



**WELCOME TO THE 2011 VIEx
August 19, 20 and 21, 2011**



The VIEx is proud to have been evaluated
TOP FAIR in BC with 20,000+ in attendance for 2009!

Presented by BC Fairs Association and the Minister of Agriculture and Lands.

The Vancouver Island Exhibition Association is proud to welcome exhibitors and visitors to Nanaimo's 2011 Country Fair. Our exhibitors are an important part of our Fair, adding colour, interest, education and entertainment. The 27,000 plus visitors are also an important component to our annual Fair, as they constitute the life-blood of continuance and without them, the Fair would not be possible.

The Fair originally started 117 years ago and continues now as an annual event to advance the education of agriculture and showcase local farmers and 4-H Clubs, bringing agricultural awareness to our community. As farming changes and land becomes more urban, we need to keep our farms alive, to provide top quality products and to encourage the education of the past, present and future of all areas of agriculture. Although some professionals show at Fairs, it is the children that most impress the fairgoers. Bright eyed children and animals are a winning combination. We take a step back to celebrate the simple, but important things in life.

Our country Fair is more than just entertainment. The one value we truly exhibit is Family. At our Fair, everyone of every age can participate. From displaying jams, jellies and livestock to showing heirloom quilts, artwork, pumpkins, prize flowers, home grown zucchini, fresh baked cookies and pies. Many painstaking but loving hours, go into every item and animal on display, with the hopes of encouraging others to learn different crafts and skills and to especially excite beginners to try new things that can enhance their life skills and self-sufficiency. Our Fair is a place to come with family and friends, a place to have fun and honour accomplishments. Our entry fees are kept very low, as is the prize money. The intent has never been to make the winners rich by having or making the best, the biggest or the most expensive entry, but to enjoy the variety of talents and efforts put forth by our neighbours and to honour accomplishments.

Our Fair is presented each year by a core group of hard working volunteers, who donate many hundreds of hours to carefully organize this annual 3 day event. Many community minded corporate sponsors lend or donate countless services, too numerous to mention. The Fair would like to thank all of these supporters in the community for their efforts, be it financial, material, hard work, time or effort. With your kind generosity, we are excited to welcome you back this year.

We wish all exhibitors the best luck with your entries and extend an invitation to everyone to come to our Fair, view the many animals, exhibits and shows, to relax and just have fun!

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Vancouver Island Exhibition Association

Goals and Objectives

1. To present an annual agricultural exhibition and related events that encourages awareness and improvement, cultivation and creation of agriculture, livestock, horticulture, floriculture, home arts and hobbies, in our community.
2. To educate the public and to encourage young people, especially 4-H clubs, to understand and appreciate the value and importance of agriculture in their communities and their everyday lives.
3. To provide facilities and promotions for the entertainment and amusement of citizens of all ages.
4. To help the entire community grow by including community groups, industrial, commercial, mechanical and household arts.

Cover Art

The original artwork for the cover of the 2011 VIEx Prize Book was created by Piper Dickhout who is 12 years old and she used pencil crayons and markers to produce her artwork.

Great job Piper!

Unless otherwise indicated entry forms start on page 58 for exhibits.

**Vancouver Island Exhibition Association
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2011**

#4 – 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 3K7
Show Office (250) 758-3247 Fax (250) 758-3277

| EXECUTIVE | POSITION | PHONE |
|------------------|--|---------------|
| Lynn Haley | President – Director of Communications/Fair Services | 250- 616-4332 |
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Grounds Maintenance - Dave Streeter 250-390-4245

LIFETIME MEMBERS

| | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Gene Daniel | Harry Lychak | Elsie Cullen | John Abma | Karen Streeter |
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| Ed Barnett | Lawrie Raymer | Erica Defrane | Tom Lamb | Scott Nyman |

HONOURARY MEMBERS

| | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Susan Green | Kevin Radford | Karen Clevette | Merle Proteau | Ray Simpson |
| Al Thorne | Dan Wilson | Don Wytinck | Barb Bortolussi | Kathy Brown |
| Marvin Worden | Walter Adams | Gladys Adams | Don Finkbeiner | |

Vancouver Island Exhibition's - Children's Poster Competition

The winner will be featured on the cover of the 2011 Prize Book

RULES

1. Poster size: 17" **wide** by 11" **high**. The posters must be **wide** not tall.
2. This contest is open to all children 16 years and under.
3. The art must be original and must be the work of one person.
4. The poster can be dropped off at the Nanaimo Daily News/Harbour City Star office or at the VIEx Office in Beban Park.
5. The theme for the 2011 Fair is: *"Fun for the Whole Herd"*
6. The following words only **MUST** appear on the poster (*please check your spelling very carefully*)

The winning poster will be featured on the cover of our 2011 Prize Book. Winner will receive a one-day family pass with meal tickets (for 4) to the 2011 VIEx. You will be featured with picture in the Program Guide, and receive recognition (with photo) in the local newspaper. Competition closes April 9, 2011.

(Please follow the Nanaimo Daily News paper next March for the 2012 Prize Book Poster Contest!)

General Information – call the VIEx Fair Office – 250-758-FAIR (3247)

SERVICES AT BEBAN PARK

Limited RV electrical hook-ups are available at the show office at \$15.00 per unit per day. One Camper Unit with one vehicle per campsite ONLY on a “First Come/First Served Basis “. No electrical hookup is \$10 day. No water or sewer hook ups.

As far as possible, everything necessary for the comfort of Exhibition visitors has been arranged at Beban Park – Administration Office, Police, Fire Protection, St. John Ambulance, Rest Rooms, Pay Phones, ATM’s, Information, Food Concessions.

FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION

Day and night watchmen are provided for all buildings and various areas within the grounds; every possible precaution is taken to reduce to a minimum the risk and probability of fire. Notwithstanding these precautions, the Exhibition will not hold itself responsible for any loss or damage by fire, theft or otherwise. Should the exhibitors require their exhibits be covered by insurance, they should make this arrangement personally.

EMERGENCY FIRST AID The St. John Ambulance will provide a First Aid Post on the grounds. Emergency First Aid is provided free of charge; additional services including ambulance fees are chargeable to the person receiving the service.

INFORMATION & LOST & FOUND

Is located outside the Exhibition Show Office.

OPENING AND CLOSING The Exhibition will open at 9:00 AM, Friday, August 19, (except where otherwise stated.) Inquiries regarding the Exhibition arrangements should be made to the **Exhibition office**, phone 250-758-3247 that’s 250-758-FAIR, email info@viex.ca to the division chairperson or by mail to:

**Vancouver Island Exhibition Association
#4-2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo V9T 3K7**

PARKING VEHICLES ON FAIR WEEKEND ONLY, since the Exhibition has a huge effect on the traffic pattern on Bowen Road. In consultation with the City of Nanaimo and RCMP, the following Traffic and Parking changes will be in effect:

There will be no VIEx parking access from Bowen Road. All VIEx parking will be accessed from Labieux Road only.

The south entrance to Beban Park from Bowen Road will be restricted to Emergency Response, Gate #1 - Tourist Bureau visitors, golfers and tennis players. **Drop offs and deliveries to Gate#4.**

The north entrance to Beban Parkway from Labieux will be ONE-WAY IN. The right lane will be dedicated to pay parking in the paved lots near the Main Entrance (Gate #2). The left lane will be dedicated to drop-offs, Vendor & Home show deliveries, Parks & Rec. Staff and Office, Altrusa Playground and VIP Access.

The BMX Track entrance to Beban Park from Labieux Road will be restricted to VIEx registered volunteers to park and Emergency Response.

The south entrance to Beban Park from Labieux Road will be available for exhibitor and participant parking, livestock deliveries, campground access and livestock trailer parking, drop offs and deliveries.

This plan is intended to reduce the traffic and parking wait times and everyone will have more time available to enjoy the fair. Thanks for your cooperation and patience in helping us work out the details.

ALL SERVICE VEHICLES MUST BE OFF THE GROUNDS BY 9:00 AM. ALL SERVICE AND LIVESTOCK VEHICLES MUST USE THE LIVESTOCK GATE. SIGNS WILL BE POSTED. VEHICLES ILLEGALLY PARKED ON THE FAIR GROUNDS AFTER 9:00 AM WILL BE TOWED.

PARKING & TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

- A. No general admission gate will permit vehicular traffic to proceed through the gate, except via gate #4 through the livestock gate. All persons entering in vehicles will be subject to the admission policy stated in item#19 of Rules and Regulations (i.e. all persons entering grounds must pay gate admission or be in possession of a valid pass.)
- B. Parking passes will be issued, upon request, to those exhibitors who wish to park inside the fairgrounds. (limited amount available, first come first served.) All inside parking is located adjacent to the Agriplex **ONLY**. Vehicles

MAY NOT be parked along barns or adjacent stalls, except as noted in item “E”. Passes must be displayed and entries paid or will be removed. **No camping in these vehicles.**

- C. Under no circumstances will vehicles (except ambulances, police, fire) be permitted to move within the fair grounds between the hours of 9:00 AM and 11:00 PM Friday and Saturday and between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Sunday. This rule is for the safety of the public, exhibitors and animals. **Exhibitors who violate this rule may be disqualified or barred from entering in subsequent years as deemed appropriate by the Directors.**
- D. No parking will be permitted on the fairgrounds in any area except the inside parking area. Limited space is available for trailers, campers and motor homes in the camping area. **These vehicles will be parked in designated, prearranged spaces and must have a valid, numbered parking pass, which will be obtainable at the show office at \$10.00 per unit, per day and will be checked on a daily basis by a VIEx official.** Electrical hook-up is available for an additional \$5.00 per day on a limited basis. The spaces are limited in size and will only accommodate one camping unit and a

VANCOUVER ISLAND EXHIBITION - RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) Entry fees must accompany entry forms. Cheque should be made payable to the **Vancouver Island Exhibition Association**, and mailed to the respective person as stated in the Division entered. For particulars regarding entry fees, see under each Division heading; with exception of Livestock (see Livestock Division Rules).
- 2) Entry Fees are not refundable in the event of entry being canceled by the exhibitor.
- 3) Entries must be made on or before the entry closing date in order to afford sufficient time to examine entry papers, to correspond with parties when necessary, for corrections of errors or omissions. The Board reserves the right to accept entries later than the advertised date of closing.
- 4) Exhibits must be in place and ready for judging at the times listed under each division.

maximum of one vehicle. Permission to park campers and motor homes will only be granted to exhibitors who will remain in the space for the entire duration of the fair (9:00 AM Friday to 5:00 PM Sunday of Fair week.)

- E. All areas with the exception of the inside parking area and the designated camper spaces are considered Loading/Unloading zones. Livestock exhibitors are permitted to park in these areas while loading/unloading animals and equipment ONLY. **Maximum duration of parking in these areas is 20 minutes and must be prior to 9:00 AM and after 10:00 PM during the fair. Any vehicle parked in the loading/unloading areas (adjacent to barns, etc) after 9:00 AM and prior to 10:00 PM will be towed at the owner’s expense.**
- F. Any exceptions of the above rules must be **PREAPPROVED** by the VIEx board member on duty in the show office located in the center of the grounds beside the **RED BARN** and will only be granted in the event of an emergency such as an animal illness or injury, etc.

**As exhibitors, part of your responsibility
is to be familiar with and
abide by the following rules and regulations.**

- 5) No person will be allowed to enter in competition more than one specimen in any one class except where otherwise mentioned. **This rule does not apply to Livestock.**
- 6) All entries in the exhibition must be the bona fide property of (with a minimum of 14 days) and made or raised by the exhibitor except where otherwise stated.
- 7) No persons shall be allowed to engage the judge in conversation or otherwise interfere in his work during the time the exhibits are being judged. Those doing so will be excluded from the competition. Foul language or abuse directed at any show official will result in disqualification from the entire show.
- 8) Exhibitors must provide for the delivery of their exhibits to the Exhibition Grounds. The Association will not in any case make provision for the transportation or be subject to any expense thereof, either on delivery to or return from the grounds. All expenses connected therewith must be provided for by the Exhibitor and all freight, express and cartage charges must be prepaid.
- 9) Exhibits not accompanied by their owners or their agents, must be considered entirely the owner’s risk, and may be addressed to the

Exhibitor, care of the Exhibition Association, who will receive them at the grounds if all cartage and other charges have been prepaid.

- 10) The Exhibition will take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of the exhibits sent to the Exhibition, but the owners themselves must take the risk of exhibiting them; and should any exhibit or portion thereof be injured, stolen or lost, the Exhibition will give assistance towards the recovery of the same, but will not be liable or make payment for the value thereof.
- 11) Exhibitors, concessionaires and all other persons are only admitted to the grounds on the understanding that they will cooperate with the Exhibition Association in providing an agricultural fair. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted, no suit instituted or maintained against the Exhibition Association, its officers or agents, by or on behalf of any visitor, or any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives, servants or employees, having license or privilege to exhibit on the Exhibition Grounds or occupying any space therein.
- 12) The Exhibition Association shall not be liable for any loss to an exhibitor occasioned by fire, accident, condition of structure, of the negligence of other exhibitors or officials or otherwise howsoever.
- 13) No prize cards fixed on the exhibits by the judges or the secretary shall be removed without authorization, otherwise the prize will not be paid.
- 14) Any article, stand or other equipment left in the buildings or grounds after the close of the Exhibition will be at the owner's risk. The buildings will be open for removal of exhibits after 5:00 PM on Sunday.
- 15) The winners must sign for all Perpetual Cups and Trophies presented by the Exhibition. All Perpetual Cups and Trophies must be left with the Show Secretary for engraving.
- 16) All protests must be made in writing and given to the President before 5:00 pm, on the last day of the Fair, with a deposit of \$25.00. The deposit will be forfeited if the objection is not sustained.
- 17) Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion and other exhibits liable to cause damage, accidents or injury to property or to persons coming in contact with them, shall guard their exhibits and protect the public from coming in contact therewith, and every such exhibitor shall indemnify the Exhibition from and against all

claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which may incur, suffer or be put to, by reason of any accident or of any person being injured or suffering damage through or by any reason of any such exhibit, performance or concession not being properly guarded or the public not being properly protected there from.

- 18) Except where otherwise noted in this prize book, No Exhibit shall be removed from the exhibition until after 5:00 PM on the last day of the exhibition, August 21, 2011 any exhibitor removing exhibits before prize book stated dates/times may forfeit prize money. The owner must present claim checks to the Committee in charge before the exhibit is removed.
- 19) All exhibitors and persons accompanying same must pay daily gate admissions to the fair grounds, which can be exchanged (with proof of purchase) and the additional moneys to make up the sum for a 3-day pass at the gate, from the fair office or from any board member.
- 20) Should there not be sufficient funds on hand to pay prizes in full they will be paid pro rata.
- 21) Vouchers for merchandise offered as prizes must be presented to the donor within one month after the date or they will be forfeited.
- 22) The Exhibition Association will not be responsible for payment or prizes (special or otherwise) offered by others.
- 23) Parking areas will be provided as far as possible within the area available in Beban Park. The Exhibition will not hold themselves responsible for any loss or damage by fire, theft or otherwise.
- 24) With the exception of members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, no person will carry or attempt to carry any arms, ammunition or explosives anywhere on the Exhibition Grounds at any time.
- 25) No smoking in the barns. As well as refraining from smoking, exhibitors are requested to politely ask any smoker to refrain from smoking in the barn area.
- 26) Exhibitors agree to abide by the rules and regulations set out herein. Failure to comply will render Exhibitor liable to being barred from exhibiting in subsequent years, at the discretion of the Executive.

If there are any questions or clarification is required, please contact the Director in charge or contact the VIEx show office at 250-758-3247 or info@viex.ca

