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## **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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