

Delaware State Fair - Shadow Box- “Floral Design in a Cube”- Guidelines and Rubric

Objective/Purpose: This class is to produce a three-dimensional display in a cube 23 inches high, 23 inches wide, and 23 inches deep, open on the front for viewing and open on the top for natural 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 viewer.

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.

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. 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.

Boxes: FFA Chapters provide their own shadow boxes for their students or students can provide their own boxes. All Shadow boxes must measure 23 inches high, 23 inches wide, and 23 inches deep, open on the front for viewing and open on the top for natural lighting.

Entry Set up Date- All shadow box displays must be moved in and set up in the Agricultural Education/FFA exhibit area of the Centre no later than Tuesday before 5:00 pm (As noted in the Delaware State Fair Agricultural Education/FFA Premium Book) prior to the Wednesday of Judging Fair Week. Only minor alterations of shadow boxes will be allowed after this time. (Minor alterations are limited to placing of fallen or misplaced display items from overnight, plugging in lights, playing music. Nothing may be added to the display, simply adjusted. Judging will take place as noted in the Delaware State Fair Agricultural Education/FFA Department Premium Book.

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	_____
TOTAL	100	_____

Comments: _____

