

Island County Fair Association

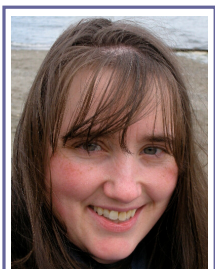
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Online entries are just one New Year's resolution



by Molly Kay

Happy New Year, everyone!

As we put 2007 behind us, it's time to look forward to the new year.

Of course, with a new year, there are sure to be changes!

This will be the last Island County Fair newsletter we mail but don't worry; you'll find the most accurate and up-to-date information about your fair on our newly revamped website:

www.islandcountyfair.com

Along with basic information, there's an events calendar where you can see what's happening at the fairgrounds during the year. We are currently working on the 2008 Fair entertainment schedule. Events that will be taking place in the Pole Building, Midway Stage and Arena during the fair will be

added online as soon as we get acts scheduled.

Our new fair premium software allows online exhibit entries. This year, you'll be able to process your fair entries from the comfort of your very own home! Right now, we are planning a test run this year, with full implementation for the 2009 Fair.

Other fun features include the Premium Book, Super 17 Challenge Information, photos from the 2007 fair and even a fairblog! The website is always changing and we're constantly adding more information and features, so check back often.

As always, we want to hear from you. What can we do to make your fair experience better? Send us an email sometime, give us a call or even drop by the office for a chat (winter hours are 11 to 2 Monday, Wednesday and Friday).

Have a great new year and we'll see you at the Fair August 14th thru the 17th!

The purpose of our Fair is education.

Quality exhibits from the farm, including all types of livestock and crops, horticulture and floriculture, are on display. From the home, all types of handwork are represented: clothing, needlework, art exhibits, baking, canning and fiber arts.

Our young people share their interests and development through various projects chosen for recreation and learning. There are demonstrations throughout the Fair to inspire an interest in the talents and abilities of the people in our unique county. It is our sincere wish that everybody attending our Fair leaves knowing something they did not know before they came.

The Island County Fair also provides entertainment and a place for all of us to gather with family and friends to celebrate the fruits of our labors and enjoy that which is so special about Island County.

Fairs are great - participate

MEET US AT THE GATE IN 2008

Joy Smith proudly displays her winning entry and the \$50 check awarded her by the Island County Fair Association. The 2008 logo was selected in November by Association members from among the outstanding designs entered at the Fair.

It's not too early to plan YOUR entry for this year's Fair. Click on the 'Super 17' link on our website, then 'Updates' to get the full scoop on how to enter, what's catchy and other noteworthy guidelines. Then get out your sketchbook!



We have a winner!

All by itself, the Compass Card handed out at the gates during the 2007 Fair was a winner. Discounts offered by Whidbey's Coffee, Pizza Factory, Mike's Place, Casey's Crafts, The Game Shack, Jerry Beck & Co., Island Drug, Curves and Ace Hardware ensured that fairgoers got a good deal by visiting those merchants.

But even better, a prize drawing was held from among the Compass Cards turned in to the Fair Office by December 31, 2007. Lucky Darnelle Campbell of Greenbank received a gift certificate from Whidbey Island Ford/Mercury for a free auto detail. Congratulations!