

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fair Members,

So far, we have missed any significant "Winter Weather." The crocus and daffodils are trying to bloom and the purple buds are not far behind. Many of the areas strawberry and apple farmers are a bit concerned with the greatly fluctuating weather. Hopefully, the weather will stabilize a bit and we can enjoy the fruits of their labor this late spring and fall.

We have many Fairground projects that need to be completed before Fair Week, and some need to be completed before rentals begin in earnest. I can supply a list if you would like to consider taking on a project. We can use your help.

As has been discussed, the county has "Special Event Permit" legislation before the County Council. This will require larger events to apply for a "special events" permit. It has some language that is favorable to our large Fair events (Fair Week and Rodeo). It will certainly be in any events' best interest to get their application in as early as possible. The legislation is similar to what is in place in most other urban counties and Annapolis City. We are working with the county to make sure the legislature is as helpful to the Fair as it is to the county agencies.

After many, many months of discussion, it was decided that the horse ring announcer stand was in need of major repairs and costs of the repairs and moving the structure was too great. Considering its condition and subsequent safety issues, the stand was torn down and removed. It was a tough decision but the right decision. We look to replace the stand with much smaller stands at some point in the near future.

Rentals are going strong with most week-ends booked. If you would like to chaperone a rental, please reach out and we will give you all the information needed.

This year will be our first "Bunny in the Barnyard" event, hosted by our Gina Degreenia.

President's Message Continued.....

The date is April 2 and pre-reservations have been brisk. Please see the Anne Arundel County Fair website for more information and how to get tickets.

Fair Week planning is well underway. Sharon and crew have many contracts completed and sponsors lined up! September will be here before we know it. Please consider giving the Fairgrounds a hand in getting ready.

We have a young lady working on her Level Six Diamond Project at the Fairgrounds. She will be adding a deck to the rear of the 4-H food booth. This is a very much needed project. If you should see her and her team, please stop by and let them know it is appreciated.

And if anyone has extra bluebird houses, or would like to build a bunch for the Fairgrounds, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing everyone around the Fairgrounds!

John H. Faber

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MOTIONS

At the January 17, 2023 meeting of the General Membership a motion was made and approved to accept the 2023 Budget.



NEW EVENT!

We have officially started advertising for the Fair's newest event, BUNNY IN THE BARNYARD! Please help us spread the word, and I will be needing help on the day of the event. Also, in the next few weeks we will be stuffing eggs and I will schedule a few days for this. If things go as planned, we will be stuffing over 6,000 eggs!

I am looking forward to this eggciting event...

Gina Degreenia
Event Chair



MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any updates on our members that you may have to our Corresponding Secretary Sandy Suhrie at fringes51@gmail.com.

FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Week Committee won't be meeting until the end of March, but the Fair Team is at work as we speak.

Joseph is working on the catalog and a form for patron ads is attached to this newsletter. Deadline for submission of patron ads and changes to the catalog, is March 31, 2023.

Sharon is busy looking for some people to fill some positions that are of extreme importance to having the Fair run smoothly and efficiently.

BATHROOM DETAIL: We need a group of people that would be available Wednesday through Sunday, with the weekend being the long days. There are two bathrooms to keep clean and fully supplied, one at the track and one on the Hill between the two exhibit buildings.

LABOR DETAIL: This job starts on the Saturday before Fair Week and runs through Monday, Fair Release Day. We need two people for this job.

These are paid jobs and if you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Sharon Gertz at 443-223-1245 for addition information.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 29, 2023



4-H CORNER

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Foundation held its annual 4-H Variety Show on February 26th at the Baldwin Methodist Church Educational Building in Millersville. It was a beautiful day and a good crowd turned out to see the show.

The results were:

CHAMPION GROUP ACT:

Friendship Outdoor Skills 4-H Club. Junior Group Skit.

RESERVE CHAMPION:

Kinder Farm Park 4-H Club. Junior Group - Skit

CHAMPION INDIVIDUAL ACT:

AvaLynn Jammal Trail Blazers 4-H Club Junior Individual Instrumental

RESERVE CHAMPION:

Keith Ivey - Kinder Farm Park 4-H Club Senior Individual Instrumental

BLUE RIBBON:

Maribel Garcia - Trail Blazers 4-H Club. Senior Song

CLOVERBUD PARTICIPATION:

Nina Jammal - Trail Blazers 4-H Club Clover Song

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on Saturday, March 25th, at 10 a.m. at the Baldwin Early Learning Center in Millersville. The categories for the speeches are Radio Spot, Demonstration, Prepared Speech, Interpretative Speech and Visual Presentation. Champions will move on to the State Public Speaking Contest in April.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER AND MEMBERSHIP PICNIC!

Saturday, April 22nd
At
2 p.m.

Please join us for great food (Mission BBQ) and Gigi's Snowbarn!

Catch up with Fair Friends, enjoy good conservation, games, door prizes and more!

Please RSVP
4hmitzi@gmail.com or 443-995-3039

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## MAAFS 2023 SPRING JUDGING SCHOOL

The MAAFS 2023 Spring Judging School is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st, at the Maryland State Fairgrounds. Registration information will be released soon.

If anyone is interested being part of this event, email Joan Mauritzen jmauitzen3@gmail.com, and the info on registration will be sent directly to you.



## 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK AUCTION NEWS

We had 90 people attend the 4-H/FFA Livestock education meeting on February 15th. It was a great night of education, fellowship and planning for the 2023 Fair. We look forward to having a lot of animals at the Fair with kids ready to educate the public about them.

The tough decision was made to say goodbye to the Big Red horse announcer stand that was built soon after the Fair moved to the Crownsville location. We have a lot of fond memories of the different clubs and associations that managed their horse shows from that building. We want to thank Justin Beall of Robert Beall & Sons for donating his time and talents to remove the red building. If you need any septic work, please call them at 410-987-0970.

We are looking for sponsors for livestock awards for the 2023 Fair. If you are interested in making a donations to support the kids' livestock awards, please contact [twinters10@verizon.net](mailto:twinters10@verizon.net).

Another project that is in the works, is putting the livestock wash rack drains underground. The Anne Arundel Soil Conservation has devised a plan for us to follow. So, once we have all the materials and it stops raining, we will be setting up a workday, so stay tuned for more information.

Thank you,  
Deanna Tice  
AA Fair Barn Manager

## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays in March:

Peggy Peffley - March 1  
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 wishes to Amanda and John Wahle who are celebrating their happy day on March 17th.

Congratulations to Joddi and Teddy Akers who are the proud grandparents of identical twin granddaughters, Allie May and Eden Lindsay Akers born Thursday, February 16th. Dad, Mom, big sister and babies are all doing well.

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



# 2023 CALENDAR

- Mar 1 - Junior Board  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- Mar 7 - Rental Committee  
7 p.m.
- Mar 14 - Board of Directors  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- Mar 18-19 - Hot Tub and Spa Show
- Mar 25-26 Gun & Knife Show
- Mar 26 -27 Camp Whippoorwill Boy Scout  
Camp
- Mar 29 - Fair Week Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- April 1 - Maryland Chicken Festival
- April 2 - "Bunny in the Barnyard"  
Easter Egg Hunt
- April 4 - Rental Committee
- April 5 - Junior Board
- April 11 - Board of Directors
- April 15 - Flea Market & Tractor Pull
- April 18 - General Membership Mtg
- April 23 - Latin Music Fest
- April 22 - Fair Membership Picnic
- April 29-30 Pirate Parlay of the Chesapeake

**\*\*Information about the outside events can  
be found at the County Fair website  
[www.aacountyfair.org](http://www.aacountyfair.org)**

## *General Membership Meeting*

**Membership Meeting  
April 18, 2023  
7:30 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

**Proposed Bylaw Changes  
Spring & Summer Events  
Fair Week**

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## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIR 2023 SCHEDULE

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| "Bunny in the Barnyard" | April 2          |
| Antique Tractor Pull    | April 15         |
| Flea Market             | April 15         |
| Fair Membership Picnic  | April 22         |
| Antique Tractor Pull    | May 13           |
| Flea Market             | May 13           |
| Rodeo                   | June 10          |
| Fair Week               | September 13-17  |
| Fair Week Tractor Pull  | September 16     |
| Antique Tractor Pull    | October 7        |
| Flea Market/Jousting    | October 7        |
| Halloween Happing       | October 14-29    |
| Christmas Lights        | Nov 24 to Dec 17 |

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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.*

# 2023 PATRON AD FORM

**Would you like to see your name in print in our Fair Catalog?  
You can, for just \$5.00. Please fill out the form below and send  
with your \$5.00 for each ad to:**

**Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc  
c/o Patron Ads  
P.O. Box 372  
Crownsville MD 21032-0372**

**All proceeds from patron ads are used to offset the cost of publishing this Anne Arundel County Fair Catalog.**

**Please do not use more than 45 characters or spaces total.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(As you would like it to appear in the catalog\_**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **In case we have to contact**

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

# BUNNY IN THE BARNYARD

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND - 1 PM TO 5 PM

## Egg Hunts

\$10 per child

1:30 pm 1:30 2:30 pm 2:30 3:30 pm 3:30

PONY RIDES

CRAFTS

Two Age Groups:  
1 to 4 & 5 and up

BABY ANIMALS

HAY RIDES

**LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**

Register Online through Etix

<http://bit.ly/3XVLXfT>



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