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## **Ready, set, stitch! Enter quilts and needlework in the County Fair *Open Class contest sends out early call for Fiber Arts entries***

**Aurora, Colo.**— It takes plenty of time and technique to piece together a handmade quilt, stitch a needlepoint, knit a garment or crochet an afghan. That's why the Arapahoe County Fair is putting out an early call to needle masters to start preparing their entires for the Open Class Fiber Arts Competition of the 2010 Arapahoe County Fair, July 21 - 25.

Citizens from any county and of all ages can enter their handiwork in the quilting, knitting, felting, crocheting and various needle arts sections of the contest. Submit your best to earn a blue ribbon and bragging rights that last a year.

New this year will be judging of quilts in every class based on size. A class specifies how the quilt is made, such as hand or machine-pieced and quilted, appliquéd, embroidered and more. Within each class, size groups include: wall hangings at least 36 inches square or smaller; regular quilts smaller than 72 by 90 inches, and large quilts 72 by 90 inches and larger.

Contest guidelines, classes and an entry form can be found in the Open Class Fair Book, available at [www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com) or by calling 303-730-1920.

Pre-entry forms are recommended and must be mailed by June 25 to the CSU Extension (5804 S. Datura Street, Littleton, 80120). Walk-in entries and all exhibits are accepted at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds (25690 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora) between 10 a.m.-7 p.m. July 19, or 8-11 a.m., July 20. Pre-entry costs \$1 per entry, while walk-in entries cost \$2.

The Arapahoe County Fair offers an incredible value with gate admission that includes full access to all concerts, rodeos, a demolition derby, livestock shows, petting zoo, mutton bustin' for youth and more. It also offers the best bargain around 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. Friday-Sunday (July 23-25), enjoy \$10 gate admission, or \$25 for admission and unlimited carnival rides.

Volunteers and sponsors are always needed to contribute to the success of Fair. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jim Abendschan at 303-795-4956. To learn about the hundreds of volunteer positions available, contact Val Purser at 303-738-7938.

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