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### Virtual Harvest Festival to Replace In Person Event for 2020

For the first time in over two decades, a virtual Harvest Festival will replace the in person event in 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak. As disappointing as not having an in person event is, the City recognizes that the most important thing right now is to keep the community safe and healthy. Because of the nature of the Harvest Festival, social distancing measures would not be possible to achieve, let alone enforce, during this event.

Rather than let the proverbial fields lay fallow for the year, the Harvest Festival will be a virtual event, featuring a photo contest and a Youth Coloring/Drawing/Collage Contest.

#### Photo Contest

Been spending some time in your garden? You can now proudly share your edible success with the virtual 2020 Harvest Festival. Residents and City of Piedmont/Piedmont Unified School District employees can email photos of their home grown edibles, preserves and cooking (one per category) to Recreation Director Chelle Putzer at [cputzer@piedmont.ca.gov](mailto:cputzer@piedmont.ca.gov). Please include your name, category entered, email and address. **The deadline to enter is September 18th.** All photos will be posted at <https://piedmont.ca.gov/harvestfestival>

Everyone who enters will get a participation ribbon and will be entered into a random drawing for a \$60 gift certificate from ACE Grand Lake Nursery on October 5th.

#### Categories:

- Unusual Veggie
- Tomato/Pumpkin/Squash
- Jam & Jelly-Berries
- Plain Bread
- Mustard/Tapenade
- Best Cookie/Bar
- Dried Fruit/Veggie
- Salsa
- Create Your Own Category
- Unusual Fruit
- Curds & Butters
- Jam & Jelly-Other Fruit
- Savory Bread
- Apple Pie
- Cake
- Cucumber Pickles
- Gluten Free
- Ugly edible
- Honey
- Preserved Edible
- Sweet Bread
- “Other” Pie
- Pesto/Sauce
- Preserved Veggie
- Compost Pile

#### Youth Coloring/Drawing/Collage Contest & Activities

The Piedmont Garden Club is sponsoring a youth coloring/drawing/collage contest. Piedmont kids, ages 14 and younger, can download the coloring poster, create their own vegetable drawing or make a collage from the nature scavenger hunt page. Email a picture of your colored poster, vegetable drawing or nature scavenger hunt collage to Chelle Putzer at [cputzer@piedmont.ca.gov](mailto:cputzer@piedmont.ca.gov). Please include photo, your child’s name and age, your address and email **by September 18th.** There is a limit of one coloring poster/drawing/collage per child.

Photos will be posted at <https://piedmont.ca.gov/harvestfestival> and entered into random drawing for \$30 gift certificate from Village Market on October 5th.

Looking for something fun to do right in your backyard or your neighborhood? Check out the Harvest Festival scavenger hunt too!

Visit <https://piedmont.ca.gov/harvestfestival> for more information.