

2026  
**DEPT. M-17 - COLLECTIONS**  
**Open to DuPage County Residents Ages 8 & Up**

Superintendent: Eilleen J (630) 310-9110

**Prize Money Offered:**    **Dept. M-17**        **\$675**  
    **Champion**        **\$ 10 (Open Class - \$10)**

- a. Exhibitors may enter **TWO** entries per class and must comply with **Agricultural Sciences/Home Economics/Arts General Rules and Regulations (pages 1-3)**. **Exhibitors must be 8 yrs. of age or older as of September 1 of last year.**
- b. Entries to be brought to Bldg. #1 at the Fairgrounds between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm on Wednesday of Fair week.
- c. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor.
- d. **All exhibits mounted or not mounted, and displays must be 15”x 10” or 10”x 15” unless otherwise noted. Mounting material must be strong enough to withstand the effects of humidity. Heavy cardboard, foamboard, etc. is recommended.**
- e. **Attach a 3”x 5” index card** (may be computer printed) to front of display giving the date the collection was started, the date of the oldest item in the collection displayed and a short description of the collection.
- f. Starting with year - 2024: Any parts or a duplicate of any parts of a single collection which **have** won 1<sup>st</sup> premium in this department at the DuPage County Fair are no longer eligible for competition.
- g. Starting with year - 2024, any parts or a duplicate of any parts of a single collection that have **never** won 1<sup>st</sup> premium at the DuPage County Fair are subject to entry restrictions. Specifically, these items can only be entered for a maximum of 2 future consecutive years. After 2 successive years without winning 1<sup>st</sup> premium, they lose entry eligibility for 3 consecutive years. For example, parts of a Cookbook collection that won 2<sup>nd</sup> premium in 2024 would only be accepted for competition in 2026 and 2026. If they still don’t win a 1<sup>st</sup> place premium at either of these fairs, they would again become eligible for competition in 2030.
- h. All possible care of the exhibits will be taken. However, the DuPage County Fair cannot be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits. **Exhibitors, if they wish, can put their exhibit in the display case with the help of the home ec staff. Otherwise, it will be placed in the case by department personnel.**
- i. Collections exhibit judging will be based on unity of collection, appearance, identification, and labeling.
- j. Oldest of Treasures exhibit judging will be based on the oldest date found on item.
- k. **“Antique” is defined as at least 50 years old, not modern and created or produced in a former period.**
- l. **Champion Award – See Rule 17, page 3.**

**Prize Money Offered:**        **1<sup>st</sup>**        **2<sup>nd</sup>**        **3<sup>rd</sup>**  
    **\$7**        **\$5**        **\$3**

**DISPLAYS**

Class No.	Class Description
4171	Display of Antique Jewelry (8 individual pieces, <b>no pairs</b> , mounted on 8”x 10” card)
4172	Display of Antique Toys (5)
4173	Display of Dolls (3)
4174	Display of Bells (8)
4175	Display of Buttons (10 sewn on cloth covered card 8”x 10”)
4176	Display of Cards – old greeting cards (3, mounted)
4177	Display of Ceramic Animals (minimum of 4)
4178	Display of Christmas/Holiday Ornaments (5)
4179	Display of Classic Comic Books (5)
4180	Display of Coca-Cola Memorabilia (5)
4181	Display of Cookbooks (3)
4182	Display of Cookie Cutters (6, display in basket or box)
4183	Display of Cups & Saucers (3)
4184	Display of Depression Glass (3 pieces)
4185	Display of 4-H Collectibles – mounted or cased (5)
4186	Display of Hallmark Ornaments (3)
4187	Display of Key Rings (10, mounted on 8”x 10” card)
4188	Display of Magnets (6, display on tray or metal sheet)
4189	Display of Memorabilia – John Deere (5)
4190	Display of Memorabilia – Disney (5)
4191	Display of Patriotic Items for 250 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration (3 or more, if small, mounted on 9”x 12” card)
4192	Display of Salt & Pepper Shaker Sets (5 sets)
4193	Display of Spoons (8, mounted on 8”x 10” card)

