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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fair Members,

Ian continues to make its way through Maryland with wind and rain as I write this month's message. Many folks in the hurricane's path have experienced huge losses and our prayers go out to these families.

We were spared from the storm's wrath and had beautiful weather during our annual County Fair. And what a great Fair it was! Attendance was way up for each and every day. It was great to see the midway, barn area, carnival, and track areas bustling with activity. I thought of John K. many times over the week and I am sure he was watching us, with a smile.

We did have a number of elected officials and dignitaries attend our Fair and present us with a few citations commemorating our 70th anniversary. It sure is nice to know we have support from our elected officials as well as the community in continuing what we enjoy, and that is the Anne Arundel County Fair!

Please take a moment and jot down your thoughts concerning Fair Week. The Fair Week team looks forward to your input. I know plans are already underway for next year and we again look forward to everyone's help and involvement!

As always, we jump right into Halloween Happenings and our new Christmas event. Please contact Marilyn, Debbie K., Michelle or Nikki, as they can use the additional help.

ELECTIONS! Who does not love elections? Our Nominating Committee (Mitzi Hardy, Gina Degreenia, Mary Faber) are hard at work and will be presenting their report at the upcoming BOD meeting and the October General Membership Meeting.

And concerning the October General Membership Meeting, we still have a bit of by-law inconsistency. A bylaw was passed that

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references an October General Membership Meeting, but October is not one of the months listed to have a General Membership Meeting. To address this inconsistency, I will again hold a "Special" General Membership Meeting on October 18 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will simply allow the Nominating Committee to give a report, as stated in the bylaws. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89092220983>.

If needed, please request an absentee ballot from Mrs. Gina Degreenia. She will be happy to send one your way.

And if you would like to run for a position, please do! There are nomination forms, or you can be nominated from the floor before the election. And you most certainly can nominate yourself!

Thanks to everyone for everything you do. I truly appreciate it!

Stay safe.

John H. Faber

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MOTIONS

There was no Board of Directors meeting in September and therefore no approved motions to report.

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## MEMBERSHIP 2023

Next month the 2023 membership application and the 2023 dues form, will be included in the newsletter. Please note that the dues for 2023 will be \$20.00 for regular members and \$10.00 for associate members (non-voting member).

Thank you to our many Fair members who volunteer in 2022.

Membership Committee



## FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

### THANKS TO YOU ALL!! INCLUDING OUR VOLUNTEERS

What a GREAT 70th FAIR we had and that was all because of YOU!!

Yes, there were a few issues but when we look at the whole picture, we were very successful. We came so far with the online entries as well as many other things. I have heard many good things about the online entries and I am sure next year will go even better.

Most of you should know that were NOT having a Fair meeting in September, so feel free to email me or anyone on the Team with your thoughts and we will go over them and then report at the Board of Directors meeting and the Fair Week

Thank you so much for all that you give to your FAIR!

This was our first year in a very long time that we had no help from the AADC men and we did a great job!

Our 70th Anniversary was one of the BEST FAIRS that I can remember and I hope that you feel the same way.

THANK YOU AGAIN!

Sharon and the Fair Team!!!





## 4-H CORNER

What a wonderful five days Anne Arundel County 4-H'ers spent at the County Fair this year. The weather was spectacular, the crowds were huge and everyone was able to experience a true fair atmosphere. On Wednesday evening, 4-H'er Ava Allen was chosen as the County Fair Ambassador. Ava is a member of the Trail Blazers Natural Resource 4-H Club, and will be working promoting the Fair in 2023.

All through the week our 4-H members showed what they have been working on this year as they exhibited their projects, showed their livestock, attended the Ice Cream Social, entered a contest, baked a cake for the Cake Contest and volunteered their in many areas.

Now with the weather turning cooler and the days shortening, our 4-H'ers will going on national trips, participating the Turkey Shoot in November and beginning to plan for 2023

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MEMBER UPDATES

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

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS 2022

It's October, the wind is turning cold and the ghosts, ghoulies and other strange beings are sitting at the edge of the woods waiting to be called out to once again prey on the citizens of Anne Arundel County when they visit our Fairgrounds this year for three weekends of Halloween Happenings. Are you brave enough to join the crowd?

This year, our 33rd, the dates are October 15 & 16; 21-23; and 28 & 29. The hours are 7 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 7 to 9 p.m. on Sundays. You can purchase advance tickets through Etix or pay at the door. Groups of ten or more get a \$1 discount. Admission is \$15, ages 6 and under are free.

Volunteer help is always needed to man the scenes, help with the hayride, and in the kitchen. Contact Nikki, (443-822-1893) Michelle (410-320-0526) or Marilyn (410-798-0388) to let them know when you can be there to help.



BEST OF SHOW AWARDS

We had an amazing turnout at the Best In Show awards on Sunday of Fair Week. It was all made possible because of the dedicated volunteers Tommy Boehm and Marvin Glass. Their organization and timeliness was impeccable, so that the tables and awards were arranged and on display well before the ceremony began. One thing that never changes for the exhibitors is the thrill of winning Best in Show.

For those who volunteer at the Fair and spend many hours working to make it a success, it's easy to forget the simple joy of receiving a blue ribbon and a \$5 premium. One would think this applies simply to the young people, but our department chair in Flowers, Claudia Ploor received her first Best in Show ever. What a thrill it was for her to receive it! Another winner told me that when she received the phone call that she had won, she hung up and cried she was so excited. My five year old granddaughter received a Best in Show in sewing, and wanted it hung right above her bed. Our youngest winner was our Fair President's granddaughter, who was a little too shy to come up by herself, but her dad proudly carried her up to receive it!

The Fair certainly takes a village to make it happen, but that village of volunteers spreads a lot of cheer to so many. Whether it is youngsters playing at the duck races and riding the carnival rides, to adults winning a Best in Show on a quilt they spent months making, or watching the antique tractor pull, reminding them of childhood at their grandparent's farm, the Fair volunteers create joy in the hearts of many.

Wendy Sites

MEMBER UPDATES

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays in October:

Dan Overstreet - Oct 2
Glenn James II - Oct 10
Ted Akers - Oct 10
Fay Baase - Oct 10
Tara Dunn Oct 10
Don Gertz Jr. - Oct 12
Larry Akers - Oct 18
Nikki Lawson - Oct 23
Chris Dean - Oct 25
Robert Fleshman - Oct 25
Lori Gray - Oct 31
Carl Green - Oct 31

Happy Anniversary wishes to those celebrating their happy day in October:

Brooke & Nick Wilson - Oct 1
Mary Henschel & Spouse - Oct 3
Jonathan Brown & Spouse - Oct 6
Joan & Jim Mauritzen - Oct 13
Stephen Fox & Spouse - Oct 16
Sharon & Don Gertz celebrating 52 years on October 17
Lisa & Dan Overstreet celebrating 20 years on Oct 19
Lisa & Jimmy Frisco - Oct 29

And, as always, please keep those who are dealing with chronic illnesses in your thoughts and prayers.



2022 CALENDAR

- Oct 1 - Antique Tractor Pull
- Oct 1 - Flea Market
- Oct 4 - Rental Committee
7:30 p.m. Fair Office or Zoom
- Oct 5 - Junior Board
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Oct 8 - Hot Tub Expo
- Oct 11 - Board of Directors
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Oct 20-14 - Boy Scout Camp
- Oct 14 - 16; 21 - 23; 28 & 29
Halloween Happenings
At the Fairgrounds
- Oct 16 - Steuart Pittman Fundraiser
- Oct 18 - Membership Meeting—Zoom
- Oct 19 - Pro Air Company Picnic
- Oct 26 - Fair Week Committee
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Nov 1 - Rental Committee
- Nov 2 - Junior Board
- Nov 5 - Dan Cox Fundraiser
- Nov 8 - Board of Directors
- Nov 15 - General Membership
Meeting

****Information about the outside events can
be found at the County Fair website www.aacountyfair.org**

General Membership Meeting

***Tuesday, November 15, 2022
7:30 p.m. Fair Office***

AGENDA

**Fair Week Wrap-Up
Election of Officers/Directors
Fall/Winter Events
Budget**

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR YEARLY SCHEDULE

Halloween Happenings:

October 15 & 16
21, 22 & 23
28 & 29

Christmas Holiday Display:

Nov 25, 26 & 27
Dec 2, 3 & 4
Dec 9, 10 & 11
Dec 16, 17 & 18



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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.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

2022



3 HAUNTED ATTRACTIONS

**OCTOBER 15 & 16
OCTOBER 21, 22 & 23
OCTOBER 28 & 29**

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 7PM TO 10PM
SUNDAY 7PM TO 9PM**



GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE THROUGH ETIX



**ANNE ARUNDEL FAIRGROUNDS
1450 GENERALS HIGHWAY, CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE
WILL RECEIVE \$1 OFF PER PERSON (ADVANCE TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE)**

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SECOND ANNUAL

FAIR FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Drive through Holiday Display

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



Open weekends 7-10 pm

2022

NOV 25-27

DEC 2-4

DEC 9-11

DEC 16-

18

\$10 per vehicle

Maximum Vehicle Height is 8 feet

