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stimulate, facilitate, and
support educational
programs, incentives, and
events relating to the annual
Farm Show event.



As we celebrate the holidays,
may you enjoy time
with friends and family.

We look forward to seeing
you in January at the PA Farm Show!

Friends of the PA Farm Show

**Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex
2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg**

We are looking for articles and pictures to
publish in the Friends of the Farm Show
News.

Feb./March -Due by January 1, 2023

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February-March
Newsletter

Deadline
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Franklin County Friends Thru Fiber Team member Michelle Lushbaugh, weaving at the 42nd annual Sheep
to Shawl Competition.

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Agriculture Secretary Invites Pennsylvanians To Celebrate Agriculture At PA Preferred® Reception Kicking Off 107th Farm Show



Harrisburg, PA – Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding invites Pennsylvanians to celebrate the state's \$132.5 billion agriculture industry at the 107th PA Farm Show's PA Preferred® Reception, where they'll enjoy the finest in Pennsylvania-grown and produced food, drinks, and desserts.

"This year's Farm Show theme, Rooted in Progress, invites visitors to explore the breadth of Pennsylvania agriculture, our heritage, and the innovations driving us forward," said Secretary Redding. "We invite Pennsylvanians to celebrate all of this and more at the PA Preferred Reception, the PA Farm Show's official first event, where they can taste the bounty of Pennsylvania agriculture."

The PA Preferred Reception will be held on Friday, January 6, 2023 in the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. Tickets are \$40 and available to the public for purchase. The ticket includes admission to the reception, parking, food and drinks, and a short program.


PA Preferred members or other organizations interested in supporting this event through in-kind product donations can offer contributions to the proposed menu. A wide range of sponsorship opportunities are also available. Supporting organizations will have names or logos displayed during the event and receive complimentary tickets.

More information, including ticketing details can be found at farmshow.pa.gov. RSVP for the event on PA Preferred Reception Facebook.

PA Preferred is the official brand of agricultural products made or grown in Pennsylvania. Visit their website at www.papreferred.com.



New interactive STEM area!

 Northeast Hall
with the
Calving Corner

Veterinarians Dr. Jody Kull, Dr. Adrian Barragan, Dr. Hayley Springer, along with educators from the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts and the Dairy Excellence Foundation will present fun, hands-on activities for kids of all ages!

Come learn with us!

- ♦ Moo U will be open each day. Specific activities & times will be announced.
- ♦ Explore topics like anatomy & physiology, ultrasound technology, color explosion, robotics, and more!



The Calving Corner and Moo U is made possible through the generosity of The Friends of Pennsylvania Farm Show Inc., Pennsylvania's Dairy Farmers and Industry Partners and with support from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

New for Family Living this year!

Nonperishable Department 24 Family Living exhibits will be accepted prior to the normal Thursday, January 5, 2023 drop off. Beat the rush and drop off entries December 1-30, 2022, Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, no holidays at the Farm Show administration office. Only items that are entered online will be allowed to be dropped off. Items will be tagged onsite and stored until the Farm Show. We can't wait to see your entries!



Non-perishable items on display in the exhibit area at the PA Farm Show.



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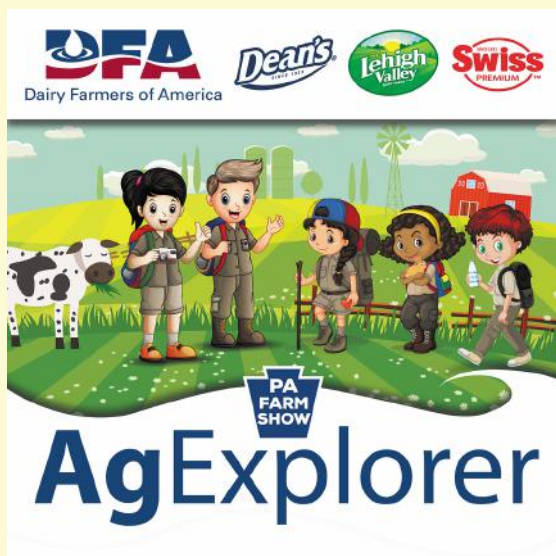
A goal is a dream with a deadline... don't miss these Farm Show entry goals!

As the Farm Show grows closer, so do the deadlines to enter your prize-winning apples, quilt block, chocolate chip cookies, goat, or coloring page exhibits. Check out the new exciting, and long-time favorite classes and plan your entry! The Farm Show management staff is excited to announce that all entries will be taken online through their ShoWorks software. Instructions to enter are on the Farm Show website, and our team is committed to assisting you in entering the show.



Entry Drop Off Time Period Extended

Entries for non-perishable exhibits will be accepted in the Cameron Street Lobby from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays beginning December 1. Be sure to check in at the kiosk and follow the instructions to properly identify your entry.



Are you ready to become a Pennsylvania Farm Show AgExplorer? Put on your thinking cap and get ready for an adventure through the exciting world of Pennsylvania Agriculture!

After reviewing all the AgExplorer Stations, test your knowledge for a chance to win a prize pack filled with Farm Show items!

Visit the website to participate in this virtual project!

<https://tinyurl.com/375t2kma>



Welcome to the 2023 Pennsylvania Farm Show Trail! In this map, you'll find many of the traditional commercial and PA Preferred vendors of the traditional show that you've come to love and support through the years. We invite you to explore the bounty and diversity of Pennsylvania agriculture through this map. You can search by product, if you're looking for a specific Farm Show favorite, or by location, if you're looking for a new venue for fresh, local products in your own hometown.

The vendors are organized by those with a physical storefront, who have a red locator icon, and those with ecommerce only, who have a blue icon.

<https://tinyurl.com/yvchms58>



★ ★ ★ The 1940s Came to Life at the Farm Show Complex Book Launching ★ ★ ★

The Friends of The Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation Inc. recently launched the Farm Show historian's latest book with a party featuring everything from Big Band music to bread pudding and from dancing to discussions about life in the 1940s.

"Blue Ribbon Patriotism How the Pennsylvania Farm Show Helped the World War II Effort" by Pennsylvania Farm Show Historian Mary Klaus was launched at a Veteran's Day eve party with 65 guests.

Klaus and Janice Morgenstern Shuty, her research assistant, spent most of 2022 researching the years that the then U.S. War Department used the Farm Show Complex for the World War II effort.



Mary Klaus Farm Show Historian and Author of the book, "Blue Ribbon Patriotism" welcomes attendees to the event. Photo credit: Rachel Schlegel.

In 1942-43, the Farm Show Complex housed the Pennsylvania State School of Aeronautics, where hundreds of civilians learned how to repair airplane engines from planes that had been shot up in World War II. The book includes a chapter with memories of a 99-year-old Cambria County "Rosie the Riveter" who recalled her experiences going to that school and another chapter about a then Cumberland County high school senior called to the principal's office and invited to go to the aeronautics school.

After the school closed, the Farm Show Complex housed the Army Air Corps engine repair department, where the damaged aircraft engines were repaired. The repaired engines were sent to the Middletown Air Depot to be put in airplanes, tested, and sent back to war.

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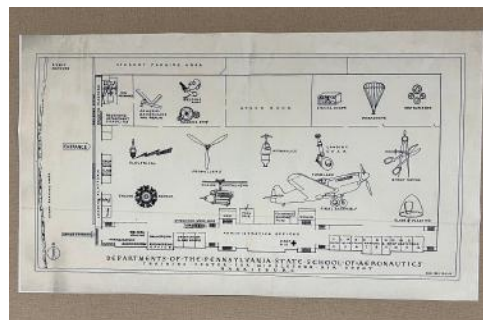


The book, Blue Ribbon Patriotism by Mary Klaus will be on sale at the PA Farm Show at the Friends of the Farm Show booth in the Giant Eco Hall. Photo credit: Rachel Schlegel

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The party featured historical posters and several tables with 1940s displays of teapots, cookbooks, movies, Army uniforms and helmets, pictures, and other memorabilia. Klaus and Shuty gave talks about the war years at the Farm Show and on the home front.



A poster from the Departments of the Pennsylvania State School of Aeronautics.

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Sharon Myers, Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex executive director, and Heidi Svonavec, assistant

executive director, dressed as Rosie the Riveters for the party. Rachel Schlegel, “Blue Ribbon Patriotism” page layout editor and book designer, dressed as a 1940s society lady.



Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation, Inc. Board Chairman Bill Piper, along with Executive Director of the PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center Sharon, Myers, Assistant Director Heidi Svonavec, and Author Mary Klaus pause for a picture. Sharon and Heidi dressed as Rosie the Riveter. Photo: Rachel Schlegel

Dance Instructor Linda Galinac; her husband, George; their son, Scott; and Dauphin County Commissioner George P. Hartwick III demonstrated dances of the era. Guests then drank a lemonade toast to the Greatest Generation and ate Spam, bread pudding, and chocolate bars, all popular in the war years. The books are being sold at the Farm Show for \$10 each, with free books for World War II veterans and half-price for military veterans with identification. Klaus, the author of “Hold Your Horses! The Pennsylvania Farm Show at 100,” will talk about the war years at the Farm Show and sign books at the 107th Pennsylvania Farm Show in January.



Dauphin County Commissioner George P. Hartwick III presents Mary Klaus with a citation for the Blue Ribbon Patriotism book. Photo: Lizzie Bailey



Bread pudding and spam were popular foods to eat when items were being rationed. Local WWII Veteran Patrick, a resident at Homeland Center and Liam Bailey share a special moment. Photos: Lizzie Bailey



Pennsylvania Farm Show Junior Committee looking forward to 2023 Auction

The Pennsylvania Farm Show Junior Committee is a youth-led group equivalent to a junior state fair board. Members of the Junior Committee get the opportunity to serve in a big way at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. They network, engage with exhibitors, and help with Farm Show operations. Not only do members help with the already established Farm Show events, but they create and run events of their own.

One of these events is the benefit auction that is held on the last day of the Farm Show at the Family Living Stage. Throughout the time leading up to the Farm Show and during, members of the Junior Committee collect donations from local business owners, artists, craftspeople, and any other supporters of the Farm Show that would like to donate. The auctioneer then auctions off these items. This year, Katelyn Callahan and her family will donate their time to the Junior Committee. Every dollar that is made from the auction goes to The Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation, Inc. to further support the mission statement for educational programs. They also fund the Junior Committee members, allowing them to gain opportunities and experiences from their time at the Farm Show. Last year there were almost 200 items donated which were then organized into about 50 baskets and other items that were auctioned for a grand total of over \$3,000. They are looking to increase that number this year, so if you are interested in donating, please get in touch with a member or advisor of the Junior Committee to make that possible. Thank you!

To donate items, contact:

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Call: 724.206-6765



Two of the Junior Committee members, Jillian Ranko and Erica Teagarden, who were announcing the baskets.



We appreciated the support of everyone who provided items for the auction.



Auctioneer, Katelyn Callahan, who, along with her parents, donated their time to support the auction.



One of the buyers who won the mystery basket which was a week long parking pass for the 2023 PA Farm Show.



Auction chair, Erica Teagarden, with auctioneer, Katelyn Callahan, with the basket purchased by Katelyn.

Photos submitted by Farm Show Junior Committee.

FARM SHOW TRADEMARK

Pennsylvania Farm Show Trademark



Did you know that the 107th Pennsylvania Farm Show Logo is available to help increase your Farm Show sales?

Through an agreement with the Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation, Inc, you may place the logo on items and apparel you plan to sell at the show.

All interested vendors, exhibitors and persons may complete the request form by scanning the QR code and mailing it to the Foundation for approval. For more information on obtaining rights to utilize the 2023 Pennsylvania Farm

Show logo and/or name and further your product sales, contact Gerald Reichard at 717-729-7158 or farmshowfriends@gmail.com.



PA Farm Show Commercial Vendors

FREE VENDOR SPACE FOR 2024 FARM SHOW TO BE GIVEN AWAY

The Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation, Inc, extends a special invitation to you to become a "Friend" of the Foundation. The annual fee is \$65 or lifetime fee of \$500. During the 2023 commercial vendor breakfast, the Foundation will have a special drawing to provide a space at the 2024 PA Farm Show to be given away.

To qualify for the drawing, please scan this code to find the membership application. Mail or email to the Foundation office by January 6, 2023.



Applications can also be hand delivered at the vendor breakfast on January 12, 2023.

100th Farm Show Book

The 100th Farm Show book will be on sale at the 2023 Farm Show, January 7-14.

The 176 page hard bound book in black/white and color captures 100 years of family stories and history of the last century. Be sure to purchase your copy at the Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation booth in the Expo Hall.



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Everyone who visits the Farm Show Complex & Expo Center throughout the year enjoys their time at the events. Behind the scenes there is a dedicated team of staff who ensures that everything runs smoothly for each and every event that is held in the complex.



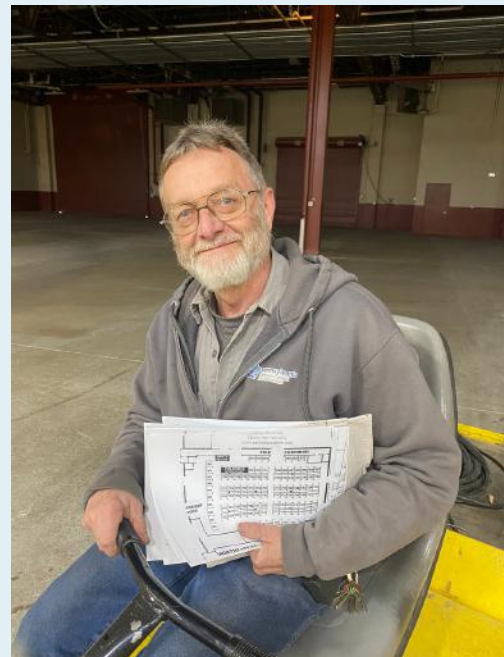
Tim Messner, Ted Laverty and Hunter Geedy from the HVAC shop work on a new cooling unit for the farm show butter booth.



Jim Reber, Mike Wilbert and Drew Wood prepare frames to place Farm Show welcome signage.



Maintenance Supervisor Shane Prichard can't wait to celebrate at the 107th PA Farm Show! He's a leader on the team who prepares the facilities from everything from the PA Preferred Reception to the Jr livestock sale.



Electrician Titus Graybill studies Farm Show floor plans in preparation for show setup.

International Association of Fairs and Expositions Awards

Congratulations Pennsylvania Farm Show!

The award was from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions. They are the industry association. Morgan Firestone and Heidi Svonavec attended the annual IAEF convention November 27 -30, 2022 in Indianapolis to receive the award, They also gave a presentation about the Christmas tree department and contests and gained valuable insight and information to share with the farm show.



We also won second place in the Competitive Exhibits (Individual Photo)
TIMBER! A team member from one of the four participating colleges goes full throttle through a log in the Lumberjack Competition. Some talented ladies and 'fellers' showed off their skills.



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Why is the Foundation important?

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Join us in celebrating our youth in Ag!



Monday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. — New Holland Arena

- Over 400 state degrees of membership to students will be awarded.
- Over 400 students will be presented their first FFA Jacket (Compliments of our PA FFA Alumni and Supporters).
- Parents of three or more children receiving their state degree of membership will be recognized.
- The regional and state STARS in their respective Supervised Agricultural Experience Program - Star Farmer, Star Business, Star Science and Star in Placement will be announced.
- Hear from the Secretary of Agriculture.



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