



ANNUAL STATE OF THE FAIR REPORT

2020 has been a year that will not soon be forgotten. The current Covid-19 pandemic continues to interrupt our daily lives and the activities surrounding the fairgrounds and the fair.

The Corporation has remained solvent and continues to maintain its emergency fund reserves in accordance with the bylaws. The company's 2019 financial review was completed in accordance with the bylaws and the standards set by Maryland and the IRS are being maintained. The Corporation is in good standing with the county, state, and the federal governments. The membership for 2020 remained steady with a slight increase from the year prior. The Fair, its Board of Directors, and committees continued to work diligently with our elected officials and local community leaders and organizations. The Department of Natural Resources, who we lease the fairgrounds from, is extremely pleased to have us as a tenant and has agreed to extend our agreement out for many years.

Since the pandemic began in the early part of 2020, and the Executive Orders curtailing Fair related activity, there has not been much activity at the fairgrounds.

1. Clean-up days were scheduled and held, with much being accomplished during those functions.

2. The Exhibit Building is undergoing an interior facelift, with updates to fixtures, painting, and general overall cleaning taking place.

3. Members will also notice the "tree" work performed, through a grant by the Arundel Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Many invasive and non-native species of trees and plants were removed, and 400+ trees planted around the ponds and

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elsewhere. Please take a moment and thank Betsy Massey for her hard work on this project.

4. Although the Fair was cancelled due to the pandemic, we were still fortunate to hold an invitational Livestock Show. Many rules and regulations were modified to make the show work within existing executive orders. Exhibitors young and old, within county and from neighboring counties, enjoyed participation in this livestock show. With the generous donations of many supporters, the invitational Livestock Show showed a profit of over \$3000.

5. The main restroom building roof has been repaired and the shingles replaced.

To exist and continue to thrive, our Fair requires the dedicated commitment and support of our volunteers and the community. I want to personally thank everyone for their hard work and commitment over this past year.

And, I would be remiss if I did not mention the many "Fair Family" members who passed away during this very trying year. Please take a moment in remembrance. We are so fortunate to have had them in our lives.

*John Kozenski *Tom Collison*Allen Gertz*

*Peter Joseph*Anne Mae Shorter*

*Velma Trimmer*Robert Joseph*

In closing, I wanted to touch on our 2020 elections. At a November 15, 2020 Special Board of Director's meeting, it was decided to postpone our elections, which were scheduled to take place at the November 17th Annual Membership Meeting. With the Board members in attendance, along with many regular members, there was a lively discussion on how, or if, we should proceed with elections. Many great opinions and options were discussed. A motion was made and passed, that the November 17 membership meeting and elections would be postponed.

The Board of Directors will now be holding a special Board of Directors meeting on Sunday,

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MOTIONS

At the October 13, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

****to accept the 2020 ballot as presented.**

****to make the celebration of life for John Kozenski Jr., a Fair sponsored event.**

****to make it a policy that bylaws go into effect immediately upon passing.**

****to have Joseph Degreenia as an administrator on Facebook.**

****to retain Bruce Bereano as our lobbyist for 2021.**

****to have Bruce Bereano work on getting monies to first, rebuild our lower stage and second, replace front sign.**

****to purchase a defibrillator and close the Go Fund Me account.**

****to have Amanda Ragula, or Mary Faber's choice, to complete the audit at the end of the year.**

At the November 15, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, a motion was approved to cancel the Annual Meeting on November 17, 2020, and decide what action to take at the December Board of Directors meeting.

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## OFFICERS/ DIRECTORS

Since the Board of Directors moved to postpone the election of new officers and directors until the Fair Membership can meet safely to hold an election, the present Board will remain in effect until an election is held.

**President: John Faber**

**Vice-President: Debbie Wolford-Kozenski**

**Treasurer: Mary Faber**

**Asst Treasurer: Martin Hardy**

**Corresp. Secretary: Joddi Akers**

**Rec. Secretary: Gina Degreenia**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**(2020, 2021, 2022)**

**Lacy Chenoweth (443-520-1112)**

**Mitzi Hardy (443-995-3039)**

**Jimmy Frisco (410-280-6739)**

**Deana Tice (443-336-8492)**

**(2019, 2020, 2021)**

**Joseph Degreenia (410-647-3415)**

**Robert Fleshman (410-270-1480)**

**Sharon Gertz (410-721-7966)**

**Marilyn Torres (410-798-6388)**

**(2018, 2019, 2020)**

**Lori Gray (443-255-3498)**

**Nikki Greever (443-822-1893)**

**Rich Suhrie (443-618-4918)**

**Debbie Wolford-Kozenski (410-271-4358)**



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December 6 at 7 p.m. to discuss when/if elections will take place, and how elected officers/directors will carry over their positions into the New Year. I again invite all members to this Board of Directors meeting. Details will be forwarded to the Membership.

This concludes the 2020 State of the Fair Report.

Stay safe, and Happy Holidays!

John Faber  
2020 Fair President

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MEMBER UPDATES

Please send your member updates to our Corresponding Secretary Joddi Akers. You may call Joddi at 410-923-6638 or email her at joddia@msn.com.



RESTROOM ROOF REPAIRED

The roof of our main restroom has been in dire need of repairs for some time. Thanks to the Wells Home Improvement Company, and to Jimmy Frisco, who made the arrangements, the roof was repaired on Thanksgiving day.



GOFUNDME

The Board of Directors, at its October meeting, approved a motion to purchase a defibrillator for use at the Fairgrounds. The Go Fund Me account for that purpose has been closed.

Many thanks to all of those who have donated to this fundraiser.

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## EXHIBIT HALL UPDATE

Within the next few weeks, Annapolis Painting Services will be painting the two walls in the Exhibit Building that have not been painted.

Early in the Spring, they will return and color code the building, by painting the lower part of each of the departments. We will pay for the paint and they will donate the labor.

THANK YOU ANNAPOLIS  
PAINTING SERVICES FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR FAIR!

## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those members celebrating in December:

Joddi Akers - Dec 5  
Joan Mauritzen - Dec 7  
Patrick Curran Dec 8  
Kay Gertz - Dec 9  
Denise Jones - Dec 9  
Pat Redmond - Dec 13  
William Brendle III - Dec 14  
James Molino - Dec 16  
Shari Kennedy - Dec 20  
Steve Simpson - Dec 22  
Deana Tice - Dec 31

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating their happy day in December:

Tara & Troy Dunn - Dec 6  
Mary & Pat Redmond  
celebrating their 18th on Dec 13  
Billy Gallagher & Spouse - Dec 13

Please keep our members who are undergoing treatment or suffering from chronic illnesses, in your thoughts and prayers.

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2020/2021 CALENDAR

- Dec 1 - Rental Committee
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Dec 2 - Junior Board
- Dec 3 - Exhibit Hall Meeting
7 p.m. via Zoom
- Dec 3 - Site/Planning Committee
Contact Sally Lung for
time and location
- Dec 6 - Special Board Meeting
6 p.m.
- Dec 8 - Board of Directors
Zoom Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Dec 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
- Jan 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR
- Jan 5 - Rental Committee
- Jan 6 - Junior Board
- Jan 7 - Site/Planning Committee
- Jan 12 - Board of Directors
- Jan 19 - General Membership
- Jan 27 - Fair Week Committee

Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

*7 p.m. –Social Gathering
7:30 p.m.—Business Meeting*

AGENDA TOPICS

**Election of Officers/Directors
Winter Events
Spring Events**

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2021 DUES INVOICE

Your 2021 Membership dues are now due. Please fill out the form below and send to the Membership Committee along with your check for \$10. Dues are \$10 per year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Birthday: _____ Anniversary: _____

(Required)

(Optional)

May we send your newsletter by email? Yes _____ No _____

Send this form and your check to:

Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.

ATTN: Membership Committee

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Goals of the Anne Arundel County Fair

To serve as a showcase for ingenuity, talent and interest in the agricultural life.

To serve as a means of educating children and young people to the honorable profession of farming, including the handling of animals from birth to market, the growth, preparation and preservation of food and the creativity of home arts skills.