class 11	The Dormouse's Teapot	The Novice Floral Art Trophy
Class 12	A Mad Hat	
Class 13	Wonderland	The Sylvia Newell Trophy
Class 14	Curiouser and Curiouser	The Alice Price Silver Plate
	The Staffordshire Building Society Rosebowl	Best Item of Handicraft in the show
	The Aston and Willoughbridge Cup	Best Item of Produce in the show
	The Lichfield Mercury Cup	Best Exhibit of Floral Art in the show
	The 85 th Anniversary Cup	Awarded to the WI with 30 members or less who gain the most points award to winning entries (1 st – 3 rd)
	The Cornerstone Cup	Awarded to the WI with more than 30 members who gain the most points award to winning entries (1 st – 3 rd)
	The Best in Show Cup	Awarded to the best overall entry in the opinion of the judges
	Staging and Display Trophy	Awarded to the best staging and display in classes 1 and 2

Prizes

Winners of classes 1 and 2; 1st - £12.00, 2nd - £8.00, 3rd - £4.00

Winners of classes 3-11 and 12 and 13; 1st - £7.00, 2nd - £5.00, 3rd - £3.00

Guidelines

1. Entry fees are stated on the accompanying entry forms
2. All entries will be marked in accordance with NFWI publication "On with the Show" 2021 edition. Details of how marks are awarded can be found in this document. Please refer to NFWI / My WI for information on how to download this publication.
Standard of workmanship – 20 marks per item
Staging and Interpretation – 20 marks each
Gold Stars are awarded for any item gaining 20 marks
Silver Stars are awarded for any item gaining 19 or 19 ½ marks
3. The rules for produce in the current version of "On with the Show" will be strictly adhered to so judges will not accept items that deteriorate quickly when not refrigerated. This includes paté, fish, shellfish, yoghurt, meat, cream, raw eggs or cream cheese.
4. Due to the possibility of humidity in the marquee, care should be taken when using sugar paste, royal icing, paper craft or any other material that may deteriorate in damp conditions.

Trophies will be presented by the Chairman at a special event later in the year.

Classes 1,2,3,4,6,7,9,10 and 11 are sponsored by the Staffordshire Agricultural Society.

All entry forms and fees must reach SFWI offices by 2nd May 2024. If after submitting an entry WI's, groups or individuals find they are unable to take part, please contact the office as soon as possible.

For insurance purposes, SFWI will not be held responsible for any items used in displays. If valuable items are used, they will need to be insured by the exhibitor.

Queries – Please contact SFWI on 01785 223838