

Danish Judging System

Arts and Crafts Department

Manatee County Fair

The Manatee County Fair uses the DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING. The Danish System of Judging is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. **In this system each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets that standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits.**

The Danish System of Judging does not compare one person's work to another. The evaluation is made against a project standard. The judge evaluates whether the requirements have been met. Ribbons are awarded according to the degree that the exhibitor's project meets the standards. Also, in the Danish System, everyone whose work fulfils the minimum qualifications receives a ribbon.

“Excellent” Blue Ribbon Award Exhibits that rank “Excellent meet the standards and fit well within the ability of most of the exhibitors.” Blue indicates that the exhibit meets or exceeds product standards and meets exhibit requirements; overall, the work is of high quality-Excellent. **Excellent does not indicate perfection, but indicates a high degree of achievement toward the elements in the standards for the exhibits.**

“Good” Red Ribbon Award Exhibits that rank “Good” in relation to the project standards or expected achievement. Red means the exhibit meets minimum product standards and exhibit requirements; overall, the work is of average quality –Good” Either the general level of the accomplishment is less than excellent or enough specific shortcomings are found to cause the placing to drop from excellent to good. **Red indicates good quality; however, there is room for improvement in the exhibit**

“Fair” White Ribbon Award Exhibits that do not meet the product standards and need much improvement. White indicates serious or considerable deficiencies in meeting product standards and/or exhibit requirements-Fair These exhibits upon evaluation are found lacking and rate only average, acceptable or satisfactory for the standards established.

No Award or Ribbon Manatee County Fair awards a ribbon for all exhibits.

Award Ranking

Best of Show One “Best of Show” awarded in each of the areas of the Arts and Crafts Dept. for both Youth and Adult.

Blue Rosette The very best of the exhibits. There is no limit to the number of Blue Rosettes awarded. Best of Show awards will be chosen from the Blue Rosette winning exhibits.

Red Rosette A very special exhibit-something above a blue ribbon. There is no limit to the number of red rosettes awarded.

Blue Ribbon see above

Red Ribbon see above

White Ribbon see above