

Pennsylvania

Fair Queen Program

PSACF Board & Zone Report 2022

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Manheim Community Farm Show Fair Queen Anna Haldeman of Manheim, Lancaster County, was crowned the 2022 Pennsylvania Fair Queen at the 109th annual convention.

American Legion County Fair Queen Rebecca Williamson, 19, of Johnstown, Cambria County, was selected as Alternate 2022 Pennsylvania Fair Queen.

The other top finalists included

- Elizabethtown Fair Queen Emma Musser of Mount Joy, Lancaster County;
- Indiana County Fair Queen Elizabeth Bruner of Blairsville, Indiana County; and
- McKean County Fair Queen Jenny Crowley of Mount Jewett, McKean County. Crowley was also chosen as Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants.

There was a total of 55 contestants for the state competition.

The PA Fair Queen Program has now launched the 2022 contest season and is preparing for the 2023 state competition.

The 2022 officers and committee appointees were recently named at the annual meeting:

- President – John Berne (Zone 1);
- Vice-President – Judy Kmetz (Zone 2);
- Secretary - Karen Dobson (Zone 4) and
- Treasurer Gary Moore.
- Ruth Trumbetta is the director for Zone 3.

Committee Chairpersons::

- Contest – Karen Dobson and Amy Utegg
- Events and Publicity – Martha Ebersole
- Fundraising – Amy Hawn (Baskets/Auction) and Ruth Trumbetta (50/50 Raffle)
- Sponsorships – Judy Kmetz

Fairs were asked to sign up to be included in the 2022 database either through the online form or the paper form. This list will be used to keep coordinators updated throughout the year.

The **2022 Fair Queen Contest Packet** can now be accessed from the PSACF Website. This packet contains the 2022 contest rules, updated behavior and dress code policies, judging criteria, and estimated costs for the 2023 competition.



2022 PA Fair Queen Anna Haldeman

A reminder that all contestants from all fairs must be at least 16 years old by June 1, 2022, regardless of the actual dates of the fair. Check contestants' applications to make sure they meet the age and other eligibility requirements.

The next state competition will be held Thursday, January 19 through Saturday, January 21 at Hershey Lodge & Convention Center. The application process will be done entirely online, with a deadline of November 15, 2022. The application will be made available to all registered fairs after June 1.

This year the Queen Program will be offering webinars to fair queen coordinators as part of its "**Queen Coordinator Leadership Series**". The first webinar was held at the end of March on the topic of "*Dress to Impress*" and covered the 2022 dress code and other queen attire tips. The second webinar is scheduled for April 26 and will cover "*Titleholder Contracts & Working With Queen Parents*". Future topics include "*Recruiting Contestants*", "*Completing the State Contest Application*" and "*Prepping Your Contestant for the State Competition*." The webinar schedule will continue in, May, Sept, Oct, and Dec. Invitations will be sent to all coordinators who are listed in the 2022 database.

We will be distributing flyers at the Zone meetings to encourage all fairs to participate in the Queen Program's fundraising at the 2023 convention. Individuals and fairs can donate a raffle basket, an auction item or a monetary gift. Think outside the box by asking fair vendors or community businesses about items they could donate!

Having the PA Fair Queen at your Fair is a great way to publicize your special events. But dates are filling up fast! So download the **PA Fair Queen Appearance Request** form and submit your request now to Martha Ebersole. Requests are handled in the order they are received and the PA Fair Queen's availability.

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