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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fair Members,

It is hard to believe we are already into March with most of the winter behind us. I am looking forward to another productive Fair year!

Fair Week preparations are well underway getting read for September. Entertainment is being discussed and planned, catalogs reviewed and edited, as well as clean-up and beautification of the grounds. Every year we ask a lot of our Fair Week Committee and they get it done. This year will be no exception. If you have a bit of free time, Fair Week can use it. Just ask and we will find a task!

We have many initiatives underway on the Fairgrounds. The General's Highway LED sign will hopefully soon be installed once everything is squared away with the County. Bids have been received for an automatic back gate at the Crownsville Road entrance and we are looking to move fast on that project as well. Planning is underway to enhance the Lower Stage, making it safer and a bit more useful. The sprinkler system in the Commercial Building is receiving major repairs and enhancement. The Exhibit Building is soon to follow.

And let's not forget plans for a new tractor! Thanks to generous donations from members Pat Shema and Bruce Bereano, we are well underway to

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purchasing a much needed large tractor. The "Tractor Team" is finalizing the purchase specifics and I hope to have the tractor on site this Spring.

Rentals are moving along with most weekends filled. The first event, the Dinosaur Drive-Thru, took place this past weekend and was a great success for both us and the renter.

Work is also underway to extend WIFI throughout the Fairgrounds. This will be a great enhancement with many possibilities to its usage during events, including Fair Week.

Many projects on at the Fairgrounds, and lots to do. If you have the inclination to help, please reach out and we will get you started.

I look forward to seeing everyone in and around the Fairgrounds and as always, please be safe.

John H. Faber

2022 President
Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.
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MOTIONS

At the November 16, 2021 meeting of the Membership, a motion was approved to renew Bruce Bereano's contract and to add cost to our budget.

At the December 14, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions were approved:

****to contact an engineer to get pricing to do a study as to the feasibility of a climate controlled building on the Fairgrounds.**

****to allow Let's Go Music Festival to run until 11 p.m.**

****to not charge the 4-H All Stars to serve food at the Tractor Pulls.**



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. Mark your calendars now and the registration information will be sent out in late March/April.

FAIR WEEK TEAM

Happy Spring to All—It's Almost Here

The exciting news is, we have secured our first sponsor for the 2022 Fair. Ferguson Trenching has agreed to sponsor in full, our 1st Lasor Encore Light Show for this year's Fair. Pasadena Landscape Materials is sponsoring our 70th Birthday Dance Parties on Friday and Saturday nights. And there are other sponsorships in the works.

We still need help with Entertainment. We have booked a number of things and if anybody is interested in just helping now or at Fair time, please let us know right away.

We also need two people to work in the Handicrafts Department at Fair time for entries and Release Day. Please contact one of us now to let us know if you can help.

If anyone has any changes to the catalog, they are due by April 1.

As the weather warms up, PLEASE watch for an email that lets you know the date of our first work days. We need to clean up and put away everything in the Exhibit Building as soon as possible.

Sharon Gertz

2022 Fair Week Manager

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 30, 2022



4-H CORNER

The Annual 4-H Variety Show sponsored by the Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation, will be held this year on April 3, 2022 at the Baldwin Church Hall in Millerville. The event will start at 4 p.m. No fee for admission and all are welcome.

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, starting at 9 a.m. 4-H members will be able to demonstrate their speaking skills in four categories, a prepared speech, extemporaneous speaking, interpretive speaking and radio spots.

On March 10, 2022 there will be a Public Speaking Workshop from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and held at the 4-H Office in Gambrills.

There will be a virtual Horse Communication Contest from April 4 to the 18th.

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### MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any member updates 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](mailto:caulkhead@gmail.com)

## SOUTHERN FFA AIDS KENTUCKY TORNADO VICTIMS

In December 2021 when a series of tornadoes struck in six states in the USA's Mississippi Valley, the Southern FFA Chapter at Southern High School, were quick to offer their help to those in distress. One of their members had extended family who live and farm in Bremen, KY, which was one of the areas hardest hit.

Southern FFA, with the support of their alumni chapter and Homestead Gardens, was able to gather over \$41,500.00 and hundreds of pounds of food and multiple crates of clothes and toys. Some members decided to give up their winter break ski trip and vacations and made plans to travel to Kentucky to deliver the supplies.

The group of ten who traveled to Kentucky were able to work with the County Extension agent, who put them just where the damage was and needed to be cleaned up by hand so as not to tear up the fields and protect the winter wheat that was growing.

Ethan Scofield, when asked to tell the events that stuck with him said, I think the best part of the trip and the most fulfilling was being given the opportunity to meet members of the community and to see how truly thankful they were for our presence, and I can remember thinking and saying over and over, 'We are blessed to be able to be here' when we were met with all the thank you's,"

Traveling to Kentucky were Julie Anne Lynskey, Katelyn Bullock, Allison Bullock, Ethan Scofield, Roberty Henry, Jacob Bjerknes, Megan Arnold and chaperones Stacy and Andy Eckels.



## CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

Any Fair member who wishes to make changes to 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. 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.

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SCARECROW WORKSHOP

We are still looking for those long-sleeved flannel shirts for 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 Office or the Information Booth.

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday wishes to those who are celebrating their birthday 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 W-K - 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.

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

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE EXHIBIT BUILDING

Volunteers are always needed in the Exhibit Building, but right now we need to sign up some people to help out in the Handicrafts Department. Handicrafts is a big department with many exhibits entered, so they need quite a bit of help there. Please contact John Richardson at [jjrichardson2@msn.com](mailto:jjrichardson2@msn.com).

# 2022 CALENDAR

- Mar 1 - Rental Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Mar 2 - Junior Board  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Mar 8 - Board of Directors Meeting  
Zoom or Fair Office
- Mar 30 - Fair Week Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Apr 5 - Rental Committee
- Apr 6 - Junior Board
- Apr 9 - Flea Market #1  
Antique Tractor Pull
- Apr 12 - Board of Directors Meeting
- Apr 19 - Membership Meeting
- Apr 27 - Fair Week Committee

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DUES INVOICES
ATTACHED



Membership Meeting

*Tuesday, April 19 2022
7 p.m.*

AGENDA

Spring Events
Bylaw Changes
Summer Events
Fair Week

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2022 CALENDAR OF FAIR EVENTS



Flea Market - April 9, 2022
Antique Tractor Pull - April 9, 2022
Flea Market - May 14, 2022
Antique Tractor Pull - May 14, 2022
Flea Market - June 11, 2022
Rodeo - June 11, 2022
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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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.

Anne Arundel County Fair Inc.

2022 Current Member Dues Invoice

Your 2022 Membership dues are now due. Please fill out the form below and send to the Membership Committee along with your check.

Dues are: Regular Membership (must be 18 or older) - \$20

Associate (Non-voting) Membership - \$10

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Are you 18 or older? Yes _____ No _____

Birthday (optional) ____/____/____

Wedding Anniversary (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

P.O. Box 372, Crownsville, MD 21032

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The Anne Arundel County New Fair Member Application

Our members, volunteers and fiends are the backbone of our organization. Without our volunteers it would not be possible to have our many fair sponsored events or a County Fair. Please consider giving back to your community by becoming a Fair Member and volunteering at fair sponsored events.

Name: _____

Today's Date: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Birthday (Optional): ____/____/____

18 or over? : Yes____ No ____

Wedding Anniversary (Optional): ____/____/____

Your interests: _____

Willing to help with? ☐ Ticket Sales ☐ Gardening ☐ Contests ☐ Advertising ☐ Helping at Ticket Gates ☐ Painting ☐ Office Help ☐ Concessions ☐ Tractor Driving ☐ Department Chair

Interested in the following events or committees? ☐ Building Maintenance ☐ Ground maintenance & Grass Cutting ☐ Flea Market ☐ Equipment Maintenance ☐ Craft Festivals ☐ Rental Committee ☐ Halloween Happenings ☐ Fair Week ☐ Rodeo

I hereby apply for membership in the Anne Arundel County Fair Inc. Membership is on an individual basis and entitles me to all privileges of membership in the corporation. This includes one vote per regular membership and one membership pass to the Fair. In return I shall promote the Fair and Fair Sponsored events in any way that I can. I will attend meetings and **volunteer at least four hours of work during Fair Week.**

For questions, please call (410) 923-3400 and leave a message

Someone will return your call as soon as possible

Submit Application to:

Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. /Membership

PO Box 372 Crownsville, MD 21032

Please make all checks payable to: The Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.

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