

General Rules for Still Exhibit Project Exhibitors

Departments 18M—18X

1. Pre-entry forms are required for all still exhibits.
2. Each still exhibit must have an entry tag attached to each project.
3. Exhibitors should be present for judging if at all possible. If not able to be present, 4-H members with still exhibits may bring their project to the Ionia MSUE Office at another time to be interviewed. This interview will be video tapes and the video will be shown to judges on judging day. The 4-Her will be judged just as they would if they were present and will not be penalized.
4. All projects must be done with your 4-H club. **No school projects will be accepted.**
5. Awards will be based on the Danish System of A, B, or C Ratings.
6. Any 4-H member not following rules specified in the Fair book, including display requirements will be reduced one rating.
7. Judges decisions will be final.
8. "Outstanding" ribbons can be awarded for projects of excellence.
9. Up to one "Best of Show" award may be awarded per project area.
10. Hot and frozen dish exhibitors will be allowed to move to the front of the line for that project.
11. Each educational exhibit must include a poster or a 3-D display plus a notebook or workbook. The exhibitor must make this exhibit in their project area. Posters can be any size, but should not be larger than 22 inches by 28 inches.
12. All still exhibits must be picked up between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. the Sunday following the Fair. If a member is unable to pick up a project at this time, arrangements must be made for someone else to pick up the project. Still exhibits not picked up will be discarded.
13. Cloverbud Classes:
 - 5170 Horticulture
 - 5209 Floriculture
 - 5264 Arts, Crafts, Hobbies and Photography
 - 5390 Shoebox Floats
 - 5416 Food and Nutrition
 - 5499 Needlework Projects
 - 5579 Natural Resources and Environmental Education
 - 5609 Entomology
 - 5263 Science Project
 - 5653 Leisure Education Project
 - 5731 Safety and Care Project

Department 18P

Arts, Crafts, Hobbies, & Photography

Pending Superintendent, contact the 4-H Program Coordinator with any questions: 616.527.5357

1. For all Department 18P, the JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL!
2. No school projects.

Cloverbud

5264 Cloverbud Craft (choose projects from any of the classes in Department 18P)

Cloverbud Shoebox Floats is class number 5390.

Ceramics

- 5265 Hand molded piece
- 5266 Coldware (plaster)
- 5267 Stain finished greenware
- 5268 Glaze finished greenware
- 5269 Underglaze technique
- 5270 Dry Brushing
- 5271 Miscellaneous: unusual decorated piece, gold, metallic, bronze, jewels, chalk, etc.

Collections

1. All collections exhibited must be part of the member's 4-H project work.
2. A written description of your collection stating when you started collecting, where you get your items, and the cost is required with your entry.
3. **All collections must be mounted or ready for display in a neat, orderly fashion. Must add to the original collection each year and update your original written description in a notebook.**
4. Collections of great value (coins, stamps, etc.) must be brought to judging day but will not be exhibited during Fair week.
5. Valuable collection exhibitors should supply a picture of their collection to be exhibited during Fair week.
6. If the collection takes more than a two-foot square of space, please bring a photo to exhibit.
7. Please specify collection type on the exhibit it tag.

5300 Any Collection

Cultural Arts

1. School projects are not eligible.
2. All exhibits must be done in 4-H club work.
3. May enter one exhibit per class.
4. A 5 to 10 minute videotaped demonstration or skit must be provided for Clowning and Dramatics.
5. Must provide own TV and VCR or computer (A laptop can be provided upon request by calling the MSU Extension office **prior** to the Fair.)
6. Entries will be judged on their demonstration or skit, make-up, costumes, props, acting and audience involvement.
7. A record book is required for each performer.
8. All art projects must be matted or framed and ready to hang.
9. Exhibits not conforming to standards listed will be dropped by one letter rating.

Clowning

1. Open to all 4-H members currently enrolled in the 4-H clowning project.
2. One clowning record book is required for each performer. A clowning record book may be picked up at the MSU Extension Office.
3. A 5 to 10 minute taped skit is required.

5302 Clowning: ages 9 to 11

5303 Clowning: ages 12 to 14

5304 Clowning: ages 15 to 19

5305 Clowning: all age groups in the skit

5306 Any other clowning project: poster, history of, famous clowns, etc.

Dramatics

5307 Dance: line dance, square dance, clogging, etc.

5308 Drama: puppetry performance and/or production monologues. Written or on videotape.

5309 Music: Composition, or special arrangements in written form and/or on tape.

5310 Stage Diorama (must be set to scale and scale given).

Fine Arts

5311 Acrylic or Oil

5312 Calligraphy/Creative writing, Literary Art (present in a notebook or frame).

5313 Charcoal/Pastel

5314 Pencil/Colored pencil, Crayons

5315 Pen & Ink

5316 Watercolor and/or Markers

5317 Collage

5318 Printing: Linoleum, Block, Styrofoam, Vegetable, etc.

5319 Scratch Art

5320 Any other not listed

Miscellaneous Crafts

1. Limit one (1) entry per class, except in the any other not listed class.
2. All hanging exhibits must be ready to hang. All kits must be marked "kit."

- 5345 Basketry
- 5346 Bead Craft
- 5347 Candles
- 5348 Centerpiece/Table Decoration
- 5349 Decoupage
- 5351 Fabric Painting (no clothing)
- 5352 Fused Glass Item
- 5353 Gift Wrapping (2 small or 1 large)
- 5354 Glass Art, Stained Glass, Etched Glass
- 5355 Holiday Items (three small or one large)
- 5356 Jewelry
- 5357 Lawn, Garden, Outdoor/Nature
- 5358 Mobile
- 5359 Models –Original or made from kits
- 5360 Padded Picture Frames, Photo Albums, etc.
- 5361 Paper Crafts
- 5362 Plaques – hard texture, ex: wood
- 5363 Quick Crafts – three small
- 5364 Recycled Crafts
- 5366 Scrapbooking
- 5367 Sand Art
- 5368 Soap - Homemade
- 5369 Stamping
- 5370 String Art
- 5371 Tie-Dye (no clothing)
- 5372 Tin Punch or Metal Crafts
- 5373 Toys
- 5374 Wall Hangings
- 5375 Wood Carving/Wood Burning
- 5376 Any other not listed above (**enter project name on exhibit card**)
- 5377 Any other not listed above (**enter project name on exhibit card**)
- 5378 Club Exhibit

Photography

1. Entries **must** have been taken since the previous Fair and **must** be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Member must have knowledge of the type of camera that is used and be able to discuss with judge.
3. Member must be able to discuss techniques learned when taking photographs. Example: composition, lighting/ flash, focusing, zoom, action shots, angle shots, storing your photos in albums, on DVD's, etc.
4. All photo's must be mounted on a ½ (11x14) white poster board.
5. Do not use corner mounts, they do not hold up well in Quonset.
6. Use photo spray adhesive, no rubber cement.
7. No writing, drawing, clip art on poster board.
8. First year members **must** enter class number 5381; they may also enter other classes.
9. Do not use corner mounts; use rubber cement around edges of photo only.
10. Entries not meeting each of the requirements will be marked down one ribbon rating.

- 5380 Any Other - Unlimited
- 5381 1st year project requirements: A set of four photographs two-color and two-black and white. Each photo must be from a different category. The categories: people, buildings, animals, scenery and still life.
- 5382 3-7 photos of a sequence (must use additional boards)
- 5383 2 8x10 portraits
- 5384 3-7 action photos
- 5385 3-7 "unusual" photos
- 5386 3-7 Panoramic photos
- 5387 3-7 night photos
- 5388 3-7 photographic story
- 5389 Photo restoration - before and after
- 5389 One photo matted and framed

Shoe Box Floats

1. Decorate a shoebox as a miniature Fair Parade float.
 2. Any type of material may be used to decorate the shoebox, however use of glass or fragile items is discouraged.
 3. Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, and workmanship.
 4. Use your own theme.
- 5394 Cloverbud
 - 5391 Junior, ages 9-11
 - 5392 Intermediate, ages 12-14
 - 5393 Senior, ages 15-19

Silk Flowers

- 5395 Artistic flower arrangement
- 5396 Miniature arrangement – 5" and under
- 5397 Corsage
- 5398 Plaque
- 5399 Holiday or Special Occasion Decoration
- 5400 Wreath
- 5401 Any other project made using silk flowers

Woodworking

1. Articles exhibited must be started in a 4-H club and has been made for the 4-H project.
 2. Use suggested tools for appropriate age level (check with your 4-H leader).
 3. Each year participants must show an improvement in already learned skills from previous year and a new skill.
 4. No kits allowed.
- 5405 Beginning 1st year – One original article
 - 5406 Apprentice 2-3 year – One or more articles using hand or power tools increasing in skills.
 - 5407 Handyman 4-5 years– One or more articles increasing in skills.
 - 5408 Craftsman Advanced – One or more articles using advanced skills any tool or machinery.
 - 5409 "Refinished" (existing furniture) or Upholstery. Include notebook with before and after photographs and techniques used.

Plaque awarded at judges discretion

Ionia Free Fair is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged articles prior to, during or after the Fair.