

# COOKIE JAR AND CAKE AUCTION

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## Decorated Cake Auction

- A. Exhibitors must carry and exhibit another foods project in addition to this project to be eligible to sell cake. White Ribbon Auction Cakes will be disqualified and not be eligible to sell.
- B. The cake's board/base should be no larger than 16-inch square and **box cake mix is acceptable to use.** Judging will be based on the following:
  - a. Cakes must be securely covered with clear plastic wrap for food safety. Otherwise, it cannot be exhibited and sold.
  - b. Cakes and icing must be labeled with the flavor.
  - c. Cakes will be judged on appearance and creativity.
- C. Auction cakes will be entered on **Friday, August 9 from 10:00-11:00 am** Cakes will be Interview Judged (exhibitors will meet with a judge to discuss their project).
- D. The exhibitor must personally present the cake during auction on Friday afternoon following the Sheep Show. Exhibitors will be required to wear blue jeans and a 4-H Council approved T-shirt when presenting their cake at the auction.
- E. The Box Butte County 4-H Council will be withholding **4%** of monies paid to exhibitors for promotion and expenses related to the Cake & Cookie Jar Auction.
- F. Blank thank you notes will be distributed to exhibitors when cakes are checked in. Checks will be distributed by Nebraska Bank following the fair (and all buyers have paid) and will be mailed to or picked up at the Extension Office by exhibitors upon receipt of a written thank you note to your buyer in an addressed & stamped, unsealed envelope. Thank you notes may be randomly checked for content.

**E425001 Senior Cake Auction** - Exhibitors 12 years of age or older as of Jan 1, must bake and frost cake themselves.

**E425002 Junior Cake Auction**- Exhibitors 11 years of age and younger as of Jan 1, may decorate a cake baked by someone else.

## Decorated Cookie Jar Auctions

- G. Exhibitors must carry and exhibit another foods project in addition to this project to be eligible to sell Cookie Jars. White Ribbon Cookie Jars will be disqualified and not be eligible to sell.
- H. **Each exhibitor MUST begin with ONLY a wide-mouth 1-gallon glass pickle or olive jar. The Extension Office has a supply of jars available on a first come basis. If you have any questions about whether your jar is an approved jar, please contact the Extension Office. Jars that do not meet the above description will be dropped in a ribbon placing. Decoration will be up to the creativity of the exhibitor as long as the glass jar is used in some manner (does not have to be visible but must be functional to store cookies). Jars must be able to open lid of jar to access cookies and jars must be able to be wiped out (not necessarily washed).**
- I. Clearly **attach a label to your jar** with the kind of cookies you are entering (example: Snickerdoodle, Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter, Sugar, etc.).
- J. Jars will be on display in the 4-H Building until the auction on Friday. Judging will include appearance and creativity of the jar. Score sheets are available at the Extension Office. Jars count 50% and cookies 50% of the score.

- K. Jars will be entered and judged on Entry Day. Bring the jar along with a sample of one of each of the cookies you will bring on auction day on a paper plate and sealed in a plastic bag. Entries that do not include both the cookie jar and a sample of each of the cookies are considered an incomplete project and will not be judged and will not be eligible to sell in the auction. At the time the project is judged on entry day, each exhibitor will be issued a container for the cookies to bring on Friday prior to the auction. At the auction, buyers will receive your cookie jar and your container of cookies. Cookies will not be placed in jars.
- L. The exhibitor must personally present their jar during the auction on Friday afternoon following the Sheep Show. Exhibitors must be able to carry their jar around the sale ring unassisted. If it is too big or heavy to carry by yourself, you will not be able to sell it. Exhibitors will be required to wear blue jeans and a 4-H Council approved T-shirt when presenting their cookie jar at the auction.
- M. The Box Butte County 4-H Council will be withholding 4% of the monies paid to exhibitor for promotion and expenses related to the Cake & Cookie Jar Auction.
- N. If 4-Her wishes to donate part of their auction proceeds to an outside party, that will be 4-Her's responsibility.
- O. Blank thank you notes will be distributed to exhibitors when cakes are checked in. Checks will be distributed by Nebraska Bank following the fair (and all buyers have paid) and will be mailed to or picked up at the Extension Office by exhibitors upon receipt of a written thank you note to your buyer in an addressed & stamped, unsealed envelope. Thank you notes may be randomly checked for content.
- P. No buyer add-ons after the final price have been called by the auctioneer in the arena.

**REMINDER:** All 4-H projects **must comply with copyright laws**. You cannot reproduce a copyrighted figure. This practice is against the law. If you purchase a copyrighted item to use such as a stuffed Cookie Monster, Sponge Bob printed fabric, Disney decals, etc. that is okay. Someone has paid for the copyright to that item. You cannot copy, paint, download from the internet, etc. any copyrighted items that you **DO NOT purchase**. Any cookie jar that violates the copyright law will be disqualified and will not be allowed to sell. If you have any questions about your design, contact the office.

**E425003 Senior Cookie Jar** - 12 years of age or older. One-gallon jar with 4 varieties (1 dozen each) of homemade cookies for a total minimum of 48 cookies.

**E425004 Junior Cookie Jar** - 11 years of age and younger. One-gallon jar with 2 varieties (1 dozen each) of homemade cookies for a total minimum of 24 cookies.

**Special Recognitions will be awarded in each the Jr. and Sr. Divisions for:**

- *Best County Fair Theme:* **Mardi Gras**
- *Best Use of Recycled Materials*
- *Most Creative*
- *Best Workmanship*
- *Best Cookie*

A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in the Junior and Senior Cookie Jar Classes and the Decorated Cake Classes.