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President's Message Continued.....

PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

Dear Fair Members,

March: In like a lion, out like a lamb. That is the old saying. With every weekend in February having snow or rain, I am hoping we start seeing some better weather soon so we can start completing our outside tasks, both home and at the Fairgrounds.

Due to the pandemic, the April Flea Market and Antique Tractor Pull have been cancelled. I know Lori and the Rental Committee have a full rental schedule booked for 2021. Looking forward to the remaining flea market/tractor pulls and all the other rentals booked.

Clean-up in and around the Fairgrounds has begun. Most noticeably, is the work going on in the Exhibit Building. Sharon and crew have spent many days giving the inside a much needed facelift. This includes painting, and replacement/repair of the existing display cases. As soon as the weather breaks, we can plan some other clean-up events, assuming COVID restrictions allow.

There are many downed trees around the Fairgrounds. If anyone is in need of wood, please let Sharon or me know, and we can point you in the right direction. There is still a sizable pile of wood down by the Lower Stage, that is ready to load.

We had a successful FFA/4-H steer
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weigh-in in early January. Exhibitors are out scouting for their other 2021 livestock projects in preparation of showing them at the September fair. It is sounding like the barns will be full with exhibitors and livestock.

Our next General Membership meeting will be held April 20, 2021. Board meetings are scheduled for March 9 and April 13. To be eligible to vote in 2021, you must pay your dues by April 20, 2021. Please remember that membership for 2020 members has been extended through 2021. It is only new members that will need to pay their 2021 memberships by April 20 to be eligible to vote in 2021. If in doubt, please contact Mitzi Hardy.

I would like to thank Tommy Boehm for his many years as Membership Committee Chairperson. He took this responsibility over from Rosemary Dunn after her passing, and has done a fantastic job keeping the membership roster organized. It is a lot of work and has been much appreciated.

We have had a number of volunteers and Fair supporters take ill in the past few months. Please take a minute to say a prayer for their continued recovery.

Feel free to contact me with any comments or suggestions which you may have. I am looking forward to a successful 2021 season!

Stay safe,
John Faber
2021 Fair President

MOTIONS

At the January 12, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

****to use the \$900 raised by Facebook, to cover the remaining costs for the porch restoration.**

At the January 19, 2021 meeting of the Membership, the following motions were approved:

****to have the Fair cover the remaining balance of the cost of the Office Porch, if necessary.,**

****to approve the proposed 2021 Fair Budget.**

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## CATALOG CHANGES

It is now time to send in your catalog changes for the 2021 Fair Catalog. Joseph Degreenia and Sydney Wayvill will be making the the changes for the Exhibitor Catalog. Debbie Wolford-Kozenski will be coordinating the Entertainment guide.



## FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

Our Fair Week Team met on January 5th.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Help is needed with this Committee and anyone interested should contact anyone on the Fair Team or Debbie Wolford-Kozenski.

**FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS:** Sandy Suhrie and Debbie Vernon will be coordinating the volunteer food for Fair Week. Group needs another freezer for the Exhibit Hall Kitchen.

**ADVERTISING:** Sydney Wyvill is handling the regular advertising, and Joseph Degreenia and Deana Tice will continue handling the social media. Michelle Cooper will be working with Instagram. Joseph and Sydney will also handle the changes for the Exhibitor Catalog.

**VENDORS:** Lacy Chenoweth and Michelle Cooper will be working with our vendors.

**EXHIBIT BUILDING:** Due to Ruby Schwinn's health problems, John Richardson will take over the chair job with Rick Arwin as co-chair. Annapolis Painting will be painting parts of the building as the year progresses.

**SCARECROW WORKSHOP:** Debbie Vernon will chair along with help from a friend.

**NEXT MEETING  
MARCH 31, 2021**





## 4-H CORNER

News has come down from the state office that beginning March 1, faculty and staff may start giving in-person programming following UME 4-H standards. Also, beginning March 22, volunteers may start to begin submitting requests for in-person activities to be held on or after April 1st.

Only MCE certified volunteers may conduct these activities and must adhere to the guidelines in the Restoring Maryland 4-H In-Person Programs. Check with our 4-H office for more information

## FIREWOOD STILL 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.

## 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](mailto:joddia@msn.com).

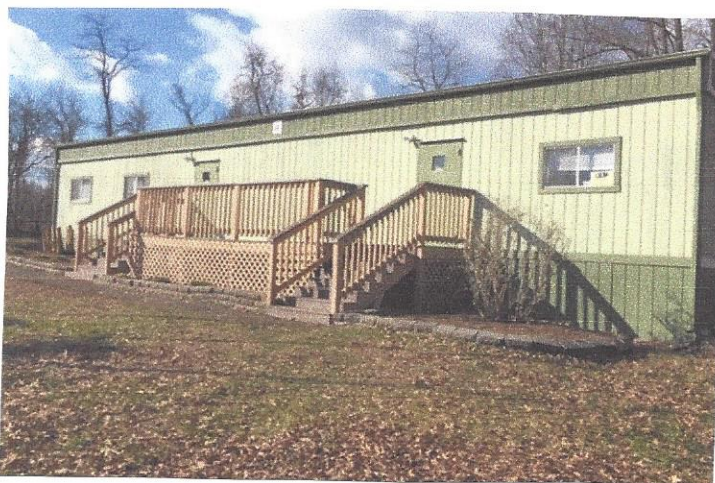
## HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW FAIR OFFICE PORCH?

The Fair has benefited many times over the years from Boy Scouts needing projects for their Eagle Scout rank and from 4-Hers looking to complete their Level Six Diamond Clover award.

Attaining Eagle Scout rank is a multistep activity that requires many hours of thought, planning, and usually a lot of hard work along with earning the funds to complete the project.

Most recently, Justin Tice, Fair member and boy scout from Harwood, decided to earn his Eagle Scout rank by renovating the front porch of our Fair Office.

After much preliminary planning and getting approval from the Boy Scout organization and the County Fair, Justin and his team of workers and adult chaperones, completed the awesome job of removing the old porch, which had some issues and needed much work done to make it safe again, and replaced it with a beautiful new porch that is not only beautiful and safe, but will retain that beauty and remain safe for many years.





## BYLAW CHANGES

April is the month when we have deadlines for paying your yearly dues, and for submitting proposed changes to our bylaws. The deadline date for both, is April 20. Anyone who pays their dues after that date will not have voting privileges.

Any Fair Member who wishes to make changes in the Fair's Bylaws, may do so now. Please include the present bylaw as it now reads, your proposed changes, and the rationale for the change. Please include your name in case the Bylaw Committee needs clarification of your proposed change.

Proposed changes may be may be mailed to the Bylaw Committee at the Fair address, or placed in the Bylaw Committee mailbox at the Fair Office.

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RENTAL COMMITTEE

The Rental Committee meeting will by conference call on March 2.

The first scheduled outdoor event at the Fairgrounds for 2021, is the Viking Experience on May 22nd and 23rd.

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in March:

Peggy Peffley - March 1
Donna Herren - March 2
Marion Adams - March 5
Jay Tice - March 7
Emily Newland - March 9
Jacob Bowen - March 11
Sharon Shorter - March 12
Debbie Wolford-Kozenski -
March 13
Jonathan Brown - March 17
Barbara Nutwell - March 26

Happy Anniversary to Amanda and John Wahle who are celebrating their happy day on March 17th.

Our deepest sympathy to Sharon Shorter and family on the recent loss of her mother.

Get well wishes for a speedy recovery for those members who have suffered from illnesses over the past few months: Tommy Boehm, Sally Lung, Debbie Kozenski, Joseph Degreenia, Jeanette and Doug Newland, Nikki and Denny Greever and Lori Gray.

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



2021 CALENDAR

- Mar 2 - Rental Committee
7:30 p.m. Conference Call
- Mar 3 - Junior Board
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Mar 4 - Site/Planning Committee
Contact Sally Lung
- Mar 9 - Board of Directors
7:30 p.m. ZOOM Meeting
- Mar 31 Fair Week Team Committee
Zoom Meeting at 7 p.m.
- April 1 - Site/Planning Committee
- April 6 - Rental Committee
- April 7 - Junior Fair Board
- April 10 - Cancelled
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- April 13 - Board of Directors
- April 20 - Membership Meeting
- April 28 - Fair Week Team Committee



Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

AGENDA

- *Submission of Proposed Bylaw changes
- *Spring Events
- *Summer 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:

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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.

