

MOORE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
HOME OF THE BRIGDEN FAIR – JANUARY 2018

WHAT'S NEW!



In an effort to communicate better, we are working on producing a newsletter on a regular basis (minimum 4 times/year) to ensure that information is available to the MAS membership. We need your input. It has been suggested that the newsletter be emailed to available email addresses but also be available at the fair office to be picked up.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Welcome to 2018

On behalf of the 2017 Board of Directors, we hope you all had time to make fantastic memories with your families and friends during the Holiday Season. Thank you for all the hard work that took place as MAS celebrated Canada's 150th Birthday. We look forward to 2018 and all that we can accomplish together.

On January 20, at the Annual General Meeting, elections will be held for the 2018 Board of Directors. As per the constitution, the board will be re-sized to 16 Directors with 1 being appointed from the Homecraft Division. Four Individuals will be elected for a 3-yr term and four individuals for a 1-yr term.

Directors that will be remaining to complete their terms on the MAS board are: Jeff Agar, Donna DeGurse, Alison Dion, Nick Gibbons, Devon Maw, Bill Myers, Jason VanEsse and a representative from Homecraft.

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to let their name stand for nomination for the open positions. Whether elected to the board or as a part of some of the many committees, your input and contributions to the Society are appreciated. As we are all aware, it is our members and volunteers that make Moore Agricultural Society a successful organization.

Bill (MAS), Michelle (Homecraft)

2018 MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$10.00 - if you purchase prior to March 31, 2018
\$20.00 – after April 1, 2018

District 13 Competitions

Machine Quilts

1st - Forest - Bette Gordon
2nd – Brigden – Evelyn Evers
3rd - Plympton Wyoming – Gwen King

Hand Quilts

1st – Thorndale – Verna Davis
2nd – Wallacetown – JoAnn Bogart
3rd – Brigden – Donna Pierce

Butter Tart Competition

1st – Plympton Wyoming – Sandy Atkinson
2nd – Dorchester – Karyn Thuss
3rd – Parkhill

Youth Chocolate Chip Cookie Competition

1st – Petrolia – Ava Sylvester
2nd – Thorndale
3rd – Brigden – Aubrey Allison

Senior Poster Competition

1st – Brigden – Joslyn Dunlop
2nd – Brooke Alvinston – Aurora Bressette
3rd – Forest - Brooke Primeau

Intermediate Poster Competition

1st – Thorndale – Miranda te Bokkel
2nd – Wallacetown – Lilian Taylor
3rd – Brooke Alvinston - Kate Lee

Junior Poster Competition

1st – Plympton Wyoming – Keenan Reidhead
2nd – Brigden – Ava Holmes
3rd – Brooke Alvinston – Gordon Bressette

First place winners will go on to the OAAS Convention Competitions in February.

OAAS Photography Competition

Entries were judged at the local level and have been forwarded to the OAAS Convention Facilitator to be part of the Provincial Competition. Thank you to all that entered. Stay tuned for results.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

THURS JAN 11 2018 – HOMECRAFT 6:00 P.M.
SAT JAN 20 2018 – MAS AGM (POTLUCK)
5:30 P.M. MEETINGS TO FOLLOW

Hope everyone had a great time at
Appreciation Night held
Saturday, November 25, 2017.



That's not all.....

We know that others had fun in our photo booth
– we would love to see your pictures.



THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!!

MAS appreciates all our volunteers and our sponsors. We recently received this great news from **Shell Community Service Fund**.

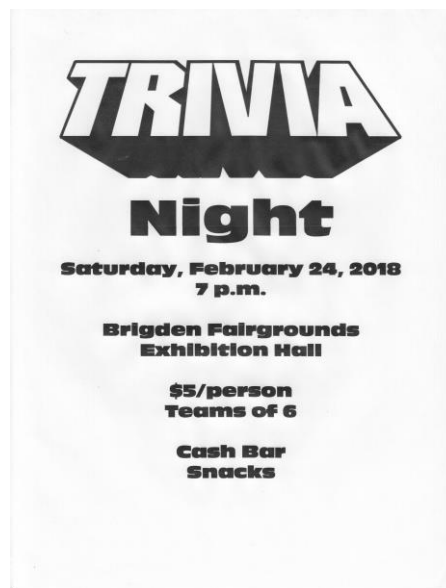
On behalf of the Shell Community Service Fund program, we are pleased to support the Moore Agricultural Society with a donation of \$1,000 in recognition of **Chelsea Jennings's** volunteer efforts at your organization.

At Shell, we believe supporting the communities where we operate is not only important to our stakeholders, but also the right thing to do as a responsible corporate citizen. That's why we encourage our employees and retirees to volunteer their time in their communities and apply for grants of up to \$1,000 for the not-for-profit organizations they care so much about.

UPCOMING EVENTS



VALENTINES COUNTRY JAMBOREE - Polish up your Dancing Shoes and Grab your Best Dancing Partner. Come Join us **Sunday, February 11, 2018** at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall for a Country Jamboree starting at 1 pm. Supper starting at 5 p.m. Limited Tickets for the meal will be sold at the door so come early. \$5 admission for those who just want to listen to the music. Cash Bar. For those who sing or play, bring your instrument.



Nominations for 2018

Parade Marshall/OAAS Service Award

We would love your suggestions for these positions. Please send the name of the nominee and information why you feel they would be a great recipient for either award.

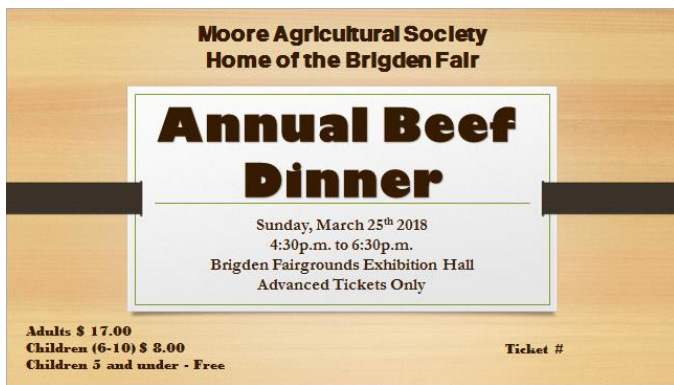
A Few More Prize Book Changes

In 2017, we underwent a re-organization of the Brigden Fair Prize Book to assist our exhibitors in finding their classes and to help transition to online entries for those who like using technology.

The Advance List should be available soon. We are taking a few extra days while we evaluate to make sure we are providing the classes that exhibitors and crafters are interested in. We appreciate the input we have received.



SHAMROCK COUNTRY JAMBOREE - "Everyone is a little bit Irish; especially on St. Patrick's Day, so come celebrate and dance the afternoon away at our Shamrock Country Jamboree on **Sunday, March 11, 2018** at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall.



The Annual Roast Beef Dinner, hosted by the Moore Agricultural Society - Home of the Brigden Fair - Board of Directors and Homecraft Division, is set for Sunday, March 25, 2018 with seating between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall. Admission is by advance tickets only. Adults: \$17; Children aged 6 - 10 years: \$8; Children aged 5 and under: Free. Tickets will be available from any Homecraft Division member, MAS Director or at the Brigden Fair Office at 519-864-1197. The 2017 Roast Beef Dinner was sold out. Don't Delay!!!! If you would like to help sell tickets, please contact Fundraiser Chair – Alison Dion (Alison.Dion@brigdenfair.ca)



Homecraft Quilt Raffle Tickets Are now on Sale

**Quilt Pattern
Tennessee Waltz
Size: 81" x 102"**

\$2 @ or 3/\$5



CRAFT VENDORS WANTED for the Brigden Country Arts & Craft Show to be held at the Brigden Fairgrounds (2435 Courtright Line) on Saturday, June 16. For interested vendors, more details available by email at finance@brigdenfair.ca. Don't delay. Reserve your space now.



We are happy to announce a number of births to the Brigden Fair Family !

Rachel (our Financial Co-ordinator) & her husband Kody are happy to announce the birth of their first child, daughter Hannah Ann Roddick, born December 31, 2017.



Congratulations to Darren & Ashley Armstrong (Culinary Crafts Co-Chair) on the birth of their daughter Elsie Robin on January 7, 2018

Will & Megan Johnson (Beef Committee) announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Elizabeth, born January 11, 2018.



Coming Events 2018

Jan 14 - Homecraft Division Quilt Tickets go on Sale
 Jan 14 – Winter Wonderland Country Jamboree
 Jan 20 - MAS Annual General Meeting
 Feb 10 – Hall Booking
 Feb 11 – Valentine's Country Jamboree
 Feb 24 – Trivia Night
 Mar 7 – Hall Booking
 Mar 11 – Everyone's a Little Bit Irish Country Jamboree
 Mar 25 - Annual Beef Dinner
 Apr 1 - Easter Brunch
 Apr 7 – Hall Booking
 Apr 8 – Spring Country Jamboree
 Apr 14 – Kiley Joe Masson "Remember That One" Musical Show
 May 13 – Mother's Day Brunch
 May 17 – 21 – Grounds Booking
 June 9 – Hall Booking
 June 13 – 17 – Brigden Campout Country Jamboree
 June 16 – Country Craft Show
 June 23 – Tentative Booking
 June 30 – Tentative Booking
 July 5 – Progressive Ag Safety Days
 Aug 13 – 17 – Grounds Booking
 Aug 26 – Ambassador Contest

We are also happy to provide a venue for Walking Club on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings (Nov – April) and Cooking Buddies two Mondays a month (Oct – Apr).



If you are able to help with any of the upcoming events, or would like to join a fair committee, please contact the fair office. There are lots of jobs for everyone including function set up; ticket sales; promotion; food preparation and serving; campout & craft show preparation; and much much more.

For More Information on any upcoming events, please check out our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BrigdenFair) or www.brigdenfair.ca

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YOUTH VOLUNTEER EDUCATION PRIZE WINNERS

"Our Brigden Fair Future"



In 2017, \$1000 was designated to be used as an incentive towards a Youth Volunteer Education Prize. As this was the first attempt at this, the rules were simple. The individual (to be eligible) needed to be in a school program and be an active volunteer at the fair grounds. Ballots were designed with the volunteer's name, phone number, age, school/grade, Event/Task they completed, date of event, and # of hours. The chairperson or supervisor was then required to print and sign their name verifying the individual had completed the specific task as required. A few of the student volunteers were present at the 2017 Appreciation night and were called to the stage to be praised for their efforts. Over 800 hours were noted with 74 young volunteers being named on the ballots. These young volunteers had assisted in many different areas from all the aspects of Fair Weekend to assisting with fundraising events, campouts, craft show, catering, fair set up and clean up. They facilitated areas during Agriculture in the Classroom and in the Cultural tent, helped prepare show areas, and brought their enthusiasm to our patrons and the membership.



The four winners announced at the 2017 Appreciation Night received a prize amount of \$250 each. The lucky ballots drawn were Adam Fiddler (Parade Volunteer), Morgan MacRae (Sixth Line Murder Mystery Banquet Server); Emma Ouellette (Funeral Luncheon Volunteer); and Faith Tanghe (Fair Kitchen volunteer).

For 2018, \$2500 has been set aside to continue this program with 10 winners being proposed. We again would like to thank all our volunteers including our youth for all their hard work.

FUNDRAISING!!!!!!



For 2018, our hope is to raise enough funds to purchase two large bleachers by Fair 2019. We look forward to your assistance and input for fundraising ideas for this campaign.



Lambton 4-H Registration Night

February 2, 2018
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Wyoming Fair Building

Lambton 4-H would like to invite all its members to a registration night. For one night only registration fees will be reduced to \$60. Registration fees are \$90 after this evening.

Volunteer Hours

Graduation will be approaching quickly. Do you still need volunteer hours to get your diploma or would you like to meet new people and help in your community? Call the Brigden Fairgrounds Fair Office at 519-864-1197. We are always looking for great volunteers. Volunteer opportunities available all year around.

Your
Opinion
matters

All committees are looking for new members. Let us know where your interests are!!!!