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**San Mateo County Residents Win Big!
Tech, Innovation & Sustainable Living Featured with Participant Contests
at the San Mateo County Fair
June 10 – 18, 2017**

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2 June 2017 - San Mateo, CA: The future can be seen today at the first ever **Tech Action Zone** at the San Mateo County Fair! New this year, the Tech Action Zone will showcase robot and drone demonstrations offered by local organizations. Fairgoers will be able to view the latest from **FIRST Robotics** teams and also learn how to operate, fly and photograph with aerial “quadcopters” from FAA-Certified “Drone Expert” **Beto Lopez**.

Over nine days of diverse entertainment, **June 10 - 18**, the San Mateo County Fair 2017 is living up to its “**Tradition Meets Innovation**” motto like never before. In addition to this year’s inaugural Tech Action Zone, the public will have the opportunity to enjoy game coding workshops from the Digital Monkey School located in Belmont, learn to fold recycled origami, make crafts with upcycling designer fabrics, and compete in contests showcasing creative STEM and sustainability ideas of their own.

“This is a uniquely San Mateo experience,” observed **Dana Stoehr, CEO of the San Mateo County Events Center and Fair**, “and the San Mateo County Fair is the perfect place to experience and enjoy the cutting-edge innovation, technology and sustainable living opportunities that are integral to our community.”

“It’s like nothing we’ve seen or done before,” said **Joseph Lees, Department Coordinator for the San Mateo County Fair Technology & Industrial Arts Department**. “There is already quite a buzz about the contests and the Tech Action Zone which will be interactive, informative and fun – all in one!”

Again this year there are contests featuring imaginative ideas or actions that demonstrate sustainability and creative repurposing of used cardboard in the Upcycle category.

But many area residents will enter the annual sustainable living contests as a family or community affair with parents, kids, husbands, wives, extended family members and neighbors

coming together to enter new ideas every year. Participants such as the Brisbane Community Garden's perennial compost contestants, Marge Kastner who, with her husband, has created award winning entries by repurposing trash collected from walks along the Bay or local artist Paul Powell, who creates multi-media art such as the fairgoer favorite, a large scorpion constructed from abandoned farm machinery parts.

FabMo (Fabric & More), **Lyngso Garden Materials, Inc.**, and **Reach & Teach** are the sponsors of the 2017 Sustainable Living Special Awards. Visitors can see their displays at the Sustainable Living Exhibit featuring cutting edge local organizations demonstrating the latest in technological and sustainable products for a healthy planet.

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