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## **Tablescaping Contest Rules**

Date of Setup: **Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 5 PM, or  
Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 5 PM**

**Judging will take place Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM**

### ***Prizes***

*People's Choice: \$TBD*

*1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$TBD*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$TBD*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$TBD*

Are dinner parties a passion of yours? Show off your table setting skills at the Big Horn County Fair Table Scaping Contest!

*There are no limits to your imagination.....set your table with any theme you can think of!*

*Rustic, Patriotic, Tropical, Nautical, Shabby Chic, Wedding, Baby Shower, Graduation, Birthday, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Great Outdoors, Sports, Farmhouse, Victorian, Children's Tea Party, Disney, Superhero*

***The possibilities are endless!***

## Competition Rules:

- **Definition:**
  - *Tablescaping is the act of creatively and intentionally arranging a tabletop so that it conveys a specific theme, mood, or experience.*
- Must be 18 years of age or older to enter
- Entries are accepted on a first-come first-served basis.
- Contest is open to individuals and businesses.
- Table coverings are required for all tables. Disposable tablecloths can be provided upon request.
- All tables are to be set for two (2) places. Dishes for first course only; glasses for all courses and utensils for all courses.
- Judges decision are final.
- Exhibitors must register in advance of the fair. Please submit your registration ***no later*** than 5 PM on July 24<sup>th</sup>. The competition space is limited to ten (10) exhibitors. There is no entry fee. The fair is not responsible for any broken, damaged, lost or stolen items.
- Exhibitors will set up their Tablescape displays in the Open Building on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 5 PM or on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 5 PM. The fair reserves the right to reject any table setting that is objectionable or unsuitable.
- Tables will be on Display through Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Exhibitors must pick up their table settings no later than 11 AM on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Each exhibitor will be assigned a space in the Exhibit Hall with table and a tablecloth if requested. Tables will measure 6' x 8'.
- Each table display **MUST** include a menu to compliment the Tablescape theme.
- Each exhibitor must provide all dishes, centerpieces, additional tablecloths, china, crystal, silver and any decorations. Chairs will not be included in the display except for host or hostess.

- Live flowers may not be used as they will wilt before the time of judging. Faux food or non-perishable foods are permitted to be used as props.
- Judging will take place on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM and will be open to the public.
- All tables will be judged using the American System (ranking tables 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>). People's Choice will consist of allowing the public to vote on their favorite table throughout the week via vouchers given out at the door.
- Judging criteria will be:
  - 50% Creativity
  - 20% Originality
  - 20% Presentation/Visual Impact
  - 10% Appropriate placement of tableware according the menu provided by the exhibitor
- Prizes:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$TBD
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$TBD
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$TBD
  - Peoples Choice: \$TBD
- Prize money will be awarded via check. Checks will be mailed out within two weeks after the close of the fair made out and sent to the address listed on the entry form.
- Displays must be dismantled on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM. Any items not picked up by Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> by 2 PM will be dismantled by fair staff and left unattended. The fair will not be responsible for any breakage, theft, damage, etc.



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## Tablescaping Contest Suggestions

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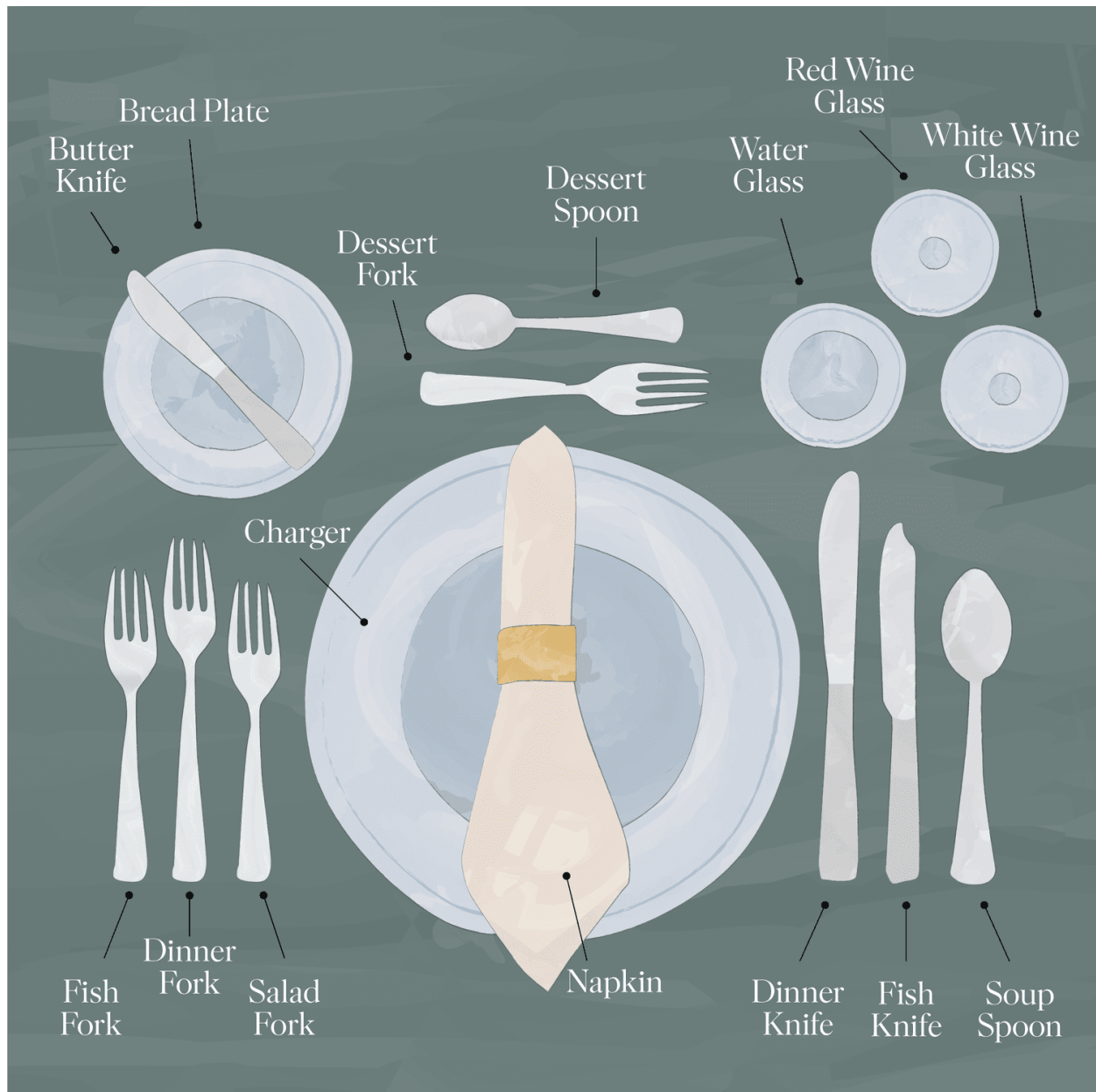
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1. Be creative and have fun
2. Entry form must be legible and complete
3. Any person age 18 or older may enter
4. Menus must be displayed on the table. Examples include framing it or place in card holders. You can get creative with how your menu is displayed.
5. Please note that you are not required to have a formal table setting. As long as your tableware matches the utensils/plates you would need for your menu your display will do great!
6. We encourage you to look at sources such as Pinterest for tablescaping inspiration.

### ***Helpful Hints If you would like a formal setting displayed...***

- The flatware, plate and napkin should be one (1) inch from the edge of the table
- The plate is always in the center of the place setting
- The dinner fork is placed at the left of the plate
- If a salad fork is used, it is placed to the left of the dinner fork
- The napkin is placed to the left of the fork, with the fold on the left unless a decorative/creative fold is used. The napkin may also go under the fork or on top of the plate.
- The knife is placed to the right of the plate with the sharp blade facing toward the plate
- The teaspoon is placed to the right of the knife
- If a soup spoon is needed, it is placed to the right of the teaspoon
- The drinking glass is placed at the tip of the knife
- If other glasses are used, they are to be placed to the right of the drinking glass
- The cup or mug is placed to the top right of the spoons. Place cup on saucer handle facing to the right. Mugs can stand alone.
- The use of charger plates is permitted and encouraged

- Note: only the utensils needed (according to the menu) are to be placed on the table. Any amount of differing sizes of glassware is permitted.





Tablescaping examples:





