



## PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

What a year 2020 turned out to be! With the Covid-19 pandemic taking hold early in the year, leading to almost all events being cancelled, it was a tough one. Add to that the passing of our Fair President John Kozen-ski and other Fair members, most of us are not too disheartened to see it go.

I do want to say "thank you" to the many members who continued to support the Fair in these hard times. Decisions had to be made to work through the many executive orders handed down from government about how the Fair can and should continue to operate. I am sure we will need to continue to modify our operating practices as needed into 2021, as it appears the pandemic is showing no sign of retreating any time soon. Hopefully, the recently released vaccines will help in getting the virus under control.

The Board voted to extend the membership of 2020 members, through the end of 2021. If you have already paid your dues for 2021, they will be applied to your 2022 dues. Officers and Board members are still required to pay their 2021 dues.

The Board also filled the 5 vacant Board positions. The election for these positions did not happen as the November membership meeting/ election was cancelled due to the pandemic and executive orders. The

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### President's Message Continued.....

Board reviewed and discussed the logistics of having an election and it was decided, as other non-profits have done, to cancel the elections and keep the current BOD and Officers installed through 2021.

Sharon Gertz is already working hard to get the fairgrounds ready for our September Fair. Please contact Sharon if you have any ideas for Fair Week or wish to be involved.

Below are the dates for upcoming Fair sponsored events. If you have the time to help, please reach out to the chairperson of the event. They would appreciate it!

April 17 - Flea Market/Tractor Pull

May 15 - Flea Market/Tractor Pull

June 12 - Flea Market/ Tractor Pull and Rodeo

Sept 15-19 - Fair Week

Oct 2-3 - Craft Show/Tractor Pull and Jousting Tournament

Oct 15-30 - Halloween Happening

I am sure we will be discussing these events in more detail in upcoming meetings!

With the leaves off of the trees and other cooler weather, it is a great time to

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## MOTIONS

At the December 8, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

\*\*to allow Girl Scout Morgan Smith build and place owl houses at the Fairgrounds.

\*\*to extend all 2020 memberships into 2021, excluding Board members and officers. Members who paid dues for 2021 will be extended into 2022.

\*\*to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors with Wayne Shorter, 2021 - 2023; Michelle Cooper, 2021 - 2022; Stacy Eckels, 2021 - 2022; Sydney Henschel Wyvill 2021 and Andy Eckels, 2021.

\*\*to pay dues for membership in the Annapolis Chamber of Commerce if dues are less than \$250.

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President's message continued.....

stop by the fairgrounds and do a little clean-up work. If you need tools or supplies (trash bags, etc), let me know, and I will make sure you get them!

Thank you all for continuing to support your Fair. Hope to see everyone in person soon, but until then, please stay safe.

John Faber  
2021 AA Co Fair President

## OFFICERS/ DIRECTORS

At the December Board of Directors meeting the Board of moved to appoint five (5) new directors to fill vacancies existing on the Board. The current Board's term of office will run through 2021.

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

(2021, 2022, 2023)  
Lacy Chenoweth (443-520-1112)  
Mitzi Hardy (443-995-3039)  
Jimmy Frisco (410-280-6739)  
Deana Tice (443-336-8492)  
Wayne Shorter (410-508-8174)

(2020, 2021, 2022)  
Joseph Degreenia (410-647-3415)  
Sharon Gertz (410-721-7966)  
Marilyn Torres (410-798-6388)  
Michelle Cooper (410-320-0526)  
Stacy Eckels (731-234-7765)

(2019, 2020, 2021)  
Lori Gray (443-255-3498)  
Nikki Greever (443-822-1893)  
Rich Suhrie (443-618-4918)  
Sydney Henschel Wyvill (443-534-2395)  
Andy Eckels (717-331-1225)





## 4-H CORNER

Information should be coming out shortly regarding enrollments for 2021. Assistance is available from the 4-H Office if needed.

There will be a mandatory livestock meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. It will be a virtual evening meeting.

All record books are due on February 1. Leaders will collect them and bring them to the 4-H Office.

Remember, the 4-H Office is closed to the public so please make an appointment to meet Gretchen there.

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## FIREWOOD AVAILABLE

Are you in need of free firewood? Can you come to the Fairgrounds, pull the small trees out of the wood edges, cut them up and take them with you? There are also some cut pieces on a first come, first serve basis. You must contact Sharon Gertz to set up a day and time to pick up. No one will be allowed on the grounds for this without a set time and permission! Sharon can be reached at 443-223-1245.

## FAIR WEEK TEAM REPORT

THE FAIR WEEK TEAM IS  
LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2021  
FAIR!

2020 was a crazy year! How many times have you heard (or said) that? Well it was, it was crazy, it was sad, depressing, emotional, hard and we are still dealing with it. So now let's start looking forward to getting out of quarantine, free to enjoy our entire families and our friends again. Doing things, going places, like THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR!

The Fair Week Team is working very hard preparing for the 2021 Fair. There are a couple things we need help with:

Entertainment Committee: As Debbie W-K is stepping back somewhat to take on her VP duties, so we need some helpers to work on the Entertainment Committee.

We need a freezer donated  
for the kitchen in the Exhibit Hall.

The Fair Team gave a full update at the January 12th Board meeting. We will give a full report at the upcoming Membership meeting on January 19th. Because of this we will cancel the Fair Week meeting date set for January 27th.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
ALL YOU DO FOR YOUR COUNTY  
FAIR! WE COULD NOT DO IT  
WITHOUT YOU!

Sharon Gertz



## EXHIBIT HALL UPDATE

There have been many hours worked in the Exhibit Hall in the last few weeks, mostly in cleaning out the building in preparation for Annapolis Painting Services to paint the walls in Photography and Fine Arts. They will also be back to also to repaint the front doors.

Rick Arwin has made a number of trips to the dump and the broken fridge and the broken freezer have been removed. Thanks to Tommy Boehm and Marvin Glass for bringing in a donated refrigerator and it is in place. Marvin and Tommy are looking at any upgrades that could be made to the kitchen area.

Rick took the pig home that was above the cabinets in the kitchen, cleaned him, fixed the broken parts and gave him a paint job. He looks great and is back home!!

The two offices have received some recycled furniture and look much better now. The old skirting has been removed, washed, folded and packed into tubs for whomever will need it this year.

We will keep you updated as to the **FACELIFT TO THE DEPARTMENTS.**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED!!** We could not have done it without you.



## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in January/February:

Sherry Timmons Jan 13  
Melany Massey Jan 14  
Pam Gertz - Jan 14  
Gladys Marucha - Jan 17  
Robert Torres - Jan 18  
James Carico - Jan 23  
Michael Carico - Jan 25  
Denise White - Jan 28  
Elizabeth Molino Feb 6  
Sally Lung - Feb 13  
Denny Greever - Feb 14  
Gina Degreenia - Feb 17  
Lisa Frisco - Feb 18  
Stacy Eckels - Feb 19  
Jess Armacost - Feb 21  
Jennifer Martin - Feb 25  
Claire Hayward - Feb 28

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating their happy day in January/February:

Christine & Bubba Wilinski - Jan 16  
Donna Herren & Hubby - Jan 24  
Michelle & Bill Grimes - Feb 4  
Deana & Josiah Tice - Feb 22

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Spice family on the loss of former Fair President Larry Spice who passed away in July and to the Gunther Family on the loss of Karlene Zepp, chair in Exhibit Bldg.

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



# 2021 CALENDAR

- Jan 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR
- Jan 5 - Rental Committee  
7:30 p.m.
- Jan 6 - Junior Board 7 p.m.
- Jan 7 - Site/Planning Committee  
Contact Sally Lung for  
Meeting info
- Jan 12 - Board of Directors  
Zoom Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Jan 19 - General Membership  
Zoom Meeting at  
7:30 p.m.
- Feb 2 - Rental Committee
- Feb 3 - Junior Board
- Feb 4 - Site/Planning committee
- Feb 9 - Board of Directors
- Mar 2 - Rental Committee
- Mar 3 - Junior Board
- Mar 4 - Site/Planning Committee
- Mar 9 - Board of Directors



## *Membership Meeting*

*Tuesday, January 19, 2021*

*Zoom Meeting at 7 p.m.*

### AGENDA TOPICS

**Winter Events  
Rentals  
Spring Events  
Fair Week**

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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.*

