



## Department Z: Conservation

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The Conservation Department focuses on the natural resources of Saratoga County, the surrounding area and the groups who work for the conservation of these resources.

**All exhibitors must complete an entry form.**

Set-up can take place on:

Saturday, July 15, 9am-5pm

Sunday, July 16, 9am-12 noon, and

Monday, July 17, 9am to 5pm.

Exhibits may be removed from the Conservation Department on Monday, July 24. The building will be open from 11am to 5pm.

The main Conservation building will be overseen by a clerk from Sunday, July 16, until 5pm on Monday, July 24.

### Section 1: Sportsmen's Clubs – public conservation agencies – natural resources – education programs

All sportsmen's clubs and conservation groups devoted to soil, water and air quality including the Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Saratoga Tree Nursery are invited to participate. Each exhibit must include the group's name.

### Section 2: Taxidermy

Open to everyone, amateur or professional – Saratoga County and non-county residents. Exhibits will not be judged.

### Section 3: Fly tying

The art & science of fly tying developed in the Empire State. The Conservation Department recognizes the contributions of those who tie artificial flies for fishing as a recreational pursuit. All fly tiers are invited to display their finest creations and to demonstrate their unique abilities. Groups are welcomed to pre-register.

Conditions: The exhibitor must create all exhibits during the past year. No premiums are awarded. The top exhibit among all classes will receive a Championship ribbon, and the 2nd place exhibit will receive a Reserved Championship ribbon. For this year there are no distinctions between professional and amateur fly tiers.

### Section 4: Bluebird challenge

The "Bluebird challenge" is open to Saratoga County and non-county residents. Re-establishment of the Eastern Bluebird is a priority of many groups in the Empire State. The process can be enhanced by placing nest boxes specifically built and properly located for the New York State bird.

### Special Award

Joan and Dick Rowland of Greenfield Center offer: \$20 to the Winner of "People's Choice" Ornamental Bluebird Nest Box challenge. Fairgoers will select the best ornamental functional bluebird nest box.