



Marin County Board of Supervisors

Left to Right – Dennis Rodoni, District 4; Kathrin Sears, District 3;
Judy Arnold, District 5; Damon Connolly, District 1; Katie Rice, District 2

OVER THE MOON!

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2019 Marin County Fair!

This year's theme, "*Over the Moon*", is a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first humans landing on the moon. The theme is particularly evocative of how we feel here in Marin: we're "over the moon" about the County Fair and the joy it brings to all who attend.

County fairs originated in rural America, but quickly evolved into annual gatherings for the entire community, with something for everyone to do and enjoy. From Ferris wheels to fireworks, artwork by residents of all ages, dance, films, food, musical performances, craft competitions, and gardening displays, we're excited to share Marin's unique qualities with all of this year's visitors.

I can't promise that you'll see a cow jumping over the moon, but you can see pig races, as well as livestock and horse shows, West Marin's agricultural bounty, and many other exciting things waiting for you to take a leap and discover.

Thank you for being a part of our community and celebrating the many aspects of Marin. Have a marvelous time at Marin's award-winning Fair!

**Kate Sears
President, Marin County Board of Supervisors**

Thank You!

February 15, 2019

California Fairs are all about showcasing the local community and its talents. Nowhere else can you participate in an event that builds community pride while providing an interactive and educational experience. Our facilities are central to our agricultural and multi-cultural communities.



However, California's fairgrounds mean so much more to their communities than just a celebratory week or two. They are key pieces in our work to create a California for all; rich with tradition for families in urban and rural communities.

Through fairs and our fairgrounds, our communities and local talent have an opportunity to put their best foot forward. The annual fair provides a venue for all cultures to come together to showcase one-of-a-kind exhibits, exchange ideas, share new creations, and learn more about the bounty of California agriculture.

Fairs provide an opportunity to show-and-tell the story of farming, livestock, and community diversity to an audience that may not often think about what agriculture means beyond the pristine produce available at the local supermarket. In the best of years, we would close each fair with a sense of satisfaction and optimism as we look forward to future exhibits and events. We also remember the essential role that fairground staff, volunteers, farmers and ranchers, and emergency response personnel have played in recent rescue and recovery activities.

Thank you for the role you play in creating a community event that is full of fun, memorable, and educational moments, all the while providing a safe haven for those affected by fires and natural disasters.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Ross".

Karen Ross
Secretary



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary

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Marin County is, and continues to be, a nexus of creativity and innovation. Our Fair draws together, celebrates and inspires creativity and imagination across the county, regardless of socio-economic and cultural differences.

I am proud to announce that we were received the Merrill Award at the Western Fair Association's annual convention. The Merrill award is the most prestigious award in the Fair industry. Our fair has received it six times, more than any other member fair. Why us? Because our Fair is truly a community gathering where everyday people create stunningly beautiful work.



This year our theme is *Over the Moon!* We chose this theme in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first Man landing on the moon. We are thrilled to partner with the Space Station Museum in Novato to help bring this theme to life.

The Fair showcases the best of what we each have to offer, whether a community poem, a 5th grader's art project, an amazing hip hop dancer, a grandmother's award-winning quilt or three generations of a family working on an "Art of The Spot" project.

Learn more about our new competitions and returning favorites in this Exhibitors' Guide. You can also visit marinfair.org to access the Exhibitors' Guide online.

From July 3rd through July 7th, be surprised and entertained by the creativity on display as both a fair participant and fair guest! We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

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**Welcome
to
*OVER THE MOON!***



Welcome to the 78th edition of our beloved Marin County Fair. The award-winning Fair, held over the July 4th weekend, continues to be Marin's finest family and community celebration, attracting over 120,000 guests. Our theme is *Over the Moon!* celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing and of course our focus on Art, Agriculture, and Community via fabulous family entertainment.

This January the Fair was bestowed the Western Fairs Association prestigious Merrill Award for an unprecedented sixth time. The Merrill Award is given to a fair that clearly demonstrates innovation, vision, and excellence. We are committed to encouraging healthy lifestyles, offering families fresh, fun, and healthy choices and activities.

This year we expect over 7,000 Marinites to enter their art, hobbies, food, textiles, flowers, and animals in over 1,500 categories – and compete for prizes, trophies, ribbons, and gift certificates. As exhibitors, you are a vital component of your Fair. We encourage everyone to participate as an exhibitor in this landmark event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlie Barboni'.

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78th Annual

Marin County Fair

July 3 through 7, 2019

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