



# Fairly Speaking

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Augusta, Maine 04432-0786

## Changing of the Guard



William (Bill) McFarland (right), the newly elected President of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs presents Francis Small with a Past President's Award for his dedicated service to the Association. Francis, from the Cumberland Fair, served as President of this Association from January 2008 to January 2010.

## The Officers and Directors of MAAF 2010

Elected President is William (Bill) W. McFarland of the Windsor Fair. The First Vice President is Hope Ricker of the Pittston Fair and Randy Hall of the Farmington Fair was elected Second Vice President. Catharine (Katie) L. Damren is the Executive Director, and a member of the Windsor Fair. Treasurer is Ellen L. Lunt of Clinton and the Clerk is Sue Baker of Pittston. Directors are David Byras of the Litchfield Fair, Lisa Cunliffe of the Monmouth Fair, Gerald Gilpatrick of the Ossipee Fair, Roger Hoffses of the Northern Maine Fair, Kathryn R. Hunter of the Topsham Fair and Barry Norris of the Union Fair.

## Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs

March 2010

Agricultural Fair  
2010 Dates  
Maine

### JULY

#### 1-4 Houlton Fair—Houlton

Paul Cleary  
PO Box 403  
Houlton, Maine 04730  
Tel: (207) 694-1298

[www.houltonfair.com](http://www.houltonfair.com)

#### 8-11 Ossipee Valley Fair—So. Hiram

Kathleen Haley  
Box 548  
Limington, Maine  
Tel: (207) 793-8434

[www.ossipeevalleyfair.com](http://www.ossipeevalleyfair.com)

#### 16-18 Waterford World's Fair—North Waterford

Lucille J. Millett  
PO Box 174  
North Waterford, Maine 04287  
Tel: (207) 514-0333

#### 22-25 Pittston Fair—Pittston, Maine

Debbie Truman  
PO Box 351  
Gardiner, Maine 04345-0351  
Tel: (207) 582-7791 or  
(207) 582-4969

#### 28-31 Monmouth Fair—Monmouth

Laura Foulk  
PO Box 327  
Monmouth, Maine 04259  
Tel: (207) 933-2249

[www.monmouthgrows.com/monmouthfair](http://www.monmouthgrows.com/monmouthfair)

### AUGUST

#### 30-Aug 8 Bangor State Fair—Bangor, Maine

Mike Dyer  
100 Dutton Street  
Bangor, Maine 04401  
Tel: (207) 947-5555

[www.bangorstatefair.com](http://www.bangorstatefair.com)

#### 30-Aug 7 Northern Maine Fair—Presque Isle

Andrew Leblanc  
PO Box 804  
Presque Isle, Maine 04769-0804  
Tel: (207) 769-2258

[www.northernmainefairgrounds.com](http://www.northernmainefairgrounds.com)

**AUGUST****6-8 Athens Wesserunnett Valley****Fair****Athens**

Stacy Paradis

PO Box 111

Athens, Maine 04912

Tel: (207) 474-8265

**8-14 Topsham Fair—Topsham**

Leon Brilliant

30 Vahaila Drive

Topsham, Maine 04086

Tel: (207) 798-0892

[www.topshamfair.net](http://www.topshamfair.net)**12-21 Skowhegan State Fair—****Skowhegan**

PO Box 39

Skowhegan, Maine 04976-0039

Tel: (207) 474-2947

[www.skowheganstatefair.com](http://www.skowheganstatefair.com)**21-28 Union Fair—Union**

John Crabtree

523 Western Road

Warren, Maine 04864

Tel: (207) 273-2465

[www.unionfair.org](http://www.unionfair.org)**26-29 Piscataquis Valley Fair—****Dover-Foxcroft**

Deanne Merrill

PO Box 197

Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426

Tel: (207) 943-2650

[www.piscataquisvalleyfair.com](http://www.piscataquisvalleyfair.com)**26-29 Acton Fair—Acton**

Lista Staples

178 Nason Road

Shapleigh, Maine 04076

Tel: (207) 324-1250 or 636-2026

[www.actonfair.net](http://www.actonfair.net)**29-Sept 6 Windsor Fair—****Windsor**

Lincoln Orff

PO Box 971

Jefferson, Maine 04349-0971

Tel: (207) 549-7121

[www.windsorfair.com](http://www.windsorfair.com)**About our New President**

William McFarland was elected President of the MAAF at the annual meeting in January 2010. Bill as he is called, grew up on small farm in Hallowell and started attending agricultural fairs as a young man. In 1967, he began parking cars at the Union Fair. In 1970, he moved to Windsor becoming involved with the Windsor Fair in 1973. Bill started selling parimutuel tickets at the Windsor Fair and soon became a life member. He was often seen collecting trailer rent, he started children's day activities and was in charge of parking. In 1988 he chaired the 100th year celebration of the Windsor Fair, and became a Trustee in 1990. He managed the concessions and midway program from 1987 to 2001 at which time he became Director of Harness Racing. Bill now serves on the Fair's Executive Board and is First Vice President. In 2004, Bill was elected to the MAAF Board as a Director and served in the Vice Presidents positions before being elected President. Bill and his wife Jill live in South China, Maine. He is retired from the Maine Department of Transportation and now enjoys being a grandfather, hunting and fishing as well as Maine fair activities.

**FROM THE TABLE OF THE PRESIDENT – Bill McFarland**

I want to thank everyone who participated in making our 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Convention in Portland a great success. A lot of hard work and effort went into the planning and execution of the convention program. A very special "thank you" goes to Katie Damren, Executive Director, for all her dedicated effort.

The MAAF has been scheduling and holding some of its regular meetings the past two years at different fair locations. We will continue to schedule meeting dates during the fair season at fairs around the State. It benefits the directors to see how others operate and run their programs.

As **your association**, our most important mission and charge is to monitor and watch what goes on in each legislative session. We **must protect** those funds that are needed to support our agricultural programs and activities.

Currently, we are keeping a close eye on everything that is happening in the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. We have been very busy following any proposals that could effect our agricultural funding, if implemented. The legislature is still looking at all possible funds for additional monies to support the State budget.

As your President, I want everyone to know that my door is always open to discuss matters of the agricultural fairs. You can contact me by e-mail at [billmcfarland@fairpoint.net](mailto:billmcfarland@fairpoint.net). I look forward to serving you and this great organization for the next two years.

## SEPTEMBER

## Annual Meeting

The January Annual Meeting started on Thursday evening for members the Board . Friday the 29th at 8:00AM registration began, the Trade Show opened a day of workshops and presentations followed. Mr. Robert Johnson, President of the Outdoor Amusements Business Association was the Keynote speaker explaining the relationship of his Association to our Fairs. He outlined the importance of a close relationship between Fair Boards and midway owners. After the day's work The Debbie Myers Band kept many on their toes at the Friday night dance.

Saturday started with the opening of the registration area and trade show followed by more workshops and presentations. Jim Tucker President & CEO of the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions was the keynote speaker. His message was that agricultural fairs now shoulder the responsibility for Agricultural Education to the public. We are one of the last showcases of agriculture. Are we doing our job?

The General Session on Saturday afternoon featured the election of officers, reports from the Board, and stipend and harness racing updates. The Commission of Agriculture, Seth Bradstreet III, honored Thomas Foster, President of the Windsor Fair, for his hard work and dedication on behalf of the Maine Fairs. A well deserved award. That evening, over 450 people gathered for the banquet and presentation of awards. The following fairs received plaques featuring the new MAAF logo: **Northern Maine Fair**, for their outstanding farm display. **Topsham Fair**, for their outstanding premium book. This book was done in large print. The **Cumberland Fair**, for their outstanding museum and outside exhibit area. **The Oxford Fair**, for their Grange Exhibits. The **Clinton Lions Club Fair**, for one of the biggest woodsman's day events. **The Pittston Fair**, as the most improved small fair. The **Piscataquis Valley Fair**, was for their continuous upgrading and

17-19 New Portland Lion's Fair—  
N. New Portland

John Duff  
5 Winter Drive  
Emden, Maine 04958  
Tel: (207) 566-5722

19-25 Farmington Fair—  
Farmington

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

24-26 Common Ground Fair—  
Unity

PO Box 170  
Unity, Maine 04988-0170  
Tel: (207) 568-4142  
[www.mofga.org](http://www.mofga.org)

26-Oct 2 Cumberland Fair—  
Cumberland

39 Samuel Road  
Portland, Maine 04103  
Tel: (207) 797-2789  
[www.cumberlandfair.com](http://www.cumberlandfair.com)

## Oct 3-10 Fryeburg Fair—Fryeburg

June Hammond  
Box 78  
Fryeburg, Maine 04037  
Tel: (207) 935-3268  
[www.fryeburgfair.com](http://www.fryeburgfair.com)

## NON-LICENSED FAIR

## Sept 11 Cornish Horseman's Day

Cornish, Maine

## 2-6 Blue Hill Fair—Blue Hill

Robert Eaton  
PO Box 390  
Blue Hill, Maine 04614-0390  
Tel: (207) 374-3701  
[www.bluehillfair.com](http://www.bluehillfair.com)

## 3-6 Springfield Fair—Springfield

Kirk Ritchie  
PO Box 342  
Lee, Maine 04455  
Tel: (207) 738-2888  
[www.thespringfieldfair.com](http://www.thespringfieldfair.com)

3-6 Harmony Free Fair—  
Harmony

Mel Chadbourne  
177 Chadbourne Road  
Harmony, Maine 04942  
Tel: (207) 683-5873  
[www.harmonyfreefair.org](http://www.harmonyfreefair.org)

## 9-12 Clinton Lions Fair—Clinton

Jon Whitten, Sr.  
12 McNally Road  
Clinton, Maine 04729  
Tel: (207) 426-8013  
[www.clintonlionsfair.com](http://www.clintonlionsfair.com)

## 10-12 Litchfield Fair—Litchfield

Charles Smith.  
279 Main St  
Lisbon Falls, Maine 04252  
Tel: (207) 353-8105  
Email: [walkingman1@fairpoint.net](mailto:walkingman1@fairpoint.net)

12-18 Oxford County Fair—  
Oxford

PO Box 193  
Norway, Maine 04268  
Tel: (207) 743-9594  
[www.oxfordcountyfair.com](http://www.oxfordcountyfair.com)

**Associate Members  
2010**

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- Don Campbell Music
- Flute Notes
- Fox 23
- Half Moon Jug Band
- Higgins Office Products

**Annual Meeting Continued:**

and expanding of a small fair. The **Springfield Fair**, for their representation of an old time country fair. A special award was given to **Jason Bartlett** of Windsor for his dedication to harness racing and outstanding personal accomplishments within the racing industry for the years 2008 & 2009. The Person of the Year Award was given to "Fairground Freddy" (Fred Lunt) for his untiring support and dedication to the Maine Agricultural Fairs.

**Mark Your Calendar**

- March 28, 2010, Maple Sunday
- April 23 & 24, 2010, Beef Expo, Fryeburg Fairgrounds
- May 21 & 22 NELE, Windsor Fairgrounds
- January 27, 28, 29, 2011 MAAF Annual Meeting, Portland, ME

**News From The Board**

President McFarland held his first Board Meeting February 20th at the Farm Bureau office. He invited all Fair Presidents to discuss the good and bad of the our Annual Meeting. It appeared to be a general consensus, that the January meeting is improving. Topics for next years break out sessions were discussed, and planning for our 2011 Annual Meeting has begun. Certainly, the Board is open to any suggestions for next years agenda. **The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM at the Farm Bureau office, Augusta, Maine and is open to all interested parties.**

It was announced that the MAAF web site has been updated and can be viewed by going to [mainefairs.org](http://mainefairs.org). This web site is work in progress at present, and we will be posting more information on site in the future.

The IAFE Zone 1 and Zone 2 combined meeting will be held in Springfield MA April 29 to May 2, 2010, hosted by The Big E. Your Board recommends this meeting as an opportunity to meet and learn from other Fair people. For more information about this meeting contact Fred Lunt at [fred.lunt@maine.gov](mailto:fred.lunt@maine.gov) or call 287-7634. Early bird registration ends March 15 (\$155 complete package) plus room or after March 15 \$180.00 complete package plus room. Fred has the registration forms and schedule of events. You will be glad you attended.

**Associate Members  
2010**

- Jessica Prouty Band
- Lighthouse Jubilees
- MacKay Entertainment
- Maine Antique Tractor Club
- Maine Draft Horse & Ox Assoc.
- Maine Farm Bureau
- Maine State Fire Marshal's Office
- Maine Harness Horse men's Assoc.
- Maine Harness Racing Promotion Board
- Maine Pulling Sled Owners Assoc.
- Maine Standardbred Breeders & Owners
- Maine State Grange
- Maine's Lost Trotting Parks
- Maine State Truck & Tractor Pullers

**Associate Members  
2010**

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NWA on Fire Pro  
Wrestling

One Sharp Marriage

PDK Pyro, Inc.

Edwin H Pert--Consultant

Regional Activities Guide  
Of Maine

Road Ranger Band

Rosie's Racing Pigs

Smokey's Greater Shows

Sound by Rich Entertain-  
ment

Stackwire Sam

T-Bar-T Rodeo Co.

The Debbie Myers Show

The Kayla Wass Show

The Magic of Conjuring  
Carroll

Photos by Fairground Freddy



No. Maine Fair President Andy LeBlanc receiving award from Randy Hall

Leon Brilliant, President of Topsham Fair receiving award from Hope Ricker



Cumberland Fair receiving Award from Barry Norris

Shawn Buck, President of Clinton Lions Fair accepting award from David Byras, Sr.



Peter Weeks, Vice President of Pittston Fair accepting award from Gerald Gilpatrick.

Rusty Weymouth,, President of Piscataquis Valley Fair accepting award from Lisa Cunliffe



Debbie Bradstreet, Jim Tucker, Bob Johnson enjoying the Banquet (great head gear from Balloon Genius)

**Associate Members  
2010**

Thompson Printing

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Blue Ribbon Shows

Chuck Noe - Talent  
Management

NAWA Pro Wrestling

Rick Adam—A Clown  
for all Seasons

SRCS—Dino Dig

Jillian Cardarelli—  
Country Singer

Balloon Genius—Royal  
Sorell

Ernie Wheeler—Sound  
Company

Carousel Organ Music

Randy Cook Adventure  
Climbing

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ren for more infor-  
mation about our  
Associate Members**

**The 2010 MAAF Board and State Fair Coordinator**

Photo by Bill Haynes



**1st row L to R,** Hope Ricker, Ellen Lunt, Katie Damren, Sue Baker **Middle Row L to R,** Lisa Cunliffe, Kathryn Hunter, Fred Lunt, Bill McFarland, Roger Hoffses **Back Row L to R,** Barry Norris David Byras, Sr., Randy Hall, Gerald Gilpatrick , Francis Small

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**Scenes from the Weekend**



Bob Johnson, President and CEO of OABA addressing attendees on Friday morning.



Tom Foster accepting award from Commissioner Seth Bradstreet. at Annual Meeting



Jim Tucker , President and CEO of IAFE addressing the attendees on Saturday morning

**The MAAF would like to thank the advertisers of our annual Maine & New Hampshire brochure**

**Hollywood Slots of Bangor, Maine ---Central Maine Pyrotechnics of Hallowell, Maine---**

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# ME Association of Livestock Exhibitors ~Membership Application

## July 1, 2010 ~ June 30, 2011

**Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing**

*Please print. Please fill out completely. Incomplete information or illegible writing may cause delays.*

~ This form is NOT proof of membership. ~ Form invalid after 6/30/11 ~				
<b>Name</b>	First Name	MI	Last Name	Birth Date
Primary Member Age 18 or older				
<b>Spouse</b>	First name		Last Name	Birth Date
<b>Children</b>	First Name		Last Name	Birth Date
<u>Under age 18</u>	First name		Last Name	Birth Date
<b>Dependents</b> <b>18 and over MUST</b> <b>have own member-</b> <b>ship</b>	First name		Last Name	Birth Date
	<i>Additional children listed on the back.</i>			
<b>Mailing Address</b>	Street:			
All mail sent to Primary member	Town:	State:	ZIP:	
<b>Phone</b>	Home:		Cell:	
	Email:			
<b>Farm Name</b>				
<b>Animals Exhibited</b>	<i>i.e. Beef, Dairy, Show Steers, Sheep, Swine, Equine, Poultry etc. Please list all commodities shown.</i>			
<b>Membership Type Requested</b>	<b>Family \$35.00</b> Includes Head of Household, Spouse and/or Children <b>under age 18</b> .			New
	<b>Individual \$20.00</b> Single person <b>18 years of age or over</b> . Includes dependents age 18 and over.			Renewal
	<b>Today's Date:</b>			
<b>Office use only</b>	Amount Paid:		Date Received:	Time:
	Card Sent:		Check #	Cash

**We do not accept memberships under a business name.**

~ Please make check to: **Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors ~\*\* Returned Check Fee: \$35.00 \*\***

**We do not accept Debit or Credit Cards.**

Send form and fee to: Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors

Kathy Haskell, Secretary

9 Harriet Ave

Windham ME 04062

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