

Solano County Fair – Jun 30-Jul 1, 2018
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2018 Solano County Fair Results

Free admission draws just over 12,000 people to the weekend-long event

Solano County, CA – The 2018 Solano County Fair concluded its two day run this past Sunday, July 1, receiving many compliments and positive guest feedback for the variety and quality of entertainment and activities, the cleanliness of the grounds and for being a safe, family-friendly event. Total attendance reached 12,169 for the weekend-long event, which featured free admission to the Fair.

Adopting the theme of “Blue Ribbon Fun!” for 2018, the Solano County Fair focused on highlighting its Competitive Exhibits Program. Community participation in the Exhibits Program was strong again this year, particularly in the livestock departments which saw an increase in entries to 1,120 in 2018 compared to 958 in 2017. The Fair’s livestock competitions culminated with the Jack and Bernice Newell Memorial Junior Livestock Auction announced by auctioneer Rob Ramay. This year’s auction had 135 lots which raised \$128,957 for the 4H, FFA and Grange participants who put in countless hours getting their animals ready for the Fair.

The still life Exhibits Programs also enjoyed strong community participation with a total of 2,120 entries: 417 in Fine Art and Photography; 132 in Floriculture; 427 in Adult Solano Living; and 1,144 in Youth Solano Living. New this year, entrants were able to select one of their entries to be part of a silent auction sale of artwork. More than 90 exhibitors participated in the auction with proceeds going back to the exhibitors for their hard work. “No other event showcases the talents of our community like the Solano County Fair,” commented Board of Directors President, Dennis Yen. “From quilts to photography to canned goods and so much more, this year’s competitive exhibit entries represented the wealth of artistic and technical skills of the citizens of our home county.”



“We are really happy with the community participation we received for the Fair this year,” stated Yen. “The annual Solano County Fair continues to be a fun, safe, county-wide event that is made possible through the shared efforts of the Fair and the many local groups, organizations and individuals that participated in the Fair whether that was in our competitive exhibits, livestock competitions, performance stage, Cultural Pavilion or Non-profit Showcase. We can’t say thank you enough for those partnerships and to our Fair guests for making this another great year.”

Some of the activities brought to the Fair by community and county organizations included the First 5 Solano Giant Sandbox, the Health Fair by Solano County Family Health Services and a special Cajun food fundraiser by Solano Pride on Saturday night. Special events and attractions also took a prominent place in this year’s Fair line up with a new carnival layout by Midway of Fun, inclusion of the Solano County Mini Maker Faire in Expo Hall and Expo Plaza, an extremely successful Super Jaripeo Baile (bull riding and Hispanic concert) on Sunday, and the Talent Competition on Saturday night – featuring a multitude of artistic singers, an 80-year old competitor and won by a talented beat-boxer.

The Solano County Fair Association is already discussing plans for next year’s Fair, which will be its 70th anniversary. “Our desire is to produce a four day Fair in 2019 at the end of June,” stated Fairgrounds General Manager, Stephen Hales. “We were happy to work with the Solano County Board of Supervisors this year to find a creative solution for this year’s Fair programming. We will again be working collectively with them, our Board and staff, and other stakeholders over the coming months to explore the possibilities for what next year’s Fair will look like.” The 2019 Fair dates will be finalized by the Solano County Fair Association Board of Directors in the coming months in conjunction with the Fair Association’s annual budget process. The focus will continue to be on being the Fair of, by and for Solano County, and on providing high-quality community entertainment for the whole family at one of the county’s premier events.



Established in 1949 to produce the annual County Fair, the Solano County Fair Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit agency that is governed by a Board of Directors which is appointed by the Solano County Board of Supervisors. The Solano County Fair Association has been providing educational, cultural, artistic, commercial and recreational programs to the residents of Solano County for over 68 years. The mission of the Solano County Fair Association is “to ensure a positive experience for the public by providing a year-round multi-purpose venue that showcases and celebrates the wide variety of resources and activities available to our diverse community.”

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