



112<sup>TH</sup> CHESTERFIELD COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 25 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

## Message From the President

By Terry Lynn

As the year ends, I want to take a moment to say Thank You. It was a great year for the Chesterfield County Fair. We set amazing attendance and profitability records. Thanks to our full-time Fair Manager, Brenda White Vaughn, the fair offered several new acts and events. A variety of firsts happened this year at the fair: our 1st Annual Horse Show; International Day; lawnmower racing; and children's power wheels Derby. It was a great year thanks to your fair board, membership, volunteers and, of course, all the fair goers.

In addition, we want to recognize all the many years of dedicated service of Ms. Mary Chalkley. As she retires from the head of Arts & Crafts, we are truly grateful for her years of leadership and commitment to the Fair. Taking over Arts & Crafts will be Lori Ando. We thank her for stepping up and taking the helm of this important area.

I want to encourage all our members to volunteer to help us in moving the Fair forward in 2023. It takes all of us to put on this great annual event.

Have a great holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2023.

### 2022 CCF Attendance

The numbers are in and the attendance for the 2022 Chesterfield County Fair was 56,000 (this is the total paid attendance).

### 2023 CCFA Membership

If you have not paid your 2022 Chesterfield County Fair Association membership dues. Membership is just \$12 per person, and you will receive 2 tickets for the 2023 Fair. Your dues cannot be paid at the annual meeting.

### Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help with things year-round, please send an email to Donnie Yancey (secretary@chesterfieldcountyfair.org).

### Social Media Update

Thank you to all who followed and shared our posts during the 2022 fair. Our followers grew by almost 2000 since 06/22. We are over 7,000 followers now. We are constantly updating it with current and new information as things happen. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter, or all three to see

what's happening at the fair. Be sure and SHARE our posts too!

### OFFICERS

Terry Lynn – President  
Debra Knesal – Vice President  
Donnie Yancey – Secretary  
Lorie Lythgoe – Treasurer

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brandon Chester  
Kenny Chandler  
Jay Wieting  
Paul Diming  
Jan Rusbusan (Term ends 2022)  
Dustin Horton  
Carey Allen  
Ben Coe  
Stephanie Rector  
Lorna Verlander

### GENERAL MANAGER

Brenda White Vaughn

### Arts & Crafts

Lori Ando

Chesterfield  
County Fair  
"Catch the Fun"

December 2022

## Message From the General Manager

By Brenda White

As we've "almost" put the 2022 Fair to bed, I reflect at all the wonderful times....2022 was such a banner year for the fair, with new and exciting things like; Cowboy Circus, Snails, Tails & Teeth, Power Wheels Derby, Lawnmower Races, Our first "Summer Classic Horse Show", Autobots, Mobile Axe Throwing, Mobile Escape Room, VMFA Mobile Art Trailer, and International Day. And let's not forget great returning acts like Brad Matchett, Josh Knotts, Racing Pigs, Pirates, Rafter Z Rodeo, Rockin'A'Ranch petting zoo and animals, Heritage Village and so much more!

I am so very lucky to have a great Board of Directors who support my endeavors to make the fair the best around. A huge thank you to all of them, all our great volunteers especially my office staff of Ronnie Miller, James & Nancy Verlander & Jay Wieting. Kudos to Carey Allen for filling the Indoor Vendor spaces to the brim!

We are so fortunate to have the full support of Chesterfield County Parks & Rec and the other **departments of the County**. Jolly Shows, again, brought their A-game to the fair with providing the best, most efficient and the cleanest midway rides ever! Congratulations and thank you to Mary Chalkley for all her years of service and dedication in heralding the Arts & Crafts Building. Enjoy your retirement! And thank you to Lori Ando for taking over this ominous task! It truly does take a village to put the fair on - and we'd LOVE for you to join that village by volunteering with the 2023 fair. There are lots of opportunities for you to "Catch the Fun" - please contact me and I'll forward your info. Mark your calendars now for 2023 - August 25-Sept.2.



### 2022 Royal Court

#### Miss Chesterfield County Fair

Kenzie Swinson

#### Miss Teen Princess

Addison Rogers

#### Miss Preteen Princess

Alana Skinner

#### Miss Junior Princess

Blair Taylor

#### Miss Little Princess

Ashley Farag

#### Miss Tiny Princess

Laiyah Lawrence



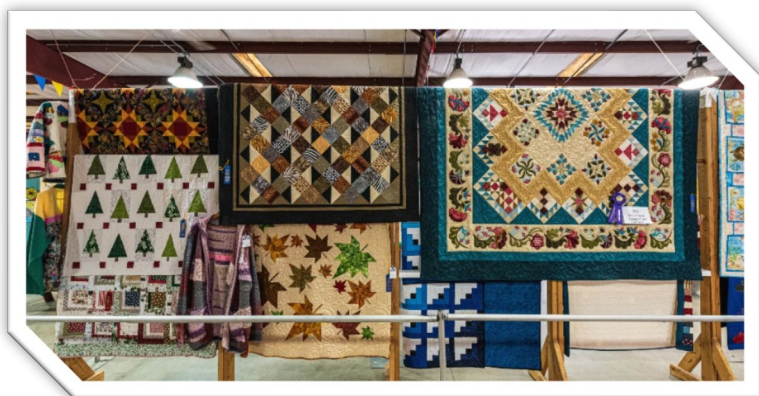
# Arts & Crafts

By Mary Chalkley, Coordinator/ Historian

This is the second year back after Covid-19 to set-up and have exhibits entered to be judged for the Fair. We had 636 single exhibits which is still down in number before Covid-19 hit (2019 was 1127). Each year after the judging and ribbons placed, the beautiful quilts displayed along with all the other items entered makes this a beautiful sight to see. Many thanks to the twenty (26) Judges and all our forty (40) volunteer Department Superintendents and Clerks working in the nine (9) departments that makes all this happen. Other programs enjoyed by the fairgoers who were present the entire nine-days of the Fair and others were there only one-day. The River City Mini-trains, Moose Lodge provided materials for kids to paint, Old Dominion Herbs Society, Virginia Master Gardeners, Laura Taylor – subject on Bees, Pocahontas State Park pelts from various animals and leaf rubbings about Trees, Rockwood Park backyard Beekeepers, Virginia Master Naturalist – information on Butterflies, the Quilt Guilds, and Art Displays from the Chesterfield County Schools. Thank You to all these added additions to the Arts & Crafts Building this year. After 56 years helping and heading up the Arts & Crafts Building, I am stepping down as Coordinator and for the up-coming 2023 Fair, Lori Ando will take over this large part of the Fair. I wish her success in this important part of the Fair. On the last day of the 2022 Fair, the Fair's Officers and Board Members surprised me by coming over to the Arts & Crafts building with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a couple of delicious cakes which was enjoyed by all to thank me for my journey. Many thanks for remembering me in this way.

Again, many thanks to everyone over the years who have participated.

## 2022 Arts and Crafts @ Chesterfield County Fair



## Reasons to Come to the 2023 Chesterfield County Fair!

