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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fair Members,

The crocuses, daffodils and redbuds are in bloom. I can even hear the Spring peepers. I think winter is finally behind us!

We have already had a few rentals take place. Mr. Stach was once again kind enough to de-winterize the facilities for use during rentals. Truly appreciated.

Speaking of rentals, we have a full booking this year with a very diverse lineup of events. As always, we will be looking for folks to chaperone these events. It's a great way to spend a weekend day while also helping the Fair.

This past weekend we had a number of folks turn out to tidy up the Exhibit Building and put some of the props in storage. Many hands make light work, or something like that. It was great to see old and new faces alike.

As mentioned in past messages, we have a number of projects underway. Things are moving steadily along, but with supply issues, electrical needs, county permits, and our own volunteers performing much of the backbreaking work, it takes a while to coordinate and get completed. The LED sign, automated back gate, lower stage, WIFI upgrade, fence repair, new tractor, potential new barn, upgrades to sprinkler systems, and other minor projects, are all in progress! With a limited supply of tractors in the area, I am pleased that our tractor dealer was able to find our tractor! We are currently working on paperwork and getting our John Deere delivered.

And again, a quick thank you to the State of Maryland for the bond grants, Anne Arundel Economic Development for the WIFI grant, Maryland Educational Foundation for our yearly premiums/ribbons fair grant, and Pat Shema and Bruce Bereanno for donations to the tractor purchase!

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President's Message Continued.....

A reminder that suggested bylaw changes are due by the April 19 General Membership Meeting. Please get your suggested changes in. If you have an idea for a change, but don't know how to word it, your Bylaw Committee would be happy to help with that also! Also a reminder that the April 19 meeting is the last day to pay membership dues if you want to be able to vote at the November elections.

We have firewood available on the grounds that was left by BGE. We also have a good bit of compost from last year's Fair which has been sitting over the winter. Your tomatoes will love it!

The Fair Week Committee has been working hard in preparing for Fair! If you have any catalog change or suggestions, please contact the Fair Week Committee. Fair Week has a lot of great ideas for this year's Fair.

Last but not least, please plan on attending the Volunteer Picnic on April 23. It is a great way to get together and celebrate all the hard work that our volunteers do!

See you soon and stay safe!

John H. Faber

2022 President Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. 1197 Gwynne Avenue Churchton MD 20733

#### **MOTIONS**

At the January 11, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

\*\*to spend up to \$300.00 to have a graphic designer update the Fair map.

\*\*to renew the Fair's membership

in the IAFE. Cost \$190.00.

At the January 18, 2022 meeting of the Membership, a motion was approved to accept the proposed Fair budget for 2022.

At the February 8, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

\*\*to cancel the June Flea Market

and move it to October 1, 2022.

\*\*to accept the bid from Quality Signs for the Gate sign.

#### MAAFS 2022 SPRING JUDGING SCHOOL

The MAAFS 2022 Spring Judging School is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th, 2022 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, Mosner/Miller Building and the adjacent park area. If you are interested in becoming a judge, contact the MAAFS Judging School on the MAAFS website.

#### FAIR WEEK TEAM

The Fair Week Committee met on Wednesday, March 30, 2022.

CATALOG: Everyone needs to get their catalog changes in to Joseph ASAP. He has a deadline and needs to get the changes made and returned for proofing.

CONTESTS: All coming along nicely. Fair Royalty working on updates and the Ducky Game is looking for help. It is busiest on the weekends.

CONTRACTS: All confirmed except Parking and Sharon working on that right now.

EXHIBIT BLDG: Ceramics needs an additional volunteer, and Handicrafts needs 3-4 more. John R. working on solving the water coming into the building problem. GATES: All covered and this year Etickets will be used at the Back Gate also. 4-H DEPT: This year 4-H will be accepting their entries on Saturday before the Fair from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday will be their set-up and judging day. State Fair has changed their dates this year and will be run over three weekends which means it will be running during our clean-up day and registration days. They will work with us to make sure that anyone who wants to enter our Fair can pick up their exhibits early so they can enter our Fair. OFFICE: Peggy Peffley and Lori Gray

OFFICE: Peggy Peffley and Lori Gray will be Fair Office Managers this year. VENDORS: Contracts out shortly.

ATM: Two ATM's confirmed for this year and will be serviced by company in Odenton.

NEXT FAIR WEEK MEETING: MAY 25, 2022



#### 4-H CORNER

The 2022 Maryland 4-H State Dairy Bowl Quiz will be held on Saturday, April 23 at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster. Eight 4-H members may be entered.

The 2022 Maryland 4-H Horse Communication Contest will be held April 4 through 28th. This contest

will be held virtually.

4-H Summer Camp will be held July 24 through July 29, 2022 at the Western Maryland 4-H Center.

Maryland Day is April 30, 2022

at College Park.

Contact the County 4-H Office at 410-222-3900 for additional information on these events.

#### MEMBER UPDATES

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Please send any updates on our member that you may have to our Corresponding Secretary Martin Hardy. You may reach Martin by calling him at 443-995-8431, or by email at caulkhead@gmail.com

## MEMBER & VOLUNTEER SPRING BBQ!

We are hosting a "Spring BBQ" on Saturday, April 23rd, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds (pavilion), for our members and volunteers.

Mission BBQ will be catering the event with Birthday cake and Snowcones for dessert!

Please rsvp to 4hmitzi@gmail.com or call 443-995-3039. Please rsvp by Saturday, April 9th.

We look forward to see-

ing everyone!

Mitzi Hardy Membership Chair

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE EXHIBIT BUILDING

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John Richardson is looking for a few volunteers to cover Ceramics and Handicrafts in the Exhibit Building. If you can spare a few hours on Registration and Judging days, please contact John at jjrich-ardson2@msn.com.

## CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

You still have time to submit proposed changes to our bylaws. Please include the present bylaw as it now reads, your proposed changes, and the rationale for the change. Also, please include your name in case the Bylaw Committee needs clarification of your proposed change.

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

## SCARECROW WORKSHOP

We are still looking for long-sleeved flannel those for shirts our Scarecrow Workshop at the Fair. Any long-sleeved shirt is OK, but flannel is perfect. Also looking for accessories—hats, belts, scarves, etc. Drop off at the Information Office the or Booth

#### MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday wishes to those who are celebrating their birthday in April:

Rick Arvin - April 2
Chip Brendle - April 2
Brandy Merson - April 4
Nicholas Carico - April 11
Anthony Rush - April 13
Bradley Newland - April 14
Jean Jackson - April 18
Mary Redmond - April 20

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to Michelle Cooper and her Hubby who are celebrating their happy day on April 7th.

Congratulations to the Degreenia who welcomed their first grandchild on March 7th. Alyssa had a baby girl, Lila Rose, who weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and is 21 inches long.

Our deepest sympathy to the Massey Family on the recent loss of Betsy's father.

Please keep those who are presently dealing with chronic illnesses, in your thoughts and prayers.



#### 2022 CALENDAR

- Apr 5 Rental Committee 7:30 p.m. Zoom or Fair Office
- Apr 6 Junior Board 7 p.m. Fair Office
- Apr 9 Flea Market #1
  7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  Antique Tractor Pull
  Registration at 10 a.m.
  Pull Starts at Noon
- Apr 12 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Apr 19 Membership Meeting 7 p.m.—Social 7:30 p.m. Meeting
- Apr 20 AA Co 4-H Foundation 7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Apr 23 Spring BBQ-Volunteers & Members 3 p.m. at the Pavilion
- May 2 Rental Committee
- May 4 Junior Board
- May 10 Board of Directors
- May 14 Flea Market Antique Tractor Pull
- May 25 Fair Week Committee

#### Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 19 2022 7 p.m.

#### **AGENDA**

Flea Markets
Tractor Pull
Rodeo
Bylaw Changes
Summer Events
Fair Week

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Antique Tractor Pull - April 9, 2022
Volunteer & Member BB - April 23, 2022
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Flea Market - June 11, 2022
Rodeo - June 11, 2002
Fair Week - September 14 - 19, 2022
Antique Tractor Pull - Oct 1, 2022
Halloween Happenings - October 14 -16; 21 -23;
28 - 30, 2022
Christmas Display - November 26 - Dec 19, 2022

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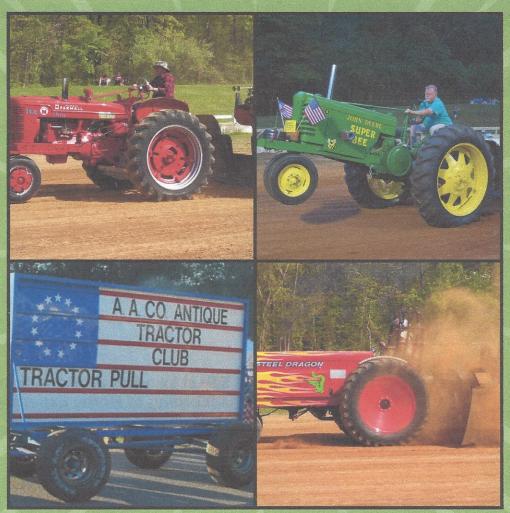
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Goals of the Anne Arundel County Fair

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.

# AACO ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULLS



April 9th, May 14th, Sept 17th and Oct 1st

Registration: 10AM — Starts at 12PM

\$5 ADMISSION

(except Sept 17th which is included in fair admission)

www.aacountyfair.org

410-923-3400



## Spring Flea Market

April 9th & May 14th
Open from 8 am until 2 pm





Discover great finds and hidden treasure.

#### Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds

1450 Generals Hwy. Crownsville, MD 21032

Spaces are still available.
Visit our website for more information

www.aacountyfair.org

410-923-3400



## Saturday & June 11, 2022

Gates Open 5:00 PM ~ Rodeo 7:00 PM

at Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds

## SADDLE UP

for some good old fashion fun

FOOD AND BEER CONCESSIONS ON SITE
NO COOLERS / NO PETS / NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR ALCOHOL

Tickets: Adults \$20 ~ Kids age 6-15 \$10 ~ Kids 5 & under free Active & Retired Service Men & Women with ID \$18

Tickets available online through Etix Cash and credit at gate