



Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs & Shows Judging School

Spring Judging School

Saturday, April 7, 2018
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
42455 Fairgrounds Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650

You are invited to attend the Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows (MAAFS) Judging School Spring session in St. Mary's County, MD. Participants should have some knowledge of the subject area they plan to register for, and are encouraged to bring items to be discussed in the class. Following are the class offerings. In addition, included are the current MAAFS Judging School guidelines, outlining the requirements for Judging School participants.

Tentative Schedule:

8:30 – 9:00 am – Registration/Light refreshments
9:00 – 9:15 am – Welcome/Orientation
9:15 – 10:30 am – Session I
10:45 – 12:00 pm – Session II
12:15 – 1:00 pm – Lunch (*includes Judging Ethics and Interview Judging*)
1:15 – 2:30 pm – Session III
2:45 – 4:00 pm – Session IV

Registration Deadline - March 19th

Registration Fee: \$30

Check payable to: MAAFS

If you would like to be removed from the Judging School list, please contact Laura Kefauver at 443-604-4926 or maafsjudgingschool@hotmail.com.

Area Hotels

Chesapeake Inn and Suites, 23428 Three Notch Road, California, MD 20619 - 301-737-0000

Country Inn and Suites, 44941 Worth Lane, California, MD 20619 - 1-800-916-1392

Executive Inn and Suites, 41655 Park Ave., Leonardtown, MD 20650 - 301-475-3000

No registrations accepted after March 19th

Mail check & registration form to: MAAFS, Laura Kefauver, 11618 Big Spring Road, Clear Spring, MD 21722

We look forward to seeing you April 7th.

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Rules and Guidelines for Participants of MAAFS Judging School

Purpose

To train and qualify indoor exhibit judges for local fairs and shows.

Objectives

1. To provide training, using specific criteria, to perform critical analysis that will bring about uniformity and consistency in judging indoor exhibits.
2. To provide training and affirm competence for perspective judges consisting of an Association approved curriculum.
3. To develop a pool of qualified judges.

Levels of Judges

Novice: In the process of completing program requirements in the prescribed curriculum.

Qualified: Having successfully completed judges' training and field experience.

Instructor: Qualified judge who has completed instructor training and conducted one or more judging school classes.

Steps to Attain Qualification

1. Attend judges' training schools.
2. Complete three segments in the same subject area by different instructors. Example ~ 3 separate classes of crafts with different instructors.
3. Provide written permission to be placed on a judges list that is made public.
4. Judge at a minimum of 2 fairs or shows with another judge. (You should not judge alone)
5. Provide documentation to MAAFS Judging School of the dates judged.

Until all five steps have been completed you will be considered a Novice judge.

Steps to Retain Qualification

During a two-year period:

1. Judge at a minimum of 2 fairs or shows and provide documentation to MAAFS Judging School.
2. Attend at least 1 class in the qualified subject matter at a MAAFS Judging School.

Recognition

Participant will receive a subject area pin following the receipt of documentation. A form will be provided by Judging School coordinators.

Re-certification

If you do not attend within a 2 year period, you must take 3 refresher classes in each category that you are qualified to judge in.

Responsibility

1. Keep a notebook of handouts from each instructor as a future reference.
2. Keep a list of the classes you have taken.

Timeline for Judging School

Spring~ before fairs and shows begin ~ Saturday

Fall ~ after fairs and shows are over ~ Friday in conjunction with MAAFS convention

Why you should not judge at your own fair

It is recommended that you do not use your own judges, due to a conflict of interest.

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