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Re: Pre-Fair Creative Arts Judging - July 22nd

Dear Creative Arts Exhibitor,

We are emailing this letter in regard to the upcoming **Pre-Fair Creative Arts Judging, scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds.** Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your judging time.

Judging guidelines and scoresheets specific to project areas can be viewed online and downloaded and printed from home by visiting **http://go.osu.edu/shelbyprefair**. Each club's organizational leader has also been given a printed copy. As in past years, judges have been assigned specific subclasses according to their expertise. To accommodate this, specific seven-minute or ten-minute judging/interview times have been scheduled for each exhibitor in a sub-class.

Exhibits MUST receive an "A" ribbon and premium and **be accompanied by a completed project record book** to be eligible for consideration for Outstanding of the Day and Honorable Mention rosettes, other special awards or recognition, or to qualify to compete in the Ohio State Fair. Outstanding of the Day and Honorable Mention awards will be given by the judge at the end of each subclass. Ohio State Fair Qualifiers will be determined at varying times based on specific projects that may qualify for the Ohio State Fair. See guidelines and attached schedule for more details on State Fair Qualifier announcements. ***Note:*** *Youth aiming to qualify for Ohio State Fair should review their guidelines and be prepared to meet them in the event they are awarded Ohio State Fair Qualifier. Visit* ***http://go.osu.edu/ohiostatefair*** *for more information.*

Please note: As in the past, only exhibitors, judges, Extension staff, and Junior Fair Board members will be permitted in the judging area.

If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us at 937-498-7239. We look forward to seeing you at judging!