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## New “We’re All Family” Fine Arts Award Announced for the 2016 Solano County Fair

*\$125 premium along with year-long display at Family Health Services clinics to be awarded to winning entries*

**Solano County, CA** – Photographers, painters and graphic artists have something extra to look forward to at the 2016 Solano County Fair – more money and a chance to have their art on display year-round.

“Artists showcasing their work at the Solano County Fair can compete for an opportunity to have their work on display at Solano County Family Health Services clinics. This partnership really expands our ability to showcase the Solano community,” said Fair General Manager Stephen Pierce.

A total of 20 pieces of art or photography will receive a “We’re All Family” award. This designation comes with a \$125 premium in addition to any other award received in the Fair’s competitive exhibits program. Winning entries will be displayed on the walls of Family Health Services clinics in Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo for at least one year.

Entries in the Fine Arts competition at the Fair can win a variety of cash prizes, ribbons and awards, including Best of Show and the Donald Scheper Creativity Award. This year it is possible for an artist who wins all the top honors to receive more than \$400 in premiums for an outstanding piece of art.

“We hope this new award will encourage even more Solano County artists to showcase their work at the Solano County Fair,” Pierce said.

Entry in the We’re All Family competition is not automatic. Artists must submit an additional application form and consent to have their work on display. The form is available on the Fair’s web site at [SCFair.com/competitions.html](http://SCFair.com/competitions.html) by clicking on the “Fair Forms” icon. Artists who have already submitted entries should bring the completed We’re All Family form when they drop off their artwork at the Fairgrounds.

The deadline to submit entries in all categories for the 2016 Solano County Fair is July 1.

All Fine Art entries will be on display in the County Building during the Fair, which runs from July 27 to July 31.



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More details for all competitive entry categories and contests and the complete 2016 Competition Guidebook can be found on the Fair's web site, SCFair.com. Printed copies of the Guidebook are available at county libraries, chamber offices and senior centers throughout the county as well as at the Fairgrounds' office.

### **Make plans to attend the Solano County Fair**

The Solano County Fair runs from July 27-31, 2016 at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo. All concerts are included FREE with Fair admission. 2016 Fair hours are 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Fair admission prices are \$8 in advance and \$10 on-site for adults, \$6 in advance and \$8 on-site for veterans, \$4 in advance and \$6 on-site for children ages 6 to 12 and seniors 60+. Children 5 and under are always free. Select activities, carnival rides and games have a separate cost. Carnival wristbands, good all day any one day, are \$20 in advance and \$25 on-site.

In addition to discounted pre-sale tickets, available online through July 26, the Fair is offering three special admission days.

- Wednesday, July 27: Seniors Day – seniors age 60+ receive free admission.
- Thursday, July 28: Kids Day – kids age 12 and under receive free admission.
- Friday, July 29: Military & First Responders Appreciation Day – military, law enforcement and firefighters and their families receive free admission.

All of the following sources are available to get the latest updates and announcements about the annual Solano County Fair as well as year-round Fairgrounds activities:

- visit the Fair's web site, SCFair.com;
- visit the Fair's blog at SolanoCountyFairgrounds.blogspot.com;
- follow the Fair on Facebook by clicking the link on the Fair's home page; or
- sign up to receive email blasts and newsletters by registering your email in the box at the top of the Fair's home page.

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