

# 2018 FEATURED CONTESTS

"You got to get it while you can." -Janis Joplin

Featured Contests are often ONE TIME only contests and have great cash premiums, JUMP IN! American System of Judging for all special contests. **Please read general rules on pg. 6 and any special rules within each contest.**

\* Exhibitors 18 years of age and under may enter any special contest (as an adult) if there is not a comparable one in the Youth Division.

## HOW DO I GET STARTED?

1. Begin entry form
2. Choose Division - Contest
3. Choose Class -
4. Turn in form to Madera Fair by August 14, 2018, pay applicable entry fees.
5. Bring Exhibit on receiving day, August 21, 2018. For Food Contests, see pg. 4 for receiving date and time.

## ART & CRAFT

### DIVISION 1

#### "BILLBOARD CONTEST"

Gather your group or go it alone...the 2018 Special BILLBOARD Contest will be PAINTED LIVE for the public to see. We want you or your group to paint a classic billboard promoting the FAIR! The kind of highway like billboard that makes you want to pull over at the next exit! Join the advertising team of Madera District Fair by creating a BILLBOARD to be displayed during the run of the fair. Paint, in 7 words or less and/or images, the appeal of Madera District Fair, your fair! Is it the food, the midway, the entertainment, the livestock or more? 8 BILLBOARDS are available. Work to be completed on a horizontal 3'x4' plywood, provided by the Fair LIVE between 4-7pm on Thursday, September 6th 2018. Exhibitors provide their own paint and tools. Exhibitor information cannot exceed 8"x12" on front of billboard, if desired. Open to groups up to 4 or individuals.

#### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$150.00
2nd Place	\$90.00
3rd Place	\$60.00

Entry Fees: \$10.00 per entry

### CLASS

1	Madera Fair Billboard
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### DIVISION 2

#### "TABLE FOR TWO"

Set the mood with a spot at the table in the revisited TABLE SETTING contest. Madera Fair will provide 1 long farm table sectioned for 6 entries. Your table setting will be decorated for two. Etiquette authorities may be resourced as guidelines, but creativity counts and the judges decision will be final. No real food, plants, flowers or balloons are permitted. Any container used must be clean and empty. Who will 'be your guest'?!

#### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$30.00
2nd Place	\$20.00
3rd Place	\$10.00

\$1.00 Entry Fee

### CLASS

1	Table Setting
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### DIVISION 3

#### "DOODLY-DO"

Do you have a little corner of your notepad you doodle on while in a long meeting or class? It's an artform! We want to see and so do fellow doodlers. Submit an original page with your mindless doodling. Color, No-color, whatever your inspiration leads to.

#### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$10.00
2nd Place	\$7.00
3rd Place	\$5.00

\$1.00 Entry Fee

### CLASS

1	Doodling
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## DIVISION 4

### MASON JAR SIMPLICITY

There are a million and one things to decorate or fill a MASON jar with. Its primitive existence boasts of desired simplicity and use, but if you've perused PINTEREST, you are bound to come up with the most wonderful displays or uses of simplicity! Enter your creative simplicity in the returning contest: MASON JAR SIMPLICITY.

#### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$15.00
2nd Place	\$10.00
3rd Place	\$5.00

\$2.00 Entry Fee

### CLASS

1	Decorative, single jar
2	Decorative set of 2-3 jars

## DIVISION 5

### "WRAPPED IN LOVE"

We are proud to partner with DOORS OF HOPE, a parenting and pregnancy resource center in Madera. Your handmade blanket in "Wrapped in Love" is not only a featured exhibit and competition, but, your exhibit will be donated to DOORS OF HOPE at the end of the Fair. Let your love wrap up a baby and family in 2018! Enter a tie blanket, quilt, knitted or crocheted exhibit for display and donation. min. size 25"x30" max. size 35"x40" All entries become property of Madera Fair for distribution to DOORS OF HOPE

#### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$15.00
2nd Place	\$10.00
3rd Place	\$5.00

NO Entry Fee

### CLASS

1	"Wrapped in Love"
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## PHOTOGRAPHY

open to any age and experience

#### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

Divisions 6, 7 and 8.

1st Place	\$10.00
2nd Place	\$7.00
3rd Place	\$5.00

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry

## DIVISION 6

### "MADERA COUNTY 125th"

Submit a photo in celebration of the Madera County 125th Anniversary. What beauty of the county will you feature through photo: the land, resource, structures, people or more! Enter an image highlighting Madera County's story. Photos can be from any year, as long as exhibitor has taken the photo. Prints may be either color or black & white, 8"x10" or 8"x12" and must meet requirements as listed in the photography rules pg. 7. Two entries per person max.



### CLASS

1	"Series"
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## DIVISION 7

### "WE'VE GOT SPIRIT"

Do you have an image of your favorite team or a zealous fan photo that screams "We're #1!" Whether a pro team, local school or community league, enter your pic! Photos can be from any year, as long as exhibitor has taken the photo. Prints may be either color or black & white, 8"x10" and meet the requirements as listed in the photography rules pg. 7. Two entries per person max.

### CLASS

1	"We've Got Spirit"
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## DIVISION 8

### "CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS"

California state parks host renowned natural wonders, scenic marvels and rich history. Enter a scenic or recreational image from one of California State Parks. Two entries per person per class. See photography rules pg. 7. Winners will also be recognized with a CA. State Park ribbon

### CLASS

1	"Our Beautiful Parks" scenic view
2	"Recreation in Our Parks" park activity including people

# 2018 FEATURED CONTESTS

## FLORICULTURE

### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$30.00
2nd Place	\$20.00
3rd Place	\$10.00

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry

**SATURDAY, September 8th**

**Contestants CHECK-IN by 5:30pm in FLORICULTURE  
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### DIVISION 9

#### *LIVE Floral RE-Arranging*

A (30) minute challenge to RE-ARRANGE a fresh floral arrangement in front of a live audience at the Madera District Fair. A floral arrangement and equal supplies will be provided by the Fair for each contestant. Contestants will furnish their own working tools. All contestants will begin arranging at the same time in a specified area. Contestants will be judged as they create an arrangement. This contest is limited to the first (8) entries. ENTER IN MADERA FAIR OFFICE ONLY. A waiting list will be created when contest is full. Contestants need to arrive 20 minutes prior to contest or their position will be given to an alternate, so don't be late. The completed arrangement will be on display for the remainder of the Madera Fair and may be claimed Tuesday, September 11th by 6pm.

### CLASS

1	"Arrange It"
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### DIVISION 9 GUIDELINES

1. Each contestant will be supplied with a floral spray and foliage, 1 container, floral foam, floral tape, wire and water.
2. Contestants will be given (30) minutes and at the conclusion, all work must cease.
3. Arrangements will be judged on design distinction, creativity and technical skill.
4. Winners will be announced LIVE.
5. Contestants are responsible for their own tools.
6. Exhibitors 18 years of age and under may enter as there is not a comparable contest in youth divisions.

See special contest 'GET HITCHED' bridal bouquet on pg. 12

## FOOD

### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

Divisions 10, 11, 12 and 13.

1st Place	\$20.00
2nd Place	\$15.00
3rd Place	\$10.00

Entry Fees: \$2.00 per entry

### SPECIAL FOOD GUIDELINES

1. All food entries must be on disposable plates, pans or containers. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please do not provide audience samples.
2. Your food entry becomes the property of the Madera District Fair. A portion of all entries may be on display for the remainder of the Fair. Foods that are no longer presentable due to spoilage will be disposed of.
3. One entry per class per exhibitor. One free gate admission will be provided for Special Food Contest Exhibitor to deliver their food entry.
4. Recipes must be submitted on a white 5"x8" recipe card. If they are not, be prepared to copy your recipe onto the correct card at receiving. DO NOT put your name on the card. Your exhibit number will be placed on your recipe at receiving. Special contest recipes may be published.



**SPECIAL FOOD CONTESTS  
are judged live!**

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## DIVISION 10

### "LOCAL GROWN PIES"

**FRIDAY, September 7th**

**Receiving, 5:00-5:45PM**

**Judging, 6:00PM**

*Contest Sponsored by: Mike and Mary Diebert*

*1st Place \$75.00*

*2nd Place \$50.00*

*3rd Place \$25.00*

Our valley is often referred to as the "food basket for the world" due to the incredible number of commodities that are farmed here. This contest will feature the locally grown products that you can get at any local market or farm stand and then made into a pie! Apple, Peach, Berry or even walnuts, pecans or almonds. Make it unique and make it delicious! Bring out your oldest family recipe or make something entirely new.

Review special contest rules, note rule #4. Enter 1 pie in a disposable pie plate. Entry becomes property of the Fair. Please provide the name of the farm where you purchased your product.

### CLASS

1

"Local Grown Pies"

## DIVISION 11

### "BBQ'D BABY BACK RIBS"

**SATURDAY, September 8th**

**Receiving, 4:00-4:45PM**

**Judging, 5:00PM**

*Contest Sponsored by: BRIAN'S HEATING & COOLING*

*1st Place \$75.00*

*2nd Place \$50.00*

*3rd Place \$25.00*

Who can resist a savory slab of Baby Back Ribs? Who's got the gusto to de-throne Madera District Fair's BBQ Baby Back Rib undefeated king Councilman Charles Rigby? Bring a plate of 6 of your best to offer up to our judges. Maybe you can take home the prize and 2018 bragging rights! Sauce or rub em', we're looking for the KING or QUEEN of the BBQ! Review special food contest rules, note rule #4.

Enter (6) Baby Back Ribs

### CLASS

1

"BBQ'D Ribs"

## DIVISION 12

### NEW "CUPCAKE WARS"

**SATURDAY, September 8th**

**Receiving, 6:00-6:45PM**

**Judging, 7:00PM**

*Contest Sponsored by: The McCann Family*

*In Memory of T. Jean Burmer*

*1st Place \$75.00*

*2nd Place \$50.00*

*3rd Place \$25.00*

In memory of T. Jean Burmer's love for culinary competition, daughter Chris McCann and family are proud to sponsor our returning, cupcake showdown! Present (6) cute little cupcakes, of any one flavor. Who will hold the title of CUPCAKE CHAMP for Madera Fair's popular CUPCAKE WAR?! Review special food contest rules, note rule #4.

Live judging: Appearance, Originality and Flavor.

Enter (6) Cupcakes

### CLASS

1

"Cupcake"



## DIVISION 13

### "SALSA"

**SUNDAY, September 9th**

**Receiving, 5:00-5:45PM**

**Judging, 6:00PM**

*Contest Sponsored by: WARNOCK FOOD PRODUCTS*

*1st Place \$75.00*

*2nd Place \$50.00*

*3rd Place \$25.00*

Salsa turns any food into a party in your mouth! So dig out the old family recipe or concoct your own masterpiece and bring in some down-home palate pleasin' fun SALSA! Hot, medium or mild, whatever tickles your fancy. This salsa ain't from New York City! Review special food contest rules, note rule #4.

### CLASS

1

"Salsa"



# 2018 FEATURED CONTESTS

## 'GET HITCHED'

Madera Fair is hosting a wedding **RIGHT ON THE GROUNDS**, during the Fair, September 8th at 5pm. Here's a couple ways to join the fun!

### DIVISION 14

#### "WEDDING PICTURE"

In celebration of "It's Your Fair-GET HITCHED" share with our community your wedding picture. Formal or funny, old or new, we want to see YOU on YOUR wedding day. Submit any size, unframed up to 8x10. Color or Black and White. Photo must be single matted, non-framed. see pg. 7 Winners selected by "People's Choice" in Home Arts Building during the Fair. Winner posted Sunday, September 9th 2018 by 3:00pm. Winner will receive a one night stay at local B&B Rosebud House for a little honeymoonin'!



### CLASS

1	"Wedding Day"
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### DIVISION 15

#### "HERE COMES THE BOUQUET"

##### PRIZES OFFERED in DIV. 15

1st Place	\$20.00
2nd Place	\$15.00
3rd Place	\$10.00

NO ENTRY FEE

The Madera Fair bride needs a bouquet and she may choose yours! Enter a hand held bouquet that will be used in the 2018 GET HITCHED wedding, bouquet toss. Be creative, maybe even slip a little bit of the fair in that bouquet. READ floriculture dates and times on pg. 32 for receiving date

### CLASS

1	"Bridal Bouquet"
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## 'FAIR CAMP'

FAIR CAMP?! Yes! In partnership with City of Madera Parks & Community Services, we are excited to host a 1 week camp this summer on the FAIRGROUNDS. JUNE 11th-15th will be devoted to FAIR CAMP, emphasizing the best parts of the annual Fair: Livestock, Exhibits, Food, Entertainment and Fun! Visit City of Madera Parks & Community Services or [maderafair.com](http://maderafair.com) to register and for more details! FAIR CAMP divisions are ONLY for FAIR CAMP participants.



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NO ENTRY FEE

### DIVISION 16

#### FAIR CAMP

**FAIR CAMP GARDEN** will be a group project created and planted at Fair Camp on display at the 2018 Fair. There will be a total of 3 gardens competing.

**SHOEBOX PARADE** is an individually created activity, where each exhibitor will create and decorate a shoebox as a parade entry, maybe a float or a band or your favorite hometown hero! The parade will run during Fair Camp and be on display at the 2018 Fair.

**TORN CONSTRUCTION PAPER CRAFT** all ages remember the simplistic craft of creating a picture with torn construction paper.

### CLASS

1	Fair Camp Garden, Group Entry
2	SHOEBOX PARADE
3	Torn Construction Paper Craft, camp theme