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Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs

2012 Agricultural Fair **June**

2-3 Maine Fiber Frolic
Windsor Fairgrounds-Windsor, ME
Nancy Williams
13 Robinson Rd.
Waldoboro, ME 04572
Tel: (207)832-5162
www.fiberfrolic.com

JULY

4-8 Houlton Fair—Houlton
Paul Cleary
PO Box 1454
Houlton, Maine 04730
Tel: (207) 694-1298
www.houltonfair.com

12-15 Ossipee Valley Fair—So.
Hiram
Kathleen Haley
Box 548
Limington, Maine
Tel: (207) 793-8434
www.ossipeevalleyfair.com

20-22 Waterford World's Fair—
North Waterford
Renee' Fitts
PO Box 174
North Waterford, Maine 04287
Tel: (207) 890-2169
www.waterfordworldsfair.com

26-29 Pittston Fair—Pittston
Sharon Fairfield
PO Box 351
Gardiner, Maine 04345-0351
Tel: (207) 582-8861

27-Aug 5 Bangor State Fair—
Bangor, Maine
Mike Dyer
100 Dutton Street
Bangor, Maine 04401
Tel: (207) 947-5555
www.bangorstatair.com

MAAF's newly elected President Hope Ricker of the Pittston Fair is shown here recognizing out-land at our 100th annu-many positions with years. She also can be fairs in Maine as draft announcer, and even she holds a Maine Pulling Superintendents certificate. Hope has taken a very active part in the MAAF Board over the past few years.



going President William McFar- al meeting. Hope has held the Pittston Fair over the seen and heard at many other horse show announcer, pulling working in the pulling ring as

The most recent addition to the MAAF Board is Robert Crichton from Berwick, Maine, an active member of the Acton Fair. This picture of Bob in his "Civvies" may not look familiar to you, but he can be found at many Maine Fairs around the livestock areas each summer. This second picture of Bob in his more familiar dress is more likely the person you remember seeing at the Fairs. Randy Hall moved up to 1st Vice President, and Gerald (Gerry) Gilpatrick was elected 2nd Vice President. Kathryn R. Hunter was reelected to serve her second term on the MAAF Board.



Recognition was given to the Fryeburg Fair for their outstanding exhibit hall and the Skowhegan State Fair was recognized for their outstanding livestock exhibits. William McFarland of the Windsor Fair was honored for his dedi- cation to harness racing in Maine and special honor was given to Mike Timmons, President of the Cumberland Fair for work in his community and the Fair.



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July

27-Aug 4 Northern Maine Fair—Presque Isle

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Presque Isle, Maine 04769-0804

Tel: (207) 492-4766

www.northernmainefairgrounds.com

August

1-4 Monmouth Fair—Monmouth

Laura Foulke
PO Box 327

Monmouth, Maine 04259

Tel: (207) 933-2249

www.monmouthfair.com

5-12 Topsham Fair—Topsham

Leon Brilliant
30 Vahaila Drive

Topsham, Maine 04086

Tel: (207) 798-0892

www.topshamfair.net

9-18 Skowhegan State Fair—Skowhegan

PO Box 39
Skowhegan, Maine 04976-0039

Tel: (207) 474-2947

www.skowheganstatefair.com

18-25 Union Fair—Union

John Crabtree
523 Western Road
Warren, Maine 04864

Tel: (207) 273-2465

www.unionfair.org

Pittston Fair was recognized for their new exhibit hall and outstanding exhibits small fair in the small fair category. Common Ground Fair was recognized for their educational

demonstrations. Piscataquis Valley Fair received an award for an outstanding livestock exhibit and New Portland Lions Fair was recognized for their woodsman's day event for a small fair. Harmony Free Fair received the award for an outstanding premium book by a small fair.

The MAAF Rising Star award, which is presented to an under 40 person who goes that extra mile for their fair and the agricultural community, was given to Jessica Blackstone of the Northern Maine Fair for taking an idea of the Fair President and developing it into a fabulous educational area for the young fairgoers. Jessica says that she is planning to enlarge the educational area. This large fair seems to be bursting at the seams with energetic young people and new ideas.

A Good Neighbor Award went to the Central Maine Pyrotechnics for their continued support of the MAAF and its fair members. Not only does this company and its employees put on fabulous fireworks displays at our fairs, but they also host an outstanding hospitality room during our convention weekend. When you think this Associate Member has reached the top with their support for the MAAF they throw you another surprise package. This year at the annual meeting Steve and Carol Marson and their employees presented the MAAF with a unique time capsule and plaque in celebration of our 100th anniversary. This capsule will be filled with an item from each fair, sealed and opened at a later date to be determined by your Board. Please be ready to add your fair's memento to the capsule sometime during 2012.

Dates to Remember

May 19th, 2012 MAAF Board Meeting, Livestock Expo—Windsor Fairgrounds, 9:00AM

July 7, 2012, MAAF Board Meeting, Houlton Fair, 10:00

Sept 1, 2012, MAAF Board Meeting, Harmony Free Fair, 9:00AM

January 25, 26, 2013 MAAF Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn By the Bay, Portland, Me

April 18, 19, 20, 2013 IAFE Zone I Meeting, Portland, Maine

23-26 Piscataquis Valley Fair—Dover-Foxcroft
 Deanne Merrill
 PO Box 197
 Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426
 Tel: (207) 943-2650
www.piscataquisvalleyfair.com

23-26 Acton Fair—Acton
 Lista Staples
 178 Nason Road
 Shapleigh, Maine 04076
 Tel: (207) 324-1250 or
 636-2026
www.actonfair.net

26-Sept 3 Windsor Fair—Windsor
 Lincoln Orff
 PO Box 971
 Jefferson, Maine 04349-0971
 Tel: (207) 549-7121
www.windsorfair.com

30-Sept3 Blue Hill Fair Blue Hill
 Robert Eaton
 PO Box 390
 Blue Hill, Maine 04614-0390
 Tel: (207) 374-3701
www.bluehillfair.com

31-Sept 3 Springfield Fair—Springfield
 Kirk Ritchie
 PO Box 342
 Lee, Maine 04455
 Tel: (207) 738-2888
www.thespringfieldfair.com

31-Sept 3 Harmony Free Fair—Harmony
 Mel Chadbourne
 177 Chadbourne Road
 Harmony, Maine 04942
 Tel: (207) 683-5873
www.harmonyfreefair.org

Maine Department of Agriculture Announces New Fair Coordinator

The Maine Department of Agriculture Food and Rural Resources recently announced the appointment of Melissa Hall as Agricultural Program Specialist. In her position Melissa will be working with the Maine Fairs. She comes to the Maine Fairs with a strong foundation in the fair business. Her family has been a part of the Maine Fair system for many years. Missy, as she is sometimes called hit the road running and is visiting many of the Fair before the Fair season gets started. Her office phone number is 287-7628 and her email is melissa.a.hall@maine.gov. She will be your contact in the Department of Agriculture for your fair questions and concerns.

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7-9 Litchfield Fair Litchfield

Charles Smith
 279 Main St.
 Lisbon Falls, ME 04252
 Tel:(207)353-8105

Email: walkingman1@fairpoint.net

September

12-15 Oxford County Fair—Oxford

PO Box 193
 Norway, Maine 04268
 Tel: (207) 739-9411

www.oxfordcountyfair.com

14-16 New Portland Lion's Fair—N. New Portland

Wright Pinkham
 1480 Long Falls Dam Road
 Lexington, Maine 04961
 Tel: (207) 628-2916

16-22 Farmington Fair—Farmington

Neal Yeaton
 PO Box 652
 Farmington, Maine 04938-0652
 Tel: (207)778-6083

<http://farmingtonfairmaine.com>

21-23 Common Ground Fair—Unity

PO Box 170
 Unity, Maine 04988-0170
 Tel: (207) 568-4142

www.mofga.org

23-29 Cumberland Fair-Cumberland

39 Samuel Road
 Portland, Maine 04103
 Tel: (207) 797-2789

www.cumberlandfair.com

30-Oct 9 Fryeburg Fair—Fryeburg

June Hammond
 Box 78
 Fryeburg, Maine 04037
 Tel: (207) 935-3268

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From the Executive Director

As I am writing, the 125th Legislature is about convene for the final session. There are still a couple of bills on the table to be handled that will have some affect on the Fairs. The combining of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry into one department and a bill that outlines the procedure that will be followed to establish future casinos in Maine.

We Fair People need to be aware of legislators that are supporting us by their votes. Remember, we are the ones that cast the votes to place them in the legislature. If your State Legislator is not voting in our best interest you need to talk to that person. If you don't get the results you want , you can make a change at the voting booth.

Notice has been sent to all fairs letting advising you that the Maine State Police Inspection Division is going to inspect our quarter fall machines this year. They are asking that you contact Barry Hathaway at 624-7213 to make an appointment to have your machines inspected. The State Police want to do inspections before you apply for the license in case your machine doesn't pass.

Many of you heard about the storm that struck Indiana State Fair, destroyed their stage, and injured many people. Our Maine Emergency Management is holding a summary of the disaster, June 20th at 1:00PM at the Public Safety Building, Augusta, Me. Contact Mark Hyland at (207)624-4443 for more details. This is a **must** attend!!!

I have listed our Associate Members. They support our fair industry, so please use them when possible!!

Watch for our newly revamped and updated Web Site, mainefairs.org

See You at the Fair, Fairground Freddy

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From The MAAF 1st VP:

With the 2012 Maine Fair season just around the corner we exhibitors, including myself, should be thinking about our exhibits for this year.

As chairman of the MAAF Scholarship Committee I am happy to report we have had a great response our program. Our Committee is busy reviewing the applications and soon will decide on who will be awarded our scholarships. The funding for these scholarships is the result hard work by our Maine Fairs. The Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs is extremely happy to be able to provide these scholarships to deserving applicants who are furthering their education in an agricultural related study.

Any contribution to the fund will allow us to continue and possibly make more scholarships available in the future. See you in the show ring. Randy Hall

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Message from the President – Hope Ricker

In some households, there are four seasons; Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. In other households, there is baseball, basketball and football season. But in my household, as well as most of yours there is Fair Season, a special season that we look forward to each year and it is fast approaching. Many of you are already hard at work building, painting and sprucing up your grounds. Some of you have ambitious projects such as new buildings, while others are planning new events in their schedules. This all takes a lot of effort and commitment, time and money. Maine Fairs do a great job promoting agriculture and providing quality low cost entertainment to fairgoers. I look forward this year to attending most (if not all) of the fairs to see your efforts and to meet more of our “Fair Family” in the State of Maine. Our 100th Anniversary continues throughout 2012 and I encourage all of the Fairs to put together a few items to go into the Time Capsule donated by Central Maine Pyrotechnics. It will be sealed at the 101st Convention in January 2013 and be opened at a time yet to be determined.

The MAAF Board will be holding meetings in various parts of the State again this year. Thank you to Houlton Fair (July 7) and Harmony Fair (Sept. 1) for agreeing to host our summer Board Meetings. Everyone is invited to attend any of our meetings and we appreciate your ideas and input. See you at the Fairs!!!

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