



**SUMMER. FUN. TRADITION.**

**2011 Dates - August 16-21**

August 2, 2011

Dear Arts & Crafts Exhibitor,

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the Arts & Crafts (Department M) competition and display will not be taking place this year - the building in which this competition and exhibit normally resides has been determined to have some structural issues not easily or quickly repaired. With that, the Fair Board could not risk potential injury to our staff, volunteers, exhibitors, or patrons. Within the last month, extensive effort has been put forth to identify another location for this competition and display, however no suitable area is available that could accommodate the program requirements of space, security, and access.

We sincerely apologize for the lateness of this notification and for the disappointment and any inconvenience that this may create for you as an entrant.

Please know that plans are underway to repair, renovate, and refresh the Arts & Crafts space so that it will be safe, attractive, and ready for a whole new era of crafts. As many of you are aware, the Guidelines for Entering state that articles entered into Department M must be created within the last two years. The 2012 Entry Book will be changed to state that articles must have been created within the last three years. This will allow you to enter your items for competition and display next year without penalty - and we sincerely hope that you do! Let's make next year's competition and display the best ever!

Again, we apologize for this unfortunate turn of events. If there were any way that a safe, secure, and attractive exhibit could have been provided for our exhibitors and fairgoers, we would certainly have done so.

Although not the same as a full exhibit of Arts & Crafts, the Arts & Crafts staff has agreed to conduct demonstrations during Fair week in a different location. This building will include various craft demonstrations as well as an area where fair attendees can make free crafts during the day. We would love to have you join us - if you are interested in participating in the Fair as a demonstrator, please contact Sue Petrosino, Arts & Crafts Superintendent, at 356-5851.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors of  
The Altamont Fair  
And  
Arts & Crafts Staff