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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**BE PART OF THE 2026 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 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and on Monday, July 20 from 8-11 a.m. Flower and vegetable entries should be brought to the Fairgrounds on Friday, July 24 from 8-11 a.m. Baked goods will be accepted at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 25 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 20 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and on Tuesday, July 21 from 8-10 a.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 24 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](mailto:Jason.Goldman@co.monmouth.nj.us) or 732-872-2670, ext. 4374.

Also returning this year is the ***Black Jar Honey Competition***, sponsored by Central Jersey Beekeepers Association. Contestants should bring one labeled honey jar to the fairgrounds for submission on Saturday, July 25 between 8 and 11 a.m. Honey must be in a classic one-pound jar or Queenline honey jar and filled to at least the lowest rim (fill ring). Judging is at 2 p.m. and based on taste, moisture content, and absence of perceptible crystals.

After judging, the entries in the ***Home & Garden Competition*** can be seen at the 51<sup>st</sup> annual ***Monmouth County Fair***. For more information about the ***Home & Garden Competition*** or to download a brochure, visit [www.MonmouthCountyFair.com](http://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 22-26. Hours are 4-11 p.m. on Wednesday-Friday, July 22-24; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday, July 25; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 26.

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 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

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