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Arapahoe County Fair invites Open Class entries

Join 100+ years of history with handmade and homegrown treasures

Aurora, Colo. – Residents of all ages and all counties are invited to enter their original creations and homegrown treasures in the Arapahoe County Fair Open Class competition. The Open Class competition is a long-standing tradition that has recognized the craftsmanship and green thumbs of Coloradoans for more than 100 years.

Since the first Arapahoe County Fair took place in 1906, many talented individuals have earned ribbons, cash premiums and bragging rights for their baked goods, dried and canned foods, needlework and quilts, photography, fine arts and homegrown vegetables, herbs or flowers.

Categories in the Open Class Contest include:

- **Fiber Arts:** Quilting, knitting, felting, crocheting and various needle arts
- **Visual Arts:** Photography, drawing, painting and other fine arts
- **Culinary Arts:** Varied breads, cakes, cookies, jellies, jams, preserves, and canned, pickled or dried foods
- **Horticulture:** Vegetables, fruits and herbs
- **Floriculture:** Flowers, ornamental grasses and arrangements

Entries will be accepted and displayed at the main exhibit hall at the Fairgrounds (25690 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora). Horticulture entries cost \$1 and must be delivered 7-10 a.m., July 21. Floriculture entries cost \$1 and must be delivered 7-10 a.m., July 22. Culinary, Visual and Fiber Arts entries cost \$1 with a pre-entry form or \$2 for walk-in entry and must be delivered 9 a.m. - noon or 4 -7 p.m., July 18 or 8-11 a.m., July 19.

Special Contests

A variety of new special contests will be unveiled at the 2011 Fair, July 20-24. Join the pioneers of the past and make history by bringing a fantastic fruit pie to be judged by a celebrity judge in the Pie Contest at 4 p.m., Thursday, July 21. Take 'the cake' by bringing an unbeatable bundt or delicious dutch chocolate cake to be judged by a celebrity in the Chocolate Cake Contest at 5 p.m., Saturday, July 23. Or tackle a pastry head-first in the Pie Eating Contests at 4 p.m. Friday, July 22 or 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. Special contests are open to all and will be judged by age group as follows: 12 and under, 13 to 18, or 19 and over. The entry fee is \$1 and contestants can pre-enter by June 24 or enter on the day of the contest.

All contest guidelines, categories and an entry form can be found in the Open Class Fair Book, available at www.arapahoecountyfair.com or by calling 303-730-1920.

The Arapahoe County Fair offers summer fun at an incredible value! Gate admission (\$5-10) includes full access to all concerts, rodeos, tractor pulls, livestock shows, a demolition derby, fireworks and more. The little ones will enjoy a kiddie peddle-tractor pull, petting zoo, mutton bustin', face-painting and craft stations at no extra cost. Plus you'll find the best bargain around for just \$10-15 additional for a wristband with unlimited carnival rides. Visit www.arapahoecountyfair.com for a coupon and to learn more.

Thanks to our 2011 Fair sponsors: Roper Apparel & Footwear, Waste Management, City of Littleton, City of Aurora, Parker Trailers, Royal Crest Dairy, CBS4, Radio Disney, Kool 105 and 92.5 The Wolf.

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2010OpenClass.jpg: Dan and Susan Einarsen of Centennial won top accolades in the 2010 Arapahoe County Fair Open Class competition for the cross-stitch they worked on together for 25 years.