Calling all handmade and homegrown treasures!

County Fair Open Class contest invites hobbyists’ creations

Aurora, Colo.— Amateur hobbyists are invited to enter their handiwork in the Open Class competition of the 2009 Arapahoe County Fair, July 22 - 26. Submit your best—from quilts and floral arrangements to landscape photographs and apricot jam—to earn a blue ribbon and bragging rights that last a year.

Citizens of all ages and from all counties can enter their handiwork from various hobby areas to compete in the Open Class competition, which includes the following divisions:

- **Fiber Arts**: Quilting, knitting, felting, crocheting and various needle arts
- **Culinary Arts**: Varied breads, cakes, cookies, jellies, jams, preserves, and canned, pickled or dried foods
- **Visual Arts**: Photography, drawing, painting, collages and other fine arts
- **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](http://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 Fair between 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., July 20 or 8 – 11 a.m., July 21. Horticulture submissions must be entered at the Fair from 7 - 10 am., July 24. Floriculture entries are due between 7- 10 a.m., July 25. Both horticulture and floriculture entries cost $1.

The Arapahoe County Fair (25690 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora) offers an an incredible value with $10 admission that includes all concerts, activities and entertainment—from rodeos to demolition derbies—except for carnival rides and games. Upgrade your ticket with unlimited carnival rides for just $5 Wednesday - Thursday and $10 Friday – Sunday.

The 2009 Fair is sponsored by Waste Management, City of Aurora, E-470, City of Littleton, Potestio Bros, Royal Crest Dairy, Tagawa Gardens, Go Toyota Scion, Sinton Dairy, Radio Disney, Wolf 92.5 FM, 99.5 the Mountain, Mix 100 FM, *The Villager* and *Aurora Sentinel*.

Want to get more involved? Be a volunteer at the Fair. Call 303-738-7938.

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