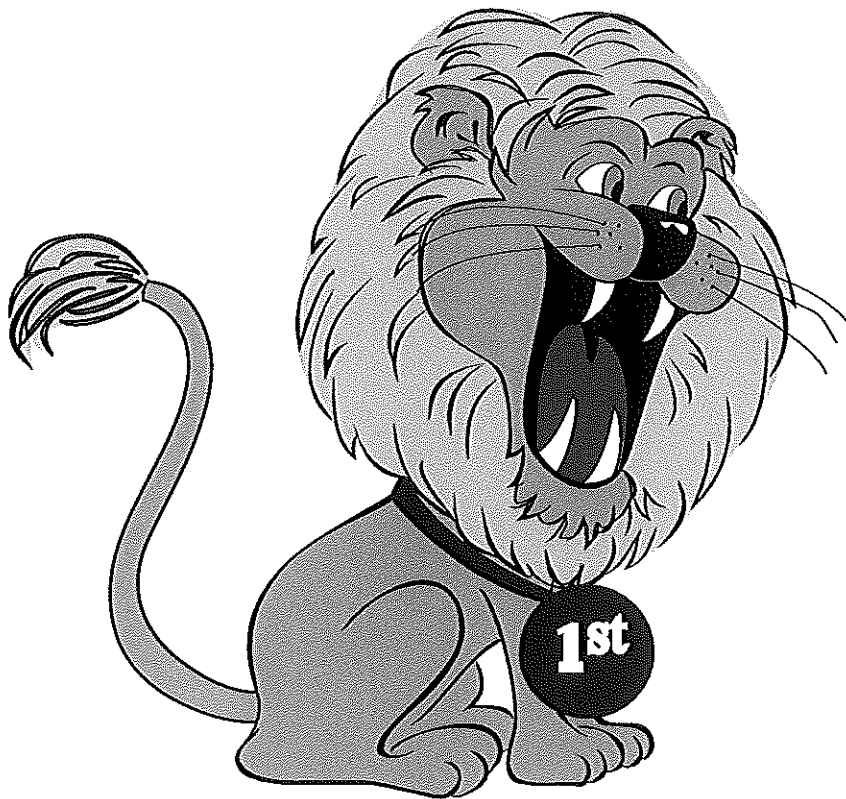


2014
Contra Costa County Fair

Adult Divisions



I am a Champion...
Hear me ROAR!

WELCOME TO THE EXHIBITS DEPARTMENT
Contra Costa County Fair

HOW TO ENTER THE FAIR

HOW CAN I ENTER MY EXHIBITS?

At the beginning of each department is information relative to that competition. This information includes rules and requirements that pertain to that particular department.

WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION (ENTRY) DEADLINE?

All of our departments require that you register prior to the Fair.

We ask that you submit your entries Online. You will receive verification of your submission as well as your payment by credit/debit card. Online entries open on April 1, 2014 and will close at midnight on May 1, 2014.

Paper Entry Forms and Fees must be received by the Administration Office before 5pm on April 25, 2014. If you mail your Paper Entry Form and Fee you will not receive a receipt. Hand delivered forms will be accepted 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm Monday through Friday. Education Department MUST submit their entries Online. Please see the Education Department for instructions on how to enter your students work.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOUTH EXHIBITORS?

Youth exhibitors entering independently (not through a school or organization) must list age and have a parent/guardian's signature.

DO I MAIL OR BRING IN THE ENTRY FORM AND FEES?

Paper Entry Forms and Fees must be received by the Administration Office before 5pm on April 25, 2014. If you mail your Paper Entry Form and Fee you will not receive a receipt. Hand delivered forms will be accepted 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm Monday through Friday. Mailed forms must be postmarked on or before the entry deadline of April 25, 2014.

Education Department MUST submit their entries Online. Please see the Education Department for instructions on how to enter your students work.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIR

FORMS AND FEES MAY BE MAILED TO: Contra Costa County Fair, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch CA 94509

WHAT IF I MISS THE ENTRY DEADLINE?

You may enter as a procrastinator, but you will be required to pay \$5 per item entered. No late entry forms will be accepted in the Education Department or Livestock Department – **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? Call Carla Moore at (925) 757-4400

SAMPLE ENTRY FORM

HOW TO FILL OUT YOUR ENTRY FORM STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Start an entry form by filling out the exhibitor's name, mailing address, city, state, zip code, telephone number and e-mail address. Please fill out forms legibly and completely and sign. Exhibitor's signature is required on all forms. If Exhibitor is under 18, please fill out Youth Exhibitor section, and a parent/guardian needs to sign the appropriate signature line.
2. List the Division Number and Class Number for each entry. Use a separate form for each exhibitor.
3. Use a separate form for: Floriculture/Horticulture, Baked Goods and Confections, Home Arts, and Special Contests. Entry forms may be photocopied.
4. Where Class says, "Any other, please specify," or "list variety" – please list in the Description section of the entry form.
5. If there is an entry fee, write the amount in the "entry fee" column. Be sure to include entry fees with your entry form.
6. Be sure to read the rules of the Department(s) you are entering.
7. Help is only a phone call away if you are not sure you are entering correctly, please call the Administration Office at (925)757-4400 and ask for Carla Moore, Exhibit Superintendent.
8. Mail or deliver your entry form and fees **PRIOR** to the Entry Deadline – April 25, 2014.
9. Please note the dates to bring exhibits to the Fair is different from the entry Form Due date. (Exception: Floriculture/Horticulture, Baking/Confections)
10. If you are a teacher or administrator entering your students work you are to submit the entries Online. Please follow the instructions located in the Education Department.

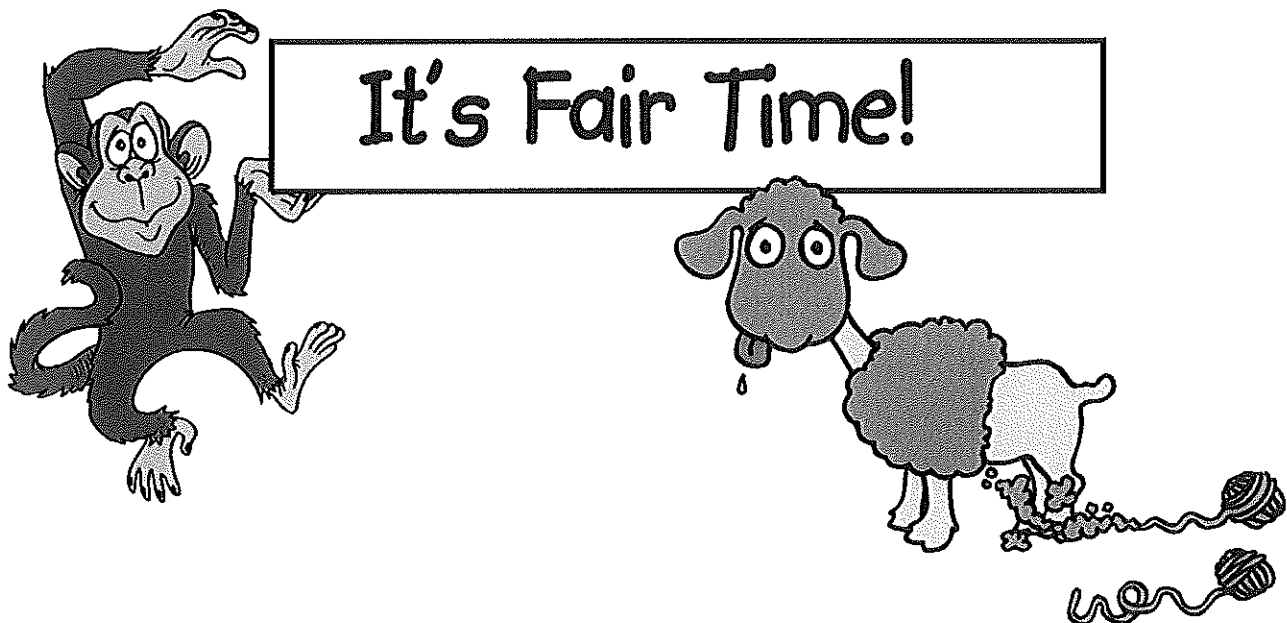
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Mike Murdock	Maintenance Worker
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Josh Brown	Event Attendant

2014 BRING YOUR PROJECT TO THE FAIR DATES
ENTRY FORMS DUE BY APRIL 25, 2014 - ONLINE ENTRIES MAY 1
ALL ENTRY FEES ARE DUE WHEN ENTRY IS SUBMITTED

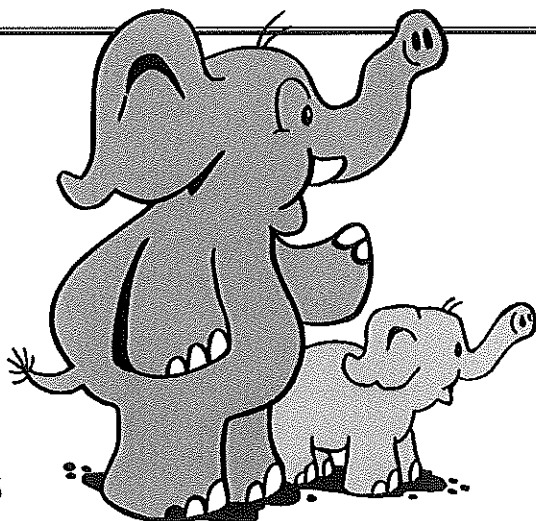
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	Tuesday, June 3, 2014 8am - 5pm
Notes: Judging will take place May 28 at 1pm. Cut flowers will be discarded after Fair. Only decorated cakes will be returned to exhibitor.	

SPECIAL CONTESTS DEPARTMENT

Entry Forms Due April 25

Category	Exhibit Receiving Dates	Judging Dates	Exhibit Release Dates
Coloring Contest	May 13, 8am-5pm		June 2, 10am - 8pm June 3, 8am - 5pm
Duct Tape Creations	May 29, 3-7pm	May 29, 7:30pm	June 2, 10am - 8pm June 3, 8am - 5pm
Scarecrow Contest	May 29, 6:30pm	May 29, 7pm	June 2, 10am - 8pm June 3, 8am - 5pm
Recycled Art	May 29, 3-7pm	May 29, 7:30pm	June 2, 10am - 8pm June 3, 8am - 5pm
Mailbox Contest	May 29, 3-7pm	May 29, 7:30pm	June 2, 10am - 8pm June 3, 8am - 5pm
Grandma & Grandpa's Cookie Contest	May 29, 3-7pm	May 29, 7:30pm	After Judging
Fruit & Veggie Art Contest	May 30, 3-7pm	May 30, 7:30pm	June 2, 10am - 8pm June 3, 8am - 5pm
Amateur Cookout Contest	May 31, 9-11am	May 31, Various	After Judging
Plein Aire Painting Contest	May 31, 11am - 12pm	May 31, 4:30pm	June 2, 10am - 8pm June 3, 8am - 5pm
Homemade Ice Cream Contest	May 31, 2pm	May 31, 2:30	After Judging
Salsa Showdown	June 1, 12-1pm	June 1, 1:30pm	After Judging



LOCAL RULES

All local rules in this book will apply to all departments in addition to the departmental rules. These rules will be enforced without exception.

All rules, as printed in the California Department of Food & Agriculture, Division of Fairs & Expositions, California State Rules & Regulations, will be followed at the Contra Costa County Fair. Copies of the State Rules are available from the Contra Costa County Fair office.

ADVANCE TICKETS

6 to 12 years	\$4.00
Adults (13 years and over).....	\$7.00
62 & better.....	\$4.00

Advance Dates: May 1 – May 28
www.contracostafair.com

DAILY ADMISSION TO FAIRGROUNDS

Fair General Admission

5 and under.....	Free
6 to 12 years.....	\$5.00
Adults (13 years and over)	\$8.00
62 & Better.....	\$5.00

Fair Parking

Daily Parking.....	\$5.00
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SEASONAL PASSES

On sale to all exhibitors at the Fair Administration Office at the time entry forms and entry fees are submitted. Forms for the following passes, including those at no charge, must be submitted by entry deadline: May 5, 2014. Passes can be picked up during entry receiving (livestock passes will be picked up by club leader).

Youth exhibitor	\$6.00
Adult exhibitor.....	\$15.00
Instructor, leader, parent (2 max.)	\$15.00
Youth Livestock exhibitor	No charge

Livestock exhibitors will be issued one free season parking pass per family. One additional season parking pass per family will be available for \$10.00. These parking passes do NOT allow vehicles on the grounds.

ENTRIES

Entry forms are accepted by mail or hand delivery during regular office hours: Mon. - Fri. 8am - 4pm and special office

hours: Tuesday, April 30, 2014, 9am - 8pm.

1. Official entry forms may be found on our web site at www.contracostafair.com. Please use an entry form for each department. Livestock must use a different entry form for EACH SPECIES. If you have any questions, please call (925) 757-4400 or e-mail: exhibits@ccfair.org.
2. All state rules, health rules and scorecards for expositions apply to all entries in this fair.
3. **Deadline for entry forms and fees is April 25.** Cash or checks payable to Contra Costa County Fair, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA 94509.
4. All exhibits must be entered in the best class stated. Only articles that do not have a class can be placed in "any other" classes. Please specify the articles on the entry form.
5. Entry fees will be charged in departments where specified. Entry fee must accompany entry form. Entry fees are refundable only if:
 - a) the amount paid is more than the actual fee and is requested before the close of entries; or
 - b) the class(es) entered are canceled by the Fair. All signatures and information necessary to determine that the exhibit is eligible must be on the entry form, and all fees including penalties must be paid before judging of the class has started.
6. As specified in State Directive dated Feb. 27, 1972, the following rule is made in view of the provisions of the community property laws of California, it is to be assumed that a husband and wife are co-owners of all entries and must be considered as one exhibitor. This applies regardless of which spouse made or owns the exhibit.
7. All exhibitors must enter proper departments, according to age or organization.
8. All entries must be grown or prepared by exhibitor within one year of opening day of Fair, unless otherwise specified.
9. Definitions:

Amateur: A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession.

Professional: A person who engages in an event or activity as a livelihood rather than as a hobby. Exhibitors entered in these divisions are not permitted to enter nonprofessional divisions.

DELIVERY

1. Delivery schedules as outlined must be followed. No exceptions will be made. Please read all rules, regulations and instructions carefully.
2. All entries will be provided with labels. Additional labeling is required in certain divisions.
3. The Fair reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered if it is objectionable in any way, requires an excessive amount of space, or if the capacity of the department is reached.

4. Articles sent by mail, freight or express will not be accepted nor will exhibits be returned by mail. Exhibits must be delivered and claimed by exhibitor or his/her agent.
5. Exhibitors having space assigned to them will not be permitted to change to any other location without first having obtained permission from the management.

RESPONSIBILITY

1. All entries are accepted with the understanding that neither the Contra Costa County Fair, State of California, or their officers shall be held responsible for any loss or damage that shall arise to all animals, products or equipment on exhibit. All persons, exhibitors and participants exhibiting in or participating in Fair sponsored activities shall be solely responsible for any loss or damage done to another, or occasioned by or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her and will indemnify the Contra Costa County Fair, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, costs, damages and attorneys' fees arising out of the willful acts or omissions of the officers, agents or employees of the Contra Costa County Fair and the State of California.
2. Fair management will not be responsible for accidents or loss that may occur to any of the exhibitors or participants or exhibits at the show.
3. **Policing:** A thorough system of police supervision will be established for the prevention of robbery; but it must be understood that the Contra Costa County Fair or the State of California will not be responsible for any theft.
4. Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion and other exhibits liable to occasion accidents, injury or damage to persons coming in contact with them shall guard their exhibits and protect the public from coming in contact therewith. Every such exhibitor shall indemnify the Fair from and against all claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which it may incur, suffer or be put to by reason of any exhibit not properly guarded there from. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.

AWARDS

1. Premium checks will be issued individually at exhibit removal time or by mail within two (2) weeks following the closing day of Fair. Ribbons, tags or cards have no value as to payment. **Only the official placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement.** (See State Rule Section of Protests.)
2. Exhibitors winning ribbons or trophies must pick them up when removing their exhibits from the Fairgrounds. No ribbons or trophies will be mailed except food preparation and vegetable ribbons.
3. **Buildings are closed to public, exhibitors, leaders and instructors during judging and until Fair opens Thursday, May 29, 2014, at noon.**
4. **Violations of Rules:** Exhibitors, concessionaires or attendants of any exhibit violating any of the rules, or permitting the violation of any rule, shall be subject to suspension by the Board of Directors.

ENTRY FORM INSTRUCTIONS

1. Only one person per entry form.
2. All livestock entries use livestock entry forms.
3. All Educators/Home School and Administrators are to enter Online. Please see instructions in the Education Department.
4. Use a separate entry form for: Adult Departments (home arts, baked foods, preserved foods, horticulture/floriculture, etc.), Youth Departments, and each species of livestock, and for breeding and market animals.
5. Each item must be listed on the entry form, one item per line.
6. Make sure signature is *signed*, not printed.
7. When filling in an item to be entered, be sure to follow rules for each department as shown in your Exhibitors' Book, giving complete description of item entered. It is very important to insert the proper division and class numbers for the items entered. Check limitations for number of entries that can be entered in each division or class.
8. Make sure entry fees are the proper amount for items entered. Payment in full must accompany entry forms to avoid penalties.
9. Enter description of item(s) under "name, kind, variety." If poultry, rabbits, pigeons, etc., make sure you include sex, band, tattoo number, breed, etc.
10. **Registered Animals:** All registration numbers, breed, name of animal, sex, identifying tags or tattoos, date of birth, number of sire and dam, and name of breeder must be on entry form when submitted to the fair prior to deadline date.
11. Make sure all required signatures are obtained (exhibitor, leader, teacher, parent).
12. If you are a Youth Independent Exhibitor, put "Independent" in area stating club or chapter.

Please read all local rules printed in the Exhibitor Handbook.

Copies of the State Rules are available for download at http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe/Fair_Information



SPECIAL CONTESTS DEPARTMENT

GENERAL RULES FOR CONTESTS:

1. Pre-entry preferred. Late entries may be accepted if space is available.
2. All entries must be on disposable plates, pans or containers. NO EXCEPTIONS! The name of exhibitor must be clearly marked on the bottom of container.
3. Limit two free fair admissions per exhibitor.
4. Exhibitors under 18 years of age may enter any special contest if there is not a comparable one in the Youth Division.
5. One entry per class per exhibitor.
6. See individual contest rules for specific contest information.
7. American style of judging will be used unless stated otherwise.

COLORING CONTEST

Division 12.01- Coloring Contest

Please print Coloring Contest page under Forms.
Mail in or Drop off at Fair Administration Office
by May 9, 2014 8am - 5pm.

SCARECROW CONTEST

Division 12.02- Scarecrow Contest

RULES:

1. Contest will be held on Thursday of Fair at 6:30pm.
2. Bring your supplies or use the ones the Fair has on hand. Fair will provide straw.
3. Please report to exhibit staff in the Home Arts Building no later than 6:15pm.
4. Contestants will have 30 minutes to build and complete their scarecrow.
5. Judging will be done on finished scarecrow.
6. Limited to first 10 contestants.

NO ENTRY FEE

RIBBONS ONLY

CLASS:

1. By an Individual
2. By a Group
3. By an Organization

SCORING:

Creativity - 35 points
Overall Design - 15 points



VEGGIE ART CONTEST

Division 12.03- Fruit & Veggie Animal Creation

RULES:

1. Entries must be delivered between 3-7pm Friday of fair. Judging begins at 7:30pm.
2. Create a work of art using vegetables and your imagination.
3. Must be fully assembled at time of delivery.
4. Entries must be delivered on something disposable.
5. Check in with Fair Staff in the Home Arts Building.

ENTRY FEE:

\$2.00 per entry

AWARD:

Best of Division

\$25, Rosette

CLASSES:

1. Created by youths ages 9-11
2. Created by youths ages 12-14
3. Created by youths ages 15-18
4. Created by an adult

YOU'VE GOT MAIL CONTEST

Division 12.04 - Mail Box Contest

RULES:

1. Entries must be delivered between 3-7pm on Thursday of fair. Judging will begin at 7:30pm. Check in with Fair Staff in the Home Arts Building.
2. Mailbox can be decorated inside and outside, but must still be usable.
3. Must be fully assembled at time of delivery.
4. Judging will be done on finished mailbox. Judged on creativity and craftsmanship.

ENTRY FEE:

\$2.00 per entry

AWARD:

Best of Division

\$25, Rosette

CLASSES:

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Youths ages 9-11 | 3. Youths ages 15-18 |
| 2. Youths ages 12-14 | 4. Adult |

SCORING:

Creativity - 30 points
Craftsmanship - 20 points

RECYCLED ART CONTEST

Division 12.07 - Recycled Art Contest

RULES:

1. Entries must be delivered between 3-7pm on Thursday of Fair. Judging begins at 7:30pm. Check in at the Home Arts Building.
2. Create a masterpiece using recycled items found around your home (ex. cans, nails, wire etc.)
3. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.
4. Must be fully assembled at time of delivery.

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 per entry

AWARD:

Best of Division \$25, Rosette

CLASSES:

1. Created by youth ages 5-8
2. Created by youth ages 9-13
3. Created by youth ages 14-18
4. Created by an adult

SCORING:

Creativity 35 points
Craftsmanship 15 points

COOKOUT CONTEST

Division 12.09 - Cookout Contest

RULES:

1. Entry forms must be submitted by May 20, 2014 at 4pm.
2. Entrants should report to the Family Area on May 31 by 11am, but may start cooking any time after 8am. Strictly Enforced.
3. Contestants must bring their own barbecue equipment, charcoal, and all the ingredients for their entry.
4. All cooking and preparation must be done at the Fair location.
5. Any adult or team who enjoys amateur outdoor cooking is invited to enter. Amateur is defined as a person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime (**NO INCOME EARNED**) rather than a profession.
6. No limit on entries.
7. No charcoal lighter fluid may be used.
8. The Fair reserves the right to approve any signs, banners or other commercial advertising media displayed by contestants.
9. One 8ft table and one picnic table will be provided.
10. Hot ash must be disposed of in provided container.

ENTRY FEE: \$12.00 per entry

AWARD:

Amateur Best of Show \$100, Rosette
Professional Best of Show \$100, Rosette

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Best of Show Overall High Point Winner Rosette
High Point Winner for Best Presentation Rosette

AMATEUR CLASSES:

1. Appetizers
2. Poultry
3. Ribs
4. Roasts and/or steak
5. Chili Cook Off
6. Desserts
7. Veggies

PROFESSIONAL CLASSES:

8. Appetizers
9. Poultry
10. Ribs
11. Roasts and/or steak
12. Chili Cook Off
13. Desserts
14. Veggies

Scoring will be based a combined point system consisting of:

1. Presentation
2. Taste/Balance of Flavor
3. Texture/Tenderness

Confirmation letter with instructions and specific individual judging times will be sent prior to the contest.

RULES:

1. Open to Adults age 18 and over.
2. Pre-registration is recommended.
3. One entry per exhibitor.
4. Contest to be held on Saturday, May 31.



**Attention Artists,
Crafters, Quilters!**

***You are invited to
demonstrate and/or instruct
"how-to" at the
Contra Costa Fair.
For more information and
to sign up,
call the Fair Office at
(925) 757-4400 or
e-mail exhibits@ccfair.org
Limited number of spaces
available
Sign-Up-Now!***

PLEIN AIRE PAINTING

Division 12.13 - Plein Aire Painting Contest

RULES:

1. Open to Adults age 18 and over.
2. Pre-registration is recommended.
3. One entry per exhibitor.
4. Contest to be held on Saturday, May 31.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00

AWARD:
Best of Division \$200, Rosette

CLASS:

1. Any

Please see the Plein Aire Entry form
for more detailed information.

SALSA SHOWDOWN

Division 12.15 - Salsa Contest

RULES:

1. Entries must be delivered between 12-1pm. Sunday, June 1. Judging will begin at 1:30pm. Check in with Fair Staff in the Home Arts Building
2. Fresh or canned products are acceptable.
3. Bring your entry in a half pint standard canning jar.
4. Specify on the label if your salsa is hot or mild; include the name of the recipe, the date made, processing method and time, if applicable. Do not put your name on the label.

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 per entry

CLASSES:

1. Mild
2. Medium
3. Fire in the Hole – Spicy Hot
4. Non-Traditional

AWARD:

Best of Division \$25, Rosette

**GRANDMA & GRANDPA'S
COOKIE CONTEST**

Division 12.16 - Cookie Contest

RULES:

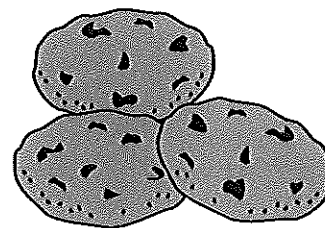
1. Entries must be delivered between 3-5pm. Friday May 30. Judging will begin at 5:30pm.
2. Cookies can be any variety.
3. Must bring one dozen (6) cookies for judging.
4. All entries must be on disposable plates, pans or containers. The name of the exhibitor must be marked clearly on the underside of the container.
5. Judging will be done by a panel kids.
6. Must be a grandparent to participate.

NO ENTRY FEE

RIBBONS ONLY

CLASS:

1. Any



DUCT TAPE CREATION

Division 12.17 - Duct Tape Contest

RULES:

1. Entries must be delivered between 3-7pm on Thursday, May 29. Judging will begin at 7:30pm. Check in with Fair Staff in the Home Arts Building.
2. Let your imagination run wild! Create a colorful backpack, tote bag, wallet or anything else you can think of.
3. Structure of item must be entirely made out of duct tape.
4. Embellishments and or decorations do not have to be duct tape.
5. Item must be usable.
6. Class 1 will use the Danish style of judging and receive ribbons only. No premiums offered for class 1.
7. Judging will be done on finished creations only.

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 per entry

AWARD:

Best of Division \$25, Rosette

CLASSES:

1. Created by youth ages 5-8 (Ribbons only)
2. Created by youth ages 9-13
3. Created by youth ages 14-18
4. Created by an adult

SCORING:

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Creativity | 30 points |
| 2. Craftsmanship | 10 points |
| 3. Overall Design | 10 points |

OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM CONTEST

American Judging System

Division 12.18 - Homemade Ice Cream Contest

RULES:

1. Entries must be delivered by 2pm on Saturday to Exhibit Building. The recipe must be typed or written on a 3" x 5" card and accompany the entry.
2. Judges will score based on: 50% Flavor, 15% Appearance/Presentation, 15% Originality, 20% Texture.
3. Judging begins at 2:30pm, Saturday, May 31.

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 per entry

PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED: One entry per exhibitor

FAIR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Contra Costa County Fair Educational & Exhibitor Scholarship Program. Eligible applicants must be a graduating high school Senior, 2014 Contra Costa County Fair exhibitor, maintains a 3.0 GPA, and planning to attend a 4 year college or university. All finalists will participate in a panel interview with the Scholarship Committee. The winner will be selected based on interview scores, academic skills, involvement in the Contra Costa County Fair, and on character. The \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to one winner on Sunday, June 1, 2014 during the Livestock Award Ceremony.

Applicants may be a still or livestock exhibitor at the Contra Costa County Fair, equal consideration will be given.

The application deadline is May 5, 2014 at 4pm. For more information or to receive an application, please visit contracostafair.com or call the Fair office at (925) 757-4400 and ask for Jennifer Burror.



AWARD:

Best of Division \$25, Rosette

CLASSES:

1. Fruit
2. Chocolate
3. Ices and Sorbets
4. Any Other

Adult Divisions

FLOWER & GARDEN DEPARTMENT

American Judging System

The purposes of this department are:

1. To provide an inviting and entertaining exhibit for fairgoers.
2. To provide education and information to the public about gardening and related agricultural industries in the county.
3. To encourage and improve the art and science of floriculture and horticulture.

RULES:

1. Individuals engaged in, or who have previously engaged in commercial flower growing, professional landscaping or professional flower arranging may not enter in any amateur division in their specialty.
2. The superintendent reserves the right to assign location of displays, reject any exhibit for cause or remove any exhibit becoming unsightly and cancel any awards to such exhibits.
3. Signs not larger than 12" x 18" bearing the name and address of feature exhibitor may be used after judging. Subcontractors to an exhibit may be identified by signs not to exceed 5" x 7". In addition a 16" x 16" podium will be provided for each exhibit for displaying a plot plan identifying all plant material used in the exhibit.
4. Business cards or pamphlets may be distributed from a bowl or holder placed in the exhibit.
5. Containers for cut flowers are provided by the Fair.
6. Once exhibits are in place they cannot be removed without permission of the superintendent until the close of the Fair.
7. It is a general rule that any plant protected by State law may not be displayed at a flower show except for educational purposes.

Exhibits in each class will be judged on:

1. Quality of plant material (condition, uniqueness, size).
2. Design (concept, effect, appropriateness to theme, accessories).
3. Complete and full use of allotted space.
4. Educational value.
5. Overall effectiveness.

RULES:

1. All Classes in Division 1 are limited to one entry per group, individual or organization.

Division 1 - Outdoor Gardens & Landscapes

NO ENTRY FEE

CLASSES:

1. **Amateur Landscape:** A landscape "vignette" representing a small corner of a garden of exhibitor's choice, complete with plants and natural accents. The scene should include a focal point. Open only to amateur gardeners. Approximately 100 sq. ft.
2. **Garden Club/Society/Professional:** A landscape "vignette" representing a small corner of a garden of exhibitor's choice, complete with plants and natural accents. The scene should include a focal point. Open only to amateur gardeners. Approximately 100 sq. ft.

Division 2 - Indoor Feature Displays

NO ENTRY FEE

ENTRY LIMIT: 1 entry per group

CLASS:

1. **Garden Club/Society Educational Display.**
 - a) Open to any garden club, plant society, horticultural group or public agency.
 - b) This display requires a design that demonstrates some educational value in horticulture or floriculture. This may be achieved by successfully communicating the culture and care of plants and stimulating the knowledge and love of horticulture or floriculture.
 - c) Display may include graphic material neatly produced and displayed, and must include actual horticulture material either living or harvested.
 - d) Display may be staffed at exhibitor's option.
 - e) Complete and full use of entire space is very important.
 - f) Club or society may enter more than one display with approval of Fair management.
 - g) Approximately 50 sq. ft.

Entries may be limited due to space availability.

NO ENTRY FEE

Adult Divisions

CLASS:

2. Floral Trade Associations, Wholesale Flower Growers and Wholesale Grower Associations and/or Shippers.

An exhibit featuring fresh cut flowers arranged and displayed aesthetically. Exhibit is to consist of a minimum of eight vases, containing 24 specimens with a variety of colors. The following flowers may be used: both standard and miniature varieties of roses, gladiolus, carnations and mums. While featuring fresh cut flowers, exhibits may display potted plants and background material, structures and accessories as desired. *Complete and full use of entire space* is very important, and fresh flowers are to be emphasized. Approximately 50 sq. ft.

DECORATIVE PLANTERS/PLANTS

RULES:

1. Maximum size: 24" container/pot/hanging basket.
2. Plant species must be labeled.

NO ENTRY FEE

Division 3 - Decorative Planters

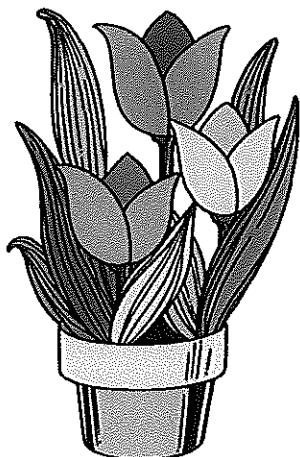
CLASSES:

1. Bonsai, give age
2. Succulent dish garden
3. Any other

Division 4 - Potted Plants

CLASSES:

1. Succulent or cactus
2. Blooming plant (African violet, begonia, etc.)
3. Any other



FLORAL DESIGN

Division 6 - Amateur Floral Division

RULES:

1. These classes are open only to student and amateur flower arrangers.
2. Flowers may be fresh or dried.

NO ENTRY FEE

SPECIAL AWARDS:

See Adult Awards, page 36

JUDGING:

Design and originality	50 points
Quality of materials	30 points
Theme	20 points

CLASS:

1. Any design

Division 7 - Professional Floral Design

RULES:

1. Open only to retail florists, professional floral designers and floral design teachers. The competition is designed to showcase the creative talents of professional arrangers.
2. Flowers may be fresh or dried. No artificial, plastic or silk flowers may be used
3. Flower arrangements may not exceed 48" in height and 30" in width, including container and accessories.
4. Limit of one entry per class.
5. Exhibitors may distribute business cards from a tray or holder to be placed adjacent to arrangements by Fair personnel at the conclusion of judging.

NO ENTRY FEE

CLASS:

1. Any design

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AMATEUR CUT FLOWERS & BOUQUETS

RULES:

1. Must have foliage on stem.
2. Flowers are to be grown by exhibitor.
3. No limit on number of entries.
4. Cut Flowers: present one stem except in Class 8.
5. Containers will be provided by Fair.
6. No pre-entry required.

NO ENTRY FEE

Division 8 - Amateur Cut Flowers/Bouquets

CLASSES:

1. Hybrid Tea Rose – White, yellow, yellow blend, apricot blend, orange, or orange blend
2. Hybrid Tea Rose – Pink or pink blend
3. Hybrid Tea Rose – Red or red blend
4. Floribunda or Grand flora Rose – Any
5. Miniature Rose – Any
6. Coreopsis – Any
7. Other Perennials
8. Cut Flower Bouquet – Present 36 stems
9. Any Other

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Adult Divisions

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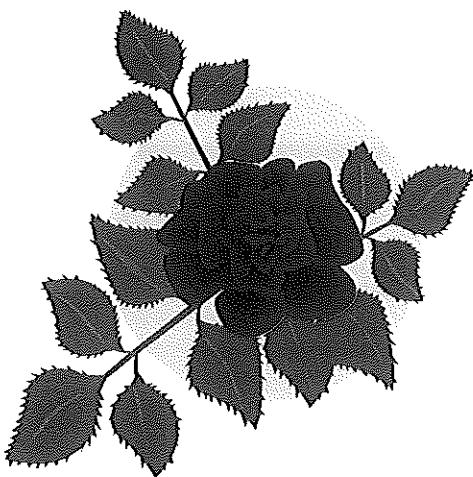
1. Kid's Coloring
2. Scarecrow – build your own!
3. Veggie Art Creations
4. You've Got Mail – mailbox decor
5. Recycled Art
6. Cookout
7. Plein Aire Painting
8. Salsa Showdown
9. Grandma & Grandpa's Cookies
10. Duct Tape Creations
11. Old Fashioned Ice Cream-NEW!

FAIR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Contra Costa County Fair Educational & Exhibitor Scholarship Program. Eligible applicants must be a graduating high school Senior, 2014 Contra Costa County Fair exhibitor, maintains a 3.0 GPA, and planning to attend a 4 year college or university. All finalists will participate in a panel interview with the Scholarship Committee. The winner will be selected based on interview scores, academic skills, involvement in the Contra Costa County Fair, and on character. The \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to one winner on Sunday, June 1, 2014 during the Livestock Award Ceremony.

Applicants may be a still or livestock exhibitor at the Contra Costa County Fair, equal consideration will be given.

The application deadline is May 5, 2014 at 4pm. For more information or to receive an application, please visit contracostafair.com or call the Fair office at (925) 757-4400 and ask for Jennifer Burror.



WAYS THAT DIFFERENT ROSE TYPES ARE SHOWN

HYBRID TEA ROSE: 1 bloom per stem (no side buds)

GRANDIFLORA SPRAY: At least two or more blooms at the same stage of opening and nearly the same size.

FLORIBUNDA SPRAY: Blooms may be at all stages; bud with color, 1/2 open, 3/4 open, or fully open. Must be two or more blooms. A single bloom Grand flora or Floribunda is shown the same way as a Hybrid Tea.

GETTING ROSES READY FOR EXHIBITING

1. **WATERING** – Deep root water roses at least 2 weeks before cutting for a show. Continue to water as needed until the day of show. This will add size and lushness to your roses.
2. **FERTILIZING** – Feed roses at least every 4 – 6 weeks.
3. **INSECT CONTROL** – Insecticides; spray every 7 – 10 days or until the problem is under control. Spray with insecticides the day after you have thoroughly watered your bushes. Water Control; forcefully spray roses with water in the morning to remove most insects.
4. **GROOMING FOR THE SHOW**
 - a) Cut stem of rose at least 15 inches in length. Determine stem length by making a fist, start at the bloom, count down 5 fists down stem and make your cut (try to have at least two sets of five leaflets). Plunge them up to their necks in a bucket of hot (98 – 100 degrees) water and let them set for at least 10 minutes or longer. As you put them in the bucket, cut the tip off again, under water, preventing an air pocket, allowing a flow of water to foliage and bloom.
 - b) Gently wipe the foliage with a piece of paper towel or a soft cloth to rid the foliage of dirt and other surface material. DO NOT use leaf polish (commercial).

If leaves are damaged, trim them with a small pair of scissors. Try to retain the normal shape of the leaf. Rose petals also may be trimmed for irregularities in their shape.

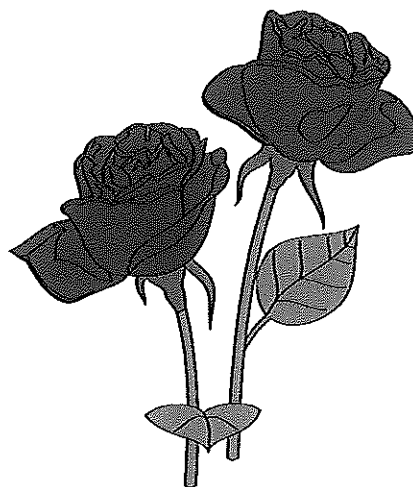
- c) Buds will not be judged. Roses should be 2/3 – 3/4 open. If the weather should start to warm up (90 degrees and up) and roses are beginning to open, CUT as per instructions above, and store in a closet or dark cool area. The roses will hold about 5 days. Remove them from the dark area on the day of exhibit delivery. Some roses hold better than others, some may be past their best exhibition stage.

GROOMING CUT FLOWERS FOR SHOW AND ARRANGEMENT

Pick flowers in the cool of the day, preferably the evening before arranging when they can be left overnight in water. Cut flowers with stem in proportion to size of flower, (at least five times the size of the flower, if possible). Water absorption. Make a second cut under water to allow a full flow of water up the stem. Cut stems on a slant. Woody-stemmed flowers and branches, scrap off some bark at the bottom of the stem. For heavy stems, make a vertical cut up the stem. With particularly hard stems (such as rhododendron), crush ends with a hammer.

Plunge crushed woody stems into about three inches of boiling water for a minute, and then transfer them to cool water for conditioning before arranging. The boiling water routing also works with hollow stemmed flowers such as dahlias. And, it will help rejuvenate wilted flowers. With stems that contain milky juices, hold the stem end over a flame for a few seconds, then condition in cool water.

Strip all foliage from the stem that will be below the water level. Flowers absorb warm water more quickly than cold, use water at room temperature. A toothpick inserted through the center of the flower and into the stem will prevent tendencies to droop.



HORTICULTURE

American Judging System

RULES:

1. Pre-entry is preferred but not required.
2. Exhibitor must have grown the exhibit.
3. Bring items in a disposable container. The Fair will provide display containers.
4. All Local & State Rules apply.
5. Specify Variety of Produce on Entry Form
6. The quality desired in agricultural and horticultural products exhibited is the quality that brings the best financial return in the commercial market, and such exhibits must be at least equal in maturity as the state of ripeness required by Section 42513 of the California Agricultural Code in order to be considered for premium awards. Section 42513, "mature" means having reached the stage of ripeness which will ensure the completion of the ripening process to a degree which will ensure palatability, after the removal of the product from the tree, plant or vine. Section 42515, "overripe" means having an advanced state of maturity, which causes the product to be undesirable for human consumption in a fresh state. Unless otherwise stated, the type of vegetable desired for exhibit will be the uniform commercial grade rather than overgrown. Overgrown or monstrosities will not be considered for awards, but may be displayed if space is available.

NO ENTRY FEE

ITEMS WILL BE DISPOSED OF AFTER THE FAIR

Division 15 - Backyard Farmer

RULES: Open to All Ages

NO ENTRY FEE

CLASSES:

1. Ugliest Vegetable
2. Biggest Vegetable
3. Most Unique Vegetable

Division 16 - Vegetables

RULES: Must bring 3 of each variety.

NO ENTRY FEE

CLASSES:

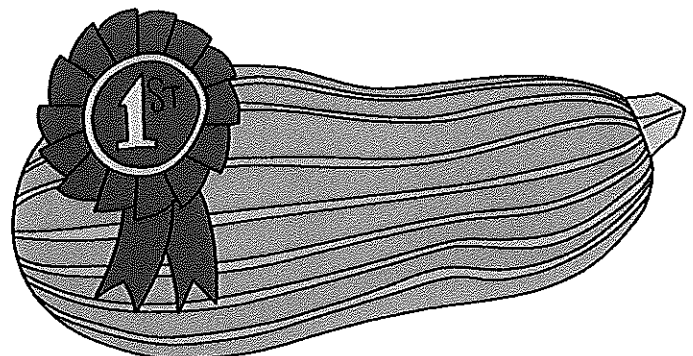
1. Carrots
2. Garlic
3. Onions white
4. Onions yellow
5. Onions – any other
6. Potatoes – specify
7. Pod Vegetables
8. Leafy vegetables (lettuce, spinach, etc.) Specify
9. Radishes
10. Tomatoes
11. Any Other

Division 17 - Fruit & Vegetable Plants

NO ENTRY FEE

CLASS:

1. Any seedlings, 6 (up to 6 inches)



Adult Divisions

Division 18 - Fruits

RULES:

Must bring 10 small or 5 large

NO ENTRY FEE

CLASSES:

1. All berries
2. Tree fruit
3. Any other

Division 19 - Herbs

RULES:

1 bunch unless otherwise noted

NO ENTRY FEE

CLASSES:

1. Rosemary, 3 sprigs
2. Parsley/cilantro
3. Sage
4. Thyme
5. Basil
6. Oregano
7. Mint
8. Lavender
9. Any other

RULES:

1. Open to amateurs only unless specified otherwise.
Amateur is defined as one who pursues something for pleasure and does not receive remuneration over the cost of material.
2. All Local and State Rules apply.
3. All entry forms must be submitted to the Fair by April 30, 2014. Entry fees must accompany forms.
4. Use separate entry forms:
 - a) one for baked foods,
 - b) one for clothing, textiles, arts & crafts
 - c) one for preserved foods.

Division 20 - Nuts

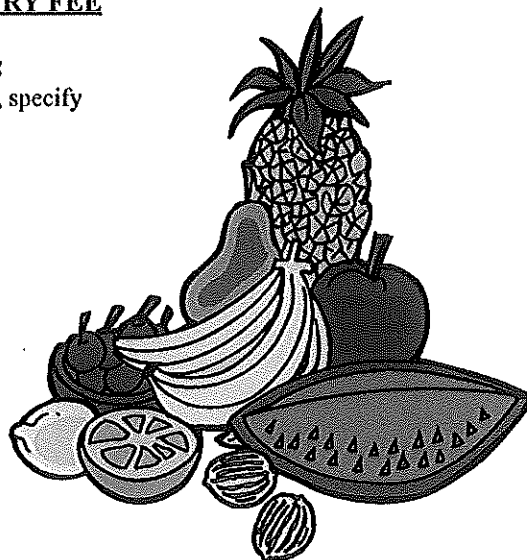
RULES:

Last crop, commercial grade

NO ENTRY FEE

CLASS:

1. Any, specify



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