



Project Title: COUNTY: Collections

Description:

The St. Joseph County Collections project can be defined as the gathering of similar articles, objects, etc. The collectible items listed in the Collections Project Manual are just an example of the wide variety of collections you may choose from. **Leaves, insects, weeds, and rocks are NOT to be exhibited in the Collections project.** Remember, collecting is a hobby, have fun and be imaginative.

State Fair Entries:

NONE

Exhibit Guidelines:

1. Each collection must be accompanied by a project notebook. The collection must be added to each year in order to show growth in the project. Clearly label or otherwise identify collected items that were added each project year by putting tabs for each year in notebook.

The notebook must contain:\

- a. COMPLETED RECORD SHEET
 - b. "Story About My Collection" giving information of interest about your collection, i.e. where to purchase cost, the history of the item, etc. EACH year a story should be written detailing something about the current year's collection.
 - c. Photograph of the COMPLETE COLLECTION for the current project year. (NOTE: Photographs from previous years must also be in the notebook in order to visually show growth in the project from year to year.)
2. Members with very large or VALUABLE collection should provide a PHOTOGRAPH or group of small photographs of the collections or addition to your collection.
 3. Collections that will remain at the fair must be prepared for display by the member in a manner that will assure the safe keeping of the collection. It is recommended that valuable objects be protected by exhibiting them only during open judging (new this year!) and then taken home. Please leave a poster of your valuable collection or a notebook detailing your valuable collection to stay as a display after judging has ended. You may take your valuable collection items home once open judging has concluded.

EXHIBIT DIVISIONS:

INTRODUCTORY

DIV. 1 – 3RD GRADE

DIV. 2 – 4TH GRADE

INTERMEDIATE

DIV. 5 – 7TH GRADE

DIV. 6 – 8TH GRADE

DIV. 7 – 9TH GRADE

BEGINNING

DIV. 3 – 5TH GRADE

DIV. 4 – 6TH GRADE

ADVANCED

DIV. 8 – 10TH GRADE

DIV. 9 – 11TH GRADE

DIV. 10 – 12TH GRADE

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Collections may be exhibited in any one of the following manners:

1. On a poster (22"x28") following the St. Joseph County General Poster Requirements, found in the front of this Handbook.
2. Neatly and attractively arranged in a box not to exceed 18" X 24" and securely covered with a clear glass or rigid plastic.
3. Securely fastened on a display board not to exceed 22" X 28" and covered with clear plastic for protection.
4. Your completed project notebook must be turned in with your exhibit. Your notebook must include:
 1. "Story About My Collection"
 2. A record sheet listing your collection
 3. A completed record sheet (indicating your name, club, division and several questions regarding your project)
 4. Photographs (or photocopies) of previous years collection.
 5. **NOTE:** ONLY First year in Collections, may or may not have photographs (or photocopies) of their First-Year collection.
5. For large or valuable collections; photographs of very large or valuable items arranged attractively in either a notebook or on a poster will be accepted. You will not be judged lower for doing this.
6. You must have your name and club name on each piece you wish to leave for exhibit.
7. This project has open judging.