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BE PART OF THE 2025 MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR HOME & GARDEN COMPETITION



FREEHOLD – The **Monmouth County Fair** is celebrating its 50th Anniversary! This 5-day event features live entertainment, thrilling rides, decadent food, 4-H shows and exhibits, and, of course, the **Home & Garden Competition**. At the heart of the Fair, this beloved tradition invites local residents to bring their finest handcrafted items, tastiest homemade baked goods, and best of their garden’s bounty to compete for a blue ribbon. Think you got what it takes to win? Then start planning your entry today!

The competition starts when staff accepts entries of art, photos, crafts, needlework and canning on Sunday, July 20 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and on Monday, July 21 from 8-11 a.m. Flower and vegetable entries should be brought to the Fairgrounds on Friday, July 25 from 8-11 a.m. Baked goods will be accepted at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 26 from 8-11 a.m. Pre-registration is not required for these categories. Please note that this is an amateur competition.

The **Home & Garden Competition** will accept entries from Senior Center and Adult Day Programs on Monday, July 21 and Tuesday, July 22 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. For information on the Senior Center and Adult Day Programs Competition, please contact Anne Simon at 732-460-1167, ext. 4643.

The **On-Site Native Plant Flower Arranging Competition**, hosted by the Native Plant Society of New Jersey, will be held on Friday, July 25 at 7 p.m. Contestants will have one hour to complete their flower arrangement. Plant materials will be provided; however, contestants are required to bring their own container. Arrangements will be judged on creativity, diversity of plants, and best use of container. **Pre-registration required.** For more information or to register, please contact Jason Goldman at Jason.Goldman@co.monmouth.nj.us or 732-872-2670, ext. 4374.

New for this year, is the **Black Jar Honey Competition** sponsored by Central Jersey Beekeepers Association. Contestants should bring one honey jar to the fairgrounds for submission on Saturday, July 26 between 8-11 a.m. Honey must be filtered and in a classic one-pound jar filled to the fill line. Judging is at 2 p.m.

After judging, the entries in the **Home & Garden Competition** can be seen at the **Monmouth County Fair**. For more information about the **Home & Garden Competition** or to download a brochure, visit www.MonmouthCountyFair.com or call 732-842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711.

Held at East Freehold Showgrounds, Kozloski Road, Freehold, the **Monmouth County Fair** runs Wednesday-Sunday, July 23-27. Hours are 4-11 p.m. on Wednesday-Friday, July 23-25; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday, July 26; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 27.

General admission to the **Monmouth County Fair** is \$10 per adult; children 12 and under are admitted free. Half price admission offered during the first two hours of each day; 4-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Veterans and active military with ID also enter for free. On Sunday, seniors 65 and older and students with ID are free.

Be sure to follow the Monmouth County Park System on social media. Upcoming Fair contests will be announced on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages, offering an opportunity to win admission tickets and more.

The ***Monmouth County Fair*** is presented by the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners in cooperation with the Monmouth County Park System and the Monmouth County 4-H Association. For more information about the Fair, visit www.MonmouthCountyFair.com, or call 732-842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711.

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