

Ohio Conference of Operative Plasterers' & Cement Masons'



Ohio State Fair July 26-28, 2017 Cardinal Hall Patio

The great Ohio State Fair will be home and host of the 2017 Operative Plasterers' & Cement Masons' Unions Great Lakes Apprentice Competition. This exciting event allows the apprentices of their respected trade to come together in this friendly competition to determine the best apprentice. The contestants will range from 1st year to 4th year status in their registered apprenticeship program.

This Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Unions Apprentice Competition has been held every two-three years at the State Fair since the early 1980's and is a two-day event for both crafts.

Wednesday, July 26 (first day) starting at 7:30a: The plasterers set up walls to plaster, building their cornice template to run, while the Cement Masons set up concrete wood forms and transfer an established finish grade height with an engineer's ruler and a level instrument set on a tripod.

Thursday, July 27 (second day) starting at 7:30a and throughout the day: View the finished product and techniques of the different plastered walls and the freshly finished looks of concrete that include various techniques and colors.

Friday, July 28 – view the showcased works of the Plasterers' & Cement Masons' contestants. We welcome questions and enjoy sharing our trade and the work we do.

There will be three judges for both competitions. The contestants will be judged on their performance, safety, neatness, time and accuracy.

There will also be a table set up where the plasterers will cast molds to give away as take home gifts to the general public.

This year we have a large number of contestants representing cement masons' and plasterers' from many states. The involvement, support and contestants will come from: Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Canada, as well as the Ohio cities of Akron, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Portsmouth, Toledo, and Youngstown.

**Plan to stop by to enjoy the work,
and support these young apprentice tradesmen who are the future of the building trades industry.**