

Smith/Brinkman Still Life / Foods Project Award

This award was instituted by outstanding 4-H Leader Robin Brinkman in 2010, in honor of her parents. Ralph (Smitty) Smith was a Washington State University Graduate in Animal Husbandry. He had the very first horse 4-H club in the state of Washington, around 1954-55. Smitty and his wife Pat impacted 4-H in three counties in Washington State: Yakima County, King County and Clark County. He was a 4-H leader for over 20 years. He was also an Industrial Arts teacher in Battle Ground, WA. Robin's children were 3rd generation 4-Hers. Robin showed both animals (horses and sheep in Clark County) and various projects in the still life barn. Her daughters were Meridian Clover 4-Hers here in Whatcom County who exhibited in the still life barn. Smitty passed away 16 years ago, but is remembered for the profound impact that he had on so many lives. Pat is still living in Battle Ground, WA. She served as a 4-H Extension Agent and 4-H Leader (alongside her husband) for many years in Clark County.

Whatcom County 4-H Intermediate and Senior members of 4-H who meet the following criteria are welcome to apply for the Smith/Brinkman Still Life Foods Project Award. One 4-H member is selected each year to receive this recognition based on number of years and/or outstanding achievement in a still life, canning or foods project area.

To be considered for the Smith/Brinkman award submit this application with your end of the year record book to the 4-H Office by September 30th.

Your Name:

Age:

4-H Club:

Years in 4-H:

Criteria judged for the Smith/Brinkman Award:

- 1) Consistent record(s) of Blue ribbons at County Fair in foods, canning and/or still life projects
- 2) Blue ribbon(s) in end of year food, canning or still life project record book
- 3) Participation in State Fair exhibit or demonstration
- 4) Essay: (300 words on a separate sheet)
How I have used my food/canning/still life project to be a benefit to my community.

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Washington counties. Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local extension office.