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**THE 140<sup>th</sup> 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**

**MORE ENTRIES ANTICIPATED AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC**

**ON-LINE PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRY SYSTEM OPEN NOW**

TIMONIUM, MD – Prepare for the Fair! 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, cash prizes, and bragging rights. “We anticipate a larger number of entries this year due to the pandemic,” said Maryland State Fair Home Arts Superintendent Janice Coroneos. “Additional time at home resulted in more time for many people to focus on or to learn canning, baking, sewing, woodworking and other home arts skills. We look forward to exhibiting the entries for all of our fairgoers to enjoy.”

A complete list of competitions, rules and registration information can be found at [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com). Entries must be post-marked or entered on-line by 11:59 PM on July 31, 2021. 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 26 through Labor Day Monday, September 6.

Following is a taste of the variety of home arts contests at the 140<sup>th</sup> Maryland State Fair:

**BAKED PRODUCTS SPECIAL CONTESTS**

**NEW THIS YEAR:**

- Smith Island Cake (Maryland’s State Dessert)
- Eclairs or Cream Puffs
- Summertime Fun Decorated Cake
- Fair President’s Cake - Fair Theme

**HANDWORK/CRAFTS/DECORATIVE ARTS SPECIAL CONTESTS**

- “Weave a Twill Gamp” Weaving & Spinning
- “Endangered Sheep Spinning Yarn,” Hand Spinning
- “Nature Craft Contest” Children Under 12-Years-Old Crafts & Decorative Arts
- “Model Rocket” Crafts & Decorative Arts
- “Diamond Art” Crafts & Decorative Arts
- “Metal Art” Crafts & Decorative Arts
- “America in Miniature” Basketry Challenge, Crafts & Decorative Arts

“more”

HANDWORK/CRAFTS/DECORATIVE ARTS SPECIAL CONTESTS (continued)

- “Birds of a Feather” Crocheting
- “Mittens, Gloves or Scarf using USA Red, White & Blue Flag Colors” using any or all Knitting, Tatting or Lace Techniques
- “Log Cabins” Miniature Quilt
- “Music Fills the Air” Rugs & Hooking
- “Holiday Apron” Youth Clothing
- “Skirt” Adult Clothing
- “Recycle” Adult Clothing
- Counted Thread, Counted Cross Stitch or Embroidery item/object beginning w/the letter “J” (jar, jaguar, joy, etc.)
- “Christmas/Holiday Ornament or Toy” Counted Thread, Counted Cross Stitch & Embroidery
- Any Traditional or Plastic Canvas Needlepoint item/object beginning w/the letter “J” (jackrabbit, jack-o-lantern, etc.)
- “Christmas/Holiday Ornament or Toy” Traditional or Plastic Canvas Needlepoint

FINE ARTS CONTESTS

- “Crabs” Watercolor
- “American or Maryland Flag” Miniature Painting
- “Storytelling” Watercolor and/or Pen & Ink

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

- “My Happy Place” Photo
- “Boats & Ships” Embellished, Photoshop, Color Photo

The 140<sup>th</sup> Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily livestock, horse, home arts and farm and garden exhibits, rides, games, live entertainment, Thoroughbred horse racing and more sure to captivate visitors of all ages. No other event provides so much food, fun, family entertainment, and education for so little. **The 140<sup>th</sup> Maryland State Fair**, located in Timonium in Baltimore County, runs from **Thursday, August 26 – Monday, September 6, 2021**. For details, go to [www.marylandstatefair.com](http://www.marylandstatefair.com). **Prepare for the Fair!**

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