



Literary artists invited to enter sanctioned show at San Mateo County Fair

Amateur and professional literary artists are invited to compete at the San Mateo County Fair slated for June.

Literary artists including bloggers, poets, short story writers, lyric songwriters, podcast and audiobook writers are invited to enter their works at the San Mateo County Fair. The contests are open to anyone, regardless of residence, but the **deadline to enter is April 2** before midnight. Contestants must be 16 years and older (younger literary artists can participate in the youth exhibits division). Contest rules and online entry are available at <https://www.sanmateocountyfair.com/literary-arts>.

Through a partnership between the San Francisco Peninsula Writers and the San Mateo County Fair, the literary entries will be showcased in the fair's Fine Arts Galleria, an 18,000 square-foot exhibit area, complete with a stage and seating for 125 guests.

For over a decade the fair and the San Francisco Peninsula Writers have joined together to highlight the literary arts during the fair's annual run. The Literary Stage features workshops, panels, author presentations, one-act plays, interviews, annual author day book sales, poetry readings, musical groups plus individual song and dance performances.

"The result of this collaboration is that our literary arts program has more than doubled over the years," shared Dana Stoehr, CEO of the San Mateo County Event Center and Fair.

In 2017, the fair's literary arts program became an official California Writers Club sanctioned show. A sanctioned show sets a standard for more comprehensive contest guidelines and regulates the continuity of qualified judges, among other benefits.

Other contest divisions include agriculture, creative home arts, culinary, fine arts, floral arts, gardens and landscape, youth exhibits, youth livestock, horses and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). The contest entry deadline for these specific divisions (all but literary arts) is May 8. Complete details about the fair's contests and online entry can be found at <https://www.sanmateocountyfair.com/compete/enter-your-stuff>





The San Mateo County Fair is the Peninsula’s premier community event for Bay Area family fun and entertainment. The 2018 fair opens June 9 and runs through June 17. The San Mateo County Fair strives to provide a diverse experience through education, inspiration and entertainment. The annual Bay Area fair represents a celebration of our community's talent, interests, innovations and rich agricultural and artistic heritage. The 2018 fair is themed “We Build the Fun.”

Discount tickets admission, carnival and season passes are now on sale at sanmateocountyfair.com. #SMCF2018.

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