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THE 136th unFAIRgettable MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR PRESENTED BY TOYOTA IS IN SEARCH OF QUILTERS, BAKERS, FINE ARTS AND OTHER HOME ARTS CREATORS TO ENTER A VARIETY OF HOME ARTS COMPETITIONS ON-LINE ENTRY PRE-REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

TIMONIUM, MD - The Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is in search of Maryland quilters, bakers, fine arts makers and other creators to enter a variety of home arts competitions for ribbons and cash prizes. A complete list of competitions, rules and registration information can be found at www.marylandstatefair.com. Entries must be post-marked or entered on-line by 11:59 p.m. on July 31, 2017. Walk-ins will also be accepted on dates specified in the on-line Premium Contest Book. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded in all competitions and all entries will be on display when the Home Arts building opens on Friday, August 25 through Labor Day Monday, September 4. The Midway for Ridemania and some livestock shows will be open on Thursday, August 24. Following is a taste of the variety of contests at the 136th unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair:

BAKED PRODUCTS

NEW THIS YEAR:

- "Decorated Wedding Shower or Baby Cake
- "4-H Alumni Baking Competition" cakes, fruit pies, jelly rolls, cookies and cupcakes
- "Fair President's Cake" Fair Theme
- "Governor's Cake" Maryland Theme
- "Miss Agriculture Sweet Treats" candy/cookie assortment in a decorated box or basket
- "Decorated Rice Krispie Treat" Any Theme

HANDWORK/CRAFTS/DECORATIVE ARTS CONTESTS

- "Pin Loom" Weaving
- "Unique Use of Unspun Roving"
- "Wind Chimes" Woodworking
- "Our Four Legged Friends All Decked Out!" Crocheting
- "Animal Scarf" Knitting, Tatting and/or Lace item (using any or all of these techniques)
- "Root, Root, Root for the Home Team" Miniature Quilt (anything sports related)
- "Celebrating Sheep" Rugs & Hooking
- "Pillow" Youth Sewing
- "Table Runner" Adult Sewing
- "Embellishment" Adult Sewing
- "Counted Thread, Counted Cross Stitch or Embroidery item/object beginning w/the letter "A" (ants, acorns, aprons,, etc.)
- "Christmas/Holiday Ornament or Toy" Counted Thread, Counted Cross Stitch & Embroidery
- "Any Traditional or Plastic Canvas Needlepoint item/object beginning w/the letter "A" (angel, animals, airplane, etc.)
- "Christmas/Holiday Ornament or Toy" Traditional or Plastic Canvas Needlepoint
- "Calligraphy"
- "Miss Maryland Agriculture Note Cards"

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- **“Decorated Shoe”** Competition
- **“Chesapeake Bay Inspired”** Basketry Challenge
- **“Calligraphy”** Competition
- **“Nature Craft Contest”** for children under 12-years-old

FINE ARTS

- **“Painting of a Country Church”** Watercolor Contest
- **“A One Room School House”** Miniature Fine Arts Painting Contest
- **“Portrait of a Clown”** Computer Generated Arts

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

- **“Winning the Race”** (car, bike, swim, horse, running) Photo
- **“Maryland Dams”** Embellished, Photoshop Color Photo

The 136th unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment that are sure to captivate visitors of all ages. No other event provides so much food, fun, family entertainment and education for so little. The Maryland State Fair, located in Timonium in Baltimore County, opens **Thursday, August 24 with a Ridemania Preview night and runs through Monday, September 4, 2017. See Fair hours below.**

Hear **Live National** and **Local Entertainment** featuring **Halestorm** with opening act **Fatally Yours**; and, **Sabrina Carpenter** with opening artist **Alex Aiono**. Enjoy **thrills & chills on the Midway or Kiddie Land tame rides**. Taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**. Experience **Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing**; Explore the **4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden, Exhibition Hall and the Mosner/Miller Museum/DNR Buildings** for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits. See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. Participate in **U-Learn Farm agriculture education activities, Nature Play Space** and more.

The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden and Exhibition Hall hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM, Saturdays – Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building hours: Monday – Friday, 2 PM – 8 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – 8 PM. Kiddie Land rides area hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10AM - 10 PM. Main Midway rides, games and food stands hours: Monday – Friday, 2PM - close and Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM - close. Early risers are welcome to attend livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings at 9 AM. **Admission to the Fair is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (62 and older) and \$3 for children (6-11). Children five-years-old and younger are admitted free. Rides are individually priced. Limited parking on the Fairgrounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5.** Taking the **Light Rail** is recommended. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.

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