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Over 1,100 Ways to Enter the SD State Fair

(Huron, SD) - There are 1,171 ways to showcase your talents at the South Dakota State Fair by entering in the open class static exhibit divisions and the registration deadline is right around the corner.

Some contest areas include: canning, needlework, baking, quilting, table and place settings division, garden crafts, flower arrangements, art and photography.

“Whether you have an intricate quilt, upcycled furniture item, perfectly round and red tomato, or a table and place setting you are dying to show off, check out the premium books and see where you might fit in,” said State Fair manager Peggy Besch. “This year, an online entry process is available and exhibitors are encouraged to use it. To find the online entry forms, log onto sdstatefair.com, find the competitive events tab at the top of the page, and click on ‘static’ in the drop down box.” (*****Download [Besch audio](#)*****)

The static entry deadline is Sunday, July 31. Entries postmarked on that day will be accepted. Remember to include payment and completed W9 form (include SSN) with your entry. Other upcoming deadlines include open class livestock on Monday, Aug. 1. Late fees will apply to entries received after the deadline.

The 2016 SD State Fair will run from Thursday, Sept. 1, through Monday, Sept. 5. Channel Seeds Preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 31. This year’s theme is “Thrills, Squeals and Ferris Wheels.” For more information on State Fair events, contact the fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

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