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THE NEW ENGLAND CENTER: HOME OF THE BIG E CREAM PUFF, 4-H CLUBS, FUN EVENTS AND CREATIVE ARTS

At the heart of all things creative at The Big E, the New England Center offers contests, demonstrations, and more to celebrate local creativity throughout New England. See the display of entries and winners from the Exposition's annual Creative Arts contests. Check out all the fun family entertainment on the New England Center Community Stage or watch skilled crafters at work in the Demonstration Corral.

The Big E Bakery

Home of The Big E's famous Cream Puffs and Eclairs. Made right before your eyes, this year, The Big E Cream Puff features a ganache topping! Cream Puffs can also be found at the Food Court and (NEW!) inside Gate 9A. Eat them now or bring home a box in our easy-to-carry boxes!

Creative Arts Show

Skilled and novice artisans alike are encouraged to show off their talents and compete for the esteemed blue ribbon in numerous creative arts competitions. Fiber and fabric arts, photography, quilts, knitting, needlework, crochet, canning and many more will be displayed in the New England Center. Get inspired for your next project or be impressed by the skill and dedication of fellow craftspeople!

Fiber and Fabric Arts

Fiber and Fabric Arts categories encompass everything from sewing, quilting, crocheting and needlework, to rug hooking, hand spinning, beading, and wearable apparel! Admire the detail in each quilt on display or the intricate needlework of a New Englander crafter.

4-H in Action

Stop by the New England Center 4-H pods to watch demonstrations on topics of agriculture, technology, health, food safety, public speaking and more. Members from all six New England states design and present their 4-H program achievements and activities to over a million Big E attendees. There will be a photo gallery display to represent 4-H youth talent. Check out the New England Center Community Stage to watch 4-H'ers' musical or informational performances.

FUN

New England Center Community Stage

The New England Center Community Stage is the hub of all things ranging from 4-H'er performances to dance groups and music recitals. Don't miss out on performances by Noah Lis or shows for Ms. Senior Massachusetts Pageant. Make sure to stop by and see radio personality Howie Carr for a live broadcast Sept. 19 from 3 – 7pm. Check the daily schedule or visit TheBigE.com for performances you won't want to miss!

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Demonstration Corral

Stop by the Demonstration Corral to see the experts display their unique talents and watch in awe as the final products are revealed. Check the daily schedule for times.

If competing isn't your style, become a part of our Demonstration Corral to share your love of the arts and join our Creative Arts volunteer team. To join, visit TheBigE.com and register online or call (413) 205-5015.

1. **COOKING CONTESTS**
2. Sept. 13 – Big E Crazy Food Contest
3. Sept. 14 – Cookie Contest
4. Sept. 15 – Red Star Yeast Bread Baking Contest
5. Sept. 17 – Cooking with Bacon
6. Sept. 19 – Cooking with Honey
7. Sept. 22 – King Arthur Pie Baking Contest
8. Sept. 24 – Massachusetts Maple Syrup Cooking Contest
9. Sept. 24 – Salsa Making Contest
10. Sept. 26 – Cooking with Pumpkin
11. Sept. 27 – Cooking with Local Craft Beer
12. Sept. 29 – Cupcake Contest
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14. **MORE FUN CONTESTS**
15. Sept. 17 – Make it with Clay Contest
16. Sept. 18 – LEGO Building Contests
17. Sept. 21 – Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge
18. Sept. 25 – Woodturning Contest
19. Sept. 25 – Mr. Potato Contest
20. Sept. 26 – The Big E Paper Airplane Contest
21. Sept. 28 – Tabletop Tailgating Contest

For more details on competitions and rules visit the TheBigE.com

The Big E runs through Sept. 29 in West Springfield, Mass. and is jam-packed with food, entertainment, and so much more! Visit TheBigE.com to sign up for emails and connect on social media to be the first to get exclusive information. Join us with #BigEMoments.

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