



The Nebraska State Fair is observing its 148<sup>th</sup> anniversary! The theme this year is "Celebrate the State!" in honor of Nebraska's 150 years of statehood. We'd like to invite you to celebrate this great state with us!

We have included everything you need to be a part of the 2017 Nebraska State Fair. In this packet there is information about the following activities and exhibits: Queen Meet 'N' Greet, Competitive Exhibits, IAFE Membership, Miss Nebraska State Fair Pageant, Volunteering, Recycled Gardens, Antique Tractors, 1868 Foundation/Blue Ribbon Roll Out, and County Fair Day as a whole. There are many ways to get involved!

### **County Fair Day- August 26, 2017**

We're excited to celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual County Fair Day in 2017! There will be a reception held in the Hospitality Suite at 1:00 p.m. where all county fair boards are encouraged to network and meet with other county fair boards! County Fairs and Ag Societies are also encouraged to design a float to enter in the daily parade. Ten complimentary Nebraska State Fair tickets will be provided to counties that participate in the parade by bringing a float. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of the County Fair Day float entries will receive a \$500 cash prize and a trophy! The runner-ups will also receive a cash prize and trophy. The County Fair Day Parade will take place at 6:00 p.m. This day is a celebration of county fairs across the state, and floats should be designed to showcase your County Fair. (Registration form and more information included).

### **IAFE Membership**

The International Association of Fairs and Expositions is a voluntary, non-profit organization. Its purpose is to promote and encourage developing and improving fairs, shows, and expositions. Sign up to become a member and get connected to a network of ideas and resources. For more information contact Chelsey Jungck at (308) 382.1710 or at [cjungck@statefair.org](mailto:cjungck@statefair.org) (Registration form included. You may also apply online at IAFE website, <https://www.fairsandexpos.com/eweb/startpage.aspx>).

### **Miss Nebraska State Fair/Miss Heartland Scholarship Pageant**

A local, preliminary pageant to the Miss Nebraska and the Miss America Pageants open to women between the ages of 17 and 24. The pageant includes the following areas of competition: interview, on-stage question, evening wear, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, and talent. If you currently hold a pageant at your County Fair, let your contestants know that they can participate in the Miss Nebraska State Fair/Miss Heartland Scholarship Pageant! For more information contact Chelsey Jungck at (308) 382.1710 or [cjungck@statefair.org](mailto:cjungck@statefair.org) (Flyer included).

### **Queen Meet 'N' Greet**

Pageant queens from across the state of Nebraska are invited to the Queen Meet N' Greet on September 4, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Queens will get a chance to sign autographs for fair-goers and meet other Nebraska Queens! All queens are welcome. (More information included.)

### **Miss Nebraska State Fair Jenni Wahonik and Miss Heartland Allison Teitjen**

Miss Nebraska State Fair Jenni Wahonik and Miss Heartland Allison Teitjen are available to make an appearance at your County Fair. For more information contact Chelsey Jungck at (308) 382.1710 or [cjungck@statefair.org](mailto:cjungck@statefair.org) (Flyer included).

### **Recycled Gardens**

Use your imagination to recondition a used container into a beautiful potted garden! Previous entries include a BBQ grill, wagon, and tool boxes. The sky is the limit, so find something that is mobile and that will hold dirt, then let your green thumb show! (More information and registration included).