Creative Tablescapes Competition

"Tablescape" is a term used to describe the top of a table containing linens, dishes, silverware, a centerpiece and other décor to set a mood for a fabulous meal. Do you enjoy putting together the perfect table for holidays or parties?

Come show off your skill and creativity in this exciting competition!

TABLESCAPE COMPETION GUIDELINES:

1. Design a formal tablescape for two inspired by the theme – *Barn in the U.S.A.*
2. Each exhibitor will be assigned a 36" round table.
3. Each exhibitor must provide all dishes, centerpieces, tablecloths, china, crystal, silver and any decorations. Chairs will not be included in the display.
4. Each tablescape display must include a menu and two place settings set for that menu.
5. Live flowers may be used. Food is not permitted to be part of the tablescape display.
6. Judging criteria:
   - 40% - Creative interpretation of theme
   - 40% - Visual impact
   - 20% - Appropriate formal placement of tableware necessary for menu

COMPETION RULES:

1. Prizes: First place - $75.00; Second place - $50.00; Third place - $25.00.
2. Exhibitors must register in advance of the Fair. Please contact Home Arts Superintendent Karen Witt by July 31, 2026 to register (202-297-0913; kawitt625@yahoo.com). The competition is limited to the first twelve exhibitors to register. There is no entry fee. Exhibitors will be notified by August 1, 2026 regarding their acceptance into the competition.
3. Exhibitors may set up their tablescape display on Sunday, August 16, 2026, from 1:00pm-9:00pm or on Monday, August 17, 2026, from 10:00am-12:00pm.
4. The Fair reserves the right to reject any table setting that is objectionable or unsuitable.
5. Judging will take place on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 1:00pm and will be open to the public.
6. Tablescapes will remain on display in the Home Arts Building for the remainder of the Fair. *PLEASE NOTE: The Fair is not responsible for any broken, damaged, lost or stolen items.*
7. Tablescape displays must be picked on Sunday, August 23, 2026, from 11:00am - 2:00pm, during Home Arts Department's Entry Release hours. Any items not picked up by 2:00pm will become property of the Fair.

For questions, or to register for the competition, please contact:
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