

## **Department 1: Educational Posters (Not Considered for Auction)**

Project consists of posters made to demonstrate a topic or skill a youth has learned. Poster must be constructed by the youth and demonstrate details that are age appropriate, and consider the following:

- How & why did you choose this topic and/or skill?
- What did you need to do to start this project?
- What was your intended project goal?
- In completing this project, what three (3) things did you learn that you did not know before?
- Did you accomplish your intended goal, or did you meet an unexpected goal?

### 1.1 Education poster

## **Department 2: Animal Products**

*No meat products will be accepted under this or any category.*

### **2.1 Animal Fiber**

*Fiber must be clean and appropriately prepared. Projects should demonstrate understanding of fiber quality and handling. Fiber should be in ONE piece and sealed in a clear plastic bag.*

#### 2.11 Sheep wool

#### 2.12 Llama wool

#### 2.13 Alpaca wool

#### 2.14 Angora Wool

#### 2.15 Cashmere

#### 2.16 Mohair

### **2.2 Honey**

*Project consists of honey and bees wax items produced by bees managed or studied by the youth. Honey must be properly sealed and labeled and follow food safety guidelines.*

#### 2.21 Honey – Ineligible for Auction

#### 2.22 Bees wax candles

### **2.3 Eggs – Ineligible for Auction**

*Eggs must be clean, uniform, and displayed in carton. Refrigeration requirements must be followed, and eggs must be produced within food safety guidelines.*

2.31 Chicken Eggs (1 doz)

2.32 Duck Eggs (1 doz)

2.33 Goose Eggs (1 doz)

2.34 Quail Eggs (1 doz)

### **Department 3: Plant Science**

#### **3.1 Flowers**

- *All live plant material must have been grown in Michigan by the exhibitor.*
- *Cut flower and rose entries must be in a clear plastic container with no labels, except for arrangements which can be in any appropriate watertight container.*
- *Container grown plant must have been in the current container for a minimum of three (3) months.*

3.11 Cut annuals

3.12 Cut perennials

3.13 Potted annuals

3.14 Potted perennials

3.15 Silk/Artificial flower, self-crafted

#### **3.2 Vegetables**

- *All entries must have been grown in Michigan by the exhibitor.*
- *Entries should be displayed on a paper plate or in a box, except when impractical or otherwise indicated.*
- *Individual vegetables must be labeled. Use plate or box appropriate in size to the number of vegetables. Sturdy, clean boxes ONLY!*
- *Judging criteria includes representation of variety, conformity, maturity, color, freedom from pest and disease injury, cleanliness and adherence to class description.*

3.21 Sunflowers

3.22 Cucumbers

3.23 Zucchini

3.24 Squash

3.25 Gourds

3.26 Pumpkins

3.27 Watermelon

3.28 Melons

3.29 Corn

3.211 Potatoes

3.212 Other root crops

### **3.3 Fruits**

- *All entries must have been grown in Michigan by the exhibitor.*
- *Entries should be displayed on a paper plate or in a box, except when impractical or otherwise indicated.*
- *Individual fruits must be labeled. Use plate or box appropriate in size to the number of fruits. Sturdy, clean boxes ONLY!*
- *Judging criteria includes representation of variety, conformity, maturity, color, freedom from pest and disease injury, cleanliness and adherence to class description.*

3.31 Apples

3.32 Pears

3.33 Peaches

3.34 Cherries

3.35 Apricot

3.36 Raspberries

3.37 Black Berries

3.38 Strawberries

### 3.39 Fruit bush or tree

## **3.4 Herbs**

- All entries must have been grown in Michigan by the exhibitor.
- Entries for Fresh Herbs should be displayed in a small potted container, preferably plastic, and properly labeled.
- Entries for Dried Herbs should be displayed in a clear plastic container and properly labeled.

### 3.41 Fresh Herbs

### 3.42 Dried Herbs

## **3.5 Flower Arrangement**

- Arrangements must be arranged by the exhibitor.
- Flowers used in this section need not be grown by the exhibitor.
- Entries will be judged on design, color, conformity, originality, conditions and mechanics.

### 3.51 Flower Arrangements

### 3.16 Silk/Artificial Flower Arrangements

## **Department 4: Textiles**

- *Please display entry on a plastic or felt clothes hanger.*

## **4.1 Needlework**

### 4.11 Sewed clothes

### 4.12 Sewed toys

### 4.13 Woven rugs

### 4.14 Wall hung quilt

### 4.15 Embroidered clothes

### 4.16 Embroidered pillows

### 4.17 Candle wicking

### 4.18 Cross stitched clothes

4.19 Other cross stitched items

4.111 Other sewed items

4.112 Quilted potholder

4.113 Quilted table runner

4.114 Quilted pillow

4.115 Doll quilt

4.116 Twin sized quilt

4.117 Crocheted scarf

4.118 Crocheted clothes

4.119 Other crocheted items

#### **Department 5: Creative Arts and Crafts**

- *Entries in this Department are preferred to be of original composition.*
- *Entries created from kits will be judged as participation and not eligible for awards or Auction.*

#### **5.1 Basket Making - Baskets must be structurally sound.**

5.11 Baskets

#### **5.2 Beading - Must be securely assembled.**

5.21 Beaded Jewelry

5.22 Beaded Decorations

#### **5.3 Ceramics - Must be safely finished. Small or unstable entries MUST BE SECURED to base, pedestal, or shadowbox.**

5.31 Clay sculptures

5.32 Pottery hand thrown

5.33 Pottery wheel thrown

#### **5.4 Jewelry - Must be safe and wearable.**

5.41 Non-beaded jewelry

#### **5.5 Leatherwork**

5.51 Leather crafts

5.52 Leather tooling/carving

**5.6 Mosaic** - *Art created from assembled pieces, of original composition by the exhibitor. Small or unstable entries **MUST BE SECURED** to base, pedestal, or shadowbox.*

5.61 Glass mosaic items

5.62 Stone mosaic items

5.63 Metal Mosaic items

**5.7 Stained Glass** - *Must be safely edged and framed.*

5.71 Stained glass items

**5.8 Yard Art** - *Outdoor decorative items. Art must be weather-appropriate and safe.*

5.81 Yard art items

**5.9 Paper Craft** - *Projects created primarily from paper. Must demonstrate technique beyond simple assembly.*

5.91 Scrapbooks

5.92 Cards

5.93 Decoupage

5.94 Origami

5.95 Other paper crafts

5.96 Calligraphy

5.97 Stenciling

**5.A Upcycled / Recycled Items** - *Items created from reused materials. Original transformation required.*

5.A1 Upcycled/recycled items

## **Department 6: Expressive Arts**

**6.1 Photography** - *Must be 8 or more prints, mounted on mat board or displayed in album. Central theme/title must be evident and visible. 4x6 minimum size.*

6.11 Black and white prints

6.12 Color prints

**6.2 Drawing – All Exhibits MUST be framed and/or matted and equipped for hanging. No Glass in Frames.**

6.21 Chalk drawing

6.22 Charcoal drawing

6.23 Ink drawing

6.24 Pencil drawing

6.25 Color pencil drawing

6.26 Other medium drawing

6.27 Pastel drawing

**6.3 Painting – All Exhibits MUST be framed and/or matted and equipped for hanging. No Glass in Frames.**

6.31 Acrylic painting

6.32 Oil painting

6.33 Water color painting

**6.4 Sculpture - Three-dimensional art. Small or unstable entries MUST BE SECURED to base, pedestal, or shadowbox.**

6.41 Metal sculpture (Welded)

6.42 Other non-ceramic sculpture

**6.5 Digital Arts - Digitally created designs. AI use must be disclosed in artist statement/verbal interview judging. All Exhibits MUST be framed and/or matted and equipped for hanging. No Glass in Frames.**

6.51 Graphic art

6.52 AI art - Artwork created using AI tools.

**6.6 Writing - Original written work. For work longer than 3 pages, please submit to 4-H Program Coordinators for content review 2 weeks prior to fair.**

6.61 Poem

6.62 Short story

## 6.63 Novel

### **Department 7: Science and Inventions**

*Projects that are operational: must be capable of being safely displayed in a public setting. Power sources, moving parts, or electrical components may be limited and/or restricted by 4-H staff.*

#### **7.1 Music and Sound Technology** - *Projects involving sound or music technology.*

7.11 Music and sound technology

#### **7.2 Computer Technology** - *Digital or hardware-based projects.*

7.21 Computer technology

#### **7.3 Robotics** - *Robotic builds or programming projects.*

7.31 Robotics

#### **7.4 Automotive** - *Automotive-related projects.*

7.41 Automotive technology

#### **7.5 Engines**

7.51 Model engine

#### **7.6 Agriculture** - *Agricultural machinery-related projects.*

7.61 Tractor models

7.62 Other agricultural technology

#### **7.7 Health Technology** - *Health-related technical projects.*

7.71 Fitness technology

7.72 Medical technology

#### **7.8 General Inventions** - *Must be clearly explained within display or artist statement.*

7.81 Original inventions.

### **Department 8: Food and Nutrition**

- *Canned Goods **MUST** be labeled – including processing method.*
- ***MUST** attach recipe on 3x5 card. Typed preferred, if handwritten – **MUST** be legible*
- *For baked goods, no commercial mixes are allowed. Must be made from scratch.*

- *Dried Veg/Fruits **MUST** be in a sealed, transparent display for protection.*
- *Use current USDA Guidelines. Call your local MSU Extension Office for info.*
- *No items in this Department are eligible for Auction.*

## **8.1 Food Preservation**

8.11 Canned fruit

8.12 Jam

8.13 Jelly

8.14 Pickles

8.15 Relish

8.16 Sauces

8.17 Canned vegetables

8.18 Butter

8.19 Dried fruit and vegetables

## **8.2 Baked Items**

8.21 Cake

8.22 Other decorated deserts

8.23 Bread

8.24 Cookies

8.25 Pies

## **8.3 Candy and Confections**

8.31 Fudge

8.32 Hard Candy

8.33 Other Candy

## **Department 9: Woodworking**

- *Entries in this department are preferred to be of original composition.*

- *Entries created from kits will be judged as participation and not eligible for awards or Auction.*
- *Projects must be safely created.*

## **9.1 Wood Projects**

9.11 Wood carving

9.12 Wood burnings

9.13 Wood Crafts

9.14 Other wood projects