

Mary Ebert

Ray Township, MI

FAIR BOARD MEMBER:

Serving on the Fair Board has been a great experience. The current board is a very cohesive group and works together very well for the betterment of the Fair. I hope you will re-elect me for another 3-year term. I would like to continue to support the Fair and work with the Board to make the Armada Fair grow and improve in the upcoming years.

I am one of the Superintendants for Barns 1 & 2. It has been an educational experience working in Barns 1 & 2. Starting on the Wednesday before the Fair opens, we have over 5,000 entries come in; the entries are judged and are ready for display to the public in only 6 days! This year was a great success and everything ran very smoothly. We also had many new people entering this year. I will be working with our local papers on articles to promote entries for Barns 1 & 2 this spring. I hope we can increase the entries for these two barns this year and in the future.

I am on the Scholarship committee. Nancy Bliss and I set up the basic criteria and application forms for the Scholarship program. It is a pleasure to do this type of project for the participating students who have a strong agricultural background.

As a board member, I participate on many other committees and work on Fair events. My other Board responsibilities are Office Management, Computers, Fair Books, Nominations and the Miss Armada pageant. The Hospitality at the Grange has been a great success. Dean Reinhardt and I plan and run this project during the week of the Fair.

In the future, I would like to work on seeing the grounds used during the summer for antique, craft or car shows. I feel the use of the Fairgrounds should be encouraged, for fundraisers or for other community-sponsored events.

In addition, I feel that we should have a "Master Plan" for the Fair grounds. The Master Plan would include the location, size and use of the current buildings, improvements for the existing grounds and buildings, and at a minimum, a ten-year long-range plan for future building projects and grounds improvements. I feel this would be a great way to plan for the Fairs future and meet the Fairs long-range goals.

FAIR COMMITTEES:

Computers - 3 Years	Office Manager - 3 Years	Scholarship - 3 Years
Barns 1 & 2 - 3 Years	Fair Book - 3 Years	Queens - 2 Years
Nominating - 2 Years	Hospitality at the Grange - 3 Years	Horses - 1 Year

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

Ray Township Lions Club: Charter Member-2004. Club Secretary 2008-2009;
Chairmanships Held: Food Trailer-Horse Shows, Voucher Program, Constitution & By-Laws, Adopt-A-Highway, Pre-Fair, Fair Beverage Booth, Christmas tree Lighting & Bake Sale
Committee Projects: Scholarship, Samaritan House, Sharing Tree, Lighted Parade, 501C-3

EDUCATION:

Central Michigan University: Bachelor of Science
Oakland Community College: Mechanical Design
University of Northern Iowa: Liberal Arts

EMPLOYMENT:

2007-Present Design Engineer: RCO Engineering for Sharp Corporation at GM
1977 to 2006 Computer Aided Design & Product Engineer for: Lear Corporation, Link Technologies, Resource Technologies, Masco Corporation, Megatech Engineering, Fiber Craft-Des Con, Entech Engineering, Modern Engineering, Wilhelm Engineering, Creative Industries & Aero Detroit