

The Village Show

The Saugatuck-Douglas District Library is hosting a virtual Village Show! What is it? Well, if you've been to a Flower Show, or browsed the indoor exhibits at a State or County Fair, or if you happen to watch a lot of British TV, you might already have some idea what it looks like.

The Village Show is a traditional event, held in a small community, where friends and neighbors get together at the end of summer to show off their produce, flowers, baked goods, handicrafts and more. We're staying at home more than usual this year, and by all accounts we're baking, creating and gardening, too. The plan is to show off the results (as photographs only) in a format that allows us to see the smiling faces of our community, and the fruits of all our labor, while maintaining our social distancing - thus the virtual Village Show.

(For images from an actual British Village Show, see [this website](#).)

Based loosely on the British model, our show will have some notable differences, too. There will be no judges. Instead comments may be submitted by each exhibitor. Showing a plate of cookies? Tell us who you baked them for, or where you found the recipe, or a special story behind the plate you choose to display them. Or dedicate your submission to the friend you wish you could be sharing it with. We also want to combine each exhibit with a smiling portrait of the exhibitor (no masks)! And there will be a few Library Special categories that celebrate books and reading.

As an additional incentive, everyone who submits exhibit photographs will be entered into a prize drawing at the end of summer. We'll be giving away five \$20 gift cards to local businesses, and each entry will get you another chance to win. Library Special entries will earn you TWO chances to win! Submissions will be accepted starting today, through Labor Day weekend.

The sample below shows how we'll use your images to create slides ready for online exhibit (perhaps including a Zoom tea party for exhibitors) at the end of summer. We also plan some sneak previews as submissions come in, either on our social media platforms or as an occasional email to our patrons.



Entrant: Hannah Mason
Class: 3A Cakes
Details: Lemon Drizzle
Comments: Recipe from the Barefoot Contessa. Mock orange flowers from my neighbor, Tim. Cake for my son's birthday!

Category: Baked Goods



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