

Premium List For Fair Exhibits Available At Fair Office

Allentown Fair Premium Lists. which explain exhibit entry procedures for this year's fair running Aug. 29-Sept. 4, are available at the fair office.

Requirements, deadlines, and fees for entry in all departments are listed. Animals, farm, orchard, garden and home products, and flowers, photographs, antiques, arts and crafts are judged and exhibited at the fair.

During this year's fair, the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II will be commemorated by special exhibits inside Agricultural Hall. Home and garden trends from the war period will be displayed, including examples of victory gardens.

The fair is asking that photographs of local World War II veterans be submitted for a "Salute to Veterans" exhibit. Participants can either mail or drop off one photo of their favorite vet to the fair office from August 1-21 between 9 a.m.-5p.m.

The name or names of the person or persons pictured and, if known, the year and the location of the photo must be labeled on the back of the photo. The entrant's name, address and phone number also must be listed.

In addition to the traditional fair judging categories, the premium list describes seven corporatesponsored culinary competitions. They are listed as "special contests" under the home products section.

Two of the contests, Land O Lakes Light and No Fat Sour Cream "Quick Bread" and Spam "Best Recipes," are state-level competitions with winning recipes forwarded to national test kitchens. Placing entries at the fair can win up to \$100.

The national Land O Lakes winner will receive \$500 and a year's supply of products. The Spam national finalist will win a \$2,500 shopping spree at the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minn. plus air fare and two nights' accommodations for two.

New this year, The Pampered Chef, a company which offers an array of kitchen tools through home shows, is sponsoring an "original cookie contest." Contestants are asked to create a cookie to be judged on originality, taste, and appearance. Up to a \$100 worth of Pampered Chef products will be awarded to place winners.

The locally-operated Clover Hill Winery and Vineyards is back for its second year with a "Cooking With Wine" contest. Entrants may prepare an appetizer, entree or dessert. Place winners will receive gift baskets from Clover

The Softasilk "Championship Cake Award" winner will take home \$100 from the fair competition. And, for "chocoholics," Hershey returns with its "Greatest Cocoa Cake Contest" and its youth "Greatest Cocoa Cookies, Brownies and Bars Contest" for 8 to 18 year olds.

First place winners go on to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January where they vie to win a weekend at a Hershey resort.

Twelve-year-old Amy Martin of Allentown took top honors at the farm show this year with her creation that took the blue ribbon at last year's fair, "Amy Martin's Delicious Cocoa Brownies."

Unlike the other items in Ag Hall that are judged without spectators before the fair opens, the special contests judging is hosted by radio station WLEV with the public invited to watch. Livestock judging events are also open to

Premium Lists can be picked up at the fair office behind the Ritz Barbecue on the fair grounds weekdays between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. They are also available at the fair ticket office Saturdays from 10 a.m-2 p.m. For more information, call (610) 433-7542.

'Year of the Dairy Cow' At Montgomery County, Md. Fair

Increased premiums, butter sculpting, milking demonstra-tions, and educational exhibits highlighting the dairy industry will be some of the many activities planned for the 1995 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair when the Year of the Dairy Cow is celebrat-

The annual Gaithersburg, Md. event, Aug. 18-26, which draws more than 400,000 spectators, recognizes an animal species each year as the Animal of the Year.

"There are so many dairy-related activities and educational programs that we are able to offer to our visitors," said Fair President Robert Pack. "We hope that the dairy exhibitors will also see this year's fair as a special opportunity to compete with other top-notch breeders. The increase in the premiums offered for our dairy shows will hopefully draw those who don't normally exhibit at our fair."

Activities to be included at the 1995 fair are a butter sculptor, a milking parlor, calf judging, and milking contests.

A one-ton replica of a Holstein cow will greet fair visitors at the Perry Parkway entrance to the fair, courtesy of Turkey Hill Dairy of Conestoga, Pa., while a cluster of cows grazing atop a platform will highlight the fair's circle display at Chestnut Street.

"The fair's advertising campaign is 'Come to the Fair and Milk It For All It's Worth'," Pack said. "The fair wants people to come to our event and take in all of the activities, many of which are free, and just literally have a great time. It's a great event to come to if families are looking for good wholesome entertainment all the way through."

Complete rules and regulations for exhibiting at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair can be obtained by calling the fair office at (301) 926-3100.

Ag Equipment To Be Showcased Aug. 1

ELKTON, Md. - Maryland's premier agricultural equipment demonstration is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, in Cecil Coun-

Ag Showcase, in its 15th year, has become a popular part of the Cecil County Fair, drawing more than 300 farmers from Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

No matter what crops or livestock you produce, there will be equipment here for you.

This year's program at the Fair Hill Fair Grounds on MD Route 273 will feature the latest in hay, conservation tillage, TMR mixing, and manure handling equip-

Come prepared for a hands-on event as equipment will be demonstrated, not just exhibited. Dealer and company representatives will be on hand to answer your questions as you put their equipment through the test.

Refreshments, provided by Central Maryland Farm Credit, Elkton office, will be available at 9:30 a.m. Along with morning equipment demonstrations, Gary Cottman, product representative with John Deere, will give a brief program on global positioning systems.

Also, Dr. Wesley Musser, extension economist with the University of Maryland, will talk about his research to assist farmers in selecting the proper size farm equipment for their farms.

Equipment demonstrations start in on 20 acres of orchard grass hay with the newest mowing, raking, tedding, and chopping equipment. Prior to lunch, extension personnel will discuss the cost and effectiveness of single strand electric fencing to prevent deer damage to crops. Lunch will be available for a charge, served by the county Farm Bureau women.

After lunch, activities continue with box and slurry type manure spreader demonstrations including how to calibrate these for precision application. Then it'll be hay baling time with the latest balers, baggers, and wrappers. TMR mixer wagons will also be demonstrated. Field equipment activities wind down with a conservaton tillage equipment demonstration. Soil conservation staff will be on hand to measure residue cover after each machine.

Antique equipment from area collectors will be displayed all day. For the first time ever, Ag Showcase activities spill over onto the fairgrounds, with a compact tractor demonstration at 6:30 p.m. Spectators will get to see and operate compact tractors and every conceivable attachment available.

Farmers-Businessmen Picnic July 26

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — The Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture is holding its annual "Farmers - Businessmen's Picnic on Wednesday, July 26, at the Old Dogwood Hill Farm, Milford, N.J.

Wagon tours of the farm will start at 4:30 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. A riding demonstration will take place at 6 p.m., with a picnic supper at 6:30 p.m.

Old Dogwood Hill Farm, Inc. is owned and operated by Paul and Edith Kozak. Since 1980, theirs has been a "homebred" Thoroughbred horse breeding and training farm. They have four Thoroughbred stallions and two stallions used as "teasers." There are 28 broodmares, from whom are produced the sales inventory of the future.

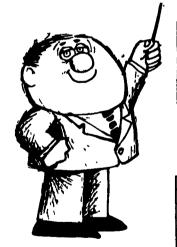
The vast majority of the land is devoted to pasture. Their staff offers a full range of training options to owners, from teaching a foal its first lesson to breaking the 2- to 3-year-old. They offer seminars to the public on breeding and pregnancy care, a training regime from foel to finish, in-hand clinic, do's and don'ts of the show ring, and numerous other programs.

The meal will be an old-fashioned full-course picnic supper by Maddalena's Cheesecake Co. Inc. There will be barbecued chicken sausage and peppers, potato salad, coleslaw, corn on the cob, fresh fruit, watermelon, cheesecake, ice cream, coffee, tea, and milk.

After supper, George Ball Jr., president, chairman, and CEO of the W. Atlee Burpee Co. will be guest speaker. His speech will be "the history of the last 150 years of gardening and farming through the eyes of the Burpee Company.

There will be a drawing for door prizes after the talk.

All tickets are \$15 per person. Deadline for purchase is July 20. Call extensions service, (908) 788-1339, for more information.



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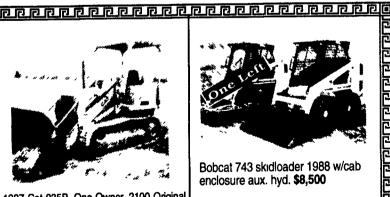
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