

## 4-H Youth Home Arts Auction Guidelines

- **Open to registered 4-H youth members, 4-H age 8 to 19.** Youth must be enrolled on **4HOnline** by **May 1st**.
- **Youth may sell one (1) item from the Youth Home Arts section of the Clare County Fair Book each year.**
  - Items from the Antique (Dept. 66), Youth Education/Sciences (Dept. 70) departments cannot be sold.
  - Items being sold must have the registration form completed and submitted to the Clare County MSU Extension Office by July 1st.
  - Items must be the original work of the youth that is selling the item.
- **The item must be judged during the Home Arts judging and must receive an “A” ribbon to sell.**
- **Duplicate Items**
  - All baked goods\*, floriculture\* (excluding potted plants), horticulture\* and all other items that will not be fresh after sitting at room temperature for multiple days must have a duplicate of what the youth had judged to be sold.
  - All food items must be whole or at least a full dozen and must have a recipe card attached. The attached recipe card should be normal sized (3.5” x 5” or 5” x 7”) card. All food items must have been properly stored (kept refrigerated/frozen if needed or highly recommend making fresh duplicate the day of).
  - Duplicates of decorated cakes must have a real edible base.
  - Cottage Food Laws must be followed and food must be labeled “Made in a home kitchen that has not been inspected by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.”
- **If youth are selling an item that does not require a duplicate**, they are welcome to make a duplicate item to be sold and given to the buyer the day of the sale. If youth choose not to make a duplicate item for the sale, after judging they will need to put the item in the designated location for auction items in the Home Arts Building. The buyer will not be given the item after the sale (unless youth made a duplicate item). The item will be returned to your club’s booth in the Home Arts Building and remain there for the duration of the Fair. The item should be delivered after the Fair to the buyer with a thank you note.
- **Home Arts Auction check-in registration will take place during the Youth Home Arts Judging from 4:30 to 7pm on Friday, July 18, 2025.** All auction items must be registered at the Home Arts Auction table by 7:15pm on this date.
- **The auction will take place at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 19th, in the Lions’ building or outdoors near the Home Arts Building at the Clare County Fair.**
- **The youth must be present to sell their project.**
- **Youth that do not deliver their item and thank you note to their buyer by August 23, 2025, will forfeit their check and the buyer will be reimbursed.**
- **A 6% commission will be deducted from all sales by the Clare County 4-H Council.** The sale order will be designed by a random pull of numbers during registration.
- **Payment is required from all buyers immediately following the auction.** Cash or Check made to the Clare County 4-H Council.
- **Sale order will be determined by random draw at Home Arts Judging.**
- **All items to be auctioned are at the discretion of the Home Arts Auction Committee and the 4-H Council.**

\* Baked Goods: Bread or Rolls, Quick Breads or Muffins, Cake or Cupcakes, Decorated Cakes or Cupcakes, Cookies, Pies, Candy

\* Floriculture: Cut Flowers, Arrangements, Potted Plants, Potted Herbs (duplicates of potted plants do not need to be brought, but the youth must keep them alive and well through fair week).

\*Horticulture: Vegetables, Fruits