Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs & Shows
Judging School

Fall Judging School

Saturday, November 14, 2026
Montgomery County Fairgrounds – Heritage Building
16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
GPS Address: 501 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

You are invited to attend the Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows (MAAFS) Judging School Fall Session. Participants should have some knowledge of the subject area they plan to register for. Class offerings are on the registration form. 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 – November 1st
Email contact information and session choices to maafsjudgingschool@hotmail.com - please do not mail

Registration Fee:

Collected November 14th - please do not mail registration fee
Payment by Cash/Check - $30 Check made payable to "MAAFS"

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 14th.

Laura and Carrie

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Note: Please send one registration form per email

Note: Please include the participant's name in the email subject line
(i.e. – J.Smith Judging School Registration Form)

Email Completed Registration Form to: maafsjudgingschool@hotmail.com

No registration accepted after November 1st

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 after registration ends and a few days 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**
___ Judging 101/ Interview Judging *encouraged for new participants* Instructor: Kunni Biener	___ Baked Goods – *Yeast Breads* Instructor: Abby Glassberg	___ Baked Goods – *Cake Decorating* Instructors: Alicia Clugh & Karen Witt	___ Baked Goods - *Quick Breads* Instructor: Abby Glassberg
___ Woodworking Instructor: Steve Roznowski	___ Crafts – *Ceramics, Pottery, Stained Glass, Jewelry, Baskets* Instructors: Alicia Clugh & Karen Witt	___ Crafts – *Scrapbooking & Card Making* Instructor: Jennifer Downey	___ Needle Arts – *Knitting* Instructor: Kathy Lopez
	___ Sewing Instructor: Janet Davis	___ Spinning Instructor: Nancy Norris	___ Fruits & Vegetables Instructor: Chuck Schuster

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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.

Steps to Attain Qualification

1. Attend judges' training schools.
2. Complete two segments in the same subject area.
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/subjects judged.

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

Recognition

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

Responsibility

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

Judging School Sessions

Spring and Fall

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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