

St. Joseph County 4-H
CERAMICS PROJECT GUIDELINES



General Rules:

1. Selection of greenware/whiteware and technique(s) must be made according to exhibitor's level of knowledge.
2. Both the inside and outside surfaces of a given ceramic item must be glazed if the item is intended to be used for food preparation, food/liquid storage, or as an outdoor decoration
3. Exhibitor name and year exhibited at fair must be included on bottom of each article.
4. A "pair" or "set" of items is considered one article (i.e. canister set, book ends, nativity scene, etc.)
5. Exhibitor must prepare and exhibit a **Ceramics Project Notebook** with his/her exhibit. Notebook must include a separate **Ceramics Project Summary Sheet** with color photo for each article made. Exhibitor may include other ceramics-related information in their notebook.
6. The Ceramics Project Notebook must contain all the members past Ceramics Project Summary Sheet(s) organized by year and clearly marked to show increase in skills development year-to-year. Tabbed divider sheets are recommended.
7. Failure to submit required Ceramics Project Notebook and Summary Sheet(s) at project evaluation at the Fair will result in an automatic lowering of A, B, C grade by one full grade level.

Section A - Beginning Ceramics (8-11 years old)

1. Exhibitors in this section who are first-year ever in the Ceramics Project may exhibit in their choice of Class 1 or 3 with leader approval.

Class 1 - Open to first-year exhibitors only. Exhibit one glazed article using one or more colored glazes. Article may include simple under-glazed detail (i.e. eyes, nose, mouth, etc.).

Class 3 - Exhibit one (1) of the following:

- a. - One under-glazed article using one or more under-glaze colors, with translucent or clear glaze over. Article may include detail, free-hand and/or clay additive if desired.
- b. - One glazed article made from a "bisque-fired" piece using one or more colored glazes. Article must show increase in skill over previously made glazed article. Article may include detail, freehand and/or clay additive as desired.

Section B - Intermediate Ceramics (12-14 years old)

1. Exhibitors in this section who are first-year ever in the Ceramics project may exhibit in their choice of Class 1 or 3 with leader approval

Class 1 - Open to first-year members only. Exhibit one glazed article using one or more colored glazes. Article may include under-glazed detail, freehand and/or clay additives.

Class 3 - Exhibit your choice on the following:

- a. - One (1) highly detailed article using one or more of the following techniques: colored glaze(s), under-glaze, over-glaze (i.e. lustre, metallic or any other over-glaze technique), stains, antiquing and/or dry-brushing.
- b. - Two or more less detailed articles (than choice "a" above) using any of the techniques described in choice "a".

Section C - Advanced Ceramics (15-19 years old)

1. Exhibitors in this section who are first-year ever in the Ceramics project may exhibit in their choice of Class 1 or 3 with leader approval.

Class 1 - Open to 1st-year members only. Exhibit one or more glazed articles using one or more colored glazes. Article may include under-glazed detail, freehand and/or clay additives.

Class 3 - Same exhibit requirement as Section B, Class 3, with exhibit showing advancement of skills over previous project work.