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Arapahoe County Fair invites Open Class entries

Enter your handmade and homegrown treasures in the citizens' contest

Aurora, Colo.--- There are four weeks left before the 2010 Arapahoe County Fair opens on July 21 — plenty of time to come up with a handmade or homegrown entry for the Open Class competition.

Residents of all ages and from all counties are invited to enter their best baked goods, needlework and quilts, photography, fine arts or homegrown vegetables and flowers in this citizen-friendly contest, a longstanding fair tradition. The entries will be on display in the main exhibit hall throughout the Fair (July 21-25) and the winners will earn a ribbon, cash premiums and bragging rights that last all year.

Divisions of the contest include:

- **Fiber Arts:** Quilting, knitting, felting, crocheting and various needle arts
- **Visual Arts:** Photography, drawing, painting, collages 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

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.

Walk-in entries are accepted. Culinary, Visual and Fiber Arts entries cost \$2 and must be submitted at the fairgrounds (25690 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora) between 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., July 19 or 8 – 11 a.m., July 20. Horticulture submissions must be entered at the Fair from 7 - 10 a.m., July 22. Floriculture entries are due between 7- 10 a.m., July 23. Both horticulture and floriculture entries cost \$1.

The Arapahoe County Fair (July 21-25) offers an an incredible value, with gate admission that includes parking and full access to all events, concerts, rodeos, livestock shows, petting zoo, mutton bustin' for youth and more. Thrill-seekers also will find the best bargain of the summer for a wristband with unlimited carnival rides.

On Wednesday-Thursday (July 21-22), enjoy \$5 gate admission, or \$15 for admission and unlimited carnival rides. From Friday-Sunday (July 23-25), enjoy \$10 gate admission, or \$25 for admission and unlimited carnival rides.

The County is looking to fill 600 volunteers, who will work a four-hour shift and enjoy free gate admission to the fair on the day(s) they work. To get involved, please call Val Purser at 303-738-7938.

Arapahoe County Fair sponsors include Waste Management, Aurora Chamber of Commerce, City of Littleton, E-470, Go Toyota Scion Arapahoe, Potestio Brothers, Royal Crest Dairy, Sinton Dairy and media sponsors 92.5 The Wolf, *Aurora Sentinel*, CBS4, *I-70 Scout*, Mix 100, Radio Disney and *The Villager*.

For directions, a schedule of events and to download a coupon for \$2 off the carnival pass, visit www.arapahoecountyfair.com.

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To download photos click on the following link: <ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/FAIR/2010>

Open Class 2009: A classic red barn won the grand champion prize for a decorated cookie jar at the 2009 Arapahoe County Fair.