

To celebrate our 70th we're bringing back activities of the past:

Fruit and Vegetable Contest



Bring your largest apples, your ugliest melon, your heaviest tomato, all your heirloom fruits and vegetables, to be judged.

This traditional contest from the early days of the Harvest Festival has returned in 2007 for every household to participate. All ages are encouraged to join the competition.

In 1976 the Burpee Seed Company issued a catalogue commemorating their 100th Anniversary by featuring a reproduction of their 1888 seed catalogue. Arroyo Grande farmers were featured in the catalogue because

they won many cash prizes for their outstanding vegetables and flowers. "At the turn of the century the prolific soil in the Arroyo Grande Valley produced prize winning bumper crops of cabbages, carrots, beans, peas, pumpkins, onions, and other crops," local Historian Doris Olsen wrote in, Santa Maria Times. "The local farmers won so many cash awards that they boasted they were the only valley in the world by reason of its prolific soil to be barred from national seed contests."

But, you aren't barred from our Contest! Bring your entries to the Fruit and Vegetable Contest booth in the Mystery Corner on Saturday, the 29th. Download an entry form at www.agharvestfestival.com/fruitveggiecontest.pdf or fill one out at the Festival.

We have the Greatest Soil in the World. Let's see what we can grow!