# Personal Treasure Keepsake Exhibit

**PURPOSE:**
To become aware of what keepsakes you have collected and where they came from

**YOU’LL NEED:**
- Pen or pencil
- 3- by 5-index cards or lined paper

**TIME:**
Varies

**HOW TO DO IT:**
1. Locate keepsakes and old objects that belong to you and your family.
2. For each object, fill out a card or paper with the information shown on the sample.
3. Securely tie or baste-stitch the tags to each object.

**WHAT ELSE?**
1. Put your treasures on display at school or a fair. Refer to 4-H 1065, *Communications Made Easy Notebook*, for information on displays. (IMPORTANT: Make sure you have permission to borrow any items for display!)
2. Organize a Family Heirloom Day. Organize this event like the Personal Treasure Keepsake Exhibit, but ask people to bring an heirloom for a one-day display. Remind them that an heirloom doesn’t have to be old, rare, or worth money. An heirloom is *any* family possession passed down from generation to generation.

## OBJECT’S NAME

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<td>Who made it/bought it?</td>
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<td>When was it made?</td>
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<td>Who has owned it?</td>
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<td>What is it used for now?</td>
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<td>Are there any special stories about this?</td>
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Demonstrate a Tradition

PURPOSE: To identify traditions you have participated in outside of your immediate family or traditions you would like to experience; to plan some family activities.

YOU’LL NEED: A variety of materials depending on the tradition you choose to try

TIME: Varies

HOW TO DO IT: Have you yearned to make a gingerbread house or a friendship quilt? Have you always wanted to hang a basket of flowers on someone’s door on May Day? Would you like to go to a seder, or make tortillas, or celebrate Kwanza? There are too many possibilities to list! Or maybe there’s an idea for an invented nonsense tradition lurking in your imagination. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE! Follow these steps for learning, planning, and fun. You never can tell . . . you might start a new family tradition!

Choose one of the traditions you identified in the Family Custom Profile from the “Family Customs Potluck Dinner” activity and make a plan to try it or part of it. What materials and supplies will you need? When can you do it? Who can help you? Who will do what task?