



March 1, 2016

To: Marin County Educators  
From: Charlie Barboni, Marin County Fair Manager  
Re: Exhibit Opportunities

The 2016 Marin County Fair runs Thursday, June 30 through Monday, July 4. Themed, *75 Years – What a Ride!*, the Fair will feature educational and entertaining exhibits and programs for the entire family.

### SHOWCASE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR STUDENTS AT THE MARIN COUNTY FAIR!

- **75 Years – What a Ride!** – Exciting new categories include *Decorated Aprons, Decorated Hats & Cap, Decorated Parasols, Fair Memories, For the Birds!, Frame Up!, Make a Merry-Go-Round, Selfies, Time Capsules, Treasure Chests, Junior Videos, and What a Ride!* (Make a carnival ride and/or carnival scene). A limited number of parasols, caps, and aprons are available at the Fair Office for the first entrants to register.
- **ART** – Enter paintings, drawings, printmaking, ceramics, sculptures, self-portraits, digital art, cartoons, art chairs, gourd art, origami, trash to treasure, etc.
- **CREATIVE WRITING** – Poetry, essays, haiku, short stories, etc. New categories – *Marvelous Marin & 75 Years–What a Ride* (Celebrating the Fair’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.)
- **PHOTOGRAPHY** – Any subject matter, including Mobilography – Photos taken using electronic devices with built in digital cameras. Examples: Mobile phones, personal pocket computers, iPads, etc. There are also three categories for Snapshots – *Pets, Friends and Marvelous Marin*.
- **PERFORMING ARTS** – Individual and group categories for Vocal, Dance (including Hip Hop and Break Dance), Drama, Instrumental, Fiddle, Piano, etc.
- **GROUP ENTRIES** – Many departments include group categories; examples – an art chair, recycled art project, decorated parasols, decorated caps etc. may be made by a classroom.

Our goal is to invite every Marin student to participate. Teachers may enter their entire class in creative writing, art, etc. Please help the students fill out their entry forms and deliver their entries on the appropriate dates. You have the option of using the group entry form attached to this email – making it easier for you to enter your entire class. Students may receive ribbons and cash awards, and their entries will be on display during the Fair.

The Exhibitors’ Guide is also online at [marinfair.org](http://marinfair.org). Click on *Competitive Exhibits* and you will find a complete listing of all categories, rules and timelines. If you would like an Exhibitors’ Guide mailed to you, email me your name and address.

### IMPORTANT DATES!



- **ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE THURSDAY, MAY 12.** An entry form is attached to this email. It may be copied. You may also enter online at [marinfair.org](http://marinfair.org), email your entry form to [exhibits@marincounty.org](mailto:exhibits@marincounty.org) or fax your entry form to 415.473.3700.
- **MOST EXHIBITS ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO THE FAIRGROUNDS –** Friday, June 10, 3 pm to 7 pm or Saturday, June 11, 10 am to 5 pm, Exhibit Hall – Check the Exhibitors’ Guide online for additional delivery dates (Baked Goods, Floriculture, etc. are delivered the week of the Fair). Note – If these dates are not convenient, please call me to arrange a special delivery time.
- **RELEASE OF EXHIBITS** - Tuesday July 5, 12 Noon to 7 pm
- If you have any questions, feel free to call Charlie Barboni at 415.473.7048 or email [cbarboni@marincounty.org](mailto:cbarboni@marincounty.org).