

GOLD! RUSH TO THE FAIR!

Welcome

This year's Fair showcases the natural heritage of our community, Gold! Rush to the Fair and become part of the fun and excitement as we celebrate an aspect of our history that made our community great!

Show off your talents and exhibit one of your special creations at the 2011 Nevada County Fair. Entries open on June 1. There are many new contests this year, so be sure and look through all the departments in this Competition Handbook. There is bound to be something you would love to show off.

Special Contests

Check out all of the fun Special Food Contests starting on page 22. Enter your family's famous Salsa or Chocolate recipe and get into the Fair free for the day!

How fast are your fingers? Can you out text your friend? Visit the Special Events Tent for the Text Message Competition on Friday, August 12.

Entering Your Exhibits

You may enter all exhibits on-line, except for the Cut-Out and Decorative Chair contests on page 25 and junior market livestock entries and Ag Mechanics Auction projects. Entry fees are the same for all categories whether entering on-line or by paper entry. It is imperative the entry form for all breeding classes be filled out completely. Please visit our website at www.NevadaCountyFair.com for more information. If you wish to enter by mail, both youth and adult still exhibits entry forms are located on pages 131-136. **They must be received by the Fair Office no later than 4 pm, July 8.** Late entries, accepted until July 15, will be charged the original entry fee, plus a **\$2 per exhibit** post-entry fee. No faxed entries, please.

The Fair Office mailing address is P. O. Box 2687, Grass Valley, CA 95945. We are located at 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley. The deadline for on-line entries will be Friday, July 15 at 5 pm. For exhibit delivery times and locations please see pages 27 - 28.

Judging and Award System

Judging of exhibits is done by either the Danish or the American judging systems. In the Danish system, each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets a product standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits. In the American judging system, each entry in a class is judged in comparison to other entries in the class. Awards are given according to relative merit with the potential for no more than one first, one second, one third place per class. There will be a **Best of Division** award for every "still" division. It will be chosen from entries that receive 1st place in the division. Every Best of Division winner will receive a ribbon. In addition, if a particular division is "sponsored," the exhibitor will receive either cash, a gift certificate, or a savings bond.

There will be a "sponsored" **Proud Tradition Award** for selected departments. It will be chosen from all the entries that receive Best of Division in the department. A **People's Choice** award will be chosen from entries in selected departments.

Pick Up Your Exhibits

Please pick up your exhibits on Monday, August 15. We're open from 8 am to 6 pm. Premium checks will be mailed following the Fair. Absolute deadline for picking up exhibits is Friday, August 19. Due to limited storage space, any items left at that time will be disposed.

Draft Horse Classic & Harvest Fair Exhibit Entries

The Draft Horse Classic and Harvest Fair will be held from September 22 - 25. Inquire at the Fair Office regarding entry into the still exhibit competitions. If you exhibit in the Nevada County Fair, you will receive an invitation to the Thursday, September 22 performance of the Draft Horse Classic.

