# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Welcome to the 2024 edition of the Monterey County Fair Entry Guidebook. This publication will provide all information needed to enter your home goods, paintings, livestock, etc. into Monterey County Fair for judging and display. Our exhibit program is an excellent way to show off your talents, earn bragging rights, and have fun! Need help? Call the Entry Office at 831/372-5865 We are happy to answer your questions!

### HOW TO USE OUR GUIDEBOOK AND SUBMIT ENTRIES

- Enter all exhibits online at: www.montereycountyfair.com
- Review the "Table of Contents" to discover the areas that interest you, then check due dates and deadlines.
- Each department specifies rules, regulations, entry due dates, exhibit receiving dates, and other important information.
- PLEASE NOTE: ALL LOCAL and STATE RULES APPLY to all Departments and Divisions.

**Local Rules** – Included in this guidebook.

State Rules for California Fairs – Available on the California Department of Food & Agriculture website, the Monterey County Fair Website and a copy is on file at the Monterey County Fair Livestock Office. Visit: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/

- Complete the online entry form and submit it with entry fees, if applicable, before the due date. Mail paper entry forms to the address listed on each, or bring them to the Fair Office, 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
- Fill the forms out COMPLETELY, provide Division and Class numbers with descriptions or titles.
- Junior exhibitors must indicate age and have parent and/or youth organization leader's signature.

- Divisions and Classes will be judged under the American system and/or the Danish system.
  - **American** The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second, etc.
  - **Danish** The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first placings, etc. as merited.
- All entries MUST BE ORIGINAL and must have been completed by the entrant within the past year and not entered in a prior Monterey County Fair.
- All entries must be IDENTIFIED, preferably on back upper left corner or under base with entrant's name, address, phone number, Division number, Class, and title. Title must be the same as given on the online entry. All information is to be neatly hand printed or typed.
- For further general information, letters from Governor and CDFA Secretary as well as more Monterey County Fair information, please check website.
  www. montereycountyfair.com

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Entrant's Name Address

Phone Number

Division Number Class

Title



### PREPARE FOR FUN AT THE FAIR

## Tips to Make Your Visit Hassle-free & Memorable

We believe Monterey County Fair plays a very important role in our community. We appreciate that you and others choose to join us to celebrate time-honored traditions that reflect the diversity of our area. MCF Staff and Volunteers do their best to put on a great Fair and take pride showcasing our community through performances, events, and exhibits.

MCF Livestock Show and Still exhibits showcase the link between agriculture, the public, and local farmers and ranchers. When visiting the Fair, you will see displays of local crops, crafts, and livestock – all intended to help educate you and our community about our state's agricultural sector.



### **CLEAR BAG POLICY**

The Fair has implemented a clear bag policy.

- Bags must be clear plastic or vinyl or PVC and not exceed 12" by 6" by 12".
- without a handle or strap are permitted.
- Exception may be made for medically necessary items after inspection.
- Animals are not allowed on the Fairgrounds
- Exception may be made for approved service animals

### **SCREENING POLICY**

To ensure a safe, pleasant, family-oriented setting, the Fair will conduct bag searches and security screening utilizing metal detectors at entrance gates.

Prohibited items on the Fairgrounds include

- Bottles, cans, glass containers, or hard sided containers, ice chests or coolers, non-factory sealed plastic bottles
- Weapons: guns, knives, mace/pepper spray/stream (or any other items that could be considered or used as weapons)
- Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, skates/rollerblades, and Segways
- Toy guns, water pistols, or imitation weapons
- Gang colors or paraphernalia
- Alcohol, cannabis products in any form, illegal substances, narcotics, any related paraphernalia
- Unauthorized flyers and leaflets
- Outside food and beverages (unless for medical reasons)
- Unmanned aerial vehicles
- Chairs, tents, tables, and large shade umbrellas
- Fireworks, firecrackers
- Any items deemed dangerous or inappropriate by Fair staff

### **ENTERTAINMENT AND EXHIBITS**

Fair admission includes all exhibits and entertainment. Take time to visit the exhibit halls and see agricultural products, floriculture, arts and crafts, and wool. Enjoy a variety of free entertainment including concerts and strolling entertainment.

### **COLORING CONTEST**

- Four Grand Prize Winners: Winners in specific age groups will receive a Family Fun Pack of 4 tickets by email.
- Coloring Page and Rules at www.montereycountyfair.com