SPECIAL CONTESTS

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Project G-Street
Registration:
– Email: kmndakota@gmail.com by Monday, Aug. 3rd
Pick Up Materials:
– August 8th-14th, 2026 during store hours
Sew at the Fair:
– Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026 in Heritage Building
see page 178-179 for details

Amateur Flower Arranging
Sponsored by Bell Flowers
Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026, 11am - 1pm
Location: Heritage Building
see page 36 for details

2026 YOU BE THE JUDGE COMFORT CANCER ADULT HATS

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 77TH FAIR AND THE 29TH YEAR OF THE YOU BE THE JUDGE CONTEST THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR INVITES ALL TO ENTER A SPECIAL CONTEST.

RULES TO ENTER THE CONTEST

1. ADULT CANCER HATS MUST BE MADE BY THE EXHIBITOR.
2. HATS CAN BE CROCHETED, KNITTED, FELTED, WOVEN, OR SEWN.
3. HATS SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIT AN ADULT HEAD
4. HATS SHOULD BE MADE OF VERY SOFT YARN OR FABRIC – NO WOOL.
5. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KAREN GILLIS AT 301-869-0766.
6. ALL ENTRIES BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR AND WILL BE DONATED TO LOCAL AREA CHARITIES.

ENTRY TIMES

- BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE HOME ARTS BUILDING (TOP OF BUILDING 6) DURING NORMAL FAIR REGISTRATION HOURS.
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH FROM 2PM TO 8PM OR
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH FROM 2PM TO 8PM

VOTING AND JUDGING

1. GENERAL PUBLIC VOTING WILL BE HELD FROM SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 THRU WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 FROM 10AM TO 9PM.
2. WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE BY END OF DAY FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

A SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD IN THE HOME ARTS BUILDING ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 AT 7PM.

A SPECIAL AWARD IS DONATED BY A FRIEND OF THE FAIR TO THE EXHIBITOR WHO DONATES THE MOST ADULT HATS TO THE CONTEST.

Cheese Carving
Entry Time: Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 10am
Location: 4-H Building Exhibit Room
See below for more information.

Toilet Decorating Contest
Sponsored by Stang Plumbing
Location: Building #3
see page 35 for details

Ag Education Display Contest
Entry Deadline: Sunday, August 16
Judging: Thursday, Aug. 20 beginning at 10am
see page 171 for details

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CHEESE CARVING CONTEST

Tuesday, August 18, at 10:30am
4-H Building Exhibit Room

Come and show your artistic side and create a masterpiece with cheese!! The Fair will provide you with a two pound slab of cheese to carve your creation. You will be given 30 minutes to carve, some of the categories given for carving are Most Imaginative, Most Fair Related, Most Dairy Related, etc. Everyone gets a ribbon. Afterwards, visit The Big Cheese Booth to have one of the Fair's famous grilled cheese sandwiches! Your artwork displayed in the cheese display case located where the contest was held.

To register - call Debbie Malone at 301-972-0063 or e-mail dandrmalone@aol.com.

Deadline for Registering is July 27, 2026

1. Number of participants is limited to 12.
2. Must be an amateur carver.
3. Fair will provide a block of cheese.
4. Bring your own tools(example: paring knife, etc.)
5. You are welcome to come and get your sculpture the Sunday after Fair ends in the 4-H Building.
6. Participants must be at least 12 years old.
7. A confirmation letter will be mailed prior to the event to all participants stating confirmed time, location and instructions.

TOILET & TOILET SEAT DECORATING CONTEST

Sponsored by:

STANG PLUMBING & HEATING

Rules:

1. All toilets and toilet seats must be cleaned and sanitized.
2. Toilets and toilet seats will not be furnished by the Fair.
3. Entries can be pre-registered using the form below and mailed to:
   Montgomery County Agricultural Fair
   Attn: Special Contest (Toilet Decorating)
   16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
4. Entries are open to all residents of Montgomery County and Life Members of the Fair.
5. All entries must be able to withstand all types of weather, as they will be displayed outside.
6. Judging will be based on creativity and originality.
7. All entries must be taken to the designated area across from Building 3 on Friday, August 14, from 2 - 8pm. (Please come to the Fair Office and ask for Leslie if you have any questions.)
8. All entries must be picked up on Sunday, August 23, from 1–3 pm. Any entry not picked up by this time becomes the property of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair.
9. The committee chairperson reserves the right to refuse any objectionable exhibit.

Toilet Classes: 1 - Fair Theme. 2 - Toilet Theme. ***Prizes: 1st: $50, 2nd: $30, 3rd: $20, 4th: $10, 5th: $10***

Toilet Seat Classes: 1 - Fair Theme. 2 - Toilet Theme. ***Prizes: 1st: $20, 2nd: $15, 3rd: $10, 4th: $5, 5th: $5***

2026 Toilet & Toilet Seat Decorating Contest Entry Form

Sponsored by: ***Stang Plumbing & Heating***

Name: _____ Exhibitor Number: _____ (For Office Use Only)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name of Entry: _____

Description of Entry: _____

Classes:

Toilet Seat: _____ Toilet: _____

Place _____ (For Office Use Only)

2026 Amateur Flower Arranging Contest

Sponsored by Bell Flowers

- Sunday, Aug. 16 from 11am - 1pm - Heritage Building.
- Limited to the first 25 registrants.
- To participate please register with the Fair Office at (301)926-3100 x205, beginning July 1st.
- Flowers & supplies provided by Bell Flowers.
- Bring your own equipment.

All arrangements will be used in The Garden Room of the Heritage for luncheons during the Fair.

For more information call the Fair Office at (301) 926-3100 x205.

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