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Make, Take, Grow or Show It Enter your Best at the 2015 Alameda County Fair

Exhibits, Contests and Competitions general entry deadline: **May 20, 2015**

Pleasanton, Calif. -- Whatever your hobby, passion or distraction, there's probably a competition for it at the Alameda County Fair!

Adult and Youth Exhibit divisions both offer a range of competitive categories such as Culinary Arts, Garden & Floral, Fiber Arts, Hand Crafts, Hobbies & Collections and Science & Technology. The Youth division also includes a School Projects category and Talent competition. Categories divisions accommodate all ages, from 3-years-old and up, in addition to a range of ability levels, including physically and/or mentally challenged.

Exhibit sub-categories range from standards like pie baking, quilt making and rose growing, to more niche competitive areas such as Christmas Tree Decorating, Pinterest Patriotic Art, Home Brew and Winemaking, Loom Bracelet Design, Robotics, and more.

Other popular categories include Knitting/Crochet, Needlework, Scrapbooking, Ceramics, Stained Glass, Dolls, Woodworking, Cake/Cupcake Decorating, Homemade Jams/Salsas Photography, Sculptures, Poetry, Wool & Fleece Show, Video, Website, Metal Work, Jewelry, Wood Carving, Scarecrow making, Pinewood Derby cars, Homemade and Commercial Wine, Flowers/Herbs, Floral Arrangements Garden Produce Small Animals and Livestock.

For those who enjoy live competition, the Fair also offers a variety of fun contests for all ages such as the Diaper Derby, Hippity Hop Races, Golf Putting, Kissing Contest, and Cooking and Pie-Eating Competitions.

For complete entry information and rules, go to **acfairexhibits.com**. The deadline for general entries is Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Some competitions are judged in advance of the Fair and require earlier entry deadlines.

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The Amateur Winemaking contest is one of the Fair's early-entry competitions and was held recently. Congratulations to the follow entrants who were recently named this year's winners:

- Best White Wine: Brad Dyer, Goose Down – Sauvignon Blanc
- Best Red Wine: Brad Dyer, Goose Down – Syrah
- Best Dessert Wine: Jim Adams, Pickfair Cellars – Golden Muscat
- Best Label, Mike Johnston – Heaven's gate

The homemade wine competition is open to California residents, 21 and over. See the Fair website for additional information: www.alamedacountyfair.com.

2015 Alameda County Fair Information

Dates: June 17 – July 5 (Open Tuesday – Sunday)

Hours: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily

Carnival Hours: Tues -Thurs, 12 p.m. to closing, Fri-Sun, 11 a.m. to closing

Horse Racing: Thursday through Sunday, June 18 --21, June 25 --28, and July 2--5

Big O Tires FREE Concerts: 8 p.m. – 9:15 p.m., nightly. Special effects show with video tribute to local heroes, immediately following concerts.

July 4th: Blues Festival, 1-9 p.m., Fireworks Spectacular, 9:30 p.m., Budweiser Grandstand

Gate Admission*:

- Adults (13-61) -- \$12
- Seniors (62+) -- \$8
- Kids (6-12) -- \$8
- Children under 6 – FREE

*Purchase in advance (before June 16) and save up to 33%

Special Pre-Fair Pricing (until 6/16/15):

- Season Pass (admission for all 17 days) - \$49.95
- Fun Pack (4 general admission tickets and 1 parking pass) - \$40

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Special Days (ALL SPECIAL PRICING ENDS AT 5 P.M.):

- Military Appreciation, FREE Fair admission with valid Military ID -- ALL DAY, EVERYDAY
- Opening Day: June 17 -- \$1 Admission & \$1 Rides, UNTIL 5 P.M.
- \$2 Tuesdays: June 23 & 30 -- \$2 admission, UNTIL 5 P.M.
- Seniors FREE Thursdays (62+) – June 18, June 25, & July 2, UNTIL 5 P.M.
- Kids FREE Fridays (12 & under) – June 19, June 26, & July 3, UNTIL 5 P.M.
- Feed the Need Food Drive & \$1 Rides, benefitting Alameda County Food Bank. (Bring 4 non-perishable food items and receive FREE admission) June 24, UNTIL 5 P.M.
- “Drop Zone Donations” Drive – Blue Star Moms’ send care packages to Support our Troops.(Bring 4 items from donation list and receive FREE admission & \$1 rides) July 1, UNTIL 5 P.M.

Big O Tires Presents - Concert Series Preview:

6/17 – War

6/18 – Brian McKnight

6/19 – The Original Wailers

6/20 – Kutless

6/21 – Tierra

6/23 – The Boys of Summer (Eagles tribute)

6/24 – The Beach Boys

6/25 – Rodney Atkins

6/26 – Tower of Power

6/27 – Con Funk Shun

6/28 – Tanya Tucker

6/30 – Steelin’ Dan (Steely Dan tribute)

7/1 – Foghat

7/2 – Kansas

7/3 – Morris Day & The Time

7/4 – Red, White & Blues Festival (1 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

7/5 - Berlin

The Alameda County Fair is operated by the non-profit Fair Association without any tax funding from the government. It is ranked one of the Top 50 North American Fairs and the 7th largest Fair in California. The Fairgrounds is home to the Oldest One-Mile Race Track in America.