Americana

Dubois County 4-H
Project Manual

2002

Americana 4-H Project
(County project only- No state fair exhibits)

Purpose:
To acquaint and encourage the interest of young people in preserving items of our American heritage.

Goals: This 4-H project will allow youth to:
1. Identify antique items and their uses.
2. Learn how to restore antiques.
3. Interact with other generations to learn about uses and to secure help in identification.
4. Interact with others with a similar interest and to share with others what they have learned.

Project Categories:
Restored antique item should be refinished, painted, rewired, etc. to be in "like new" form. Such as:

> Household -furniture, kitchen, pottery, glass, etc.
> Hand tools
> Horse drawn and related items
> Farm tractors
> Implements and other farm machinery
> Lawn tractors
> Signs
> Stationary engines
> Etc.

The project will be divided into three grade levels:
> Beginner: Grades 3-5
> Intermediate: Grades 6-8
> Advanced: Grades 9 and above

Project Judging:
1. Projects must be accompanied with a complete description of the project that is being exhibited in a notebook or poster (see general poster requirements in fair handbook). The notebook or poster should contain information about your Americana project and pictures highlighting the restoration process. Pictures should have captions that show and explain how you were involved in your project and the work that was completed. Before and after pictures would be great and are encouraged.
2. Submit project record sheet in folder at project check-in.
3. Projects will be evaluated on the notebooks or poster, workmanship, creativity in display and 4-H member's involvement in the overall project.
4. Any work performed on restoration and repair of project that is not completed by the 4-H member must be noted in the notebook or poster.
5. Exhibits on display at the county fair will be on display at the 4-H member's own risk.
6. It is recommended for large or valuable items that the poster or notebook should be used instead of bringing actual item.