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Arapahoe County Fair invites Open Class entries

From home brews to dried foods, citizen contest showcases local talent

Aurora, Colo. – Citizens from all counties are invited to enter the Open Class Competition at the 2013 Arapahoe County Fair. From baked goods and quilts to photography and jams, this longstanding tradition shows off the artistic talents, culinary skills and green-thumbs of citizens.

Enter your handmade and homegrown treasures for a chance to win ribbons, cash premiums and bragging rights that last all year. Experienced judges will review the entries, which will be on display in the Exhibit Hall throughout the Fair (July 24-28).

The main divisions of the Fair Open Class Competition 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, and gluten-free baked goods
- **Horticulture:** Vegetables, fruits and herbs
- **Floriculture:** Flowers, ornamental grasses and arrangements

In addition, the **3rd Annual Battle of the Homebrews** will take place pre-Fair on Saturday, July 20. Sanctioned by the American Homebrewers Association and the Beer Judge Certification Program, this competition welcomes anyone age 21 years or older who makes beer, ale, mead or cider as a hobby.

During the Fair, live contests include a **baked fruit pie** contest on Thursday, July 25 and a **chocolate cake contest** on Saturday, July 28, with tasting and judging by a panel.

Contest guidelines, categories and entry forms can be found in the Open Class Fair Book, available at www.arapahoecountyfair.com, at community locations or by calling CSU Extension at 303-730-1920.

The Arapahoe County Fair is fun for the whole herd, with all stage, arena and tent entertainment included with general admission. Kids ages 12 and under get in free all week. General admission for ages 13 and up is free Wednesday-Thursday (July 24-25) and just \$5 Friday-Sunday (July 26-28). Parking is \$5 per vehicle daily. Carnival rides and midway games are sold separately. Buy tokens and pay per ride or get a daily unlimited carnival ride pass for \$25 per person.

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To download photos, click on the link: <ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/FAIR/2013/OpenClassPhotography.jpeg>; [OpenClassFloriculture.jpeg](ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/FAIR/2013/OpenClassFloriculture.jpeg); [OpenClassQuilts.jpeg](ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/FAIR/2013/OpenClassQuilts.jpeg)