

GRASS CRITTER SCHEDULE



STROUD SHOW
April 2024

Stroud Show
Friday 5th - Sunday 7th April 2024

GRASS CRITTER COMPETITION

Chief Steward: Anthony Pearson

APPLICATION TO ENTER CLOSE: 10am. Thursday, 4th April 2024

Manual, through the Secretaries Office, and
online entries welcome.

ENTRY FEES: All Classes - Free

NUMBERS OF ENTRIES: 1 per person per eligible class

DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS: To the "Secretaries Office".

Before 11am, Thursday, 4th April 2024.

COLLECTION OF EXHIBITS: Sunday, 7th April 2024

from "The Pavilion" after 3pm.

JUDGING: 7pm. Thursday, 4th April 2024

DISPLAY LOCATION: "The Pavilion"

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The Stroud Show Association wishes to thank the following sponsors who have
contributed towards the Grass Critter Competition

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GRASS CRITTER METHOD

GRASS CATERPILLAR

What you will need:

- seed raising mix
- grass seeds
- bucket
- scissors
- 2 paper cups
- nylon stockings
- coloured hair elastics or rubber bands
- craft googly eyes
- pipe cleaners
- toothpick
- hot glue gun
- garbage bag
- plastic tray/ gardening tray

STEPS:

1. In a plastic bucket or tub mix together seed-raising mix and grass seeds. Enough to fill one or a couple of stocking legs.
2. Cut the waist band off the stockings, so you have just two leg section like tubes.
3. Cut the bottom off one of the cups to make it into a funnel. Insert and hold it into the top of one of the stocking legs to help you fill the leg with soil easily.
4. Fill the stocking leg with soil, quite full, remove the funnel and knot off the end.
5. Using the coloured hair ties, divide the stocking into sections – to make the caterpillar's body.
6. Soak your caterpillar in a bucket or tub of water for 10 minutes. Remove and place on a large tray.
7. Cover the caterpillar and the tray in the garbage bag overnight.
8. Now remove the stocking from the garbage bag and place in a sunny outdoor position. Water it daily and within 7-10 days your cute little caterpillar will start to sprout hair. It is recommended that you should aim to start growing your Caterpillar 2 – 3 weeks before show.
9. Once grass starts sprouting you can add your eyes, legs and antennae.
 - **Eyes** – hot-glue a googly eye to the top side of a toothpick for each eye. Poke the toothpick eyes into the un-knotted end of the caterpillar.
 - **Antennae** – twist two pipe cleaners together to make a stalk for an antenna. Hot glue a pompom to one end and poke the other end into the caterpillar near the eyes. Make 2 antennae.
 - **Legs**- cut 4 pipe-cleaners in half and bend them to make legs. Insert along the caterpillar's body. ** Students are encouraged to add additional decorations to create crazy unique caterpillars.
10. Trim your grass with scissors to give your caterpillar a cool hair cut!
11. Water regularly so it doesn't dry out and wilt.



GRASS HEAD & GRASS GNOME

What you will need:

- seed raising mix
- grass seeds
- small pot or container
- bucket
- scissors
- 2 paper cups
- nylon stockings
- coloured hair elastics or rubber bands
- craft googly eyes
- pipe cleaners
- toothpick
- paint
- hot glue gun
- garbage bag
- plastic tray/ gardening tray

STEPS:

1. In a plastic bucket or tub mix together seed-raising mix and grass seeds. Enough to fill one or a couple of stocking legs with a tennis ball size of soil and seed mix.
2. Cut the waist band off the stockings, so you have just two leg section like tubes.
3. Cut the bottom off one of the cups to make it into a funnel. Insert and hold it into the top of one of the stocking legs to help you fill the leg with soil easily.
4. Fill the stocking leg with soil, to the size of a tennis ball, remove the funnel and knot off the end and trim the stocking.
5. Decorate or paint your pot to represent a head or gnome.
6. Soak your grass head/gnome in a bucket or tub of water for 10 minutes. Remove and place on a large tray.
7. Cover the grass head/gnome and the tray in the garbage bag overnight.
8. Now remove the stocking from the garbage bag and place in your decorated pot, in a sunny outdoor position. Water it daily and within 7-10 days your cute little grass head/gnome will start to sprout hair. It is recommended that you should aim to start growing your grass head/gnome 2 – 3 weeks before show.
9. Trim your grass with scissors to give your caterpillar a cool hair cut!
10. Water regularly so it doesn't dry out and wilt.



GRASS CRITTER COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. Entries open to all children preschool and primary school age.
2. Entries must be submitted online by 11am, Thursday before the show.
3. Each child may only enter one exhibit.
4. Exhibits must submit under the child's own name to be eligible.
5. There is no entry fee.
6. Entry label must be attached to the back of the exhibit so it can be clearly seen by the judges.
7. Prizes will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class.
8. All entries must be delivered to the "Secretaries Office" before 11am, the Thursday before the show, during the Secretaries Office hours. Secretaries Office hours are displayed on the Stroud Show website.
9. "The Pavilion" will close at 2pm on the Sunday of the show to begin the removal of Exhibits for collection.
10. Entries can be collected from 3pm on the Sunday of the show.
11. Exhibits may be photographed for promotional purposes in relation to the Stroud Show.

SECTION 16

GRASS CRITTER COMPETITION

Class 16050

Pre-schooler, 3yrs+

Design, make, decorate, grow and maintain a grass caterpillar.

Class 16051

Kindergarten

Design, make, decorate, grow and maintain a grass head.

Class 16052

Year 1 and Year 2

Design, make, decorate, grow and maintain a grass head.

Class 16053

Year 3 and Year 4

Design, make, decorate, grow and maintain a grass head.

Class 16054

Year 5 and Year 6

Design, make, decorate, grow and maintain a grass head to represent a garden gnome.