

## **Delaware State Fair - Shadow Box- “Floral Design in a Cube”- RULES**

**Entry and Reservations of Boxes-** Entries for Shadow Box must be completed by the deadline stated on the Delaware State fair website. Reservations for a cube must be made at time of FFA Chapter CDE registration. Boxes will be provided in the FFA Building and must be used by all exhibitors. Boxes created by the exhibitor will not be allowed. The boxes will be a neutral shade of light beige or sand tone and the painted cube color must not be altered. Unassigned boxes will be assigned as requested on a first come basis until full.

**Entry Set up Date-** All shadow box displays must be moved into the fair exhibit area and set up prior to the Wednesday of fair week at 8:00 pm. NO last minute alterations of shadow boxes will be allowed after this time. Shadow boxes will be judged at 10:00 AM on the Thursday of fair week.

**Objective-** The object of this event is to produce a three dimensional display in a cube 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches deep, open on the front for viewing and open on the top for lighting.

**The focal point of the display shall be a floral design in an appropriate container.** Landscape settings, horticulture, wildlife, or other themed displays will not be considered for judging in this class **if a floral design in an appropriate container is not the main point of interest in the display.**

**Theme-** The theme for the display is to be determined by the exhibitor and should be evident to the viewers.

**Materials-** Any material or combination of materials may be used. Artificial colored or bleached materials, painted or glittered, natural silk, plastic or permanent botanical flowers, or anything of a permanently dry nature. NO FRESH FLOWERS or PLANT MATERIALS. Do not use valuable containers or accessories that you would not wish to lose. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to set up and take down the display. Please note- to be eligible for premiums, entries must be in place for the opening of the fair and must remain in place until Sunday after the closing of the fair. Removal of an arrangement before closing of the fair will forfeit all premium money. If the display is not removed by said time on the Sunday after the closing of the fair, it will be disposed of.

**Size, Proportion and Covering** – The size of the display must be appropriate and in keeping to the size of the cube. Any accessories, art objects, drapery or cloth should compliment the arrangement and theme of the design. No materials can be displayed on the outside edges of the cube. **ALL MATERIALS INCLUDING CLOTH COVERING MUST BE CONTAINED WITHIN THE BOX.** Tacks, staples, or tape may be used and should be mechanically sound and will NOT be provided by the fair. The box cannot be altered or destroyed in any way and must be completely cleaned out upon removal of display. Line, texture, balance, color and design principles should be demonstrated and should be appropriate and complimentary to the theme.

No auxiliary lighting or electrical connections will be allowed.

**Judging** – Only boxes meeting the above criteria will be judged for competition.

**How will the shadow box be evaluated?**

1. **Size and proportion – Is the size appropriate and in keeping to the size of the cube?**
2. **If accessories were used, drapery, art objects, etc., do they compliment the arrangement?**
3. **The variety of materials used- are they appropriate and are they complimentary?**
4. **Is the container appropriate?**
5. **Line, Texture, Balance, Color and Design**
6. **Is the display appropriate to the theme?**
7. **The floral arrangement – does it follow the basic principles of floral design?  
Is the floral arrangement the focal point of the display?**

**Delaware State Fair Shadow Box Score Card**

\_\_\_\_\_The judging criteria was reviewed and this display **MEETS** the requirements for the competition.

\_\_\_\_\_The judging criteria was reviewed and this display **DOES NOT MEET** the requirements for the competition.

1. Proportion – Display to the box	10	_____
2. Design – Floral arrangement	20	_____
3. Creativity – Materials displayed	20	_____
4. Overall Aesthetic Appearance	20	_____
5. Construction Techniques	10	_____
6. Quality of Materials Displayed	10	_____
7. Display follows theme throughout Including the use of accessories	10	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	_____

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