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2019 Arlington County Fair solicits handmade crafts for Competitive Exhibits Awards ceremony for local food, arts and plant entries slated for August 17

Arlington, VA – The 2019 Arlington County Fair, one of the area’s largest free summer events, is soliciting entries for the annual community Competitive Exhibit contest, which features age-based judging in seven food, arts and plant categories. Entries will be publicly displayed throughout the fair, which takes place August 14 to 18, 2019 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center.

Residents of Arlington County may submit handmade or homegrown entries in the following categories: Honey, Beeswax & Food Preservation; Decorated Food Products & Baked Goods; Art Needlework & Wearing Apparel; Crafts & Fine Arts; Photography; Herbs, Fruits, Nuts & Vegetables; and Flowers, Arrangements & Potted Plants.

Within each category, exhibitors’ entries will be sorted into aged-based awards divisions: Adult (18 and older); Teen (13 to 17); Youth (7 to 12); and Child (6 and under). Community members of all ages are encouraged to showcase their outstanding creativity and vie for coveted championship ribbons.

Competitive Exhibits are reviewed and judged by volunteers who are trained experts in each category. In addition to awards in each category for each of the four age divisions, special judges’ choice prizes will be awarded to those entries which best capture the 2019 Arlington County Fair theme – “A Family A-Fair.” The awards ceremony will take place Saturday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center.

Additional information, rules and required registration forms and entry tags are available online at <http://arlingtoncountyfair.us/entertainment/exhibits/>. Paper copies of the registration form will also be available in the printed Competitive Exhibit Guide available in late June.

Drop-off for non-perishable entries such as needlework and photography will take place at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center on Wednesday, August 14 between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., while drop-off for perishable food items will take place Thursday, August 15 between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

About the Arlington County Fair: The Arlington County Fair is a non-profit volunteer-driven event that embraces a diverse community by educating, entertaining and showcasing the best of Arlington. For the past 43 years, the fair has been one of the largest free events on the East Coast with over 84,000 attendees from Northern Virginia and the Washington metro area.

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