

Here is Your invitation to the 50th Annual
Northeastern Poultry Congress



In Memory of Russ Crevoiserat

Eastern States Exposition, Mallary complex, 1305 Memorial Ave, West Springfield Massachusetts 01089

JANUARY 13 & 14 2024

Northeastern Poultry Congress Honor Roll

We are Grateful to those who brought this show forward for us to enjoy today

1973 James Rines MA, 1974 Dr Charles White Jr RI, 1975 Ken Winters MA, 1976 George Ward MA, 1977 John Wabeck MA, 1978 Vance Hammond NH, 1979 John Lightfoot CT & Lincoln Grant CT, 1980 Alex Duffy NY, 1981 William Townsend Jr MA, 1982 O. Fayne Whitney MA, 1983 Edward Wysock MA, 1985 Owen Flynn MA, 1987 Fred P Jeffery MA, 1990 E. Lea Marsh CT, 1991 Arthur Traver NY, 1992 Edward Ritz MA, & Preston Merchant FL, 1995 Eastern States Exposition, 1997 Arthur Schallenburg NY, 1998 Ernest C. Durb MA, 1999 Bill Murray MA, 2002 Heather Ware MA, 2004 Arthur Rochette CT & Forest Hooper ME, 2006 Bruce & Bonnie Laviolette MA, 2007 Bill West MA, 2008 Guy Roy MA, 2009 Jerry & Dorothy Yeaw RI, 2010 Edith Rochette CT, 2011 Warren Carlow RI, 2012 Rick and Allison Trojanoski CT, 2013 Brian Knox NH, 2014 Don Nelson RI, 2015 Larry Grimaldi MA, 2016 Robert Murphy ME, 2017 Kenny Mainville MA, 2018 Eastern States Agricultural Educational Staff MA, 2019 Wayne "Wes" Shelden CT 2020 Jackie Koedatich FL, 2022 Jan Brett MA, 2023 Matthew Martin MA,

NORTHEASTERN POULTRY CONGRESS 50TH ANNUAL SHOW

This show is held in Honor of Matt & Sarah Kmetetz

- FEATURING -

LARGE FOWL, BANTAMS, WATERFOWL, TURKEYS, PIGEONS, THE TRIO CLASSIC. DISPLAYS,
And the MOST EXCELLENT JUNIOR SHOW, AND JUNIOR SHOWMAN PROGRAM

POULTRY CONGRESS OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Cheryl Barnaba
Vice President.....Richard Trojanoski
Treasurer ... Stephen Blash
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Judge Selection Committee Joel Henning & Brian Knox
Show Sect.....Sarah Kmetetz
Show SuperintendentBrian Knox
Junior Show Superintendent.... Joel Henning
Junior Program Coordinators Allison & Rick Trojanoski
Waterfowl Superintendents Matt & Sarah Kmetetz
Decorating Committee Janell Kelly
Office Manager.... Sarah Kmetetz
Awards Jackie Koedatich
Chinese Raffle..... Penny J. Hay
Photographer.... Seth Johnson
Sales Area Supervisor... Wes Shelden
Big E Display Manager... Wes Shelden

- MEMBERS -

The Congress membership is made up of the people who each year donate their time and energy to make this the best show in the Northeast

See years of past results Our web site www.poultrycongress.com

The Poultry Congress is Grateful to the Blue Seal Kent Company for their support. Please take a moment to thank them for the exhibitors' gifts and for keeping our lights on this year. They would love to meet you and chat about poultry nutrition.

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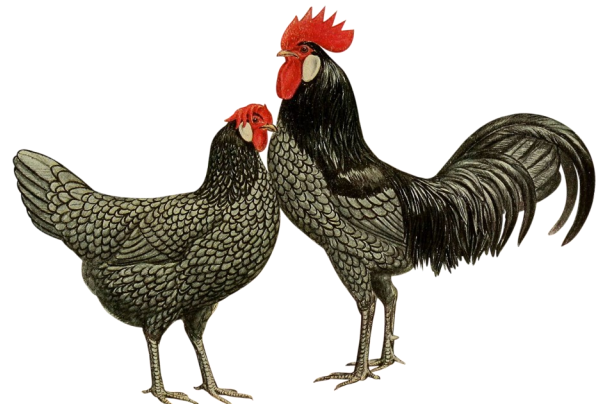


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Rules and Regulations

- There will be six classes: Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet, Young Trio, & Old Trio
- Junior Exhibitors (Under the age of 18) may enter in the open or Junior Division, or both if they wish. The appropriate entry fee will apply. Junior exhibitors entries must have been raise and cared for by the Junior exhibitor. When entered in the Junior Division, the Junior exhibitor must be present during judging, and may ber asked to handle his or her birds for the Judge.
- Every care will be exercised to protect exhibits, but the Congress will not be responsible for any loss or damage from whatever cause. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering of their poultry.
- The Congress will place a reasonable amount of bedding in show coops. Extra bedding must be provided by the exhibitor.
- The use of cardboard dividers is strongly discouraged. See thru dividers are preferred, please consider packing some in your show box.
- Please remove water cups and coop cards when cooping out.
- Exhibits will be handled by the owner, judge, steward or show officials only.
- All poultry must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: Infectious bronchitis, coryza, pullorum typhoid, fowl pox, laryngotracheitis, and external parasites. Congress reserves the right to remove any bird that is deemed sickly or parasite infested.
- Exhibitors showing exclusively Waterfowl or exclusively Pigeons will need to submit a pullourm certificate at the time of entry to sell birds other than Waterfowl or Pigeons.
- Each entry must be accompanied by written proof (ID card or test reports) that the breeding flock was blood tested negative for pullorum-typhoid with in one year prior to entry date. If you do not present your ID card or test report you will be refused entry.
- Poultry Congress is not responsible for the health of birds exhibited *or purchased at the show*.
- Birds from quarantined states will not be permitted entry.
- **No bird vaccinated with in 30 days of the show will be permitted entry for the safety of other fowl. Please follow with care instructions that are included with your vaccines to insure you do not accidently spread disease to your fellow exhibitors.**
- Any bird showing signs of sickness or endangering other entrys will be refused or removed from the show at the discretion of the Superintendents.
- Judging will be governed in accordance with the American Bantam Association's Bantam Standard or the American Poultry Association's Standard of Perfection, as applicable. Judges decision will be final.
- No Birds shall be removed prior to closing time except as designated by the Superintendent. Unauthorized early removal will result in forfeiture of awards. Poultry not removed from the show hall with in one hour after the final award is presented shall become the property of the Poultry Congress.
- All matters not addressed by these rules or those promulgated by the ABA/APA will be at the discretion of the Superintend, Show Sectaries or Show Coordinator.
- Pursuant to Eastern States Exposition rules dogs on the fairgrounds must be on a leash. Dogs are not permitted in the show hall for the safety of poultry and exhibitors.
- Smoking is not permitted in the show hall, including cannabis as per our contract with the Fairgrounds. CBD products may not be sold in any form on the fairgrounds.
- Food not provided by our food vendors is not permitted to support the Eastern States Expo food vendors
- Entry fees are non refundable
- NO TAILGATE SALES
- NEPC reserves the right to refuse entries at our own discretion.



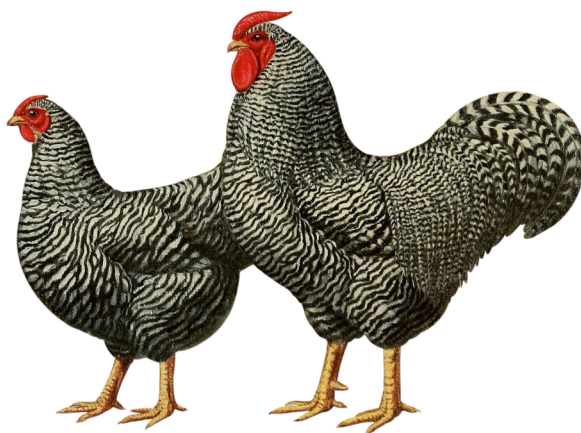
HAPPY BIRTHDAY POULTRY CONGRESS

In Celebration we are pleased to announce an additional 1,000.00 in Prize moneys

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR MAKING THIS SHOW POSSIBLE

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE BIG E FOR THEIR YEARS
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AMAZING ROSETTES.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE
COUNTLESS VOLUNTEERS WHO
CARE ENOUGH TO BRING THE
BEST SHOW IN THE NORTHEAST
FOR ALL OF US TO ENJOY !!!!!



Thanks to Mr E. Lea Marsh and the founders of the Poultry Congress we can say we have made it to 50 ! I hope we have made them proud . Please take a moment to look at the Honorees page on the first page. Please Thank those who are still with us, and working hard so we can all enjoy our wonderful hobby.

AND MOST SPECIAL OF ALL THANK YOUS GOES OUT TO MATT AND SARAH KMETETZ WHO WE ARE HONORING THIS YEAR FOR YEARS OF DEDICATION AND HARD WORK GIFTED TO OUR POULTRY FANCY.

2024 JUDGES ROSTER

Open: Jeff Halbach, Jackie Koedatich, Danny Padget,
Peyton Igo, Emmit Wild

Junior: Rick Hare, Don Nelson, John Miles & Joseph Marquette

Our show this year is held In Memory of our dear friend and dedicated volunteer
Russ Crevoiserat

CLUB MEETS

National Call Duck Breeders Club: District Meet
Modern Game Bantam Club of America District Meet
Belgian d'Uccle & Booted Bantam Club District Meet
Old English Game Bantam Club
Nankin Club of America



HOTEL INFORMATION

HOST HOTEL

This year we are pleased to announce that we are using the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Springfield Downtown, MA 145 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103. It has good parking, and complimentary full American and Hot Breakfast. Our special rate is \$129.00 per night. Mention the Poultry Congress group rate when booking. Do book your room asap. The cut off date to book is Dec 12th and I expect rooms to be sold out prior to this date. Email: gm@hiexspringfield.com Booking 888-465-4329 Front desk 413-285-8436.

ADDITIONAL HOTELS AND MOTELS CLOSE TO THE EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION GROUNDS. THESE ARE A FEW:

Medallion Motel, 13 River St. West Springfield MA 413-781-3260, **Comfort Inn Suites** 106 Capital Dr. West Springfield, MA 413-736-5000, **Days Inn** 437 Riverdale St. West Springfield, MA 413-785-5365, **Knights Inn** 1557 Riverdale St. West Springfield, MA 413-737-9047, **Holiday Inn**, 711 Dwight St. Springfield MA 413-781-0900, **Hampton Inn** 1011 Riverdale St West Springfield MA 413-732-1300

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW

From the Mass Pike I 90 exit 4 to Rt. 5 Riverdale St. south, after traveling under a railroad bridge, you will see the sign for the exit to The Big E, Take the ramp to the rotary then the first exit, Memorial Avenue Rt. 147. Follow Memorial Avenue until you find Eastern States Exposition on your left about a mile from the rotary. Proceed until you find an open gate, The Mallary Complex is on the south eastern side of the grounds with a distinct dome. If you are coming from the north or south on I-91 take the Rt. 5 exit Riverdale St. and follow the directions above.

EXHIBITORS TRAVEL PROBLEMS HOTLINE

Exhibitors who are traveling to the show and encounter a problem or a delay you may contact Sarah Kmetetz; Show Sectary at 203-437-0168 Friday Night or Saturday Morning. **This number is for exhibitor's only.**

Kindly understand If your not an exhibitor this number is not for you.

LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL ?

Good news ! Your in the money! Northeastern Poultry Congress is offering \$50.00 for exhibitor traveling the longest distance. And \$25.00 for the exhibitor coming from the 2nd furthest distance.

ADMISSION HOURS TO THE SHOW HALL

Exhibitors: Coop in is Friday 12:00—8:00 pm (building closes at 9pm) Saturday 7am –9am,

judging starts at 9:30.

Day Trippers please note there is no admission fee for entry, donations are appreciated. Its important to understand that the best day for viewing the show is Saturday. ***Please understand that Friday and Sunday are not considered good public viewing days.***

FOWL WEATHER

You name it we have seen it for weather. That said more times than not we have fair weather for the show. Our most excellent Show Superintendent Brian Knox has a keen eye on the weather. Rest assured he will make adjustments to the show schedule due to weather if necessary.

NOTES, AND REMINDERS

All Land Fowl Entries must have a current Pullorum Certificate or be from a First Generation flock. All Entries must be accompanied by a copy pullorum card, or test paperwork attached to entries. **Failure to do so will cause the state of Mass to refuse your entry.**

PLEASE INCLUDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS, YOUR HOME ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS ON YOU ENTRY failure to do so means you might miss important announcements or you could miss out on points with your breed club. **BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY !** If you do not see it in your inbox check your spam folder. If you do not see one there than please contact Sarah Kemetetz at skmetetz@gmail.com. And while your at it: Please Read it ! Do we have your birds entered properly ?? Entries must accompany payment. Double Coops available for Large Fowl Only. No changes to your entry will be accepted at the show. Show Sect has the right to refuse late entries. Late entries are subject to additional fees. Additional information for new exhibitors on our web site poultrycongress.com. **! PLEASE NOTE ENTRYS CLOSE EARLIER THIS YEAR !**

Mail Entries To Sarah Kmetetz 139 Kasson Road, Bethlehem Connecticut 06751

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTHEASTERN POULTRY CONGRESS,. No entry accepted unless payment accompanies entry Or pay with paypal to poultrycongress@outlook.com Please use the friends & family option when paying

POULTRY SALES INFORMATION

The Poultry Congress is offering 10x10 floor space areas at a rate of 75.00. You must provide your own caging/cooping. Individual sales coops will be available for rental. Your sale birds must have adequate feed and water. Please reserve your space on your entry. All sales are for EXHIBITORS Only. Both *Exhibitors & Buyers will keep records of sales. Flipping of auction birds at NEPC is strictly not allowed. Sales area will be monitored for overcrowding and cleanliness.*

Visitors are responsible for their own purchases. It is the soul responsibility of the Buyer to know from whom they have purchased birds from. The Poultry Congress provides record cards for the convenience of buyers. We strongly advise everyone purchasing birds to use one to record sellers contact information. Please see back page for more info on buying birds at our show

FOOD IN THE MALLARY COMPLEX

Our lease agreement states that no food or beverage can be brought into the building by exhibitors or other persons. There is a very nice food cart located within the Mallary Complex that can provide a wide range of snacks and meals. **Please respect our lease Agreement. Thank You!!**

NEVER LET THE FEAR OF STRIKING OUT GET IN YOUR WAY. - BABE RUTH

Not sure ? The Congress is perfect for your first show. We welcome you to attend and enjoy the festivities with us. Please consider being a part of the fun !

QUESTIONS..

Questions are cheerfully fielded by myself Cheryl Barnaba at 860-559-9929 (2pm-7pm)

Text or email any time @ showchicken@yahoo.com



JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

RICK AND ALLISON TROJANOSKI COORDINATORS

YOUTH PROGRAM SPECTACULAR

SHOWMANSHIP

Pre-Novice: open to any youth under 9 years old

Senior Novice: open to any youth between the ages of 14 through 18 who have shown less than three times.

Junior Novice: open to any youth between the ages of 9 through 13 who have shown less than three times.

Intermediate: open to youth 12 through 14

Senior: open to youth 15 through 18.

OTHER EVENTS FOR JUNIORS

Judging contest: Participants will judge a class of production egg layers and a class of bantam Single Comb White Leghorns and a class of Shell Eggs.

Tri fold educational display: Here is your opportunity to share with others information about poultry in the form of a tri-fold display.

Agility: A timed contest where participants encourage their birds to navigate a series of obstacles.

Poultry knowledge exam: participants will have to identify 10 birds by class breed and variety along with answering a series of questions.

The above events will have two divisions, Junior 9 through 13 and Senior 14 through 18



Showman should be prepared to answer questions relative to production, health, nutrition and breeding. And questions pertaining to their bird and poultry in general.

Showman should dress neatly preferably in dark pants and a long-sleeved white collard shirt.

The most important thing to remember is to handle your bird in a natural and comfortable way for both you and your bird, at the same time allowing the judge to see what they are looking for.

Please note if possible, bring a bird for showmanship that is not entered into the show. Judging will not be delayed for birds not cooped at the time of judging. Showmanship is reserved for junior exhibitors only.



AT THE CONGRESS WE PUT THE FUN IN FUND RAISING !

Dry Goods Raffle

Chinese style raffle will be available to everyone attending. Drawing will take place Saturday afternoon. There are many interesting things to go home with at this raffle ! Take advantage of the Unique items offered. This raffle is a major fund raiser for the club. **Donations are WELCOME and appreciated!** Thank you to Penny J Hay to making this a most special raffle

QUARTER MILE CHALLENGE

Special occasions require attention ! And this generally requires a bit more money. Fundraising shouldn't be a cramp or inconvenient. It should be joyful and fun to talk about. When I searched for a fun idea that me smile. I came up on the Quarter Mile Challenge. I learned that when lined up, 12 quarters in a row they are one foot in length. Also 12 quarters equals \$3.00. There fore If you have 24 feet of quarters you have \$72.00 ! Imagine a quarter mile of quarters ? **In dollars it's a whopping \$3960.00 dollars !** Lets give it a try ! Will we reach $\frac{1}{4}$ mile ? Probably not... But we might do pretty well if everyone attending brings a couple feet of quarters. Even if its just an $\frac{1}{8}$ th of a mile would help pay for our festivities.



Buy it now Bird Raffle

For our 50th anniversary Congress will hold a fund-raising bird raffle. More than 25 breeders have donated pairs of birds to our raffle. This year we are offering a Buy it Now feature. Just like Ebay folks If you want them, you can take them right home with no waiting for the raffle to end. And you will find some wonderful birds to choose from. This is because people who breed poultry know that the Congress is the show to attend. These are beautiful people who understand the enormous undertaking and expense a show like ours requires. They are donating their wonderful birds so that the show can continue well into the future.



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Photos by our photographer Seth Johnson

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EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION AND THE NORTHEASTERN POULTRY CONGRESS

Offers the following cash Awards *In the memory of E. Lea Marsh*

LARGE CHICKENS

Champion Large Fowl..... \$100.00 Reserve Large Fowl.....\$50.00
Third Best Large Fowl.....\$25.00

BANTAM CHICKENS

Champion Bantam.....\$100.00 Reserve Champion Bantam.....\$50.00
Third Best Bantam.....\$25.00

WATERFOWL

Champion Waterfowl.....\$100.00 Reserve Champion Waterfowl.....\$50.00
Third Best Waterfowl.....\$25.00

TURKEYS

Champion Turkey.....\$75.00 Reserve Champion Turkey.....\$25.00

(If 10 or more are entered)

PIGEONS

Champion Pigeon.....\$50.00 Reserve Champion Pigeons.....\$25.00

(If 10 or more are entered)

TRIO CLASSIC

Champion Trio.....\$100.00 Reserve Trio.....\$75.00 Third Best Trio.....\$25.00

DISPLAY AWARDS

Champion Display.....\$125.00 Reserve Champion Display.....\$100.00
Third Best.....\$75.00 Fourth Best.....\$35.00 Fifth Best.....\$50.00

CLASS CHAMPIONS

Open Competition; in each of the following classes: SCCL, RCCL, Feather Leg, Old English, Modern Game, Bantam Duck, American Asiatic, Mediterranean, English, Continental, AOB, Heavy Duck, Light Duck and Turkey

Champion of Class \$25.00 Reserve Champion of Class \$15.00

JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

CHAMPION JUNIOR BANTAM 100.00
CHAMPION JUNIOR LARGE FOWL 100.00
CHAMPION JUNIOR WATERFOWL 100.00

JUNIOR CLASS CHAMPIONS

Junior Class Champions where there are more than 10 birds competing: .
Champion \$25.00 Reserve Champion \$15.00



COVETED BREEDER AWARDS

Success is no accident. Poultry Breeders are passionate, gritty people..

They have cleaned a lot of dirt from under their fingernails. Their farm clothes have brown stains, And they all have had a liquid chicken poop in their hair at least once. But that's OK because at the end of the day (and after a shower) they are proud of their flock. They have seen advancements that have pleased them over the past years. Now they search for their nice jeans and head to the show...

Quality shows have a special class for these people: They are called Displays. This is a place for the best of the best. It shows how deep a breeder is. Not just a good bird, but a *good program* is what wins this class. Anyone who scores in the Top 5 Displays at the Congress proves a point. That point is: *I am a breeder*, I work hard and my birds are really good.

The Poultry Congress offers some big cash awards to the Top 5 Displays! To

be in the winning Enter at least ONE of each: Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet and one trio in a variety and you will be automatically calculated in the display competition ... The more birds you enter in your variety the more points you may be able to rack up. If you're an ABA member you will be pleased to note that Champ and Res Champ Displays are awarded a Star! Minimum 10 displays competing.



2023's display winners

**#1 Tim Ballenger
LF Blk Langshans, #2 Elite
Waterfowl (Bob
Boisvert and
Andy Chandler
White Calls. #3
John Haussener
Btm WC Black
Polish, #4 Shawn
Streeter Black
East Indies and
#5 Swamprun**

Poultry Btm White Rocks.

There are many quality breeder exhibitors who do not enter displays at the Congress. This is a shame as we offer good money for the top 5 displays in the show. Winning this class helps defray the cost of your entries. Anyone with questions about entering a Display can contact me (Cheryl Barnaba) at showchicken@yahoo.com

Have you considered entering a Trio this year? Northeastern Poultry Congress Trio Classic is one of the Biggest in the Nation! Plan now to compete in this special competition.

FANCIERS AWARDS

Jackie Koedatich donates \$20.00 for best bantam Buff Braham Hen, D & E Farms donates 50.00 for best Junior Turkey, Michelle Lee donates \$25.00 for Champion Junior American. Jennifer Mead of Sepia Sisters Photography donates \$50.00 for Best of Breed Junior Silkie, and \$50.00 for Best of Breed Junior Polish. C & C Poultry donates \$15.00 for 3rd Best Pigeon. Charlene Plausse Fogerty offers 25.00 in honor of Rudy Plausse for Best bantam barred rock bantam. And 25.00 in honor of Russ Crevoiserat for best colored bantam rock other than barred or white.

NEPC Photography Contest

Divisions:

Junior, Amateur, Experienced - You do not have to exhibit birds or be present to enter photos.

Domestic fowl ONLY

Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Pigeons, Peafowl, Guinea Fowl

Categories:

Portrait – close-up of stationary bird(s); it should be the main subject of the photo

Landscape/Waterscape – Bird(s) in an attractive/artistic setting

Action – Bird(s) in motion

Birds with People

NEPC Photo – taken at a previous Congress – It is optional to include birds in this category.

Rules:

The photo **MUST** be taken by the exhibitor.

Digital enhancement must be “natural”. Example: No purple roosters against a green sky.

Color and Black and white photos compete together.

Maximum size of photo must be 8 by10.

Mount ONLY on white, light-weight poster board. Maximum size must be 8 1/2 by 11.

No frames, mats, wires, or hangers please.

No lettering or numbers on front of photo. Place your name, division, and category on the back of the photo. Juniors include your age.

Any photo that does not meet the rules will not be judged.

Photos will be judged on artistic merit, color, and clarity.

Photos entered in previous years will not be accepted.

Hints: Avoid distracting background, focus clearly, crop if necessary, use light and shade to advantage, decide if your subject will be most effectively photographed from a distance, up close, from above, or at ground level. These are a few of the things the judge will consider when judging your photographs.

Judging will be on January 8, 2024.

Photos can be mailed or dropped off at show set-up on Sunday January 7, 2024.

Retrieving photos will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. No photos will be returned.

Awards:

Best of Show Junior Photograph

Best of Show Amateur Photograph

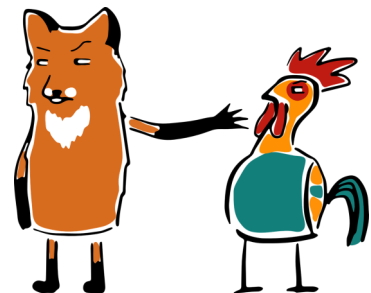
Best of Show Experienced Photograph

INFORMATION:

Questions: karenmacp@verizon.net or 978-387-1215

Mailing address: Karen MacPherson P.O. Box 925 Middleton, MA 01949

Entry fee is \$5.00 per photo and **MUST** be included with your photographs.



Welcome to Funky Town Congress Fans ! The Funky Chicken Class goes 2.0 for the Congress' 50th Anniversary

The Funky Chicken has rocked it for many years at the Congress. This year we are pumping up the volume. We are looking for your splash and creativity for this most special class. YES it's a Flashie class made for folks who just love their birds to pieces, but would like to do something other than (or in addition to) competing in the exhibition classes.

Simply put this is a Funky Chicken Class AND a cage decorating class combined into ONE fun (but competitive) event we are calling **Funky Town**. Think of your Funky fowl's cage as your canvas. You bring the bird, you decorate the cage and its game on chicken fans.

Birds entered into this class are provided a double (divider opened) standard sized Large Fowl Cage for the weekend. Birds will be cooped in during regular coop in hours*. You will have until 11:00 am Saturday to finish your creation. At that time an overqualified judge shall select the best Funky Town Display based on a point system which takes into consideration both the creative housing and the bird's unique qualities. Extra points are given for unusual and funny bird names, as well as your usage of this year's theme in your display.

In honor of our 50th Anniversary the theme shall be GOLD. As in gold the color, or gold the solid thing we all work hard for. Gold should play a role in your cage dressing.

Awards will be for Best and Reserve adult Funky Town. Best and Reserve Junior Funky Town. These awards will be in the form of the most beautiful rosettes made by the most talented rosettes makers in the World.

We really look forward to what you guys will make. Will it be a A Hip Chicken Shack, An Opulent Chicken Estate, A Contemporary Chicken Cabana, A Hen Hacienda, A Bespoke Chicken Palace, A Country Cottage Coop, A Camper Chicken Mobil, or A Jurassic Chicken Cave** ?.

Look for the Funky Chicken space on the entry sheet - cost to enter is 9.00 each bird. SO CLUCK ON DOWN TO FUNKY CHICKEN TOWN !

NOTE: For the first time Funky Folks, or Curious Funky Folks: Just what is a "Funky" Chicken anyway ? Well... its just that: Funky. Funny, pretty, sociable, unique. A bird you really like in other words. A chicken that is pretty or cool but not headed to champion row. Generally speaking the Funky Chicken is a backyard bird of sketchie heritage. Shiny and gorgeous, a bird that brings you joy... just not destined to be a traditional show chicken. ***Decorations must be safe and comfortable for the chicken and be limited to the outside of the cage. Deformed or blind birds will be disqualified. Birds should be squeaky clean and polished just like all other show birds in the building. Birds entered in this class will not be eligible to compete in any other classes. One bird per cage, per entry. Exhibitors may enter more than one bird in this competition. Approximate dimensions of a Largefowl cage are 45" wide, 21" deep, 21" high. All Funky chickens need to be Pullourim tested and submitted with a NEPC entry form. *Please see show catalog for regular coop in hours and all other rules pertaining to showing birds at the Congress.*



Buying new birds should be fun..

On Buying and Selling at the Poultry Congress The sales area at the Congress is a very enjoyable aspect of our hobby. It's a great way to pay for a few bags of feed and it's a super way to pick up some stock birds for your program or backyard. Its fun except when it goes wrong. Fortunately, it does not happen often.

Poultry health is of the utmost importance to us at the Congress. No one should have to go home with an unsuspecting microbe. We try our best to keep only healthy birds entering our building. But we can not do it without YOU.

If your chickens have recently been sick, are sick or getting sick PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM. Do not bring birds that may have been exposed to ill birds. Do not bring birds that have been cold shocked or have been badly frostbitten. Do not bring birds that you recently purchased for a livestock auction. Do not bring birds that require heat as its too cold for them. Do not bring severely underweight birds. Do not bring birds that have been vaccinated within 30 days. Heck as an extra precaution please do not bring birds that have been vaccinated in the last 60 days.

Congress reserves the right to refuse birds that may be coming from an area of the country that has been having hot issues with AI. Please do not hesitate to report any birds that appear sick in the show hall or the sales area.

All exhibitors selling *chickens* will be required to have a pullorum certification even if they are exclusively exhibiting waterfowl or pigeons. If your showing only Waterfowl you will be permitted to sell waterfowlthis means no selling of chickens or other fowl without pullorum documents submitted at the time of entry. Sellers and Buyers are encouraged to use provided card stock to record who they sold or purchased birds from.

Exhibitors selling fowl are encouraged to show pride in what they sell by keeping their birds comfortable. Birds should be fed, watered, clean and not over crowded. There will be no public bird raffle in the sales area this year.

Sick birds are not the norm at the Congress and we are doing our best to keep it that way. Please do your part ! Its an unfortunate bummer if your birds are sick, BUT please be responsible and do not exhibit or sell a sick bird. We wish for only happy memories of our show. Thank you for your attention on this most important matter.

The Northeastern Poultry Congress is not responsible for the health or quality of birds on display or being offered for sale.

WE HONOR OUR LONG STANDING PARTERSHIP WITH THE EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

By all accounts Mr E. Lea Marsh of Pioneer Farms was a passionate poultry fancier. Mr Marsh and his partner Henry Alf bred outstanding White Leghorns in both bantam and largefowl.

A Lawyer by profession Lea remained committed to agriculture his entire life. Some how he also found time to be a director of the Eastern States Exposition. To quote the Big E directly "His endeavors as such, coupled with his vision for the poultry fancy, were instrumental in bringing together the finest attributes of our organizations". Although we never met him, we do get the sense that Mr Marsh was a visionary who worked to bring the fancy forward for future hobbyists.

As a result of Mr Marsh's hard work a partnership between the Eastern States Exposition and the Northeastern Poultry Congress was formed. Mr. Marsh was instrumental in the Poultry Congress's growth and success. Today we are thankful for both Eastern States Exposition and Mr Marsh's dedication to Agriculture.

We are grateful that the Big E stands with poultry. We are also grateful that the organization understands that purebred poultry is an important Agriculture activity in New England. At the Congress we are honored to bring to the memory of Mr. Marsh and other fine poultry breeders alive in the show hall. Each year (with this year being our 50th !) we hope to make the Eastern States Exposition proud of our First Class show.

