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FAIR EXHIBITOR GUIDEBOOK NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Central Washington State Fair is still more than two months away but if you ever wanted to enter something in the annual event, now is the time to start making plans to do so. Everything you need to know about entering an item in this year's fair is now available online through the Fair's Exhibitor Guidebook at www.statefairpark.org. The 2014 Guidebook tells how, when and where to enter items. It also provides information on contests open for exhibitors, as well as premium information and other useful tips for bringing home a blue ribbon.

Last year the Central Washington State Fair paid out over \$100,000 in premiums to exhibitors.

Participants can enter exhibits in baked food, food preservation, flowers, photos, fruit, vegetables, art work, woodworking, crafts, sewing, quilting, scrapbooking, amateur wine, homemade beer, livestock and more. Those who do enter have a chance to win some of the thousands of dollars and/or prizes the fair gives out to the best of the best entries. Plus, your entry will be on display for some 300,000 people to see!

Fair exhibitors also can also win prizes and money in several contests at this year's fair. Contests this year include: Bucket of Junk where the top prize is \$75.00; Apple King apple pie contest, top prize for the youth department is \$150.00; Vintage Modern Sewing Contest, \$125.00 in prizes and money; Pallet Contest, top prize is \$75.00; For more contests see the contest pages under Home Arts in the Fair Guide.

Information is also available on the return of the Plein Air Contest - which is a painting contest done outside rather than in a studio. The term comes from the French en plein air, meaning 'in the open air'. Not only is this a fun contest for the participant, but fairgoers get to observe the contest artist in action.

For those entering a quilt in the Fair, there is a new critique form in the guidebook, which is part of a new judging system to evaluate the quilted entries at this year's Fair.

This year the Fair is bringing back a Youth Sheep Show, Long Horn Show and Dairy Cattle Show. Entry information is in the guidebook, as is information on entering a Fleece and Fiber Show, which is new to the Fair this year.

Folks who have made something that they would like to enter into the Fair and see no specific category listed for it in the guidebook can call the Fair office to make arrangements for its possible display

The new Central Washington State Fair Exhibitors Guidebook can be found on the Fair's website at www.statefairpark.org by clicking on "*how to participate*," and then click on "*competitive exhibits*." It is easy to use and easy to enter all kinds of items in this year's Fair. Those who don't have online access can call the Fair office at 509-248-7160. Individual department information is available and can be picked up at the Fair office at 1301 South Fair Ave. in Yakima.

This year's Central Washington State Fair runs from September 19-28 in Yakima.

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