

Welcome to the 70th Annual JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR

We invite you to take part in the Jefferson County Fair, August 10,11,12, 2007 in Port Townsend, Washington. Our small town fair offers contests and entertainment for the entire family. We invite county residents to “Show Your Stuff”. Share what you’ve grown, sewn, created, or propagated for all to admire. Come enjoy the music and entertainers. View the displays and meet the vendors. Learn something new, greet a friend or two and eat something yummy! Animals, gems, kiddy rides and art, come on down to the Jefferson County Fair and take part.

“Discover The Treasure”

This is the theme chosen for 2007. The fair grounds and buildings will be decorated with scenes of the treasures under the water. The 4-H building will have the bivalves such as clams, oysters, and mussels. The 4-H cats will decorate there building with catfish; and the 4-H Dog area will have dogfish. Of course the sea horses will be in the Horse Barns. The Beef and Dairy Barns will have sharks. The Agriculture building will be decorating with sea cucumbers; while the Floral department will have all the floral sea life such as kelp, eel grass and etc. The Small Animal and Small Livestock will have lots of dolphins and whales. The Art Department will have lobster and crab. Octopus will be displayed in the Home Arts; and starfish will be in the Yesteryear building. The Rock Club will have lots of rockfish and rock crab.

Watch for Fair Facts Posters throughout the grounds for some interesting facts from each department. We invite fair visitors to visit each department and explore our “Discover The Treasure”.

THANK YOU FAIR VOLUNTEERS

387 volunteers logged in over 12,000 hours during the 2006 fair year. Those hours would equal 6 paid employees if they were paid \$12 an hour earning a total of \$156,000. To all who have given their time and inspiration to the Jefferson County Fair, we say, **Thank You!**

As most volunteers are aware, it takes an extreme effort by a large group of people to make the Fair happen. A year’s worth of planning, meetings, work parties, training sessions, conventions, department workdays, premium book editing, and supply ordering. The list goes on and on. Our fair volunteers are extremely dedicated to this on-going tradition, which most have grown to love. To all of our volunteers, we truly appreciate you and we cherish your continued support. Thank you for being part of the Jefferson County Fair.

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Be a Fair Sponsor--Have you always wanted to show your support for the County Fair, but just don’t have time to volunteer? Or would you like to see your name of your business or company advertised on the Fairgrounds for all to see? Why not become a Fair Sponsor. From small sponsorships to being the major entertainment sponsor, we have a package to fit your budget. Stop by, call or email the Fair Office for more information. Get involved in the Fair. Address PO Box 242/ 4907 Landes, Port Townsend. Phone 385-1013, Fax: (360) 385-0865, Email:jeffcofairgrounds@olyphen.com

HISTORY OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR

The first county fair was held in 1903 in Quilcene. The fair was held there until 1910 when it was moved to Port Townsend on the same grounds as we hold the fair today.

A few buildings were build and a race track was established. During the depression the fairs were discontinued. WPA workers tore down the buildings in the 1930's and the wood was used in other buildings in the community. During the 1930's and 40's there were 4-H fairs held in Quilcene and Port Townsend. In 1949, community members wanted to start having an annual county fair. A board was selected and the first building; currently the Yesteryear building; was built to house the animals and home arts departments.

Many men and women in the community have served on the board over the years and built the fair to what we have today. Some members have been on the board for 20 to 30 years; each helping to make sure the county fair grows but continues to be a small friendly neighborhood fair for all to enjoy.

The Granges were a vital part of the fair until the last few years. The building they used as been renamed to be the Yesteryear Building. Antique farm equipment, historical displays and the history of the Jefferson County Fair is displayed for you to read and reminisce. Jefferson County Fair is governed under the Department of Agriculture R. C. W. 15.75.100 and WAC 16-700-002.

We are accountable to the Department of Agriculture and are judged each year by the Washington State Fair Commissioners.

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