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## **Family Arts Building provides venue for creative side of Marion County Fair**

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Calling all cooks, canners and artists of any variety: Enter your creation for the opportunity to win cash prizes and prestige. And if none of these categories seem to fit, there is even an ugly vase contest!

Food competitions, green living, and artwork will highlight the Family Arts Building at the 79<sup>th</sup> annual Marion County Fair, July 23 – August 1.

All entries to be featured at the Family Arts Building must be submitted by Indiana residents. Competition categories include handmade crafts, photography and fine arts, culinary arts and food preservation. Items to be considered for judging must be submitted July 18-19. Individual categories can be found at [www.marioncountyfair.org](http://www.marioncountyfair.org).

Tired of claiming that the vase sitting on the table is “the ugliest ever made?” Bring it to the Family Arts Building and give it the chance to win the title! Ugly vases can be brought in July 18, 19 or 23 and will be voted on during the fair.

Competitors also can bring their best “green” ideas to the Family Arts Building when they submit their creations. Throughout the fair, patrons will have the ability to vote on the best idea. It can be anything – re-purposed neckties, old placemats, Christmas cards, even chipped dishes!

Each day of the fair will offer special food competitions. The contests will kick-off Saturday, July 25 with the apple cobbler competition sponsored by Adrian Orchards of Marion County. Competitors will heat up Sunday, July 26 with the salsa competition sponsored by Waterman’s Farm Market – the perfect place to purchase fresh tomatoes and peppers for that “just-right” taste.

Competitors will be able to start the week right by entering their best recipe into Monday’s brownie competition, brought to you by James Drew Amusements – the same company

that brings fair-goers the fabulous midway. Tuesday will cater to the vegetarian population with the meatless chili competition. Take a trip around the world on Wednesday and bring in a family favorite from the “old country,” wherever that may be, for the ethnic desserts competition. Thursday carries on the dessert trend with the cheesecake competition. Friday, July 31 will finish off the specialty days with the best yeast bread recipe competition.

Daily competition submissions are accepted 5 - 7pm the day of that competition. Judging begins at 7 pm and is open to the public. Competitors are encouraged to stay and listen to judges' comments.

Entry forms can be obtained by calling the Marion County Fair administration office at 317.353-2444. Entries for regular competition are accepted on Saturday, July 25 between 2 and 5 p.m. and on Sunday, July 26 between 2 and 4 p.m. Pre-registered entries are \$3 per entry; entries that are registered on day-of are \$5 per entry.

For more information about the **Family Arts Building** or the **Marion County Fair**, visit [www.marioncountyfair.org](http://www.marioncountyfair.org) or call 317.353.2444.

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*The 79th annual Marion County Fair is July 23 – August 1 at the Marion County Fairgrounds, 7300 East Troy Avenue (just east of the I-465 & Southeastern Avenue interchange). One of Central Indiana’s most outstanding entertainment bargains, fair admission is just \$5 per person; children 5 and under are free, and parking is free. Make it YOUR fair! – the 79<sup>th</sup> annual Marion County Fair. For more information and discount offers, log on at [www.marioncountyfair.org](http://www.marioncountyfair.org).*