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Monroe County 4-H Youth Develop Mastery at 2019 New York State Fair

Youth tried new experiences and received multiple blue ribbons for their exhibits

The Monroe County 4-H Team is incredibly proud of the youth who challenged themselves and took part in events at the New York State Fair this year.

4-H member, Brianna Tindall, age 8, kicked off the New York State 4-H Public Presentations Invitational event in the Youth Building. She gave a demonstration on how to make "Happy Bunny Cupcakes" while experiencing a moving audience and using a microphone. This was her first time presenting at State Fair, and she nailed it.

Many others, after having evaluation experience at 4-H Expo in July, had their exhibits chosen to be sent to the State Fair.

4-H members Rose, Katie, and Sara received excellent comments and blue ribbons on their projects form the state fair evaluators. These exhibits and many more from Monroe County youth were on display, including horse hair jewelry, intricate artwork of horses and nature, a pool-noodle horse, a painted horse brush, and a crocheted piece of cake!

Lilianna Hanning's intricate Miniature Bakery diorama stood out, receiving a Best of Fair rosette. The bakery is made on a 1:12 scale, meaning that every inch represents 1 foot in the real world. Everything, from the "tile" floor to the "marble" countertops, was hand painted and created from original designs.

Most of the bakery is made out of household objects and recycled materials. Through the process of making her project, Lilianna learned woodworking skills, painting skills, sculpting skills, and how to scale miniature.

Some 4-H Clubs also made and submitted their projects. The Cloverbud Coop made an insect hotel after studying their living environments. Friendship Children's Center hatched chicken eggs and created poster boards showing pictures and what they learned. Rochester City School District's "Peace Gardeners" 4-H club at School 29 created a jeopardy game to show what they learned throughout the school year.

In 4-H, there are four principles of positive youth development: belonging, independence, generosity, and mastery. We saw all of these developing through activities at the fair. The Monroe County 4-H team is excited that there was great participation at state fair by the youth in their project areas. The team is looking forward to seeing that grow and for Belonging, Independence, Generosity, and Mastery to continue to develop.

The Monroe County 4-H Program is offered through Cornell Cooperative Extension to the youth of Monroe County. 4-H is a worldwide youth development program open to all youth aged 5 to 19, who want to have fun, learn new skills, and explore the world. In return, youth who participate in 4-H find a supportive environment and opportunities for hands-on or "experiential" learning about things that interest them.

Learn more at http://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development.

4-H Member, Brianna, with her supportive club members after kicking off the New York State Public Presentations Invitational. Photo by Susan Coyle.

"Miniature Bakery" created by Lilianna Hanning which received a Best of Fair rosette.

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