

Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day
March 23, 2024, 9:00 AM –12:45 PM
Five Points Art Center
Torrington, CT

Schedule

9:00 a.m. Registration
Senior Fashion Revue evaluations for Court of Honor begins at 9:15 am

9:15 a.m. Opening Announcements

9:30-10:15 Session I

- **Workshops**

Participants will be asked to sign up for their workshops on-line. Information will be sent to the online registration after we receive your registration. On-line workshop registration will close on Sunday March 17 at 5pm – so register early. A variety of interesting and fun workshops are available. Choose from square dancing, bell ringing, mindfulness art, quilting and 3D string art. Limited to 10-12 youth per most workshops. First come first serve.

10:20-11:05 Session II

- **Workshops Repeated**

11:10-12:10 Session III

- **Fashion Revue modeling workshop for all Fashion Revue participants**
- **Some workshops repeated for those not in Fashion Revue**

12:15-12:45 Awards Program in
 This portion of the event includes the 4-H Fashion Revue and award presentations.

Fashion Revue Evaluation Sites, Dates, and Contact Information:

Location	Day & Times	Contact:
TBD	March 16 by appointment	Debbie Crosset 860-653-4379
Bethlehem Fair Office 384 Main Street North, Route 61 Bethlehem, CT	March 16 by appointment	Elaine Brodeur ebrodeur@snet.net 203-266-7461
Tolland Agricultural Center 24 Hyde Ave, Vernon	March 16 by appointment	Maryann Fusco-Rollins 860-875-3331 Maryann.fusco@uconn.edu
Middlesex Extension Center 1066 Saybrook Road, Box 70 Haddam CT, 06438	March 16 by appointment	Margaret Grillo Margaret.grillo@uconn.edu
Confirmation will be emailed – Limited accommodations can be made for alternative times – Schedule appointment by March 13 th .		

Overview

Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day is an exciting one-day event providing participants with the opportunity to celebrate the 4-H Expressive Arts in Connecticut. The day will include the Connecticut 4-H Fashion Revue, the 4-H Photography & Art Contests, and the 4-H Textile Arts Contest. Workshops and an awards program complete the day. All youth and adult participants must register and pay a registration fee. A registration form is included in this packet.

The purpose of this packet is to distribute complete and concise information on the objectives, eligibility requirements and guidelines for each of the contests and events happening on this day.

Registration forms for all activities must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, March 15, 2024.

Photography entries must be submitted by March 1.

Textile Arts and Art entries are submitted upon arrival March 23.

Objectives

- To develop life skills in communication and expressive arts
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate their creativity through expressive arts
- To develop poise and self confidence before an audience
- To provide a state level expressive arts showcase for 4-H members
- To provide the opportunity for 4-H members to receive feedback about their projects and to receive recognition for their work

Workshops

Workshops will be offered which allow participants to expand their expressive arts horizons. The workshops will give participants the opportunity to use their creativity and, learn new skills. Fashion Revue participants may select a workshop during Sessions I & II. During the third session they will participate in the Fashion Revue Dress Rehearsal/modeling workshop.

Eligibility Requirements

- This event is open to any youth for participation in workshops and viewing Fashion Revue. Bring a friend! Submissions are limited to enrolled Connecticut 4-H members ages 7-18 by Jan 1, 2024.
- Age is determined on January 1 of the program year.
- All participants attending the day must register and pay a \$10.00 registration fee. Registration forms must be received no later than close of business on Friday, March 15.

Health Forms for Youth Not Accompanied by Parent

If a parent or guardian will not be accompanying a youth participant to Expressive Arts Day, the chaperon accompanying the youth must have a [4-H Member/Volunteer health form](#) in their possession for each participating member not accompanied by a parent or guardian. The health form must be signed by the youth's parent or guardian. Participants not accompanied by an adult must complete the 4-H Member/Volunteer health form and submit at the registration check in.

Guidelines and Evaluation Information for the 4-H Fashion Revue

All 4-Hers are invited to participate in the Fashion Revue at Connecticut Expressive Arts Day. Plan your exhibit now and be sure to register by March 3. Contact the person responsible for the county evaluations to set up your judging appointment (page 2). Participants will have the opportunity to attend two workshops and the Fashion Revue Dress Rehearsal/modeling Workshop. All participants will model their outfits during the afternoon program.

Participants may choose to enter the Fashion Revue in one of the following categories. No participant may enter both categories.

Option 1: Incredible Creations - Sewn Garments

In *Incredible Creations* each participant sews his or her article of clothing such as a skirt, shorts, top up to a complete outfit. Choose an outfit or garment that matches your skill level or is a challenge to you – it is your choice.

Option 2: Smart Shopper

Smart Shopper is a consumer education project and requires no sewing. The participant uses the Smart Shopper Workbook to assess their needs for clothing, accessories, and other fashion items and chooses to purchase (\$35 budget) some ready-made clothing and accessories for their fashion revue project. The Smart Shopper Workbook must be completed and presented at the local judging.

Court of Honor Selection: Separate Courts of Honor for Incredible Creations and Smart Shopper Categories will be selected. In order to qualify, the following criteria must be met:

- Must be in the Senior division (ages 13-18 by Jan 1, 2024)
- Must be a complete outfit.
- Must receive a blue ribbon on that outfit at the evaluation.
- Those qualifying for the Courts of Honor selection will be notified.
 - Qualifying individuals will be judged for Court of Honor selection on Expressive Arts Day and will be given a specific time for judging.
 - A rosette ribbon and certificate will be presented to those selected to the Court of Honor in each category.

EVALUATION:

All evaluations of Smart Shopper and Incredible Creations outfits will occur prior to Expressive Arts Day and will be held in Litchfield, Tolland and Hartford Counties. Participants can go to any of the judging locations. Please indicate your choice for evaluation site on the registration form. If you cannot make one of the scheduled evaluations, you should contact the local coordinator to see what arrangements can be made.

Each participant will be evaluated by qualified and trained volunteer judges and will be awarded a blue, red or white ribbon. Once you have registered for your evaluation, someone will contact you to schedule the time of your evaluation. All participants need to bring their outfit and commentary form to the judging. Smart Shopper participants will need to bring their Smart Shopper Workbook to the evaluations; the judges will use the evaluation form found in your workbook.

FORMS TO DOWNLOAD at <https://4-h.extension.uconn.edu/> **Complete and bring to evaluations:**

Incredible Creations:

- 4-H Fashion Revue Judging Form & Interview Questions

Smart Shopper:

- Smart Shopper Workbook (judging form is in the booklet)