



NYSAAF

NEWSLETTER

New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs, Inc.

From the President



In my April Newsletter, I said it didn't seem possible that the 2017 Fair Season was upon us. Now, in just a blink of an eye, the season is over, the leaves are

starting to turn, and our minds are turning to Winter Weather Predictions!

It was a great Fair Season and after driving over 4,000 miles, I got to see 26 of our Great Fairs. The sizes varied from very small to very large. All of the Fairs were very different and unique but at the same time, you could see the same caring and devotion from all involved. My hats are really off to the Fairs that are run strictly with volunteers. What great community support! It was also good to see projects completed with the State Funding Money and the excitement as the Fairs make plans for more improvements.

The next big Event is of course the Convention. It's hard to think about Rochester in January already but it will be here before you know it. Scott Christian is working hard on a great program and I am really looking forward to a great time with lots of networking. I would really like to encourage as many of our Fairs as possible to attend. Our attendance has been going down over the years and we need your support to keep the Convention viable. In particular, if you do attend the Convention, I really request your support at the Banquet. This is the biggest event of the weekend and where we honor our key people in the industry. Before making your reservations outside of the Convention Center, please reconsider.

Hope to see everyone at the Fair Managers Meeting in Syracuse October 14 and 15 along with our Board of Directors meeting at the State Fairgrounds on October 14th.

- Gary Newkirk

Ag Awareness 2017

Our Ag Awareness projects this season were impressive and effective. Many of our fairgrounds saw improvements whether it was new buildings, fresh landscaping, repurposed structures are something anyone can accomplish. Cortland was my first stop and they had unique mobile gardens on a small wagon. Allegany exhibitors saw a new barn extension which replaced a tent. Cattaraugus exhibitors got new livestock pens. Chenango saw new container gardens and updated landscaping. Delaware County's new blacksmith shop is impressive. Herkimer rebuilt the agriculture exhibit building with many upgrades. Jefferson County Fair did a great job with a wool exhibit. Orleans 4-H'ers got new livestock pens and Oswego guests saw great new exhibits. Tioga County Fair rounded out the year with improved exhibits. Many thanks to all my friends that helped visit the Fair to look at exhibits. Here is a picture gallery of the exhibits, Enjoy!



2017 IAFE Zone 1 Conference

The 2017 IAFE Zone 1 Conference was held March 30th-April 1st in Reading Pennsylvania, hosted by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs and was attended by 163 members. The conference started off with a welcome reception on Thursday evening followed by some lively conversations in the hospitality suite, where old friends were reunited and new friendships were formed. Friday started early with some great seminars by some of the top experts in their respected fields. The learning continued throughout the afternoon until it was time to board the buses for our tour of the Allentown Fairgrounds. The weather was a little damp to say the least as we arrived on the grounds, so we stayed on the buses and were given a guided tour. We then had the opportunity to eat our way through the vast indoor farmers market that is run year round at the fairgrounds and then

it was on to dinner. Following dinner we were entertained by Craig Karges. Saturday was filled with more educational and informative meetings followed by a trip to the Oley Valley Community Fairgrounds. Upon arrival we were greeted by the board and given the opportunity to tour the grounds followed by an authentic Pennsylvania Dutch Meal complete with the very entertaining Toad Creek Ramblers. I cannot say enough about the great educational and networking opportunities that these Zone Meetings provide, be sure to mark your calendars as the 2018 Conference will be held May 3rd-5th in Glens Falls NY hosted by the Washington County Fair at the historic Queensbury Hotel.

Submitted by,
Nick Pelham
2nd VP NYSAAF

Hall of Fame Nominations due December 1st.

Just a reminder that Hall of Fame nominations are due December 1st. There are lots of people in our Association that should be recognized for their effort. Please consider nominating a person that has worked to improve our Fairs. Nomination information is available on the website at www.nyfairs.org.

Dates to Remember

2017

- October 14-15..... NYS Fair Managers Association
Doubletree Hotel, Syracuse, NY
- October 25IAFE Cyberseminar – Entertainment 1
- November 1 IAFE Cyberseminar – Parliamentary Procedures
- November 8IAFE Cyberseminar – Government/Community Relations
- November 10 **NYSAAF Convention Registration OPENS**
Information will be Emailed to all Fairs & Associate Members
- November 15NYSAAF Newsletter deadline
- November 26-29IAFE Annual Convention & Trades Show,
Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

December 15..... **NYSAAF Convention Registration CLOSES**

2018

- January 12-15..... NYSAAF Annual Convention,
The Joseph A. Floreano Rochester
Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, NY
- February TBD NICA Annual Gala
- February 6-9 Gibtown Extravaganza
- May 3-5IAFE Zone #1 Meeting
hosted by the Washington County Fair,
Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY



IAFE Convention Registration

IAFE Convention Program & Registration Information is now available. If you have never attended this Convention, Please consider it for the future, the information you will receive is very valuable. Click <http://www.iafeconvention.com/> for information.

Mark your Calendar , IAFE Zone #1 Meeting

May 3-5, 2018

Mark St Jacques, IAFE Zone Director and Manager at the Washington County Fair will host the IAFE Zone #1 Meeting in Glens Falls, NY. The Queensbury Hotel with its historic elegance and the Lake George/Saratoga region will be host to this event. Room Rates are \$99.00, more information will be coming!

NYS Fair Managers Meeting

"Mark Your Calendar" The NYS Fair Managers Meeting will be held October 14-15, at the Doubletree Hotel, Syracuse, New York. Jason Craig of the Delaware County Fair is planning a full program which will include dinner at the State Fairgrounds. Hotel information will be forwarded at a later date.

District 5 Meeting

District 5 will host their Fall Meeting on Sunday, September 24 at 2:00pm at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Walton. Any questions, contact Beth or Kevin O'Brien.

Become a member of the Board Of Directors

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. A candidate should submit; 1. A letter of interest no later than December 1st and 2. A letter of support from the Fair's Board of Directors that you represent. Information should be sent to Russ Marquart, Executive Secretary, NYSAAF, PO Box G, Elmira, NY 14059. Deadline: December 1st.

Reminder....

NYSAAF membership dues notices will be mailed to all fairs the first week of October, the due date is December 4, 2017. Please be sure to check your mail delivery location for these notices. If the mailing address has changed from last year please let me know as soon as possible.

Fair season has come to an end, before we know it we will be in Rochester for the annual convention! As you know, the 50/50 tickets are a source of revenue for our organization. I have the tickets available now and would be happy to send some to your board of directors so that you can sell tickets prior to convention. If you can help us sell tickets this fall, please e-mail me with your mailing address and I'll be sure to get tickets in the mail to you. All ticket sale money and unsold tickets are to be turned in to me.

Another important function at convention is the scholarship auction. Because of this event, we are able to provide scholarships to qualifying students that have been active with member fairs. All fairs attending convention are asked to bring an item of interest to be sold at auction. We are always excited to see unique items donated for auction. Perhaps you've already picked up something at a fair this summer, if not, now is the time to be looking for something you think would be a great auction item! Let's see how creative we can get!

I look forward to seeing everyone in January!

Melissa Beardslee, Treasurer
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New Associate Members

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DiRienzo's Concessions
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Zach Johnson
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2017 Scholarship Winners

Each year the NYSAAF & NYSSA award scholarships to outstanding young people involved in the County Fairs. There are seven recipients of a \$1,000 each, they are;

- **Abigail Dennis** – representing Delaware County Fair. Attending SUNY Oneonta. Major in Fashion and Textiles. Expected to graduate 2020.
- **Claudia Drechsel** – representing Orleans County Fair. Attending Morrisville State College. Major in Agricultural Business Development.
- **Jaimee Frederick** – representing Ontario County Fair. Attending Alfred State with a transfer option to Cornell University. Bachelors in Animal Science.
- **Megan Jankowiak** – representing Dutchess County Fair. Attending SUNY Geneseo. Expected to graduate 2021. Major in Business Management & Marketing.
- **Ashley Lyman** – representing Allegany County Fair. Attending Morrisville State College. Expecting to graduate 2019. Major Agricultural Science & Animal Science.
- **Daniel Ripley** – representing Cortland County Jr. Fair. Attending Morrisville State College. Major in Animal Science. Expected to graduate in 2021.
- **Victoria Shively** – representing Ontario County Fair. Attending SUNY Finger Lakes Community College. Major in Registered Nursing. Expected to graduate in 2020.

The recipient of the Fair Manager's \$500 Scholarship is:

- **Camille Ledoux** – representing Lewis County Fair. Applied to Cornell, Clarkson & Nebraska-Lincoln. Dual major in Biology and Public Health with a minor in Epidemiology.

Welcome Florida Federation of Fair

For 2 days the Erie County Fair and Strates Shows welcomed 25 visitors from the Florida Federation of Fairs. Guests from throughout Florida visited Western New York to check out what we do for agriculture in New York State. A Chicken BBQ dinner for the group was hosted by the Strates Shows. The trip also included a visit to Niagara Falls.



Florida Federation Dinner



Jay, E. James and Jimmy Strates

Visit us on the website at: www.nyfairs.org

Newsletter

The NYSAAF Newsletter is published 3 times a year in April, September and December. Send information for the newsletter to Russell Marquart at rlmarquart@aol.com. Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter. Visit us on our website at: www.nyfairs.org.



New NYSAAF Contact Information

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2017 Newsletter Fair Reports

The Afton Fair

Dates: July 6-9, 2017
 Attendance: 8,000 +
 Gate Admission: Adult \$5.00, Senior \$5.00, 5 & Under Free
 Parking:
 Weather: Beautiful Sunshine
 Carnival: Gillette Shows
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Tractor Pull/ \$3.00/ 939; Truck Pull/ \$8.00/1305; Parkour/Free/600-1,000; Demo Derby/6.00/1592
 2018 Fair Dates: N/A
 Reported by: Barbara Niles, Director

Allegany County Fair

Dates: July 17-22, 2017
 Attendance: 16,000
 Gate Admission: Adult \$10.00, Senior Day \$5.00, Child \$10.00 over 32 Inches
 Parking: Free
 Weather: Rain threatened daily
 Carnival: Midway Rides of Utica
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Truck Pull/Free; Horse Pull/Free, Car Show & Music/Free; Rodeo/Free, S.T.O.R.M. Demo/Free
 2018 Fair Dates: N/A
 Reported by: Karen Tripp/President

Broome County Fair

Dates: July 25-30, 2017
 Attendance: 29,000
 Gate Admission: Adult \$6.00, Senior \$6.00
 Parking: Free
 Weather: Perfect Fair Weather, Sunny 70
 Carnival: Gillette Shows
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Antique Tractor Pull/Free/2300; Demo Derby/\$5.00/5600; Out of Field Tractors/ Free/ 2600; Kolby Oakley Band/Free/1600; FMX Motor Sports \$5.00/4600; Pride & Polish Semi Pull/Free/640; Modified & Super Stock Tractor Pull/\$10.00/8050
 2018 Fair Dates: July 24-29, 2018
 Reported by: Rita Smith, Treasurer

Cattaraugus County Fair

Dates: July 31 – August 6, 2017
 Attendance: 70,000
 Gate Admission: Adult \$10.00. Senior (Thursday only) \$6.00, Children \$10.00 ages 2+
 Parking: Free
 Weather: various Sunny, partly cloudy, cool, thunder storms
 Carnival: Bates Brothers Amusements
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Demo Derby/Free. Big Rigs/\$7.00, Monster Trucks/\$7.00, Concert/\$28-\$35/ Demo/\$7.00
 2018 Fair Dates: July 30 – August 5, 2018
 Reported by: Nell Fellows, Secretary

Chautauqua County Fair

Dates: July 24-30, 2017
 Attendance: 54,000
 Gate Admission: Adult \$12.00, Child \$12.00, Senior \$6.00
 Parking: \$5.00
 Weather: Great weather, mid 70's, Cool Evenings
 Carnival: Bates Brothers Amusements
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Demo Derby/4,000 Tuesday/5,000 Sunday; Southern Tier Wrestling/Free/1,000; Empire State Tractor Pull/ Free/1,500; ATV Show/Free/1,000; After Shock Monster Truck/ Free/2,000
 2018 Fair Dates: July 23-29, 2018
 Reported by: Deb Kuzma, Office Manager

Clinton County Fair

Dates: July 18-July 23, 2017
 Attendance: N/A
 Gate Admission: Adult \$8.00, Senior ½ price day on Friday, Children 12 & Under Free
 Parking:
 Weather: Beautiful Sunshine
 Carnival: Reithoffer Shows
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Vermont Garden Tractors/ Free/1,000; The Charlie Daniels Band/\$30.00-\$35.00/2,500; Demo Fun Derbies/ Pit \$10.00, Grandstand \$7.00/1,500; Street Legal Truck Pull/Pit \$10.00, Grandstand \$7.00/1,000; Adirondack Tractor Pull/Pit \$10.00, Grandstand \$7.00/700; 2 Demo Derbies/ Grandstand \$7.00, Pit \$15.00/4138
 2018 Fair Dates: July 17-July 22, 2018
 Reported by: Glenn Gillesipe, Manager

Cortland Junior Fair

Dates: July 4-8, 2017
 Attendance: up 5%
 Gate Admission: Free
 Parking: Free
 Weather: 2 short Showers
 Carnival: Ontario Amusements
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Country Swags/Free; Billy Garlicky/ Free; Twin Magicians/Free; Cross Roads the Clown/Free; Fireworks
 2018 Fair Dates: July 10-14, 2018
 Reported by: Richard Bush, Fair Manager

Delaware County Fair

Dates: August 14-29, 2017
 Attendance: 75,830
 Gate Admission: Adult \$8.00; Senior \$4.00 on Senior Day, Child Free
 Parking: Free
 Weather: Nice weather, Friday rainy
 Carnival: Reithoffer Amusements
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Demo Derby/6.00; Hero's Parade & Fireworks/Free; NYTPA Tractor Pull/\$6.00; Street Truck Pulls/6.00; Demo Derby/\$7.00
 2018 Fair Dates: August 13-18, 2017
 Reported by: Ed Rossley

Erie County Fair

Dates: August 9-20, 2017
 Attendance: 1,193,279
 Gate Admission: Adult \$10.00, Senior \$7.00, 12 & Under Free
 Parking: \$5.00
 Weather: 11 day perfect weather, 1 day of showers
 Carnival: Strates Shows
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Happy Together Tour/2823, John Conlee & Bellamy Brothers/Free; Mr. Speed (Kiss Tribute Band)/ 2,000; Jason Derulo/1,111; Rock of the 80's/2256; Jeff Foxworthy & Larry the Cable Guy/2416; Sabrina Carpenter/1,248; Freestyle MotorCross/2,500; Tractor Pull/Cancelled due to rain; Tractor Pull/3,258; Ultimate Night of Destruction/3,427; Demo Derby- Afternoon/2,263; Evening Demo Derby/4,659
 2018 Fair Dates: August 8-19, 2018
 Reported by: Denny Lang, CFE, Fair Manager/CEO

Essex County Fair

Dates: August 16-20, 2017
 Attendance: 8,380
 Gate Admission: Adult \$10.00, Senior \$10.00, Child \$10.00
 Parking: Free
 Weather: Temps in the 80's

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Carnival: S & S Amusements
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Kids Powerwheels/Free/1270; Trailer Races/\$3.00/1600; Tractor Pull/\$3.00/945; Truck Pull/\$3.00/1877; Demo Derby/\$5.00/2688
 2018 Fair Dates: TBD
 Reported by:

Goshen Historic Track

Dates: July 2, 2017
 Attendance: 1,190
 Gate Admission: Adult \$5.00, Senior \$5.00, Child 12 & under Free
 Parking: N/A
 Weather: Sunny 79
 Carnival: N/A
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: NY Sire Stakes Racing
 2018 Fair Dates: TBD
 Reported by: Linda Myers, Secretary

Green County Youth Fair

Dates: July 27-30, 2017
 Attendance: Approx 20,000
 Gate Admission: Free
 Parking: Free
 Weather: Warm & Sunny
 Carnival: Wolfe's Entertainment
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Dean Davis; Matt Espino; McCarthy Family; Jason Reilly/ Mr. Scribble; Huntsville Comix
 2018 Fair Dates: July 26-29, 2018
 Reported by: Patty Ross, Secretary

Orleans County 4-H Fair

Dates: July 24-29, 2017
 Attendance: 25,680
 Gate Admission: N/A
 Parking: \$7.00 per carload
 Weather: Rain, Monday & Tuesday, Wednesday – Sunday – Cool Overcast
 Carnival: Main Event Amusement
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Horses, Horse, Horses/Free; Creature Teacher/Free; Magic Joe/Free; The Chalk Chic/Free
 2018 Fair Dates: July 23-29, 2018
 Reported by: Robert Batt, Executive Director

Ostego County Fair

Dates: August 1-6, 2017
 Attendance: 37,481
 Gate Admission: Adult \$5.00, Senior \$5.00, Child 11 & Under Free
 Parking: \$2.00
 Weather: Mostly Sunny
 Carnival: Gillette Shows
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Craig Wayne Band/Free/350; Spinning Wheels Demo Derby/Sold Out; Extreme Racing Monster Trucks/Sold Out
 2018 Fair Dates: July 31 – August 5, 2018
 Reported by: Lisa Jones, Manager

Saratoga County Fair

Dates: July 18-23, 2017
 Attendance: 100,192
 Gate Admission: Adult \$12.00, Senior \$5.00 (Wednesday), Child-Free
 Parking: Free
 Weather: Hot, no rain
 Carnival: Amusements of America
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance:
 2018 Fair Dates: July 24-29, 2018
 Reported by: Jeff Townsend, General Manager

Seneca County Fair

Dates: July 19-22, 2017
 Attendance: 15,100
 Gate Admission: N/A
 Parking: \$2.00 per Car
 Weather: Warm & Nice
 Carnival: Playland Amusements
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Rodeo/Paid/1700; Firework/Free/2000; Demo Derby/Paid/1000; City Limits Band/Free/100; J&J Classic Country Band/Free/250
 2018 Fair Dates: July 18-21, 2018
 Reported by: Ellen TenEyck, President

Steuben County Fair

Dates: August 15-20, 2017
 Attendance: 41,029
 Gate Admission: Adult \$6.00, Senior \$3.00, Child Free
 Parking: Free
 Weather: Perfect
 Carnival: Coleman Brothers
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Demo Derby/8-15, 8-17, 8-20; Motor Cycle Stunt Show/921; Truck & Tractor Pull/1231
 2018 Fair Dates: August 14-19, 2018
 Reported by: Nick Pelham, Secretary/Manager

Tioga County Fair

Dates: August 2-5, 2017
 Attendance: 4,995
 Gate Admission: Adult \$6.00, Senior \$6.00
 Parking: Free
 Weather: Evening Showers, power outage Friday night
 Carnival: C & N Amusements
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Demo Derby/\$5.00/1,886; The Fearless Flores/Free; Bagwig Faleairy/Free; Dash for Cash/\$5.00/700; Lumberjack Competition/Free
 2018 Fair Dates: August 7-11, 2018
 Reported by: Charles Truman, Director

Ulster County Fair

Dates: August 1-6, 2017
 Attendance: 49,250
 Gate Admission: Adult POP \$15.00, Children 36" or Less-Free, Seniors Free on Thursday
 Parking: Free
 Weather: Rain Wednesday & Thursday
 Carnival: Dreamland Amusements
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Oak Ridge Boys/Free; Restless Heart/Free; Martin Family Circus/Free; Savannah Jack/Free; BJ Thomas/Free
 2018 Fair Dates: July 31 – August 5, 2018
 Reported by: Gary Newkirk, Fair Manager

Wayne County Fair

Dates: August 14-19, 2017
 Attendance: 29,509
 Gate Admission: Adult \$5.00, Senior \$5.00, Child \$3.00
 Parking: Free
 Weather: Sunny 75-80
 Carnival: Playland Amusements
 Entertainment/Fee/Attendance: Demo Derby/\$8.00/821; Slowriders Band/Free/600; The Dean's List Band/Free/500; Mini Modified Tractor Pull/Free/300; Demo Derby/\$9.00/959; Wine & Cheese Event/\$10.00/959; Thomas Chamberlain Band/Free/450; Outlaw Series Tractor Pull/\$10.00/508; Demo Derby/\$10.00/1491; Guy Smily Band/Free/1000
 2018 Fair Dates: August 13-18, 2018
 Reported by: Tamara Hutter, Treasurer

Fair Scenes



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Associate Members on the Move



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Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter. If you missed this issue, send your fair reports and pictures for the December issue.

Executive Secretary Report

The Fair season has been a busy one for me as Executive Secretary. I have traveled to many of your fairs and enjoyed the experience of each. The common factor at all Fairs is the people. All of you are to be commended for your commitment to the organization you represent. Weather has been a mixed bag, for the most part everyone saw sunshine but at one point rain set in for all. I guess that's one thing we can't control. Special thanks go to the people that helped with Ag Awareness. Our State Passes sold 500 this year. It is down a bit but we got to that magic number just in time. The Time & Place Committee sent out the RFP for the January Convention and will be making a decision on your behalf shortly. Planning is continuing for the Convention, program Chairperson

Scott Christian is looking for suggestions on programming you might like to see. Please let us know if there is something you feel needs attention. Many Fairs are working on funding projects from our grant monies made available by the Department of Ag & Markets. We have been given a great opportunity to improve facilities with the amounts that have been made available. Be sure to check your email in November for Convention information. I hope to have the Registration and program information to you via email by November 10th. CHECK YOUR EMAIL! Please support the Convention and especially the Banquet where we honor our colleagues! I look forward to seeing you in January!

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS, INC.

Request for Showcase Consideration

Only booking agencies or individual acts who have been in good standing with NYSAAF for a minimum of two years will be considered for showcasing. Agency or act must have Association dues paid in full for year in which it showcases.

[] Stage Act [] Strolling Act

AGENCY OR ACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

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