

MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR

more than a fair, we're a culture

PRESENTED BY



TOYOTA

2200 York Road • Timonium, MD • 21093 • 410-252-0200 • msfair@msn.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

General InFAIRmation::

410-252-0200, x227 or www.marylandstatefair.com

MEDIA CONTACT ONLY: Ms. Edie M. Bernier, 410-252-0200 x225

THE 137th 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

MORE THAN A FAIR, WE'RE A CULTURE – CreativeCULTURE!

TIMONIUM, MD – More Than A Fair, We're A Culture...CreativeCULTURE! 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, 2018. 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 24 through Labor Day Monday, September 3. The Midway for Ridemania and some livestock shows will be open on Thursday, August 23 Preview Night. Following is a taste of the variety of contests at the 137th MY Maryland State Fair:

BAKED PRODUCTS CONTESTS

NEW THIS YEAR:

- "Smith Island Cake" (Maryland's State Dessert)
- "4-H Alumni Baking Competition" (cakes, fruit pies, jelly rolls, cookies and cupcakes)
- "Fair President's Cake" Fair Theme
- "Miss Agriculture Sweet Treats" candy/cookie assortment in a decorated box or basket
- "Trick or Treat" edible Halloween themed centerpiece

HANDWORK/CRAFTS/DECORATIVE ARTS CONTESTS

- "Summer and Winter Structure Weave a Table Runner" Weaving & Spinning
- "Spin a Skein Plied with Silk" Weaving & Spinning
- "Painted Wine Glass" Crafts & Decorative Arts
- "Fall Door Decoration" Crafts & Decorative Arts
- "Soap Sculpture/Carving" Crafts & Decorative Arts
- "4-Footed Friends" Basketry Challenge, Crafts & Decorative Arts
- "Nature Craft Contest" Youth Crafts & Decorative Arts
- "Go Team" Crocheting
- "Get Ready for Fall" Knitting, Tatting and/or Lace item (using any or all of these techniques)
- "Stars" Miniature Quilt (starry night, star blocks, movie star, etc.)
- "Patriotism" Rugs & Hooking
- "Sleepwear/Leisure Pants" Youth Sewing
- "Adult or Teen Costume" Adult Sewing
- "Up-Cycle (formerly recycle)" Adult Clothing
- "Counted Thread, Counted Cross Stitch or Embroidery item/object beginning w/the letter "R" (rabbits, rocks, roosters, etc.)
- "Christmas/Holiday Ornament or Toy" Counted Thread, Counted Cross Stitch & Embroidery
- "Any Traditional or Plastic Canvas Needlepoint item/object beginning w/the letter "R" (rams, rose rocket, reindeer, etc.)
- "Christmas/Holiday Ornament or Toy" Traditional or Plastic Canvas Needlepoint
- "Miss Maryland Agriculture" Note Cards

"more"

FINE ARTS CONTESTS

- “One or Two Pair of Shoes or Boots” Watercolor
- “A Black-Eyed Susan” Miniature Fine Arts Painting
- ”Magazine Cover Illustration similar to Norman Rockwell” Fine Arts

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

- “Maryland Waterfalls” Photo
- “Pick Your Own Veggies” Embellished, Photoshop Color Photo

More Than A Fair, We’re A Culture! The 137th MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment 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, starts with **M&T Bank presents Fox-45FAMFest Preview Night with Ridemania, on Thursday, August 23** from 5 PM – 9 PM in the State Fair Park. **Midway rides, games and food areas open until 11 PM. Exhibit Halls, Barns, Midway Rides, Food, Games, and more open Friday, August 24 through Monday, September 3, 2018.** General Fair hours are Monday through Friday, Noon to 10 PM, Saturdays, Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM to 8 PM.

Hear live national and local entertainment during the M&T Bank Presents LIVE! OnTrack! Concert Series, featuring celebrated new Country artists **Chase Bryant** and **Chris Lane** on August 24; and, Rock band **Smash Mouth** on August 25; Legendary Classic Rockers **Jefferson Starship** on September 1; and, Country music sensation **Chris Janson** on September 2. Concerts begin at 7:30 PM, in the **LIVE! OnTrack!** Infield.

Enjoy **thrills & chills on the Midway** and **tame rides in Kiddie Land** play fun, **Fair games**, and taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**, Monday-Thursday, 12 Noon-close and Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day, Monday, 10 AM–close.

Explore **The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden Buildings, and The Exhibition Hall** for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits, Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. **The Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building** closes daily at 8 PM.

See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. Early risers are welcome to arrive early to attend the livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings. Go to www.marylandstatefair.com for 4-H and Open Class Show schedules.

Experience **Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing**, Friday, August 24 – Sunday, August 26 and Friday, August 31 – Monday, September 3. Post Time: 1 PM. Also enjoy Simulcast Horse Racing daily in the Grandstand and OTB.

Participate in **agriculture education activities** at **U-Learn Farm, U-Learn Food & Fiber, The Birthing Center**, the **Innovation Station, Horseland, Nature Play Space**, and more at various times throughout the Fair.

Admission to the Fair is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (62 and older) and \$5 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. **Uber and LYFT drop-off** and pick-up areas in the Deereco Road Park & Ride Lot. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.