

Helvetia Farm Fair – Best Jar of Pickles Contest Rules

1. Eligibility

- Open to all ages.
Limit **one pickle entry per person**.

2. Pickle Requirements

- Pickles must be **homemade**.
- Any style is welcome: dill, sweet, bread & butter, fermented, etc.
- Must be in a **sealed glass jar** (quart, pint, or half-pint).
- No commercially produced pickles allowed.

3. Entry Drop-Off

- Pickles must be delivered to the judging table **by 4:00 PM** on event day.
- Please attach a **card with your name, phone, and pickle type**.
- Jars will not be returned unless requested at drop-off.

4. Judging Criteria

Judges will award points in these categories (scale 1–10 for each):

- **Appearance** – clarity of brine, color, visual appeal.
- **Texture** – crispness and consistency.
- **Flavor** – balance of seasoning, vinegar/salt levels.
- **Overall Quality** – overall enjoyment and craftsmanship.

5. Prizes

- **1st Place** – Champion Ribbon & **\$50 prize**
- **2nd Place** – Ribbon
- **3rd Place** – Ribbon

6. General Rules

- Judges' decisions are final.
- By entering, you give permission for the event to display your entry and use photos of it.
- Leftover samples after judging may be shared with attendees.