
DEPARTMENT 116 - SPECIAL EVENTS

SONOMA COUNTY MARKETPLACE

Be sure to visit the Harvest Fair Marketplace, located just inside the front gates in the VG Garrett Building. Fairgoers can purchase gold medal winners and take home their favorite wines. Value pricing includes 10% off each bottle, 15% off 6-11 bottle purchases, and 20% off for case discounts. People can also bring home a variety of locally made food products available at the newly expanded Marketplace. Curbside pickup, carrying cases and on-site shipping also available.

GRAND TASTING

An Evening of Sonoma County's Most Inspired Food and Wine

On Friday, September 30, 2011, attendees will be first to partake in the medal-winning wines and cuisine. They'll also get to mingle with key winery and restaurant representatives (owners, winemakers, chefs, and other top positions), and hear insiders' stories about ingredients, philosophies and inspiration.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Grace Pavilion, Sonoma County Fairgrounds

Ticket price: \$60.00 in advance \$70.00 at door

Purchase 10 or more tickets and save! \$50.00 ea

Price includes admission to the fair on Friday

Hours: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

WINE TASTING SEMINARS

For those of you interested in wine tasting, wine experts will discuss "Everything you wanted to know about wine tasting but were afraid to ask" in short-course seminars. They are free to adults 21 and over, conducted three times daily on Saturday and Sunday in the Garrett Building. See the schedule or the signs for times.

ART RECEPTION & AUCTION

Art celebrating the beauty of Sonoma County's harvest will be judged, displayed, and offered for sale at the annual Harvest Fair Art Show. A reception is held Thursday 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Finley Hall. The reception will feature wine, light appetizers and music. Original art for the new Sonoma County Harvest Fair poster will be on display and bids will be accepted. Tickets are \$20.00 on a first come-first serve basis. Must be at least 21 years old, no children.

SCHOOL "AG-TIVITY" TOURS

Bring your elementary school students to the Sonoma County Harvest Fair

Friday September 30th 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Email us at harvestfair@sonomacountyfair.com to get earliest possible information about details and registration and to let us know you are planning on attending this fall! Put "Ag-Tivities" in the subject line and your contact information in the email.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A "scholarship fund" has been set aside for those schools which would not otherwise be able to come to the Harvest Fair. Applications will be accepted starting September 1st. For more information, you can download the application from our website at www.harvestfair.org or call the office at (707) 545-4203.

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COW MILKING CONTEST

Open to Amateurs only
Saturday, October 1, 1:30 p.m., Milk Barn

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per team **ENTRIES DEADLINE:** When Full

LIMIT: First 8 teams applying

ELIGIBILITY: Must be over 18 years of age. Any person who has previously been employed by or has lived on a dairy (& their families) is not eligible to enter.

ENTRY FORM: Available in the Entry Office

RULES

1. Each team to consist of two (2) milkers.
2. Cattle selection & team order will be determined by random selection (pick a number.)
3. Each milker will milk for 75 seconds on their first cow, then switch to a second cow for another 75 seconds.
4. The combined milk weight from both team members will determine their total amount.
5. The highest total pounds will determine which team is the winner.
6. In the case of a tie, the teams in the tie will flip a coin to see which team member will milk for an additional 60 seconds. Cows will be selected by random drawing.
7. Dress is optional, but team T-shirts and other costumes are encouraged.



World Championship GRAPE TOSS & CATCH

CONTEST TIME: Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. All contestants must register no later than 1:30 p.m. on October 2. Limit: 25 entries. [Check the daily schedule – times may change.]

ENTRY FEE, CONTESTANTS: \$10 per team, Open to ages 5 and older.

AWARDS: The top Open Division team will receive \$250, a trophy and a case of Sonoma County Wine**. The top Jr. Division team will receive a \$100 gift certificate from The Toyworks, a trophy and sparkling grape juice. **Winners will receive wine only if at least one member of the team is 21 or older.

This is a competition of speed and accuracy. The object is for the contestant to catch as many grapes as possible in his or her mouth within a three minute period. Each team shall consist of one Tossers and one Catcher. Each team may also have one Toss Assistant (optional). The Tossers and Catcher are the contestants, and The Toss Assistant is responsible for providing support (similar to the pit crew at a NASCAR race). For complete rules, go to www.harvestfair.org or visit the Harvest Fair office.

PUMPKIN TOSS

CONTEST TIME: Saturday, Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m. Sign-ups begin at 5 p.m. Limit: 75 entries. [Check the daily schedule – times may change.] **ENTRY FEE:** None

CONTESTANTS: Open to all fairgoers, ages 5 and older.

If you have ever wanted to throw vegetables in competition, this is the contest for you. Each contestant chooses a pumpkin [ranging from small to very large] to toss. We measure the results, and those who throw their pumpkins the farthest in each age group will win the coveted Pumpkin Toss Trophies. Don't worry...it doesn't matter how many pieces your pumpkin is in when it lands! The measurement is made from where the main part of your pumpkin first touches down.

Special Pumpkin Toss trophies will be awarded for the greatest distances. All contestants will receive a commemorative Pumpkin Toss ribbon.

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GRAPE STOMP

Open to Residents of Anywhere in the World

\$1,000.00 Grand Prize!

ENTRIES CLOSE: When full

ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 per team*

STOMPING: September 30, October 1 & 2

Each participant will receive an official stomp T-shirt and a Grape Stomp participant ribbon.

To pre-register, get an entry form from the Harvest Fair Office (707) 545-4203 or go to www.harvestfair.org. Teams that pre-register will receive free admission to the Fair.

OFFICIAL RULES

1. *Each team shall consist of one stomper and one swabbie.
2. Stompers must stomp grapes in an upright position, feet must be bare and no hands can be placed on barrels. Stompers must have bare feet. Swabbies must have bare hands. This means no tape on hands of swabbies or feet of stompers.
3. Swabbies will keep the screen clean and direct juice into gallon jugs provided.
4. In the preliminary rounds, the contestants will crush thirty pounds of grapes until one jug is filled or until the amount of juice by weight, after 3 minutes of stomping, is determined.
5. Screens will be inspected prior to each stomp. After the stomp, the screens will be inspected again. If the screen has been torn or no longer covers the spout completely, the team will be disqualified. There will be no exceptions.
6. In the finals, sixty pounds of grapes will be stomped for five minutes; when the time expires the jugs will be weighed.
7. The winning team from each preliminary stomp will be entered in the World Championship Finals on Sunday at 5 p.m. Teams competing in the Finals must include both original team members from the preliminary round. No substitutions will be allowed.
8. Dress is optional, but team T-shirts and costumes are encouraged. A special award (including a beautiful rosette) will be given in each stomp to the best-dressed team. The audience will vote for winners in this competition.

2010 World Champs Grape Stomp Winners Ken Gadbury & Gerald Gadbury, Santa Rosa

GRAPE STOMP SCHEDULE

Friday, September 30

5:30 Qualifying Stomp

Saturday, October 1

12:00 Qualifying Stomp

1:00 Qualifying Stomp

3:00 Qualifying Stomp

4:00 Qualifying Stomp

5:00 Qualifying Stomp

Sunday, October 2

12:00 Qualifying Stomp

1:00 Qualifying Stomp

2:00 Kids Stomp (13 & under)

3:00 Qualifying Stomp

5:00 **GRAPE STOMP FINAL**

SPECIAL EVENTS

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DATE: Sunday, October 2

TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. – registration

7:45 a.m. – 1K starts

8:15 a.m. – 10K starts

8:20 a.m. – 5K starts

COURSE DETAILS: The course is a scenic route through Santa Rosa neighborhoods starting and finishing at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds on Linwood Avenue.

AWARDS: 1K participants receive a ribbon. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in the 5K & 10K will receive awards.

DIVISIONS: There are 11 age divisions, which includes a wheelchair division.

POST RACE FESTIVITIES: At approximately 9:30 in the Redwood Theater participants can enjoy water, fruit, food sampling, as well as visit the healthy Living Zone for info on healthy living!

REGISTRATION: Entry Forms are available at the following locations:

- ❖ YMCA, 1111 College Ave., Santa Rosa CA
- ❖ Online at www.scfymca.org (option to register on-line)
- ❖ Sonoma County Fairgrounds Office
- ❖ Heart & Sole – 65 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa CA

FREE HARVEST FAIR ENTRY: To each pre-registered runner

Further information visit the Y's website at www.scfymca.org
or call 707.545.9622

A PLACE FOR
EVERY PACE



FAIRGROUNDS MAP

2011 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

