

# Deadline nears for '87 Markham Fair entries

How do you enter the Markham Fair?

It's a question many people ask. Some have it answered by knowing someone connected with the fair or from someone who has entered before, but for those residents new to the area, it's a tough one.

It's not too late to enter this year's Markham Fair. First, obtain a Prize List Book from the fair office, located at McCowan Rd. and 18th Ave.

Entries for this year's fair are to be registered by Sept. 9. If time permits, a call to the office to have a book and entry form mailed to

you might be all that is needed. The office phone numbers are 640-FAIR and 640-1576.

Look through the book carefully to choose the category or categories you want to enter. Then follow the instructions in the front of the book, and fill in your entry form.

If more than one person is entering from a household, make sure there is one entry form per person included in your registration.

Fill in your form correctly to ensure that it gets processed quickly and your entry tags get back to you in plenty of time to be put on your articles for the fair.

Make sure you have your entry form in the office by the deadline stated above, enclosing your \$2 exhibitor fee (exceptions are stated in the prize book) and the required entry fees as listed.

There are two parts to the entry tag which will be mailed to you — the top part is fastened to your article, and the lower part is kept and presented to committee members when you pick up your article.

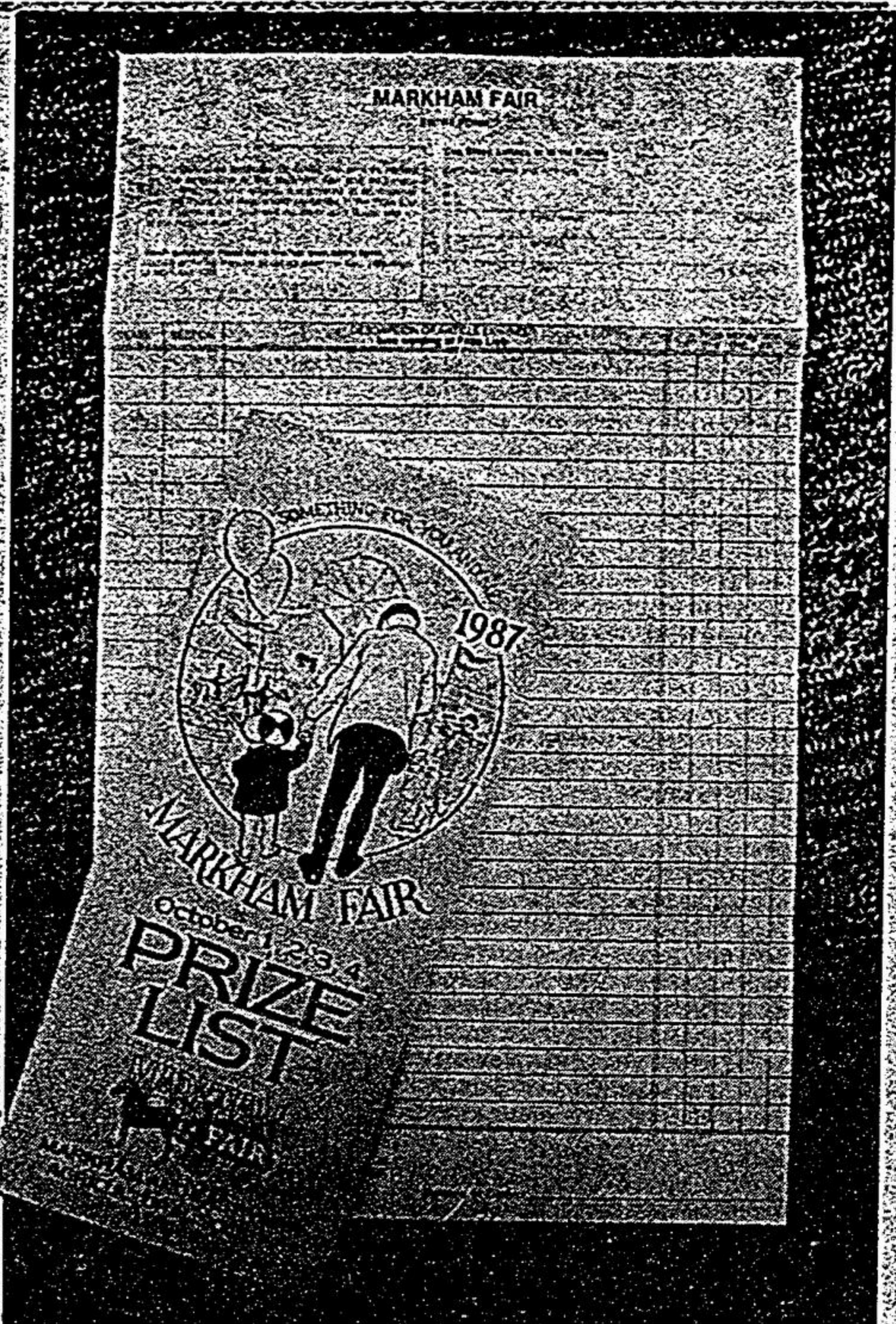
All entries are to be brought to the fairground on Tuesday, Sept. 29 between noon and 10 p.m. with the exception of all photography entries which are to be brought to the General Exhibits Building between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sept. 26.

Judging in all categories will be done Wednesday, Sept. 30. When the fair opens on Thursday, Oct. 1, all winning ribbons will be in place on prize-winning entries.

The articles remain displayed for the duration of the fair. On Sunday, Oct. 4 between 6:30 and 8 p.m., bring the lower part of your entry tag to the fairground and collect your entries.

More than 400 volunteers are responsible for co-ordinating fair activities and hope this year's Markham Fair will be one of the best ever.

It's up to you, the community, to see that their goals are achieved. So, get your prize book and entry form from the fair office, fill it out and we'll see you there.



This is what the Markham Fair entry form and prize list booklet look like for those interested in exhibiting articles in the 1987 fair. There is still time left before the Sept. 9 entry deadline passes.

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# Childrens' projects can win at Markham's Fair

By NANCY HOSKIN  
As summer vacation comes to an end and children head back to school, they will shortly be working on arts and craft projects in classrooms that could be entered in this year's Markham Fair.

While many projects were submitted to the Fair's School Children's Class before summer holidays began, they still have time to enter "open" categories with arts and craft projects in the next several weeks leading up to the fair.

It is important to remember that entry forms be in by Wednesday, Sept. 9, even though entries aren't due for judging until Sept. 29.

Though there are classroom projects which teachers will be working on with children when they return to school, there are more than 50 "open" categories children may enter, many divided by grade restrictions.

For example, children in Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2, compete together, while Grade 7 and 8 students will be judged together.

Many youngsters have spent time their summer vacation working on projects. Their parents use the Prize List Book as a tool during vacation to keep their children occupied and productive.

While bookmarks remain a favorite entry — with hundreds received each year — mobiles, paper roll people, pictures made with seeds and scarecrows are also favorite categories to enter.

Even though school is starting later than usual this year, information flyers were still sent to schools in all of York Region and as far north as Sutton, in the hope that teachers will submit class entry forms and get their students interested in entering.

More than 90 schools — elementary, private and nursery — participate in the School Children's Class.

Classroom projects, including large murals, will also be on display this year, with themes such as "Super Heroes" for Grades 3 and 4 and a "Quebec City Carnival" theme for Grades 7 and 8.

While most children enter the fair in the hopes of bringing home a ribbon, many are surprised to be presented with a cheque too.

Each year the School Children's Class receives more than 2,000 entries in different categories. Because space is limited, only the winners can be displayed.

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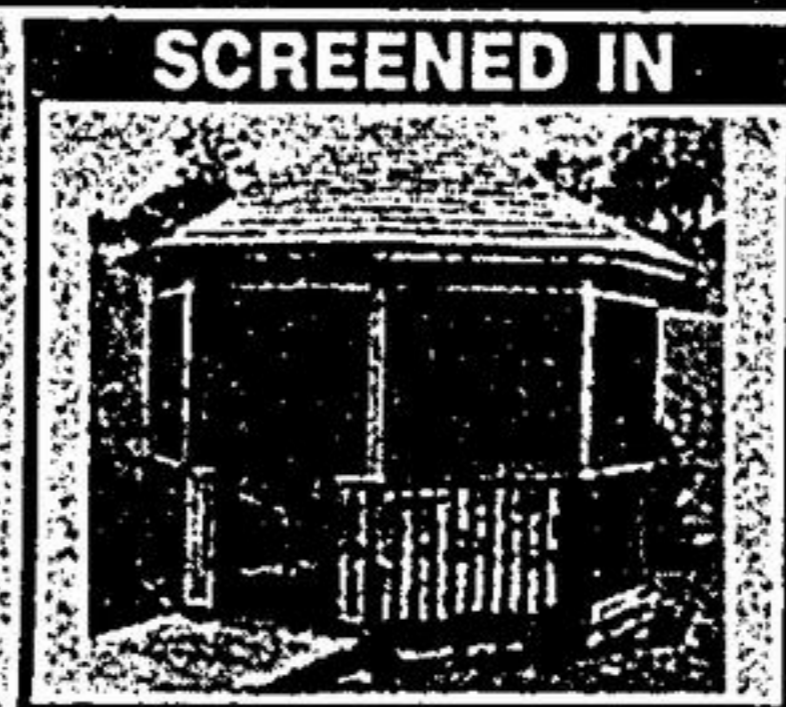
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