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President's Message

Fair Enthusiasts,

The days are getting shorter and so seems my monthly messages. There is a flurry of activity at the Fairgrounds. Everyone is preparing for the Fair! If you have a few extra cycles of time and wish to take on a task or two, please let Sharon Gertz or me know. We will get you busy in no time. I also notice banners placed at three different locations in the county. Thank you for those who put the banners up!

Online entries for livestock have wrapped up. We look forward to another great round of livestock shows this year at the Fair. I am looking forward to working with the indoor exhibit folks and see how they do their piece of the Fair puzzle. A special thanks to John Richardson and the many others who have worked so hard the last few months giving the Exhibit Building a fresh new look. Great job!

As Hurricane/Tropical Storm Ida pushed through the area yesterday, it seems the Fairgrounds was spared any great harm. Other county residents were not so fortunate as multiple tornados touched down in the county. Our prayers go out to those folks.

And as we get ready for Fair, we need to take a minute and think of the

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many happy memories we have of John Kozenski and the Fairgrounds. He would have been so pleased with the way everyone has come together after this past year! It was this time last year that John passed away. Our thoughts and support go out to John's family. We look forward to enjoying the Fair with you, just as John did.

Thanks again to all of our volunteers. Without you, YOUR Anne Arundel County Fair would not happen. If you should have any questions, issues, or thoughts on Fair matters, please feel free to reach out to me.

Stay safe everyone, wash your hands, and see you at the Fair!

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FAIR WEEK CONTACTS

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MOTIONS

Approved motions made and adopted bylaw changes will be included in the October newsletter.

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT BACK GATE

We have volunteer slots to fill at the Back Gate. No evening hours required. Just day shifts. Contact Sharon Gertz, at 443-223-2345, or Joan Mauritzen if you can help.

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SCARECROW WORKSHOP

We are looking for donations of clothing and accessories for our Scarecrow Workshop. Items may be dropped off at the Fair Office or the Information Booth. Items needed are:

- **Long-sleeved Shirts
- **Long Pants
- **Jeans
- **Belts, ties, scarves, etc.

No underwear, please!

FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Week Committee met on August 25, 2021.

ADVERTISING: Completed.

BEER/WINE: Set up completed. Looking for Beer/Wine and Office volunteers.

CATALOG/ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE: Both being distributed.

CONTRACTS: Restrooms will be covered by Chrysalis House/; and parking by R-7 Security LLC.

ENTERTAINMENT: Local bands on Saturday. Working on demos for Upper Stage, and with new chain saw man. Rich has supply of logs needed. Pig Races and Wild West show are good to go.

EXHIBIT BUILDING: Almost done. Need a couple of more volunteers to help new chairs. A freezer was donated to the kitchen by Pat Shema.

VENDORS: Still coming in and there is still space available.

TROPHIES: Received and in the Office.

SPONSORS: Thanks to Fair members, we have four money sponsors this year; FTC, Reliable Contracting, Kurtz's Beach and Chesapeake Landscaping Materials. They total \$6000 and thanks to all who contributed.

GENERAL INFO: *We will be staying open all day on Thursday. Carnival giving us a special \$15 wristband until 4 p.m. *Eagle Scouts will be raising flags at the opening ceremony.

We will be following State and Local guidelines for our Fair this year.

NEXT MEETING: SEPT 29, 2021



4-H CORNER

Our County 4-H members are up at the Maryland State Fair right now, through Labor Day next Monday. Then they will be heading back home to Anne Arundel to get ready for our Fair on the 15th.

Congratulations to all of those who participated in State Fair activities, and who will be entering the AA County Fair next week.

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### A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EXHIBIT BUILDING

We have several new department chairs that could use a little extra assistance during registration and judging days, Sunday, through Tuesday. If you can volunteer for a few hours during that period of time, please contact John Richardson2@msn.com.

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GATE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I am in need of volunteers to sell tickets and/or scan tickets for a 3 hour shift during Fair Week at the front gate. Please send me an email at joddia@msn.com, or call me (leave a message) at 410-923-6638.

Joddi Akers

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

At our annual Membership meeting in November, we will be electing officers and five members of the Board of Directors, for the Fair organization. The officer positions are for one year terms, and the Board positions are for five year terms.

Right now we need the names of those people who you believe would be a positive addition to our Board of Directors, and help to move the Fair organization forward to bigger and better efforts. Pick up a nominating form at the Office, or the Information Booth during Fair Week, and make your recommendations known. Our bylaws provide the requirements for each position, and the Nominating Committee can answer any questions you might have. Those on the Nominating Committee are Sharon Gertz, Tommy Boehm, Joseph Degreenia and Mary Faber.

You will be able to vote in person in November at the Membership meeting, or by absentee ballot, which will be available in October.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK IN THE FAIR OFFICE & BEER/WINE BOOTH

I have set up a volunteer list so you can sign up to work in the Fair Office and the Beer/Wine Booth during Fair Week. If you can help, please visit the site and sign up. Thank you for helping to make our Fair a huge success.

OFFICE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca9a82fa7fcc61-volunteers>

BEER/WINE BOOTH:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca9a82fa7fcc61-anne>

Thanks,
Joseph Degreenia

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## **MEMBER UPDATES**

Please send any member updates you may have 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).

## **MEMBER NEWS**

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating their birthday in September:

Gail Yeiser - Sept 1  
Joan Krammes - Sept 4  
Kelsey Lawson - Sept 5  
Blake Barbin - Sept 11  
Pat Shema - Sept 12  
Falyn Newland - Sept 18  
Mary Bowen - Sept 26  
Dan Moos - Sept 26

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

Patty & Dan Seitz - Sept 1  
Melony Massey & Brian Nosalik - Sept 11  
Marilyn & Marvin Glass - Sept 19  
Amanda & Randy Akers - Sept 21  
Joddi & Ted Akers - Sept 24  
Gina & Todd Degreenia - celebrating 33 years on Sept 24

Congratulations to Nicole & T. J. Torres on the birth of their second child, Libby Jean and to Brittany & Allen Rawlings on the birth of their second daughter, Piper.

And, as always we want to keep those who are dealing with chronic illnesses, in our thoughts and prayers.

# 2021 CALENDAR

Sept 7 - Rental Committee 7:30  
p.m.

Sept 8 - Junior Board

Sept 12 Registration Days  
& 13

Sept 14 -Judging Day - Exhibit  
Hall

Sept 19 - Fair Opens

15-19 - ANNE ARUNDEL  
COUNTY FAIR

Sept 20 -Release Day

Sept 24 -26 - Hot Tub Expo

Sept 29 - Fair Week Committee

Oct 2 - Craft Show, Antique  
Tractor Pull, Jousting  
Tournament

Oct 3 - Craft Show

Oct 5 - Rental Committee

Oct 6 - Junior Board

Oct 9/10—HH Set Up

Oct 12 - AACF Board of Directors  
Meeting

Oct 27 - Fair Week Meeting

Oct15-17 Halloween

22-24, & Happenings  
29-31

Oct 31 OctoberFest

## *Membership Meeting*

*Tuesday, November 16, 2021*

### AGENDA

**\*Fair Wrap-Up  
Fall/Winter Events  
Election of Officers &  
Directors**

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## **FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 12, 1 to 5 p.m.**  
**Monday, September 13, 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.**  
**4-H Entries at 4 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 14, Judging at 10 am.**

**Wednesday, September 15, Fair Opens and runs**  
**Through September 19th**

**Monday, September 20 Pick-Up Exhibits**  
**2 to 7 p.m.**

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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.*

Family fun in 2021

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Fair

1<sup>st</sup>  
Place



**Sept 15 - 19, 2021**  
**Tickets: \$10 a person**  
**CHILDREN 9 & UNDER FREE**

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Crownsville, MD

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