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Arapahoe County Fair Open Class Pre-Entries Open through June 24 *Calling all gardeners, quilters, photographers and bakers*

LITTLETON, CO – There's fair fun for everyone at the 2016 Arapahoe County Fair and open class exhibit pre-entries are open through June 24. Living arts walk-in entries are also accepted 4 – 7 p.m., July 25 and 8 –10 a.m., July 26. The three main entry divisions are living arts, horticulture and floriculture. Special contests are also back this year.

Living arts includes culinary arts like baking and canning, visual arts, fiber arts and creative skilled arts. New living arts divisions this year are traditional hooked rugs and leathercraft. Gardeners can enter their prized herbs, vegetables and fruits in the horticulture division. The floriculture division includes flowers, grasses and arrangements.

Special contests include a decorated cookie jar contest, baked fruit pie contest, chocolate cake contest and pie eating contest. The pie eating contest will be held 4 p.m. Friday- Sunday. There is no pre-entry for this contest.

There are two age divisions for entries; ages 18 and under and ages 19 and over. Entrants do not need to be members of 4H to participate. Winners earn ribbons, cash premiums and bragging rights.

The pre-entry deadline is 4:30 p.m., June 24. Pre-entry is not required but is recommended. Exhibit check in and judging times vary by division. All Open Class entries will be displayed at the main exhibit hall for the duration of the Fair. Exhibits will be released 6 p.m., July 31 with the exception of baked fruit pies and chocolate cakes which will be released immediately following judging.

For full details on entry, admission and judging please download the Open Class book and entry forms at <http://bit.ly/Openclass> or call the CSU Extension Office at 303-730-1920.

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