

“ Judges must progress or retire !  
The time never comes when  
knowledge is complete! Success is  
not a destination... it is a  
continuing journey.”

Esther Veramae Hamel

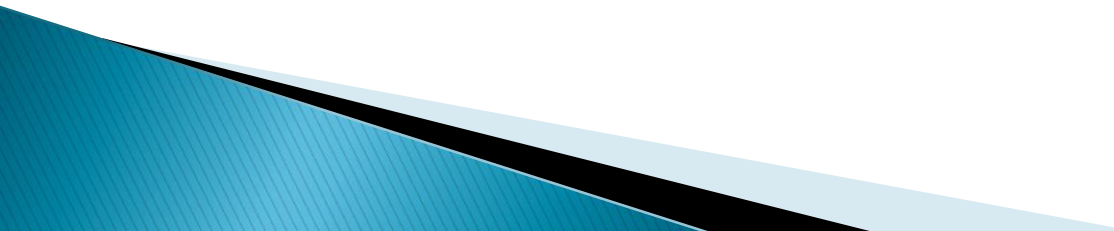
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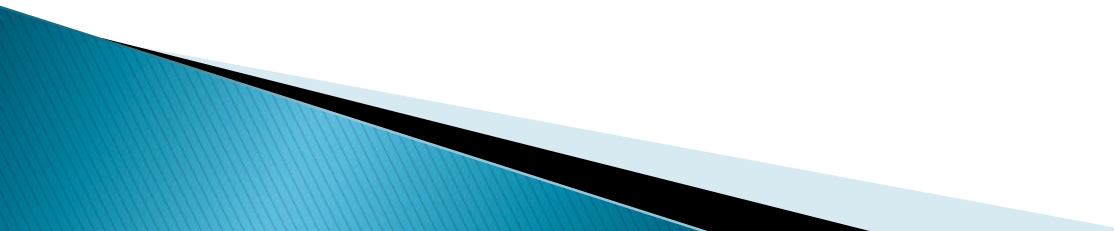
**COMMENT**  
**“WRITING”**

**JUDGES UPDATE**  
**JULY 4, 2015**  
**OHA CONVENTION**  
**OHA JUDGING COMMITTEE PRESENTATION**  
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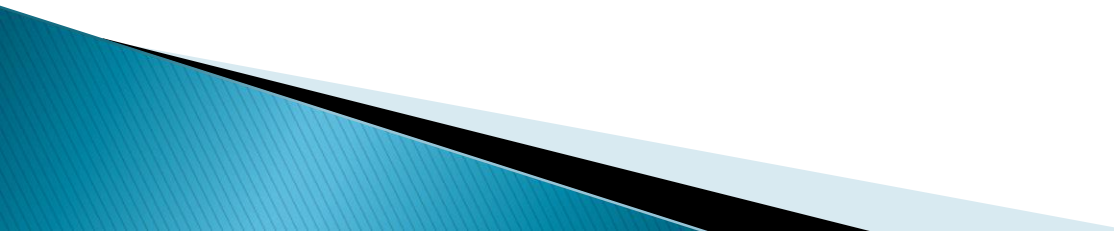
# WHY COMMENT ?

- ▶ **INFORMATIVE** – public and exhibitors
  - ▶ **EDUCATIONAL** – public and exhibitors
  - ▶ **ENCOURAGING** – existing exhibitors  
potential new ones
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# ALWAYS

- ▶ **POSITIVE** helpful, meaningful
  - ▶ **CONSTRUCTIVE** instructive, clear, concise and logical– reference the Elements and Principles
  - ▶ **ENCOURAGING** acknowledge effort
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# ALWAYS

- ▶ **INSPIRATIONAL** help to channel creative powers
  - ▶ **RESPECTFUL** well written
  - ▶ Always ask yourself “Would I understand?”
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# RECOGNIZING CREATIVITY

- ▶ “A good judge has an empathy for and a belief in the worth, dignity and creative capacity of every individual human being. A good judge does not penalize originality and creativity”

Esther Vera Mae Hamel

# NEVER BE NEGATIVE

NO “I’s” good judging is objective

No putdowns or slang

No sarcasm

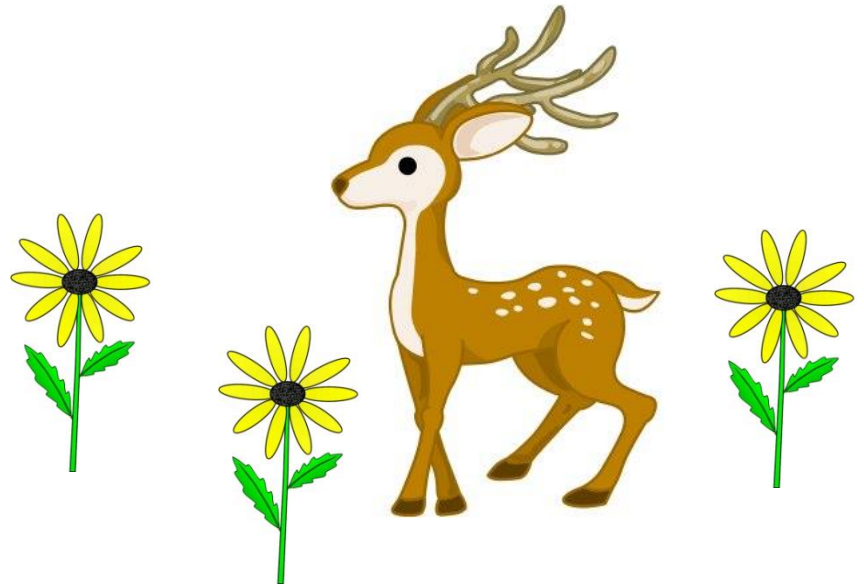
No condescension

Don’t try and rebuild the design

“Careless words written in haste  
can become the autobiography of  
a judge” Esther Veramae Hamel

# “Remember Bambi’s Mom”

“If you don’t have anything nice to say  
don’t say anything at all”





# References

- ▶ Esther Veramae Hamel The Encyclopedia of Judging and Exhibiting 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
  - ▶ OHA District 2 Judging School 2011 notes
  - ▶ GCO 7<sup>th</sup> School of Design 2015
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