



Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs & Shows Judging School

Fall Judging School

Saturday, November 4, 2023
Montgomery County Fairgrounds – Heritage Building
16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

You are invited to attend the Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows (MAAFS) Judging School Spring Session. 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. Included are the current MAAFS Judging School guidelines, outlining the requirements for Judging School participants.

Tentative Schedule:

Registration	Welcome	Session I	Session II	Lunch	Session III	Session IV
8:30–9:00 am	9:00–9:15 am	9:15–10:30 am	10:45–12:00 pm	12:00–12:30 pm	12:45–2:00 pm	2:15–3:30 pm

Fairgrounds Information:

Buildings: Heritage Building and Building 2 (Farm & Garden) - **the day will begin in the Heritage Building**

Map of Fairgrounds: <https://mcagfair.com/map-of-fairgrounds/>

Directions: <https://mcagfair.com/directions/>

Registration:

Deadline - October 28th

Email contact information and session choices to maafsjudgingschool@hotmail.com - please do not mail

Registration Fee:

Collected November 4th - please do not mail registration fee

Payment by Cash/Check (preferred) - \$30 Check made payable to “MAAFS”

Payment by Credit Card - \$32

Morning Refreshments/Lunch:

Provided by the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. If you have certain dietary restrictions, please plan to bring your own food.

We look forward to seeing you November 4th.

Laura and Carrie

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Email Completed Registration Form to: maafsjudgingschool@hotmail.com

No registration accepted after October 28th

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please identify your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for each session. *If not, you will be assigned a class if needed

**Class confirmations sent prior to the Judging School*

**Instructors subject to change*

Session I 9:15-10:30am	Session II 10:45-12:00pm	Session III 12:45-2:00pm	Session IV 2:15-3:30pm
___ Baked Goods - <i>Cakes</i> Instructor: Abby Glassberg	___ Baked Goods - <i>Cake Decorating</i> Instructor: Karen Witt	___ Baked Goods - <i>Quick Breads</i> Instructor: Donna Hill	___ Clothing Instructor: Lynne Thomas
___ Cheese Instructor: Alicia Clugh	___ Food Preservation - <i>Fruits, Vegetables, & Spreads</i> Instructor: Donna Hill	___ Needle Arts - <i>Modern Crochet Techniques w/ Emphasis on Color Work</i> Instructor: Carolyn & Felicia Kulp	___ Food Preservation - <i>Fruit Spreads & Pickles</i> Instructor: Abby Glassberg
___ Flowers - <i>Cut Flowers</i> Instructor: Beth Smith	___ Farm Crops Instructor: Chuck Schuster	___ Flowers - <i>House Plants</i> Instructor: Marilyn Sparks	___ Vegetables Instructor: Bill Langlotz

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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 ~ Saturday

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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