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**BE PART OF THE 2024 MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR
HOME & GARDEN COMPETITION**



FREEHOLD – It's time to start getting your entries ready for the ***Home & Garden Competition*** at this year's ***Monmouth County Fair***. Staff will accept entries of art, photos, crafts, needlework and canning on Sunday, July 21 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and on Monday, July 22 from 8-11 a.m. Flower and vegetable entries should be brought to the Fairgrounds on Friday, July 26 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Baked goods will be accepted at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 27 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 22 and Tuesday, July 23 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Pre-registration is required for Senior Center and Adult Day Programs only. Registration deadline for the Senior Center and Adult Day Programs is Friday, July 12. Contact Anne Simon at 732-460-1167, ext. 24, for a registration form.

New for this year is an ***On-Site Native Plant Flower Arranging Competition*** hosted by the Native Plant Society of New Jersey. Held on Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m., contestants will have one hour to complete their flower arrangement and must bring everything needed to complete their arrangement. This includes but is not limited to container, flowers and scissors. A small amount of flowers will be on hand while supplies last. 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. 225.

After judging, the entries in the ***Home & Garden Competition*** can be seen at the 49th annual ***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 24-28. Hours are 4-11 p.m. on Wednesday-Friday, July 24-26; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday, July 27; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 28.

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

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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