

COWS ON THE PLAIN – From the Judges from AgComm

Cow: an adult female grazing quadruped. Raised for: milk, meat, breeding. Genus: Bos; an animal of either sex and any age belonging to any breed of domestic cattle.

Not numbered:

Kid's Park Cow – Sparkles and hand prints, from the Boscawen Park's Program. This happy cow obviously enjoyed the Summer Parks Program down at Jamie Welch Park. In front of Plain's Cemetery across from Matthews Equipment.

Miss Bos-Cow-En. Her google eyes enjoy watching the passing traffic, as she enjoys all the joy that flowers bring her in her pasture. She enjoys her bird watching in the State of NH, and her bell rings with enthusiasm when she spots a new species. In front of Marshall's Florist.

Honorable Mention

Miss Mardi Gras Cow. This little heifer is a party girl, all ready to head off to Carnival or possibly next year's Olympic games in Rio. Her jester hat, beads, and lovely design in her motley costume, all contribute to her charm and holiday spirit.

Prom Queen Cow – She is completely decorated and faces forward at the Art Gallery. Wearing a sparkly Tiara – lovingly made by a little girl and her grandparents. Blue dress, shoes, sparkles... she's off to the ball. She appeared the evening before the show and is unnumbered. Beautifully crafted; **Honorable Mention**

The Kidnapped Cow – All Bill and No BULL – the Patriots Cow This cow gave us a lot of publicity, and we were sorry some BULLy made away with her before the judging. She gets an **Honorable Mention**. We're sorry she was abducted.

TRIPLET COWS -- Rainbow Cow, Hand Print Cow, and Spots Cow -- This happy trio of calves have udders, tails, and ears showing, which some cows in the herd lack. The hearts on their noses are a delightful touch. Rainbow Cow has an extremely happy face. Very nicely done. Girls, together you are all beautiful. Corner of King and Queen Streets.

AND THAT'S NO BULL -- NH Cow with Boscawen at heart (with fence & hay). She is really popular with everyone, with her heart and bell. Excellent craftsmanship. She is the cow that epitomizes the slogan of the Old Home Day Committee this year, "We Love our Cows and that's no bull." This was udderly tough not to have her as one of the three winners, but she gets an **Honorable Mention**.

Minion Cow: We have been told that this yellow cow with "G", overalls, and a flag hat is actually a Minion, from the movie a couple of years ago. She's got a pretty face, glasses, and purple hair. Very nicely crafted. Does she play with Lilo and Stitch down the street?

#1 Every judge had a different name for her: , **Miss Money Bags, Cash Cow** This forward-thinking Boscawen Bovine encourages you to **Save Your Moo-lah**. Her investment advice and the cash boxes to put your money in protect your long-term financial goals. We only hope that

her crossed eyes aren't about the number of hours she spends tending to others financial needs and not getting enough enjoyment relaxing with the rest of the herd. **Honorable Mention**
Thank you to Franklin Savings Bank for the wonderful cook-out every year.

#2 **Paintball Cow** We named this one Paintball Cows, she's south of the community park. Very spontaneous – we love the socks, and the target on her back. We wonder how often she gets hit by passing paint ball competitors?

#3 or 31? **Elektrisola Cow – Wired cow** We certainly admire the copper cowness of this mooover and shaker Guernsey cow in our town. She's a good corporate town citizen. She's quite wired, and gets right down to work. She's lovely. Next to Goodhue Real Estate. She's simple and simply gorgeous.

#4 **Red Bull** This gal is taking off. A very clever take on the Red Bull award-winning ad campaign – with gold wings, heading skywards. The optimistic messages branded on that product include: "The only limit is the one you set yourself..." "Red Bull gives you wings..." and "Red Bull – the only shot that gives you wings." Alternatively one of the judges felt she was a **Red Devil turning into a Gold Angel cow...** or perhaps (s)he's a bit of both?

#5 **Miss BosCOWen** Nice Smile -- Her square designs on an angle, floral necklace, in front of tennis court makes for a welcome entry to town. A great gal! Thank you.

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#7 **Shamrock Cow/ Cow's in the Clover** – With the Orange and Green on the back, we figure she's Irish, in the fields of 40 shades of green. We love the blue eyes and copper she carries. She's a'waitin' Saint Patrick's day, one of the lovely holiday cows, to our minds.

#8 **Patriotic Cow** - This black cow just up from River Road has her heart on her forehead and her flag waving. This cow looks like she's studied her history in Boscawen, as well as some of the famous personages who were born and/or lived here, especially in the time of the reform mooooovements that led up to The War of the Rebellion, also known as the Civil War. She knows that Boscawen was a hotbed of political thought about women's suffrage, abolition of slavery, establishment of asylums for the insane and poor farms. She's well aware of our local Merrimack County Farm up the street. She's a cow out standing in her field.

#9 **Quilt Cow** -- She's up a couple of cows north of Queen Street. She's – well crafted, and charming. Nice bright splotches in purple, orange, and lime green. Nice ribbon tail; the sunflowers on her head add a nice touch. Another gorgeous addition to the herd.

#10 **Flora Cow:** This lovely brown & white floral cow enjoys all the birds, bees, butterflies, and flowers in her pastoral spot. We judges think she wants to keep our native pollinators happy. She's glad she can observe the comings and goings of the nearby businesses. Her tranquil, happy face shows a real contentment with life. She could stand there until the rest of the cows come home. **Honorable Mention** Between Marshalls and the Bank

#11 **Exercise Cow. TOPS** She's ready to go for her Mooooves, and have fun while doing it, as she prepares to lead all the other cows in their morning exercise. Not for her the disparaging phrase of "fat cow..." she's gonna take the extra weight off, and lends her support to all trying to meet their goals... Her rose in the mouth, hat, and measuring tape ensure her success. She's near Smoke Shack.

#12 **Modern Art Cow** Does she wake up with a vision of her upcoming day in the sun in her pasture? It looks like she's peeking out to say, "I see you..." South of the junction on the west side.

#13 **Storm Pooper** (also nicknamed **PicCOWso** by two of the judges) – abstract White, Black, Hot Pink, and Green. Beautiful creativity and good use of abstract art. Very well crafted. (Matt & Tory) Does Moo-Lah need to be worried about an attack on the bank? **Honorable Mention** She's by Smoke Shack, and beautifully painted.

#14 **Ballerina Cow** This cow in her pink tulle tutu makes excellent use of found materials – in the screening of her black lace tights, braided tail, and headband. We especially like her pink point shoes and She's painted on both sides, carrying her beaded necklace around her whole body. We expect to see her moooove into Second Position soon. **Honorable Mention**

#15 **Stars and Stripes Exercow:** This gal is ready to join the other **TOPS** cow in leading the girls in their morning exercise. She's got all the MOOvement to kick up her heels as she encourages everyone to keep MOOving. A lot of fun. She's north of the Historical Society.

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17 **Tiger Cow.** Her crescent moon horns, lovely expression, and moonstone eyes, along with her contented smile make her appear she is contemplating becoming the astronaut cow that jumped over the moon. She has a most contented look. **Brown Bull** was her nickname from one of the judges. South of the bank by the chiropractic.

#18 **Firecracker Cow** Despite her pastel color scheme, this cow with her horns in a crescent moon obviously enjoys the featured Boscawen Old Home Day fireworks, through her sparkly blue eyes. Her startled expression seems to ask, "What am I doing here?" in the middle of routes 3 and 4.

20 **Sunflower Cow** Her google eyes and happy smile, false eyelasses, straw tail, and all the flowers show a gorgeous, happy cow who brings light and sun to King Street. A charming entry. She thinks we should plant sunflowers along that side of the road next year. **Honorable Mention**

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#22 **Hippie Cow.** This cow enjoys the fun, beads, peace signs, stars, hearts, and fun of the '60s; looks like she's ready to Rock 'n' Roll. We hope a VW bus doesn't carry her off, and that she hasn't burnt her draft card.

22 Rosie Cow. Beautifully decorated, soft eyes, a docile, sweet look. The socks are an amazing touch. Very happy being admired by all the passing traffic. She's absolutely lovely. (Well done Zoe, Cathy, Sarah, and Kerri) She's very clever and well crafted. Her spot is in front of the Art Gallery

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#24 Save our Land & Beasts This whimsical pale blue bovine is simply covered with all sorts of flora and fauna: flowers, animals, snakes, moose, horses, deer, bears, birds and includes local and tropical species. She's certainly a moooover.

#25 Santa Cow This entry from the Colby Tree Farm fits right into lumbering and sawmills, a big part of the town's agricultural heritage. Might she be just a bit warm in her Santa suit in August? She has a beautiful face. Near the 1913 Library.

#26 USA Cow This cow is whimsical and patriotic with her flag and flowers. The lettering fits in nicely with her Holstein markings, a good tail. She's standing guard to watch for political candidates campaigning in the upcoming primary election as they pass through town, and hopes that the electorate will choose the best candidate. Was she born on the 4th of July? A winsome face, opposite the entry to River Road. **Honorable mention.**

#27 Corny Cow from Highway View Farm looks to us like the "sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn" nursery rhyme. Is Martha reading this nursery rhyme to all her granddaughters? On her back is written: "Home is where the cows come back..."

#29 Ice Cream Cow – The many children who created this handprint and name cow promote one of our town's great agricultural products – Ice Cream!! Thank you. **Honorable Mention**

#32 Metaphysacow – This cow is the most philosophical of the herd; her third eye sees the universe, lots of stars, and moonbeams. As she chews her cud, the meaning of existence, causality, time, being and substance reveals itself to her. Metaphysacow takes found objects and makes them her own. The result is beautiful. Insulation tape, carefully sculpted, creates the boundary with earth. Her silk tassel tail and bejeweled halter become her inner and outer beauty. **Honorable Mention**

#33 Abstract Cow This extremely cute cow looks cowed at this particular location – her hilarious startled face made us wonder if she is somewhat fearful of this routes 3 and 4 split directly in front of her. Near the 1913 Library.

#34 Encouraging Cow -- Happy Cow – She shows love, smiles, joy, happiness, kindness, awesomeness. Her Blue eyes, sun hat and scarf make her one of the best-dressed cows on King Street. In front of the two State Memorials to General John Dix and Daniel Webster's first law practice, just north of Queen Street on opposite side.

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#36 Plaid Cow/ Clown Cow – She's covered with plaid, stripes, polka-dots. These all lead to a beauty with lots of entertainment value. She's a lot of fun. A wonderful facial expression. Well done.

#37 Beach Cow, Vacation Cow This heifer simply wants to head for the beach for surfiin' and have a good time. She's all prepared with her bikini, swimming noodle, sunglasses, and jump rope. Let's hope she takes her sunscreen along as she heads out to the cattle crossing to get to the river! She's a'mooovin on. **Honorable Mention** Near Fessenden Terrace

#38 Lilo and Stitch Cartoon Cow – Hawaiian Cow "Ohana – means family and family means nobody gets left behind." The extraterrestrial pet keeps this cow good company, and prevents her from being BULLied. We wonder if she plays with Minion Cow up the street. She's about opposite the bank near the Storage units.

#39 Patriots Cow DD GRON COW SKI – Patriots #87 shirt – a cute concept, love the tail, nice smiley face. Is she a player or a cheerleader – nice and athletic, in any event, with her DD coffee. **Honorable Mention**

#40 Rainbow Cow – Super Hero Cow This cow often hides out in her camouflage, and its not always obvious she's there until the rainbow comes out over the interval below. Her Superman logo enables her to get to the river quickly. Well done. This one is located on the right before the Route 3/4 split.

#41 Bos-COW-en Cow is proud to be from our town. Her pictures of the school, church, fire station, and municipal building show great civic pride. Her tongue, bell, top lock, and macramé tail all add to her charm. A good representation of civic pride. She's on the right, heading north, from River Road.

#42 The Clover Buds and Highland Riders certainly make good use of their 4-H crafts skills. The Clover Buds, starting at age five, learn gardening, care for small animals, and concentrate on developing crafts skills. The Older Highland Riders keep developing these skills, and add larger meat animals and working steers. The bunnies are a creative addition, and the execution is special. Their good citizenship is shown by their participation in this community event. This entry is a good example of the Head, Heart, Hands, and Health of the 4-H organization represent the cooperation developed by this agricultural organization for young people. We hope you continue with your love of our local agriculture. **One of the First Place Cows.** She's in front of the Historical Society.

#43 Miss Hearts on Handprints – simply cute She's one of the most basic cow-like cows, with huge eyes. She's delightful and a great asset to the herd. (Need to find location)...

#44 MUSICOW. This Jazzy Bossy knows her musical notation and marks the beat of the passing traffic. What a beautiful design and superb craftsmanship, with special harmony between the musical instruments in her group. She's a rhythmic wowser, for sure. **One of the first place cows.** Musicow is a standout, and keeps the rest of the herd MOOOVIN' and a GROOOVIN'.

#45 Miss Purple Patchwork This purple cow has it all, a handsome face, great quilted patterns, terrific detail, nice base, and well crafted. What a great entry! In front of Kapelli's Pizza.

#46 NH MOO- rism Cow She promotes various destinations for the tourists passing by, hoping that she will get to visit many of the numerous holiday spots and interesting places in New Hampshire. A clever concept.

#48 Zebra Cow or is she a **Jailbird Cow**? The judges' first question and answer was, it doesn't matter. She looks quite content, and has a very pleasant expression, so we don't think she is under a serious threat of capture. Her bittersweet tail is captivating. Or do we need to wonder about her bothering Moolah Cow next door? **Honorable Mention**

#49 Orange Cow – VCA Cow This Veterinarian cow certainly takes care of our local pets. She has a nice smile, with her blue, white, and pink theme. Her bandaged hoof is an extra-special touch in keeping our animals healthy and taken care of. **Honorable Mention**

#50 Boscawen Painted Cow – She's lovely, with her nicely painted representations of three of the National Register of Historic Sites in Boscawen: the Congregational Church, The 1913 Guy Lowell Library, and current Boscawen Historical Society, formerly the Plains School and Elmwood Academy. The black edging gives a great 3-D effect. She's a true Boscawen promoter. Extremely well crafted. **One of the first place cows. Beautiful artwork, and outstanding design**