



CERAMICS

CERAMIC JUDGING PROCEDURES

The following items should be carefully looked at in the process of judging ceramics.

All seam lines should be carefully removed, smooth and non visible. The bottom of the ware should be smooth and finished by either glazing or applying a piece of felt to it.

Underglaze: Application should be even in color and smooth in appearance.

Glaze: You should be alert to these defects.

Grainy glaze - too little glaze coverage, piece will feel rough in spots

Sagging glaze - applied too heavily to a vertical surface

Discoloration - can be caused by dirty brushes or improper firing of kiln

Crazing (small cracks) or Bubbling - underfiring or too rapid cooling of kiln

Pinholes - Dust on ware - underfiring - among causes cloudy in spots, too heavy application of glaze

Overglaze: Metallics (gold, silver, etc.), mother of pearl, application should be even with no drips or runs or purple discoloration due to contamination

Decals: Colors should be bright with no pinholes due to air bubbles or creases in decal

Washed out colors are due to overfiring

Stains: Good coverage is a must, colors should appear even

Antiques: Antiquing either over or under color should blend in with the piece, too heavy an application will detract from the piece, too much left on face will tend to give it a smudged or dirty appearance

Dry brushing: Should have a natural look (fur like fur, feathers like feathers, etc.), colors must be built up, too heavy an application will detract greatly from this technique

China painting: This technique takes several firings and the color must be built up with each successive firing, the ideal china painted piece will have a soft translucent finish and any overglaze trim should be even with no discoloration, the finish should be smooth

Placing/Ribbon _____

Name _____

County _____

Club _____

Years in 4-H _____

Age _____

CERAMIC AND PLASTER EXHIBIT
Judges Score Card

	Excellent	Good	Needs to be Improved	Comments
DESIGN APPROPRIATE FOR USE				
CLEAN-UP (Smooth seams, bottoms cleaned up)				
GLAZE				
FEATURES				
GENERAL APPEARANCE				
READY FOR USE				