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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fair Members,

Another month has flown by. I hope everyone is getting to spend some time outdoors and enjoy the weather, although it seems to have been a bit rainy lately.

Sharon and Fair Week folks are doing a great job in preparing for the Fair. I say it every month, but it will be here before you know it. There are many tasks needing completion. If you have some time, please ask and I can get you going. We have tasks for everyone! Sharon did a great job in lining up the painting of the Commercial Building. Working on coordination efforts and costs in getting the Exhibit Building painted as well.

We were able to purchase 3 turnstiles recently. Thanks to Jimmy Frisco for tracking them down. They are "old new stock." These Perey turnstiles have a very nostalgic look to them and have been sitting in an Ocean City warehouse for 20 years, never used/installed. A few scratches, but in very good condition. They will be a great asset in tallying attendance for Fair Week and other events.

Rentals are going strong. The Irish Festival is coming up, with a number of music events close behind. With that said, the grass crew is in high gear. With all the rain, it sure is keeping the grass growing.

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President's Message Continued.....

Anne Arundel County Bill 13-23, Special Events Permitting, was voted in by the County Council. We were fortunate to have Fair Week exempted from the submission of an application, but Fair Week still must work with the various County Departments in lining up resources. Other Fair sponsored events will need to submit applications, same as all rentals. Mr. Bereano did a great job representing us and is the reason we were able to secure the exemption. I am sure we will be discussing this bill and its ramification in the near future. Thanks to all who took the time to provide written and in-person testimony.

And, even if you do not have the time or ability to help with tasks at the Fairgrounds, please take some time to visit the Fairgrounds, go for a stroll, and enjoy the property. We undoubtedly have the best and most beautiful fairgrounds in the State. Take time to enjoy.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone around the Fairgrounds!

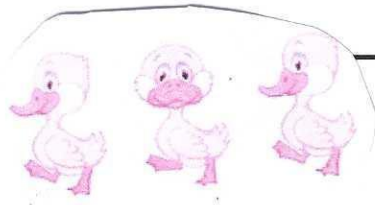
*John H. Faber*

President

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## DUCKY GAME



Our Ducky Game, located between the Poultry Building and the Sawmill, is one of the most popular activities for children attending our Fair. However, it does need to have someone in attendance throughout all of the days of Fair Week.

We would like this attraction to continue but right now we do need some volunteers who will step up to help during Fair Week. Would you be able to handle the schedule for manning the Game? Can you take a couple of hours, or one of the less busy days such as Wednesday through Friday?

Please contact Sharon Gertz to let her know what you can do to keep this fun game available for our kids. 443-223-1245.



## BULLRIDE MANIA

Saturday, June 10, 2023

At the  
Fairgrounds

Breakaway Roping, Mutton Bustin,  
Bull Riding, Barrel Racing

Adults \$20  
Kids 6-15 \$10  
Kids 6 and under Free  
Presale Tickets through Etix

For additional info  
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[www.aacountyfair.org](http://www.aacountyfair.org)

## FAIR WEEK COMMITTEE

The Fair Week Committee met on April 26, 2023 by Zoom.

**ADVERTISING:** Group will make a big push after the Rodeo.

**BARN:** All going well. Weigh In on May 17th.

**BEER/WINE:** We have asked for a repeat of last year.

**CATALOG:** Is being finalized now.

**CONTESTS:** All going well except we do need someone all week for the Ducky Game. It may have to be cancelled.

**CONTRACTS:** All out and many confirmed. Bathrooms and Labor still being sought.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Working on setting up the schedule now.

**EXHIBIT BUILDING:** Group met and discussed building layout and catalog problems. Several more volunteers are needed in the building.

**GATES:** Moving along nicely.

**OFFICE:** Peggy Peffley is our Office Manager but needs help to cover all the hours, particularly in the evening.

**TRACK/SAWMILL:** Jousting will not be back this year. Mini Rod Pull will go on Friday night.

**SPONSORS:** Sharon Gertz has several lined up already.

**VENDORS:** Contracts out, pony rides back and confirmed. The mechanical bull will be back this year.

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 31, 2023**





## 4-H CORNER

Weigh-in for 4-H Livestock animals will be held on Wednesday, May 17th. Check with Barn Chair for exact time.

4-H activities and contests are moving along with Launch into Leadership on May 20 via Zoom, the Horse Judging Contest and the Hippology Contest on June 10. The Beginning Forestry Exploration Series will be held May 16, 23 and 30 and the Advanced Forestry on May 11, 25th and June 8th.

4-H'er Dianne Russell with the Linthicum Hi-Riders 4-H Club will be completing her Level 6 Diamond Clover Award at the Fairgrounds this year. She will be attaching a deck at the back of the 4-H Food Booth to make a safe and secure location for the grill.

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### PAID POSITIONS AT THE FAIR

The Fair Week Team is in great need to fill agreement letters for our General Laborers and Bathroom Detail paid positions at the 2023 Fair.

Please contact me if you, or someone you know is interested in one of these positions.

Sharon Gertz  
443-223-1245

## FAIRGROUNDS PAINTING PROJECTS

I am happy to announce that Annapolis Painting Services has painted our Commercial Building. It looks wonderful and we are so thankful and grateful to this business who has done so much for us in the past and continues every year to support our Fair.

Please consider helping us to complete our painting projects at the Fairgrounds, which are much needed.

I have attached a letter to this newsletter asking for help in getting our project completed and must now amend it. Since Annapolis Painting Services has already painted the Commercial Building, we only need additional support to complete the painting of the Exhibit Building.

Please help us by sending this letter to anyone you know that may be able to help.

Sharon Gertz

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### MEMBER UPDATES

Please send any updates about our members that you may have, to our Corresponding Secretary Sandy Suhrie at [fringes51@gmail.com](mailto:fringes51@gmail.com).



## EXHIBIT HALL UPDATE

The Exhibit Hall personnel met on April 20 and discussed what departments will need additional help in September. Those departments are Baked Goods, Ceramics/Clay, Handicrafts and Photography. Christmas Corner could also use some extra volunteers. Contact me or Sharon Gertz if you are able to give a few hours during registration and judging days, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Also discussed catalog changes and any changes to be made in the departments. Group wanted to know when the online entries would start and finish, and recommended a longer period of time for entries.

Debbie Vernon and Sandy Suhrie will be handling the food for the volunteers and would like to go with Ledo's again this year.

Commercial Building was just painted and we all hope that also will happen to the Exhibit Building before Fair.

John Richardson

## MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays in May:

Ann Anderson - May 3  
Betsy Massey - May 15  
Chris Aist - May 18  
Sharon Gertz - May 20  
Tara Baldwin-Jacobs - May 22  
Grant Dolvin - May 22

Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating in May:

Mitzi & Martin Hardy - May 8  
Stacy & Andy Eckels - May 9  
Robert Miller & Spouse - May 10  
Sandy & Rich Suhrie - May 15  
Gail & Rusty Yeiser - May 25

Get well wishes go out to Sally Lung who was recently hospitalized.

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



# 2023 CALENDAR

- May 2 - Rental Committee  
7:30 p.m. Office or Zoom
- May 3 - Junior Board  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- May 5 - Irish Festival
- May 6 - Asian American Festiveal
- May 9 - Board of Directors  
7:30 p.m. Fair Office
- May 13 - Antique Tractor Pull &  
Flea Market
- May 17 - Livestock Weigh-In
- May 20 - Naptown Music Feast
- May 25 - Johns Hopkins House Music  
Concert (Marshall Tucker Band)
- May 31 - Fair Week Committee  
7 p.m. Fair Office
- June 2—4 Let's Go Music Festival
- June 6 - Rental Committee
- June 7 - Junior Board
- June 10 - Rodeo
- June 13 - Board of Directors
- June 17 - SOCA Wine Festival
- June 20 - Membership Meeting
- June 24 - 4 Rivers Boy Scouts
- June 28 - Fair Week Meeting

**\*\*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

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 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.*



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The Anne Arundel County Fair is working on a beautification project for our exhibit and commercial buildings on our midway. In celebration of the fair's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary we received a generous donation from Annapolis Painting Services who painted the front of both buildings. We were so excited to see the difference it made in the appearance of our midway. This year we would love to have the painting project continued which would consist of painting the remaining three sides of both buildings. To complete that job, we will need to raise \$16,000.00. At this time, we have raised \$1,500.00 from fair members towards our goal. We are hoping the fair community will be able to help us meet our goal for the protection and beautification of the exhibit and commercial buildings which house the exhibits and educational information the fairgoers enjoy and expect each year. This project will also enhance the appearance of our fairgrounds for the rental events that are held each year.

If you or your business are able to help us reach our goal, please contact Sharon Gertz at 443-223-1245 or e-mail at: [SGAAFAIR@aol.com](mailto:SGAAFAIR@aol.com) for additional information. We thank you in advance for any support you are able to give.

To send your donation please complete the form below (Check payable to: Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.) and mail to:

Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc.  
Attention: Sharon Gertz  
P. O. Box 372  
Crownsville, Maryland 21032-0372

Yes, I would like to help the fair reach the \$16,000.00 goal to complete the painting project of the exhibit and commercial buildings at the fairgrounds.

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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## GENERAL LABOR AGREEMENT

Date: March 20, 2023

2023 Prep & Fair Dates - September 9<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Scheduled hours below will be general flat rate labor. Due to scheduling changes of Fair events, the hours may be adjusted as needed.

|           |              |                            |
|-----------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Saturday  | September 9  | Time: 9:00 a.m. 4:00 pm    |
| Sunday    | September 10 | Time: 9:00 a.m. 4:00 pm    |
| Monday    | September 11 | Time: 9:00 a.m. 5:00 pm    |
| Tuesday   | September 12 | Time: 9:00 a.m. 8:00 pm    |
| Wednesday | September 13 | Time: 9:00 a.m. 6:00 pm    |
| Thursday  | September 14 | Time: 9:00 a.m. 6:00 pm    |
| Friday    | September 15 | Time: 9:00 a.m. 6:00 pm    |
| Saturday  | September 16 | Time: 8:00 a.m. 8:00 pm    |
| Sunday    | September 17 | Time: 8:00 a.m. 8:00 pm    |
| Monday    | September 18 | Time: 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. |

Duties may include moving tables/chairs, trashcans, straw, feed, putting up light fencing, and any other duties listed on daily job sheets.

I accept this agreement for general labor at the 2023 Anne Arundel County Fair for the flat rate sum of

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return a copy of your General Liability insurance policy naming the Anne Arundel Co. Fair Inc, and its Board of Directors as additionally insured parties, and a W-9 by or before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Accepted By President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AACF Week Manger: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FAIR WEEK BATHROOM DETAIL AGREEMENT

Date: March 20, 2023

2023 Fair / September 13 – 17

This agreement is to provide Cleaning Services for bathrooms (2) on the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds during dates listed above.

Duties- Pick up all trash & empty cans, refill hand soap, toilet paper and hand towels as needed. Clean mirrors & Scrub floors at the beginning and end of each day and in between as needed.

The Anne Arundel County Fair, Inc. requests the following people and times to assist at the Anne Arundel County Fair to be held September 13 - 17. Payment will be

Cleaning Service people and hours:

|           |          |            |                           |
|-----------|----------|------------|---------------------------|
| Wednesday | Sept. 13 | 2/4 People | 5:00 pm to 9 pm           |
| Thursday  | Sept. 14 | 2/4 People | 9:00 am to 2pm/5pm to 9pm |
| Friday    | Sept. 15 | 2/4 People | 9:00 am to 2pm            |
| Friday    | Sept. 15 | 4 People   | 5:00 pm to 10 pm          |
| Saturday  | Sept. 16 | 6 People   | 9:00 am to 11:00 pm       |
| Sunday    | Sept. 17 | 6 People   | 9:00 am to 8:00 pm        |

Insurance: If required, a copy of your Certificate of insurance naming the Anne Arundel County Fair Inc. and its Board of Directors as additionally insured parties for the dates of the Fair listed above, must be submitted along with a signed copy and W-9 by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your consideration.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Fair President \_\_\_\_\_

Fair week Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

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