

DESCRIPTION OF JUDGING METHODS

Danish Judging Method

This judging method is the traditional system whereby all exhibits of the same lot number are presented simultaneously to the judge. The judge evaluates each exhibit but is permitted to give a maximum 25% ribbons within each group (blue, red, white and pink).

Face-to-Face Judging Method

This type of judging allows for more flexibility on the part of the judge and the exhibitor. Exhibitors bring all their exhibits in that department to be judged at one time and talk to the judge about the exhibits. Exhibits are not compared with other exhibits in the same lot number, but judged on their own merit. The judge may award the ribbon and premium which he/she believes is appropriate without regard to Danish system percentages.

GENERAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY BE ASKED DURING FACE-TO-FACE JUDGING

- What do you like most about this project?
- What do you like least about this project?
- What have you learned in this project?
- What would you like to learn more about in this project?
- Where did you get the idea for this exhibit?
- Where/how did you learn to make this exhibit?
- Who helped you?
- What was the easiest part of making this exhibit?
- What was the most difficult or challenging part of making this exhibit?
- What would you do differently if you were to make a similar exhibit again?

OTHER FACE-TO-FACE JUDGING TIPS FOR EXHIBITORS

- When talking with the judge, sit up straight and speak with confidence. You are talking about yourself and your exhibit, so you should know your stuff! Look the judge in the eye when talking with him/her. Eye contact is a very important part of effective communication.
- If you don't know the answer to a judge's question, it's better to admit it than to make up an answer.
- Face-to-face judging is meant to be an educational experience, so don't be afraid to ask the judge some questions about the exhibit or project if you want to.
- Be courteous and polite at all times. At the end of your discussion with the judge, be sure to thank him/her for his/her comments.