

New baking classes at Show

A new feature of the Western Fair Farm Show food show this year is to be an organization display, open to any recognized women's club in southwestern Ontario.

It just means there will be mouth-watering, tantalizing exhibits on display in the baking section to make strong men groan and children cry in sheer frustration.

Always one of the most popular competitions at the Farm Show this year's display of baking has also been enforced by another innovation—a boy's baking contest, open to boys 17 and under.

Mrs. Donald Black, chairman of the women's committee of the Farm Show, explains the new class as a sort of Women's Lib movement in reverse.



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"The boys are not eligible to enter the Junior Baking class to compete for the princess award," she said, "so we are providing an outlet from their culinary art in a class open only to them".

There are two sections in the boy's class, for apple pie, and for chocolate fudge with nuts.

The 1972 Farm Show baking queen will be the contestants 21 years or older who charts up the most points in the judging of 14 classes of baking. If there is a tie in points the contestant with the greatest number of firsts will be declared winner.

This year, for the first time, the competition is open to entrants who have been judged queen in past years.

The Farm Show Baking Princess trophy and crown will be presented to the competitor under 21 who gains the most points in six classes of baking, in the Junior competition.

The Baking Queen and the Baking Princess will be announced and crowned Tuesday evening during the theatre program beginning at 8:00 p.m.

The new class, open to women's organizations, is to have all entries based on the theme "A child's Birthday Party." Included in the displays will be a decorated cake, party favors, wrapped birthday parcels, cookies, candles and a

hand-embroidered luncheon cloth.

A special class, traditional with the Farm Show, is the President's box of candy, a two-pound box of assorted home-made candy packaged for display. The first prize box will be presented to the president of the Farm Show.

Open baking classes range from cherry chiffon cake with butter icing to a half-pound of peanut brittle, boxed. One of the most interesting competitions will be in the decorated cake, which must depict a "Winter Theme." Judging will be based 70 per cent on decoration and 30 per cent on cake quality.

A loaf of French bread, a lemon loaf, a raspberry pie, pecan tarts and a Swedish tea ring are also included in the 14 sections.

Members of the committee, working under the chairmanship of Mrs. Black, are: Mrs. Jack Elliott, Mrs. Clifford Dale, Mrs. Tom Green, Mrs. Wilfred Colver, Mrs. Ken Patterson, Mrs. Hugh Brodie, Mrs. Duncan McGugan, Mrs. Harvey Wales, Miss Betty Convey, Mrs. William Grieve, Mrs. Campbell Flecher, Mrs. Thuis Bruinsma, and Mrs. David Jackson.

Ladies' programs

Demonstrations of crafts and discussion of consumer problems will highlight a full range of women's programs augmented by two extra evening theatre programs at the Western Fair Farm Show next week.

On Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 floor cover fashions will be discussed by a representative of Postian Rugs of London. Arrangements have been made for a question period to follow, during which the audience may ask more specific questions on rug selection and care.

Mrs. M. Honkawa, London, will demonstrate the techniques involved in creating artistic designs, in a demonstration of Japanese needlework on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30.

Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Dorothy Dumont will present the program "Let's have fun with creative crafts." Egg cartons, bottles and bottle caps will be transformed into useable and attractive decorative items. Decoupage will be explained as well as the treatment of driftwood.

"Spring in the garden" is the topic of Thursday afternoon's theatre program. Ken Smith, gardening columnist with the London Free Press will discuss gardening and show slides of Holland and its famous spring gardens.

"To beef or not to beef", a discussion of consumer problems Thursday evening, will be led by Mrs. H.R. Fisher, London, president of the Ontario Association of Consumers of Canada.

A talk and demonstration of the basic techniques involved in painting landscapes and other subjects will be featured at the final program Friday afternoon at 2.30 as Mrs. F.H. Allen, instructor for the PUC in London, enlarges on the topic "Painting for relaxation".

The Ladies Theatre, scene of the program, is located on the lower floor at the south end of the Grandstand building.

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