

Maryland Fair Contestants Needed

TIMONIUM, Md — The Maryland State Fair Home Arts Department is in search of creative individuals to enter a variety of challenging contests. Cash prizes will be awarded in all contests and the winning entries will be on display in the Home Arts Department beginning on Opening Day, Saturday, August 29. For a complete list of contests, rules and registration information, contact the Maryland State Fair office at 410-252-0200, ext. 231 and request a Home Arts Premium Book. Among the competitions are:

Baked Products Contests

• **Fleischmann's Yeast "Best-Ever Holiday Yeast Bread" Competition**—Maryland residents, ages 18 and older, are invited to enter their bread using Fleischmann's Yeast. Bread may be made using bread machines or traditional baking methods. Creative shapes are encouraged.

• **The Land O Lakes Butter**

• **"Best Cookie" Contest**—Maryland residents are invited to enter their best tasting, most creative cookie with the most unique presentation using at least 1/2 cup of Land O Lakes Butter.

• **The Land O Lakes Margarine "Sweet Treat Team" Contest**—Maryland adult-child teams (consisting of one child ages 6-18 years and one adult over 18 years of age) are invited to enter their special after-school sweet treat using at least 1/2 cup of Land O Lakes Margarine.

• **National "Best SPAM Recipe" Competition**—Maryland residents, ages 18 and older, are invited to enter their most scrumptious SPAM creation. Must use at least one 12 ounce can of SPAM, any variety. First place will automatically be entered in the national competition. Pre-registration deadline is Wednesday, August 19.

• **Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crust Championship**—

Maryland residents are invited to create and enter their favorite two-crust fruit pie using one package Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crusts (two crusts).

Handiwork/Crafts Contests

• **Family Outfits Contest (clothing division)**—Maryland residents are invited to use their creative techniques to construct two coordinating outfits for family members, such as mother-daughter, father son, siblings, etc.

• **Youth Two-Piece Outfits Contest (clothing division)**—non 4-H youth up to age 16 are invited to use their own creative techniques to construct two coordinating items to make an outfit.

• **Crafts Challenge (crafts and decorative arts division)**—Maryland youth and adults are invited to construct and enter their own, up to 12"x18", ready-to-hang wall hanging which must contain: exactly one wine bottle cork, exactly one metal fishing weight, at least a two inch piece of drinking straw; exactly

one shoelace (not to be used for hanging); at least four pompoms; exactly one rectangle yellow material (minimum size 2"x4" — may not be in the background). Any other materials may be used.

• **Hat Contest (knitting and crocheting division)**—Maryland residents of all ages are invited to turn their knitting, crocheting, tatting, or any other combination of these skills, into a hat. Hats can be plain or embellished with buttons, beads, ribbons, etc.

• **Decorated Sweatshirt Contest (crafts and decorated arts division)**—Maryland residents of all ages are invited to create and enter their decorated sweatshirt using any medium.

• **Traditional Class and Plastic Canvas Needlepoint Contests.**

Theme: Embellished Flower with Animal/Bird Friend (needlepoint division)—Maryland stitchers of all ages are invited to enter any item embellished with a flower and animal/bird (example, a flower and a bee) executed on

either traditional or plastic canvas with a variety of stitches.

• **Christmas Ornament Contest (counted thread, counted cross stitch, embroidery division)**—Maryland residents are invited to create a Christmas ornament that includes some form of embroidery stitchery, counted thread, cross stitch crewel, etc.

• **Miniature Quilt Contest (quilts and embroidery division)**. Theme: Birdhouses—Maryland residents, over 14 years old are invited to enter their hand-quilted miniature quilt. Size must be at least 12"x12" and may not exceed 18"x18". One entry per person.

• **Fleece to Shawl Competition (weaving and spinning division)**—Maryland and adjacent states' spinners and weavers of all ages are invited to enter in teams of three spinners and one weaver. Must provide necessary equipment and a complete shawl with a minimum sleyed width of 24" in 3 1/2 hours. Must preregister before August 17, 1998.

• **Handspun Sock Contest (weaving and spinning division)**—Maryland residents, of all ages, are invited to use any technique/fiber to make and enter only matched pairs made from 100% handspun yarn. Both yarn and socks must be created by entrant.

• **Fine Arts "Spring Flowers" Miniature Contest (fine arts division)**—Maryland residents are invited to enter their favorite arts miniature of spring flowers, maximum size to include 8"x10" frame (any medium, any subject). The "1/6 rule" of miniature painting applies.

• **"School Days" Snapshot Contest (photography division)**—Maryland residents of all ages are invited to enter their favorite 3 1/2"x5" or 4"x6" "school days" snapshots. Photos must be entered in a baggie for display. Only one entry per family. Snapshots must have been taken since last Fair.

The 117th Maryland State Fair, which will offer a variety of livestock and horse shows, midway rides, thoroughbred horse racing, 4-H and home arts exhibits, runs from Saturday, August 29 through Monday, September 7, 1998, at Timonium Fairgrounds in Baltimore County. Early risers are welcome to attend livestock and horse shows at 9:00 a.m. Exhibit halls are open from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. The Midway opens at 10:00 a.m. on weekends and 12 noon on weekdays. Admission is only \$4.00 for adults and children under twelve are admitted free. Rides are individually priced. Admittance to the race track is included in the admission price of the

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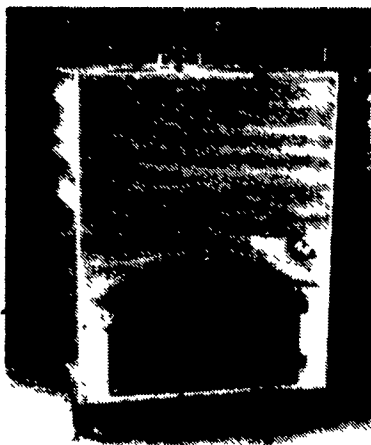
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